



RIVINGTON & BLACKROD
HIGH SCHOOL

Prospectus



Discovering dreams • Achieving ambitions • Transforming lives



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- Ofsted 2023

A Warm Welcome...

I would like to offer you a very warm welcome to Rivington and Blackrod High School and Sixth Form. Founded in the sixteenth century, our school has proudly served the local community for generations. While our rich heritage is an important part of who we are, we are equally focused on preparing young people for successful and fulfilling futures. We are committed to developing the whole child, securing excellent academic outcomes alongside a broad and enriching programme of personal development.

Our Christian ethos underpins everything we do and our RBHS values shape the culture of our school community. We strive to ensure that every student feels safe, valued and supported to thrive. Through high expectations, strong relationships and a wealth of opportunities both inside and outside the classroom, we encourage all students to develop confidence, resilience and a sense of responsibility, enabling them to make a positive contribution to society.

This prospectus offers a glimpse into life at Rivington and Blackrod High School and Sixth Form and will help you make an informed decision about your child's secondary and post-16 education. However, nothing compares to experiencing our school in person. I warmly invite you and your family to visit us, meet our students and staff, and see first-hand the exceptional opportunities we provide to help every young person achieve their ambitions and realise their potential.

I look forward to welcoming you to our school.

S. Walsh

Mr S Walsh
Head of School

Students first - High expectations - Integrity



A School Built On Strong Foundations

“Once a Rivi, always a Rivi.”

A simple phrase that not only reflects the lasting impact our school has on all those who have walked its corridors, but also speaks volumes about the character of the people who make up the Rivington and Blackrod school family.

We are fortunate to have a beautiful school, but it has always been, and continues to be, the people who make our school truly special. Generations of students talk of a ‘family spirit’ that is founded on strong relationships and outstanding care, guidance and support. This spirit can be found throughout our current school community of approximately 1700 students and 200 staff.



Find out more about the Rivi Experience on our website at www.rbhs.co.uk

Embracing Opportunities

Our ambition for our students shines through as we ensure that a broad range of learning opportunities and extensive pastoral programmes, provide students with the power and motivation to realise and keep growing their goals and aspirations.

We have high expectations of all students and staff, and progress is consistently monitored, reviewed and discussed in every subject, with extra support provided where required.

Ambitious and personalised academic targets ensure students achieve their full potential, preparing them for the responsibilities and experiences of further and higher education, training and employment.

We firmly believe that a high quality learning environment supports excellent teaching and learning.

All students have access to specialist facilities including science laboratories, technology rooms with computer-aided design, as well as excellent art, drama, music and sports facilities.



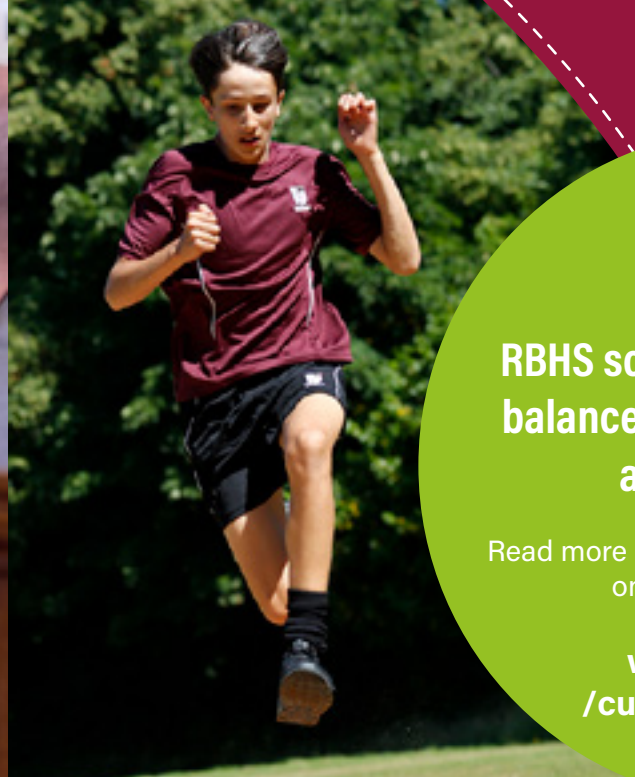
Working Together To Achieve Success

Caring and supportive relationships are very important to us and support from home is vital.

