



Rokeby School Information Booklet 2011-2012

Smart, Skilful and Kind



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Chairman: Mr Charles Carter
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Mrs Karen Abbott
Mr Mark Burgess-Smith
Contact may be made via the school office.

How to Find Us

From A3 Northbound

Exit the A3 at the Coombe Lane Junction signposted A238 Kingston. Follow the A238 (Coombe Lane West) in the direction of Kingston for approx ¾ mile, then turn right into Warren Road (if the barrier onto the Estate is down please tell the gatekeeper that you are visiting Rokeby). Take the second turning on the left into George Road. Rokeby School is on the left hand side, just after Marymount School.

From A3 Southbound

Exit the A3 at the Robin Hood junction and take the A308 towards Kingston. Carry on down Kingston Hill and after approximately 1½ miles you will see the Kingston Lodge Hotel on your left. Take the left hand turning immediately before the hotel into George Road. Rokeby School is approximately halfway along the road on the right hand side, just after Holy Cross School.

By Rail

The nearest railway station is Norbiton. As you leave the station turn right onto Coombe Road and after approximately 1 mile turn left onto Warren Road. Then take the second turning on the left into George Road. Rokeby School is on the left hand side, just after Marymount School.



How did you hear of Rokeby?

Do you have other sons at Rokeby? If yes, please state name(s) and form(s)

Do you have any other links with the school? If an old boy of Rokeby please state dates attended.

Is your son due to sit an Entrance Examination at any other Preparatory School?

Please list (if any) the future senior school(s) you may be interested in for your son when he leaves Rokeby (if known)

A Registration fee of £75 must be sent with the completed form before a boy's name can be placed on the list of candidates for entrance to the school. Please make your cheque payable to **Rokeby Educational Trust Ltd.**

Acceptance of this application does not necessarily imply that there will be a vacancy for the boy when the time for his admission comes.

This form should only be completed and signed by the parent(s) or other person who will be responsible for payment of the school fees.

I have read the Prospectus and the Registration and Entry Conditions and in the event of the boy's admission to the School, I undertake to conform to the School's Parent Contract.

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____

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Fee received Yes/No

Age on proposed year of Entry _____ Date _____

ROKEBY SCHOOL

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Structure of the Day

The school day starts for Years 3-8 at 8.35am, followed by Whole School, House, Year or Form assemblies. There are five lessons in the morning and three lessons in the afternoon. The day ends at 4.05pm but after-school activities are available from approximately 4.15pm-5.15pm.

Early Years at Rokeby

Rokeby is the launch pad for boys aged 4-7. It encourages them to become independent and creative thinkers, whilst developing a solid foundation of vital learning and skills. There are 22 boys in each class, with two classes per year group. Each class has a full-time teacher and assistant. The boys start full days from the beginning, apart from Friday afternoons when they go home at 12pm for the first six weeks. The school day for Reception to Year 2 runs from 8.30am to 3pm.

The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum is followed in Reception. It is made up of six areas of equal weighting, covering all aspects of children's development. In Reception it is our aim to provide a motivating, caring and purposeful teaching and learning environment that will foster high self-esteem and a love of learning in each individual child.

Curriculum

In keeping with our ethos of enabling boys to become Smart and Skilful, the curriculum at Rokeby successfully provides a comprehensive and balanced syllabus that surpasses the National Curriculum requirements. It presents the right learning to prepare boys in every way for their future schools. The aim is not only to equip them for particular pre-tests and then the Common Entrance or Scholarship Examinations, but also to teach them a breadth of skills which will serve them well both in their next schools and in their future lives.

English

In English lessons, the aim is to inspire boys with a love of reading and to respond in discussion and writing both interpretively and creatively. Language skills are developed year on year to ensure that the boys learn to communicate effectively in a variety of contexts whilst also promoting a strong understanding of grammar and the ability to spell correctly. We teach the boys to read a variety of texts and to think about their meaning and importance. We also teach the techniques by which writers achieve their purposes. Reading is strongly encouraged throughout the school and there is a full-time Librarian who oversees our well-stocked Library.



