

RUGBY SCHOOL SHORT COURSES

2026 Intake



Welcome

Rugby School has enjoyed hosting summer school for international students for many years. Next year, 2026, we will embark on a new cooperation with the launch of Rugby School Short Courses.

These will provide two- week courses in the summer holidays for students who want an insight into how we deliver our 'Whole Person Whole Point' educational ethos.

Based in School House, one of our oldest buildings in the heart of the campus, the students will enjoy a busy programme of classroom learning from excellent specialist teachers; high-level sports coaching using our magnificent indoor and outdoor facilities; and the kind of academic and cultural enrichment that comes from cross-curricular teaching, off-site activities and excursions. They will also experience the fun of boarding and the chance to make friends and extend their boundaries in a truly Rugbeian atmosphere of tolerance, respect and intellectual curiosity.

Gareth Parker-Jones

Head Master, Rugby School.









Rugby School was founded in 1567 by Lawrence Sheriff, a spice purveyor to Queen Elizabeth I.

Since the time of Thomas Arnold, the School has embraced a holistic model, integrating academic, artistic, spiritual and sporting pursuits into an indivisible whole.

Rugby's rich history is reflected in the School's monuments and buildings. Notably, in 1823, William Webb Ellis, a student, famously disregarded the rules of football by catching the ball and running with it in his arms, thus creating the game of rugby football.

As the birthplace of the game, in 2023 the School marked the 200th anniversary of rugby football with a range of prestigious events that attracted a global audience.



Exceptional facilities.
Authentic experience.



Learning with purpose

Sample the life of a Rugby School student with a two-week academic adventure designed especially for international learners aged 13–17.

This enriching programme combines intensive English language development with a challenging blend of academic subjects, offering a window into the depth, variety and individuality that defines a Rugby education.

Whether you're looking to strengthen your English skills or push beyond your academic comfort zone, this immersive experience invites curious minds to explore new disciplines in an inspiring and historic setting.

History & tradition

Step into history and live the legacy. Our students will reside and learn within the very heart of Rugby School - the original School House building and the iconic quad classrooms where many Rugbean scholars have walked before them.

To study and live in this historic building, is a rare privilege - making yourself part of an unbroken thread of heritage, where every stone, corridor, and archway tells a centuries-old story of ambition, intellect, and achievement.





A place where young achievers can thrive.



Our vision

To shape a global community of curious, confident learners prepared for the academic and cultural demands of an international future.

Our mission

We offer short courses that go beyond expectations, blending academic excellence, co-curricular adventure, and British boarding life to create unforgettable experiences for ambitious young people from around the world.