Parents work with us to encourage their children to grow and succeed. To enrich this partnership, we provide parents with regular updates, progress reports and opportunities to meet with staff.

This holistic support network ensures effective communication, reassurance and early intervention when necessary.

To broaden our students' awareness and respect for the world, we work closely with businesses, local industries and the wider community. We organise work experience, university visits, invite guest speakers and run various life enriching projects to support students' social, moral, cultural and educational development.



RBHS school life consists of a balance of learning, studying and socialising.

Read more about our curriculum activities on our school website.

www.rbhs.co.uk/curriculum-overview

A Broad and Balanced Curriculum Offering a Compelling Learning Experience

We believe education does not solely belong in the classroom therefore we provide extra-curricular opportunities to reinforce key skills in literacy, numeracy, citizenship, teamwork, communication and cooperation.

We offer educational visits across the UK, Europe and the USA. Students have the opportunity to experience drama, musical and theatrical performances and participate in environmental expeditions, enrichment days and community events.

Our exceptional sporting programme allows students to compete at both regional and national levels. Our excellent onsite facilities include a large indoor sports hall and extensive outdoor pitches and courts.

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Duke of Edinburgh Programme

We are proud to offer an outstanding Duke of Edinburgh Award programme that encourages students to develop key life skills, resilience and leadership qualities. Our programme provides a unique opportunity for students to engage in challenging activities, from outdoor expeditions and volunteering to personal skill-building, all while fostering a strong sense of community and self-discovery.

With dedicated support from our experienced staff, students can pursue the Bronze, Silver, and Gold awards, gaining valuable experiences that enhance both their academic and personal growth. All Students in Year 9 complete the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award as part of their studies and students have the opportunity to pursue the Silver and Gold awards in later year groups.

We believe the Duke of Edinburgh programme is an integral part of helping our students become well-rounded, confident, and capable individuals ready to take on the world.



Developing Students for a Life Beyond

Rivington & Blackrod Sixth Form

Rivington and Blackrod Sixth Form is a well established Sixth Form with a strong reputation for its results. Equally important to us is our commitment to providing a very high standard of student support and guidance. After completing their A level or BTEC studies, the majority of our students progress to university.

Our Sixth Form welcomes students who previously studied at Rivington & Blackrod High School, as well as those from other schools across Bolton and the surrounding areas. Our reputation for high academic achievement and excellent individualised support makes us a popular choice for students seeking high-quality teaching in small groups.

Enrichment activities include additional support for those applying to the most competitive university courses, such as Oxford or Cambridge, as well as for courses like Medicine and Law. We offer work experience placements, which are vital for successful applications in many fields, such as healthcare and education. Students have structured opportunities to develop leadership skills and can participate in a wide range of charitable, cultural and social events. Rivington & Blackrod Sixth Form also arranges several residential trips, including visits to Parliament, the CERN project in Geneva, New York and Auschwitz.



Newly refurbished ultra-modern and vibrant facilities



A high level of support for all students with a personal tutor



Residential trips including visits to Parliament, the CERN project in Geneva, New York, Auschwitz and more



Direct entry to the superb Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Visit www.rbhs.co.uk/sixth-form to learn more about Rivington & Blackrod Sixth Form.

Our Mission, Vision and Values

Rivington and Blackrod High School is part of the Leverhulme Church of England and Community Trust. As a Trust, we work together to ensure that all children receive an excellent education, regardless of their starting point. We welcome the opportunity to contribute to the much-needed regeneration of the areas in which we work and are committed to playing an active role in the wider community.

Our Mission

Our mission is to discover dreams, achieve ambitions and transform lives.

Our Vision

Our vision is to provide the highest quality of education that creates a community of happy, successful and well-rounded individuals who can flourish and make a difference in our world.

Our Staff Values



Students First: We put our students at the heart of all our decisions.



High Expectations: We have high expectations of both ourselves and others.



Integrity: We do the right thing.

Our Student Values



Take Part



Work Hard



Do the Right Thing



How to Apply For A Place at RBHS

To apply for a place at Rivington & Blackrod High School, please select us as your preferred choice on the Local Authority application form.

To apply online, visit:
www.bolton.gov.uk/admissions

If you have any questions or would like to speak with us directly about the admissions process, please contact our Admissions Team on **01204 333 266** or via email at **admissions@rbhs.co.uk**.

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