Mathematics

Rokeby aims to develop strong mathematical skills. Emphasis is put on numeracy, practical Maths, good mechanical skills and logical thinking in problem-solving. Boys are placed in sets according to their ability from Year 5. Year 6 participate in the Primary Maths Challenge, organised by the Maths Association, the Eagle House Maths Challenge and attend a Maths day at King Edwards School Witley. A small group of Year 5 boys also participates in the Kings Cayley Maths Challenge. Boys have experience with 'Mathletics' and other IT-based Maths learning strategies.

Science

Rokeby Science takes place in two large, recently refurbished well-equipped laboratories. The boys engage in many practical and experimental activities which support a full range of topics, taught in the three subject areas of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The boy's investigative and observational skills are developed, along with a broad and thorough understanding of the factual elements. They are encouraged to develop an inquiring approach, and questioning everything is vital to our work. The boys enjoy the hands-on, practical approach to Science at Rokeby.

Art

Rokeby Art is brought to life within our excellent facilities, enabling a variety of processes and techniques to be covered including printmaking, ceramic work, mixed media and textiles. The curriculum strikes a balance between imaginative work and more traditional drawing and painting. The subject is taught through thematic enquiry, using a variety of artists and styles for inspiration whilst building on our observational skills. Pupils have the opportunity to attend Art clubs and further their love of the subject. Special arrangements are made to help those who wish to sit an Art Scholarship for a senior school, and visits to art galleries are arranged for several year groups.

Classics

All boys are given an introduction to the Roman world in Year 3. They begin learning Latin in Year 5 and continue through to Year 8 when they sit the Common Entrance or a Scholarship Exam. The subject encompasses not only the language, but also history and culture so that the boys gain an understanding of the foundations of civilisations which have had such a profound influence on the modern world. Greek is available to scholars in Years 7 and 8. There are regular trips offered to Rome, Pompeii and Herculaneum to enrich the boys' learning.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please send the completed form, together with a Registration Fee of £75 to: The Admissions Registrar, Rokeby School, George Road, Kingston upon Thames, KT2 7PB. Cheques should be made payable to **Rokeby Educational Trust Ltd.**

Please indicate whether entry is sought for:

4+ entry (Reception to Year 2): 7+ entry (Year 3 and above):

Boy's Surname

Boy's First Name(s) _____

Date of Birth _____ Proposed year of entry _____

Nationality _____ Religion (optional) _____

Present School/Nursery _____

Name of Father _____

Occupation (optional) _____

*Nationality _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

Name of Mother _____

Occupation (optional) _____

*Nationality _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Home Tel No _____

**If you are not an EU resident we will require proof of your right to work and reside in the UK at the time the offer is made.*

Address of father/mother if different from above

_____ Postcode _____



Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to come for an interview if I have been to an Open Day?

No, although we do like to meet you and your son prior to their start date.

Do I need to meet the Headmaster?

We hold regular coffee mornings where you can meet the Headmaster and the Assistant Head (Junior).

What does the entrance assessment consist of at 7+?

The assessment is designed to test your son's ability in English skills (e.g. reading and writing), Maths and Reasoning. Boys also sit a Science paper for 9+ entry and above.

Are there any past papers for the 7+ entry assessments?

No there are no past papers, we are simply looking at your child's natural ability and you should not try to prepare for the entrance assessments.

Do you cater for pupils with learning difficulties?

We have a learning support team which helps the boys who are finding some areas difficult. Extra lessons, which incur a small fee, are made available. Our aim is to support boys where possible and to work with parents to achieve this. It is important that all pupils can cope in the normal classroom situation as any pupils with learning difficulties are not taught separately.

We are seeking a bursary, how do we apply for this?

The school offers a small number of bursaries and parents should write to the Headmaster for details of application procedure.

If our son comes to the school and our circumstances change can we then apply for a bursary?

The school considers all cases on an individual basis.

Can we pay upfront for all the time our child will be at Rokeby?

Not as yet, we will accept an annual fee but there are no discounts available if you choose to do this.

Can we make staged payments?

No, we are unable to offer this facility.

Do you cater for children with food allergies?