Our values

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

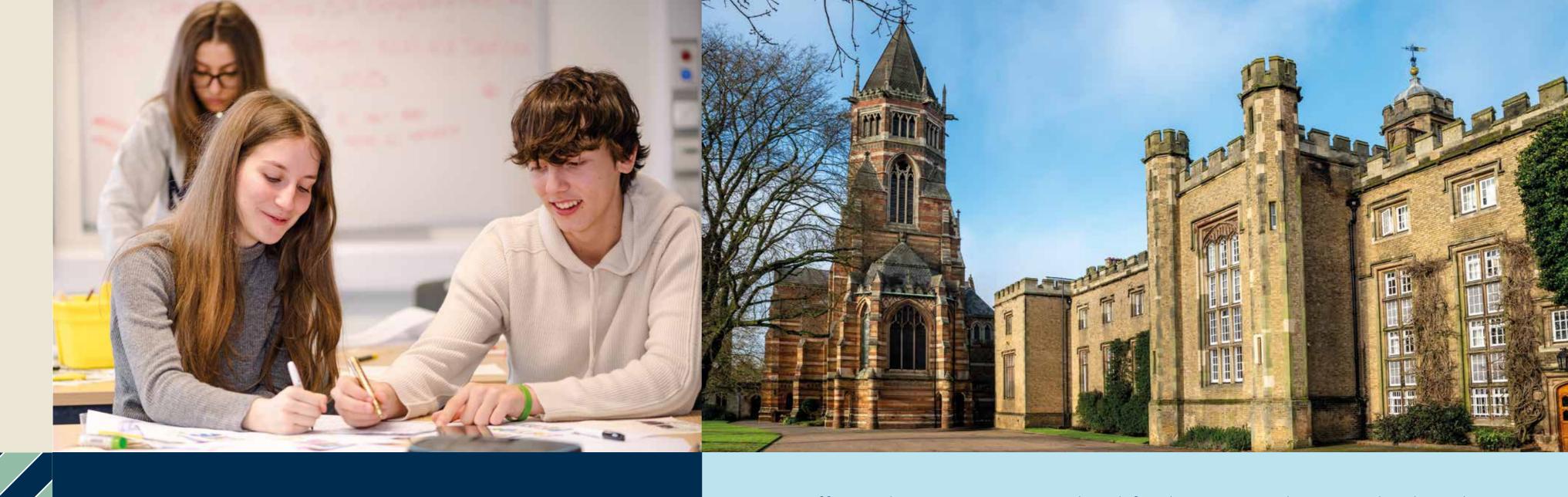
PERSONAL GROWTH

RESPONSIBILITY AND LEADERSHIP

WHOLE-PERSON EDUCATION

BEHAVING WITH INTEGRITY





Course aims & provision

We offer ambitious young people a life-shaping academic and cultural experience rooted in Rugby School's values, ethos and global reputation.

Tradition, prestige & preparation

Experience the life, heritage, and values of Rugby School – from historic surroundings and world-class facilities to formal assemblies, dinner speeches, and expert guidance on UK school and university pathways.



Academic excellence & blended curriculum

Learn from both subject specialist teachers and EAL Tutors in streamed classes that are tailored to combine academic rigour with English language development. Enjoy a true UK-style timetable similar to that of Rugby School.



Character, virtues & sport

Develop towards leadership, resilience, excellence and understanding through professionally-coached sessions that include: advice on planning your future, sport, community engagement, and authentic social interaction with UK peers.



Exceptional, academically - linked cultural excursions

Explore the UK through premium, themed trips that extend classroom learning. Optional London extensions offer an unforgettable city experience before or after the programme.



Signature flags of our Short Courses

A curriculum designed for a rounded experience

We want our students to leave Rugby School Short Courses with a real sense of achievement, connection and pride.

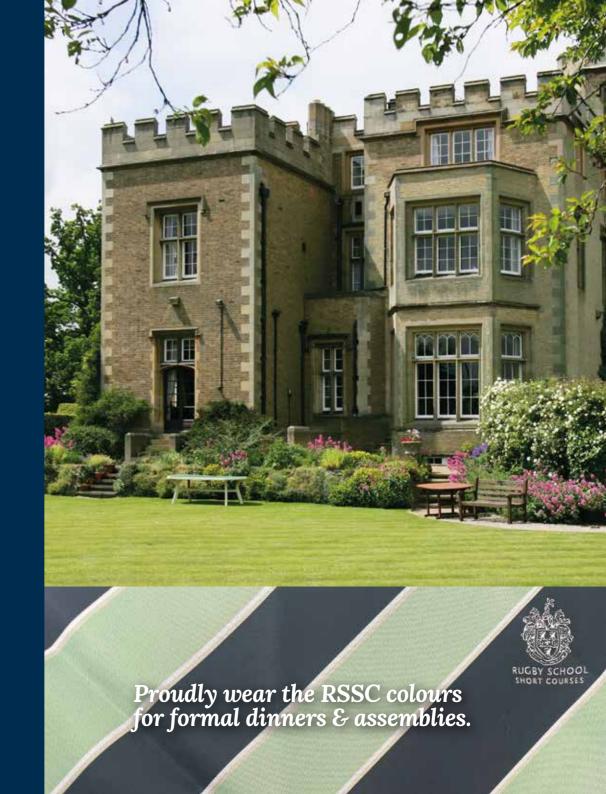
With this in mind, life on our programme is as dynamic outside the classroom as it is within it, providing exposure to other opportunities to learn and grow beyond academics.

Students will share daily meals and participate in evening activities designed to foster friendships, cultural exchange and confidence. A series of School Assemblies, formal dinners and guest speakers provides a sense of tradition and occasion, and students will be required to wear an element of RSSC uniform (provided) at these times.

Sport is central to the co-curricular experience. Every student will have the opportunity to take part in physical activities led by fully-qualified coaches - offering a window into the energy, discipline and teamwork that define Rugby's sporting legacy.

