

RAMSEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Invest, Believe, Achieve Together

Our School

Ramsey Grammar School is a secondary comprehensive, with a Sixth Form, and is located in the heart of the sunny seaside town of Ramsey, serving the north of the Isle of Man. We are a large, diverse school with over 1000 students on roll. Ramsey Grammar is a thriving and happy learning community where expectations and standards are exceptionally high.

Our School Motto is '**Invest, Believe, Achieve Together**'. This runs through the fabric of our school and is strongly supported by our school values of **responsibility, growth** and **success**.

As a whole school we intend to:

- Create **dynamic** and **compelling** learning **environments** where the **highest quality of learning** and **teaching** leads to **excellent standards of achievement** and mastery of key skills for all students.
- **Work together** to build a community with **ambition, resilience, a sense of self-worth** and **self-belief** where **personal growth** is encouraged so that people are equipped to **thrive in an ever-evolving world**.
- Offer **highly valuable and memorable curriculum experiences** within and beyond the classroom that enhance **personal development** and **academic excellence**.
- **Recognise** and **celebrate** the **uniqueness of all students** by creating an **inclusive school culture** where **strong relationships** are built on **mutual respect, kindness, belonging** and **acceptance of others**.
- **Empower everyone** to take **responsibility** for striving for **personal excellence**, whilst also being **agents for the growth** and success of **others**.



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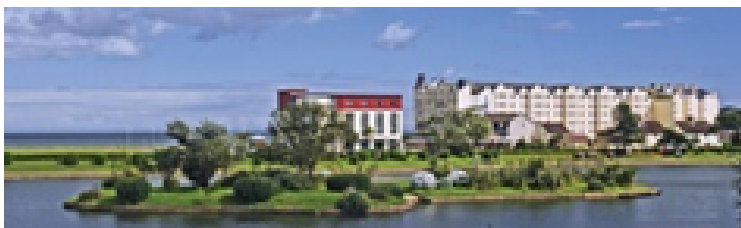
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We feel fortunate to be located in such a wonderful part of the world. The Isle of Man is blessed with an extensive coastline, stunning natural landscapes, and the cleanest beaches in Europe. With its dramatic scenery and picturesque coastlines, the island is beautiful year-round. The island is host to multiple National Heritage sites and is a world-renowned UNESCO Biosphere. You can explore the Island in original train carriages and tram cars from the 1870s, on the electric mountain railway and vintage steam trains. The Isle of Man is an island steeped in rich history, has the oldest continuous parliament in the world, and is proud to have been the first country in the world to allow women to vote in a national election.

Of course, motorsport enthusiasts are very well catered for by the TT and Manx Grand Prix but also by short circuit racing, rallying and stock cars, for example. We are also lucky to enjoy locally sourced and produced fine foods ranging from our delicious Manx queenies to the famous Manx kippers! The island offers the potential for an amazing lifestyle for adults and children alike. Here you will discover beautiful rolling hills, rugged coastlines, fabulous beaches, plantations, and an array of woodland walks to explore. Outdoor adventures abound including walking, cycling, fishing, golf, kayak and paddle boarding, coasteering and also competitive field sports. The Isle of Man truly offers the chance to find a perfect work-life balance and, although relaxed by nature, you will find that the Isle of Man can also get the pulse racing!



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Our Facilities

The two main parts of the school, East, built-in 1931, and West, built-in 1940, are some 200 metres apart with an adjoining pathway. The buildings have been well maintained and a programme of upgrading classrooms and corridors has produced a high-quality learning environment. We have a purpose-built student support unit as well as an on-site Design & Technology, Gymnasium, a vast open-plan Art studio and dark room, Drama studios, purpose built Agricultural Science classrooms, and a state-of-the-art teaching piggery, the Hector Duff Sixth Form Centre including 122 seat tiered Lecture Theatre, textiles suite, music practise rooms, modern Sports Hall, PE classrooms, Aerobic Suite, magnificent Science Block, two canteens and dining halls, running track, Weights room, an all-weather floodlit 'Astroturf' pitch, as well as several multi-purpose pitches for sports and athletics that wrap around the school grounds with views of the surrounding hills of Barrule, Claghbane and Glen Auldyn.

School Farm

We are immensely proud of the RGS School Farm that we have on-site. There are two dedicated Agricultural Science labs, a sheep shed with our school flock, purpose-built piggery, polytunnel, greenhouse with hydroponics and vegetable plots, and a poultry pen. In 2011 RGS was awarded Farm Assured Status and meat from our farm is sold to the public solely by a local butcher and is also offered to students in the canteen. We are proud to have received nominations for multiple awards as well as winning many awards from the School Farms Network Education Alliance over the years, which have included – 2017 Best School Farm – Secondary School (Winner), 2017 Best School Farm Leadership (Finalist), and 2018 Best Use of School Farm in the Curriculum (Finalist), and 2021 Farm Leader (Winner). Staff and students are encouraged to visit the Farm to see the animals year-round, but especially during the arrival of piglets, chicks, and the lambing.

Design and Technology Space

Design and Technology at RGS is essentially a practical subject. It involves students in researching, designing, testing and evaluating products as well as in making them. Students undertake various activities: product analysis; focused practical tasks that develop a range of techniques, skills and knowledge; and design and-make assignments in different contexts. Computers are used extensively for researching, designing and testing products, and for presenting ideas. Products are made in a wide range of materials, including wood, metal, plastics and textiles (often in combination), as well as food. We have five well equipped rooms where students can use a range of hand and machine tools and work with a variety of computer-controlled machines. They learn about and make use of a variety of control systems including electronics, mechanics and pneumatics. Students also learn about design and technology in the wider world, including processes and materials, and the cost and time involved in manufacture. In design and technology lessons, students can work individually and in teams of varying sizes. They take part in whole-class sessions for discussion, presentation and evaluation. A range of courses, including vocational ones, are available for Key Stage 4 and 5.

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Creative Arts Areas

We have two black box theatres in our Drama Department kitted with high tech lighting and sound that is currently being further modernised with community funding that has been awarded to the school by the Coop Community Fund. These spaces allow us to really immerse the students in the world of theatre and performance when they are in their drama lessons. We have an impressive triple art studio space in the school with an adjoining darkroom. The space is really quite a special place in the school and truly encourages creativity and artistic freedom. This is seen in the spectacular artwork produced by our young people. The Music Department provides several opportunities for performance including two Carol Services, concerts and productions throughout the school year. RGS ensembles have taken part in the Manx Music Festival. The Creative Arts Department also puts on regular productions, which allow students to participate in a number of ways. Instrumental instruction in strings, brass, woodwind, percussion, both electronic and acoustic guitars and voice is available from the Department of Education Sport and Culture's team of visiting (peripatetic) teachers.

Sporting Facilities

The school grounds are extensive and house a full size running track, two tennis courts, two rugby pitches, a dance studio and three football pitches: grass, indoor and Astroturf. We have two exercise gym suites on site that are used both for lessons as well as extracurricular clubs. Our indoor multi-purpose gym is large and well equipped, and we also have a small indoor traditional multi-purpose gym that is well-maintained. Both staff and students alike enjoy getting involved with sports at Ramsey Grammar School and our teams have had and continue to have many successes in the island-wide competitions.