From time to time there are children in the school who may have food allergies. We try to work with parents to ensure that no children are placed at risk so we ask that this is brought to our attention before your son enters the school or immediately after diagnosis if he is already in the school.

Design Technology

Boys are given the opportunity to work with a range of techniques and materials, both traditional and modern, to develop their creativity and problem-solving skills. Through an excellently resourced department and exciting and challenging projects, boys use the design process to turn their initial ideas into fully working and well made solutions. Boys are encouraged to attend the DT club and talk about their own personal projects where help is always offered. Students who show real aptitude and enthusiasm in the subject are also given further tuition towards any DT scholarships for senior schools.

Drama

Rokeby Drama brings boys out of themselves, developing their communication skills as well as their confidence. Drama is taught throughout the school. Boys might start with Drama warm-up exercises or specific skills, whilst the main part of the session may be a mixture of reading and acting a scene from a play or improvised acting in groups. Major plays are staged as well as smaller performances and many excellent assemblies.

French

Boys start to learn French in Year 3 and continue for the rest of their time at Rokeby. Equal emphasis is given to the four skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening) so that oral fluency is combined with grammatical accuracy, thus enabling boys to express themselves with confidence and competence. ICT activities are fully integrated into lessons which help to make the learning 'real'. We visit the Loire Valley in Year 6 and Belgium and Paris in Year 7, the latter being a joint trip with the History Department.

Geography

Rokeby Geography seeks to foster a sense of wonder in relation to the wider world and to develop a sense of place and location. The subject gives boys an understanding of different physical and human environments and the processes which have affected their development. It also encourages empathy and understanding for other peoples and their cultures, as well as a concern and personal responsibility for planet Earth. A variety of school trips reinforces different aspects of Geography.

History

History at Rokeby encourages the boys to consider how the past influences the present and to develop a chronological framework. They explore and evaluate source material to assess its usefulness and reliability. They are taught how to plan and write discursive and analytical essays but to also develop a love of history that can bring life-long enjoyment. Cross-curricular links are explored where possible, and regular visits made to sites of historical interest. In Year 7 there is a joint History and French department trip to Belgium and France.



ICT

Rokeby is fortunate to have a first class ICT facility, based upon a dedicated suite of 25 networked PCs, a computer projector and an interactive whiteboard. Weekly skills-based lessons place emphasis on office applications, used in combination with software from our comprehensive Multimedia Library and tools such as broadband internet access. Underpinning boys' learning is a strong cross-curricular component and ICT is integrated into the timetable curriculum across the school. Each classroom is equipped with projectors and an interactive whiteboard. For research, we also have an ICT section in the Library.

Music

Rokeby has a flourishing Music department with a busy programme of ensembles each week, including Junior and Senior Choirs, Orchestra, Beginner, Junior and Senior String Groups, Jazz Groups and a Guitar Ensemble. These provide a large number of boys with the experience and enjoyment of making music in all its forms. Around half of the boys learn musical instruments and our team of eleven eminent visiting teachers offer lessons in singing and the whole range of instruments. Boys have the opportunity to begin learning an instrument at school from Year 1 onwards. There are major concerts each term as well as smaller, informal concerts, workshops, trips and visits from outside musicians.

All boys benefit from weekly class Music lessons, with further opportunities for singing, recorder playing, tuned percussion work, theory, music history and styles, composition, and violin tuition for a term and a half in Year 4. Beyond Year 5, boys engage in a large range of classroom musical activities, including African Drumming, playing keyboards and Samba, with a focus on ensemble playing, composition and performance. Year 8 boys are able to take Music as one of their creative options.

Parents or guardians of a boy who accept but do not subsequently take up a place, will forfeit the entire deposit paid. If less than a term's notice is given, then a term's fees will be charged.

Entry at 8+

There is usually a small number of places available for entry into Year 4 at 8+. The registration and examination process is as for 7+ above.

Entry at other years

Places at Rokeby occasionally become available in year groups other than the main entry points above. Boys may be registered for an occasional place and their name held on a waiting list until such time that a place may become available. Entry via an occasional place is subject to an assessment in Years 1 and 2 and, for Years 5 and up, by competitive entry examination against any other boys who are on the same waiting list.