In collaboration with local charity outreach programmes, our students will also connect and socialise with UK peers of a similar age in some sessions - gaining a deeper understanding of culture, compassion and collaboration and contributing to community life. These pursuits are at the heart of a Rugby education.

And students will also enjoy fantastic excursions. These visits offer the chance to engage with the intellectual and historical fabric of the UK, broadening their global perspectives and joining the dots between classroom learning and real-world experience. We hope this time in the programme inspires our students and plants ambition to explore the world.



Academic classes approach

The Rugby School Short Course is unlike most other summer school programmes in that it doesn't just offer English Language learning and practice in the academic sessions.

Our courses are built on a unique collaboration between our Subject Teachers and EAL (English as an Additional Language) teachers, to offer our students traditional subject classes "in" English alongside those classes for the learning "of" English.

Students will be pre-tested for their English Language level and streamed to tailor class content to learner abilities.

In addition, we have taken measures to design lesson delivery following CLIL methodology to support comprehension of the subject specific content.

These measures include:

- Streamed classes with fewer students (max 12) for closer teacher:student guidance
- Translated "Milestone" summary notes integrated in the lesson to support flow and comprehension
- Mini L1 breakout sessions and comprehension-check quizzes
- Post-lesson tutorials as integrated into the Private Study blocks to assist with questions and close the "learning loop"



Personal development & whole person focus

To support their emerging independence and personal growth, students will take part in a bespoke series of Life Education sessions - inspired by Rugby's own Floreat programme - covering topics such as leadership, resilience, wellbeing and sport. Futures Advisory workshops with input from Rugby School's Admissions Team will give students a taste of how Rugby assesses student applications and supports its pupils in shaping their university and career ambitions.

Our programme also serves as an excellent "stepping stone" experience, should a students be considering full time education in the UK or even as a pathway to becoming a Rugby School Student. Students should get a true taste of life at a UK boarding school, and can enjoy gaining a unique insight into the fantastic facilities, ethos and traditions of Rugby School itself.



Week one sample programme

	Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Breakfast	07:45 - 08:25							
	08.30 - 08:50	Programme Induction introduction to the programme	Form Time	Form Time	Form Time	Form Time	<u> </u>	Late Start Sleep-in
P1	08:55 - 09:45	Assembly Led by Rugby School Senior Staff	Curriculum Subject: Art	EAL	EAL	Floreat / Life Education Developing Character and virtues for life through Local initiative		Chill time with snacks & coffee available.
P2	09:50 - 10:40	Site Orientation orientation & on site policy	Curriculum Subject: Business	EAL	EAL			
Break	10:40 - 11:00							EXEAT day Brunch
Р3	11:00 - 11:50	Curriculum Subject: History	EAL	Curriculum Subject: History	Curriculum Subject: Art	EAL	Oxford Visit	Pre-booked Options for excursions and outings
P4	11:55 - 12:45	Curriculum Subject: Maths	EAL	Curriculum Subject: Maths	Curriculum Subject: Business	EAL	With walking tour and College Entrance	including Off-site Dinner and late return to Rugby.
Lunch	12:45 - 14:00						Academic Enrichment Element	
P5	14:00 - 14:50	EAL	Futures Advisory Applying to a UK Uni or subject choices.	Floreat / Life Education Developing Character and virtues for life through Local initiative	Private Study / Tutor Tutor support, or Guided reading / reading for pleasure.	Futures Advisory Applying to a UK Uni or subject choices.		Bletchley Park or
Р6	14:55 - 15:45	EAL	Academic Enrichment Learning beyond the regular curriculum with subject-linked excursion insights		Academic Enrichment Learning beyond the regular curriculum with subject-linked excursion insights	Private Study / Tutor Tutor support, or Guided reading / reading for pleasure.		
Break	15:45 - 16:15							Diaminaham
P7	16:15 - 17:30	Co-curricular: Pro Coached Rugby or Hockey	Co-curricular: Pro Coached Rugby or Hockey	Floreat Social	Co-curricular: Pro Coached Rugby or Hockey	Co-curricular: Pro Coached Rugby or Hockey	Dinner	Birmingham or Stratford &
Dinner	18:30 - 19:30	Welcome		Join local children of similar age for Special Activity Session, Food &		Guest Speaker	in Oxford With late return to Rugby	Strattord & Shakespeare's Birthplace
Р8	19:30 - 21:30	Dinner Speech From the Centre Director	Evening Activities	Evening Social	Evening Activities	& Ceremony Led by invited special guest		
	Lights out							

