Scholarships

The School does not offer entry scholarships but operate internal scholarships called 'ACE' Awards for achievement in a particular area of skill.

Fee Structure

School fees for 2011/2012 academic year are as follows:

	Fees per term (£)
Year: Reception	£2,966
Year: 1	£3,056
Year: 2	£3,554
Years: 3 & 4	£4,058
Years: 5 - 8	£4,316

Transport

We currently run two coaches and three mini buses on five routes, picking up and dropping off predominantly from South West London, beginning from 7.35am. For further information, please contact the Premises Office.

Standard Terms and Conditions

Terms and Conditions are set out in our parent contract and the parent handbook. For further information, contact the Bursar.



Parents or guardians of a boy who accept a place but do not subsequently take it up, will forfeit the entire deposit paid. If less than a term's notice is given, then a term's fees will be charged.

Rokeby is a high-achieving school with an impressive academic record, and does its very best to help all boys in every year group to achieve their potential. Parents or guardians are kept informed of their son's progress throughout his time at Rokeby. Progress through to Year 3 and beyond is conditional upon boys achieving a good standard during their time in Reception to Year 2. The parents or guardians of those boys who do not achieve the standards required will be contacted by the Headmaster to discuss their sons' academic progress and possible alternative schools. However, Rokeby does hope and expect that all boys entering the school at 4 years old will remain until they are 13.

Entry at 7+

For entry at 7+, boys must have reached 7 years of age by 1st September in the year of entry. Boys can be registered for 7+ entry at any time from birth. The cost of registration is £75 and this fee is non-refundable.

Existing Rokeby pupils in Year 2 are automatically offered a place into Year 3 at 7+, with any places not taken up made available to external candidates. External candidates must sit the entrance examination, which takes place in January of the year of entry. Any offers made are subject to passing this examination and receipt of a satisfactory report from a boy's current school. There are a maximum of 44 places available at the 7+ entry level in each academic year, subject to overall numbers in the school. In reality, few places become available (perhaps eight or fewer).

The administration fee for the entrance examination is £200. This fee is non-refundable if a place is offered following the entrance examination, whether the place is accepted or not. If no place is offered then the fee will be refunded.

Once an offer has been made, parents have two weeks in which to decide whether or not to accept. If we have had no response after this two week deadline it will be assumed that the place is not required and it will be offered to the first boy on the waiting list.

Once an offer has been accepted, parents or guardians will be required to pay a deposit of £2,500, half of which will be deducted from the first term's bill and the balance held as a deposit until the boy leaves at 13. If he leaves before this time then the remainder of the deposit will be refunded only if the reason for his departure has been agreed with the Headmaster.

PSHE

At Rokeby, we seek to support the boys in every way and to develop their Personal and Social skills. We emphasise kindness and co-operation in many active ways. As a result we involve our Class Teachers in teaching Personal, Social and Health Education throughout the School.

Religious Studies

At Rokeby we aim to enable the boys to understand the main religions that have shaped the world in which we live. Judaeo-Christian teaching through the study of the Old and New Testaments forms the basis of the syllabus, while the tenets and festivals of Hinduism and Judaism are explored in Year 5 and an in-depth study of a local Muslim community is undertaken in Years 7 and 8.

Boys are encouraged to respect other religions and cultures and to discuss how the beliefs and values of a range of faiths can be applied to moral and ethical issues in our modern society. Cross-curricular links are developed and visits arranged to places of worship.



Sport & PE

Through sport at Rokeby, we aim to provide all boys with a transformative experience, helping teams and individuals achieve their personal sporting aspirations. Our overall aim is to promote active participation, personal enjoyment, excellence and a healthy lifestyle. As a school we strive to create the best possible environment to inspire the boys to learn. At Rokeby we very much believe in our underlying philosophy of 'sport for all'.

Our sporting facilities are both extensive and impressive, including our wonderful ten-acre Rokeby Sports Ground at Worcester Park. At the sports ground we are lucky enough to have three senior and four junior pitches for both football and rugby, along with three permanent and two temporary grass cricket squares. The school hall, floodlit astroturf and recently relaid playground allow us a great deal of flexibility in terms of both curriculum teaching and training opportunities. The use of off-site facilities such as Kingsmeadow Athletics Stadium, Kingfisher Swimming Pool, squash courts and swimming pool at King's College School, and the tennis courts at Wimbledon Park further enhance the range of activities we are able to offer the boys.

Sport allows us to give the boys opportunities for progression, knowledge and understanding of skills through the enjoyment of physical activity in a structured curriculum and safe supportive environment. It is our intention to foster a positive attitude towards fitness, health and hygiene. Boys will also learn valuable lessons in effort and achievement, as well as success and failure.

Sport plays an integral part of the daily timetable with boys enjoying PE & Games on three separate occasions during the working week, in addition to those opportunities before and after school. The curriculum is designed so that each boy will partake in a minimum of nine different activities during their PE & Games lessons. The main games are football, rugby and cricket, supplemented by cross-country and athletics. During their PE lessons boys will cover a range of activities including badminton, basketball, dance, gymnastics, hockey, swimming, tennis and volleyball.

Each term the school runs a full inter-house sports programme in which the four houses compete against their peers in a variety of sports. Where possible we try to give all boys in the school (Year 1 Year 8) regular opportunities to represent the school at both football and cricket.

In short, the Rokeby sporting experience is one that provides for all boys with equal vigour and unites all boys with a sense of self respect and school pride.

Admissions

We aim to provide a fair and helpful admissions process which enables parents to experience security and to exercise choice. If you have any queries regarding the admissions process, please contact the Registrar. The main entry points to Rokeby are at 4+ and 7+ however we do sometimes have occasional places available in other years.

Entry at 4+

To enter Rokeby's Reception year at 4+, boys must have reached 4 years of age by 1st September in the year of entry. Boys can be registered for 4+ entry at any time from birth. The cost of registration is £75 and this fee is non-refundable.

Places at 4+ are allocated by ballot, which takes place eighteen months before entry. To enter the ballot, parents must fulfil the following requirements:

- Boys must be registered with us.
- Parents or guardians must have visited the school by 28 February of the year before entry.
- Parents or guardians must return the ballot entry form, which they will be sent in the January of the year before entry, by 28 February of that same year.

The first names drawn in the ballot will be offered firm places and all further names will be drawn out and placed on the waiting list in order. Siblings are given priority provided that the older sibling is doing well at Rokeby. All offers made are subject to a positive nursery report.

Once an offer has been made, parents have two weeks in which to decide whether or not to accept. If we have had no response after this two week deadline it will be assumed that the place is not required and it will be offered to the first boy on the waiting list.

Once an offer has been accepted, parents or guardians will be required to pay a deposit of £2,500, half of which will be deducted from the first term's bill and the balance held as a deposit until the boy leaves at 13. If he leaves before this time then the remainder of the deposit will be refunded only if the reason for his removal has been agreed with the Headmaster.



Results

Every year leavers achieve places at a range of prestigious local and national schools. Where appropriate, boys are encouraged to sit scholarships for their chosen schools whether for Academic, Art, Music, Sport, Drama or All-Round awards.

In the past five years, boys have achieved scholarships to:

- Charterhouse
- Cranleigh School
- Epsom College
- Eton College
- Hampton School
- Harrow
- King's College School Wimbledon
- Kingston Grammar School
- Lancing College
- Shrewsbury
- Stowe School
- St Paul's School
- Tonbridge School
- Westminster School

Pupils also sit Common Entrance for many other schools and are offered places.

The Wider Community

Rokeby's position in the wider community is important for the school. Our excellent facilities are made available to other schools, who we regularly invite to join us for joint curriculum activities such as collaborative Art projects and coaching in Games sessions. As part of their personal development, our aim is to help the boys to become more aware of the wider community and the needs of others with special school events and fundraising activities for charity. These latter activities help to emphasise to all boys that they are part of a community, not only in school and at home, but also in the wider world where opportunities are not always as extensive as those that they may enjoy.