Cultural / Excursion Component



Week two sample programme

	Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Breakfast	07:45 - 08:25							
	08.30 - 08:50	Form Time	Form Time	Form Time	Form Time	Form Time		Late Start Sleep-in
P1	08:55 - 09:45	Assembly Led by Rugby School Senior Staff	Curriculum Subject: Design & Technology	EAL	EAL	Floreat / Life Education Developing Character and	TONDON TONDON	Chill time with snacks & coffee available.
P2	09:50 - 10:40	EAL	Curriculum Subject: Economics	EAL	EAL	virtues for life through Local initiative		conce available.
Break	10:40 - 11:00							Pack up/ Departures
Р3	11:00 - 11:50	Curriculum Subject: Physics	EAL	Curriculum Subject: Physics	Curriculum Subject: Design & Technology	EAL	London Visit With walking tour, and Entrance to Buckingham	
P4	11:55 - 12:45	Curriculum Subject: Politics	EAL	Curriculum Subject: Politics	Curriculum Subject: Economics	EAL	Palace	
Lunch	12:45 - 14:00						Academic Enrichment Element	
P5	14:00 - 14:50	EAL	Futures Advisory Applying to a UK Uni or subject choices.		Private Study / Tutor Tutor support, or Guided reading / reading for pleasure.	Futures Advisory Applying to a UK Uni or subject choices.		Departure & New
Р6	14:55 - 15:45	EAL	Academic Enrichment Learning beyond the regular curriculum with subject-linked excursion insights	Pre-booked Options for excursions and outings including Off-site Dinner and late return to Rugby.	Academic Enrichment Learning beyond the regular curriculum with subject-linked excursion insights	Private Study / Tutor Tutor support, or Guided reading / reading for pleasure.		Arrival Day
Break	15:45 - 16:15	1 Cacutoton moignos		Warwick Castle &				Airport Transfers and centre re-set
P7	16:15 - 17:30	Co-curricular: Performance Arts or Crafting Session	Co-curricular: Performance Arts or Crafting Session	University (NAIC) or	Co-curricular: Performance Arts or Crafting Session	Co-curricular: Performance Arts or Crafting Session	Dinner & Show in	10 300
Dinner	18:30 - 19:30	Welcome		Cambridge or		Guest Speaker	London With late return to Rugby	
Р8	19:30 - 21:30	Dinner Speech From the Centre Director	Evening Activities	National Space Centre	Evening Activities	& Ceremony Led by invited special guest		Arrivals pack-ups / Pizzas
	Lights out							





















Academic enrichment (Æ)

Where subjects connect, learning comes alive

Sometimes things are better when you make a connection! Our timetabled interdisciplinary Academic Enrichment (Æ) sessions bring two subjects to life, encouraging students to make connections across disciplines, and linking with special time set aside during the exciting schedule of cultural trips and excursions.

Imagine History and Maths coming together to add insight when visiting the fascinating world of wartime codebreaking at Bletchley Park, or Design Technology and Economics applied to a visit to Warwick Universities WMG building and National Automotive Innovation Centre (NAIC).

We believe that enriching what you discuss in the classroom with inspiring real-world visits - particularly when drawing together elements from different academic subjects - makes for stronger and longer lasting learning impressions. The world is complex and multi-layered, so the application of learning should be too.

Sample excursion Æ elements*

Physics & Politics - National Space Centre, Leicester.

Design Technology & Economics - NAIC, Warwick University.

Maths & History - Bletchley Park Museum, Milton Keynes.

Art & Business - Production Co & Theatre Trip, London.

*Subject to availability at time of booking. Other premium ${\cal E}$ options may be substituted.

Summary components of Rugby School Short Courses

English language lessons

Qualified professionals teach EAL classes to develop and practice English proficiency, with adapted themes and subjects to suit all learner levels. Classes are streamed, and will be created according to your pre-tested English level.

Subject specific lessons

Some specially adapted traditional subject classes (eg History & Politics), taught by our experienced Teachers (for B1+ students), with class themes adapted and taught by our EAL teachers for lower level students.