Activities and Clubs

The school runs a large variety of clubs and activities which are led by members of the school staff and a number of external professional coaches. These sessions take place throughout the day, before school, lunchtimes and after school. The list below gives an idea of the range of activities that are on offer during the school year:

After-School Sports Training	Art Club
Athenaeum Debating Club	Athletics
Badminton	Basketball
Calligraphy Club	Chess
Capoeira	Chamber Music Group
Computer Club	Cricket
Cross Country	Design Technology
Drama	Football with Fulham FC
Gardening (Reception-Year 2)	Golf
Guitar Ensemble	Handwriting Club
History	Hockey
Jazz Band	Judo
Junior Fencing	Karate
Lego (Reception-Year 2)	Reading Club
Ruggerbeez	Science Club
School Choirs	School Orchestra
Squash	Strings Group
Table Tennis	Warhammer

All parents receive a copy of the 'Activities Booklet' which provides a complete overview and explanation of all the activities and clubs that run during the school year. Bookings for all clubs and activities are made half a term in advance in order to assist parents with the logistics of coordinating the school day.



Houses

Rokeby boys love their Houses! We have four: Bazalgette, Galsworthy, Moody and Olive. Each House has a Captain who sits on the School Council. There are many inter-house competitions which are great fun and which the boys thoroughly enjoy.

Trips

We believe it is vital to offer boys opportunities to go on a wide variety of visits during their time at Rokeby, such as to Fishbourne Roman Palace, Hampton Court Palace and many places in London. Some longer, residential trips are educational in many ways, not least because they allow children to develop cooperative and social skills and to learn a little responsibility.

All trips are designed to assist the curriculum where possible, and are sometimes specific field trips such as in Geography and Science. The expectation is that all classes will go on at least two outings a year, which may include a visit to a theatre, art gallery or a local place of religious worship.

Activity and outward-bound trips are arranged for whole year groups, starting at Year 5 and ending at the end of Year 8. Trips abroad are also often arranged: recent destinations have included the United States for the annual ski trip, Football and Water Sports Trips, Loire Valley, Ypres and Paris, Sorrento and Rome. Such trips will usually incur an extra cost, but are undoubtedly memorable experiences.

Pastoral Care

In order for boys to thrive at Rokeby, their personal welfare must come first. We aim to ensure that each boy is valued for who he is and for his place within the group. To this end we take pastoral care very seriously.

The first point of contact for pastoral care is the Class Teacher or Form Tutor. In addition there are Heads of Year for each year group who each have responsibility for the welfare of the boys in their year groups and deal with matters together with the Form Tutors and Classroom Teachers.

In addition, the Year Heads have both individual and group meetings with the Assistant Head (Senior) for Years 4-8 and Assistant Head (Junior) for Reception-Year 3. The Assistant Heads have overall responsibility for the welfare of the boys together with the Headmaster.

We seek to maintain a well-structured and well-disciplined environment and to this end we have a tried and tested rewards and sanctions procedure: this helps boys to stay within clear boundaries of good behaviour. However, our aim is to instil in boys the qualities of kindness and consideration for each other, not merely to 'keep them in line'. By striving to eliminate misbehaviour we endeavour to ensure a balanced approach. We believe in openly rewarding positive attitudes as well as encouraging good work and effort with a full and motivating rewards programme.

The Assistant Head (Senior) is also the designated Safeguarding Children Officer. An anti-bullying procedure is pursued rigorously as we are determined to ensure that all boys feel safe and happy at school. We are constantly reviewing and updating our policies and we look to the parents to support us in our aims: these are regularly re-inforced to the boys in form periods with Personal, Social and Health Education as well as in assemblies and most workshops. Most of all, we emphasise that all members of the school exemplify the values which we espouse, especially those of kindness, good manners, friendliness and assertiveness. The School Council of Prefects and House Captains works with the class representatives in all year groups to help us to achieve this.

Awards and Rewards

The School believes in supporting good behaviour with a wide range of rewards, from House points to special certificates. Achievements are also rewarded in a variety of ways including the annual Prize Day for the Year 3-8 boys. Some boys might receive an internal scholarship ('ACE' Award) for achievement in a particular area of skill.