Emphasising virtues & values sessions

Professional sports coaching sessions, inspiring dinner speakers and assemblies hosted by Rugby School Senior Staff, enrich and support the academic programme.

Global peer engagement

Scheduled sessions with local UK peers in social events, as well as sharing of culture and different life perspectives in collaboration with local charities.

Planning for future success

Futures Advisory sessions exploring career aptitude and providing advice on applying to UK schools & Universities – with support from Rugby School admissions team.

Iconic trips & UK culture

Premium core excursions, with additional options on Exeat days provide fantastic experiences of UK culture and history, as well as some shopping opportunities!

Academic Enrichment elements to trips add an extra dimension and learning connection.





Staff & pastoral



High calibre teaching & staff team

We recognise the key role staff play in making the student experience at Rugby School Short Courses special and memorable.

When you join our programme you will be taught by experienced teachers, with EAL lessons delivered by qualified practitioners and Subject Specialist teachers being drawn from Rugby School teaching staff or those with similar school background and teaching level.

Our Activity and Pastoral staff are carefully selected to ensure they are friendly and enthusiastic, with the skills, experience and passion to bring out the best from the students in our care. Students are looked after day and night by our on-site, dedicated staff. Our Pastoral team work together to make sure students feel happy and supported during their stay.

Safer recruitment

We operate a Safer Recruitment process with background checks and robust interview procedures to ensure that all staff are appropriate for their roles and aligned with the standards expected by the school.

Full board accommodation

We are proud to work with Lodestone House to deliver outstanding catering experiences to all our pupils. Lodestone House's fantastic culinary teams prepare nutritious food and fresh, seasonal menus with the highest quality ingredients, pouring care and innovation into each dish. Their passionate chefs work closely with us to ensure every child receives a nutritionally balanced meal at school, perfectly suited to meet their needs and dietary requirements. Every dish helps to set our pupils up for academic success and inspire positive behaviours while providing great nutrition for a healthy body and mind.

Home from home

School House is situated in the oldest part of the School and was the original House when Rugby School moved to its present site from the centre of the town around 1750. It will become the principle "home" for Rugby School Short Courses. A mix of single and multibed rooms will accommodate our students. In addition there are three large common rooms and a number of kitchenettes around the House.



An inspiring environment to live, learn & have fun!

Our aim is not just to spark curiosity in the classroom, but to nurture the whole individual as they get used to new experiences and environments.

For many students, joining us is a milestone in their journey towards independence. As teens and young adults, building the self-belief and autonomy to live away from home and work towards goals is a key part of developing into their future selves.

We understand the importance of making them feel comfortable – so that they can explore with confidence and thrive in every aspect of life here.

With this in mind, we put great effort into settling students when they arrive and connecting individuals with new friends. When a student feels at home and inspired, learning becomes an adventure.

In addition, we present course completion certificates as well as other awards in a grand Closing Ceremony that celebrates achievements - giving recognition not just for academic strengths, but also effort and improvement in other areas.





Applications & fees

Entrance requirements

Student profile

Applicants should be aged 13+ at the time of the programme, aligning to the subject teaching level (Key Stage 4) and expected maturity.

Students applying to join Rugby School Short Courses are expected to apply themselves and strive to do their best at all times. Whilst they may have interest and talent in academic subjects, they must also be ready to pursue personal growth and new friendships in all elements of the programme. Independence, enthusiasm, humility and curiosity are essential qualities.

Where travelling alone, students should be of sufficient character and confidence to navigate their journey independently. Parental Consent forms must be signed in advance of arrival. We encourage parents and students to read our policy documents and Terms & Conditions and fully understand the information presented before booking onto the programme.

English level assessment

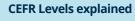
Placement test

Students take an online placement test (provided upon application) to confirm their English level. They will ultimately be placed into appropriately streamed classes according to their tested level and age at the start of the programme.

B1+ students

Students with a tested English Level of B1+, will be invited for a short interview (online) to discuss their interests and assess their suitability for Subject Specific Lessons. They will also be required to write a short personal statement in preparation for the interview, outlining their aims whilst attending the programme.

A1-A2 EAL Classes taught by EAL Teacher; Level adjusted subject themes taught by EAL Teacher B1-C2 EAL Classes taught by EAL Teacher; Subject Specific Lessons taught by Subject Specialist Teacher





Dates

Applications deadline

30th April 2026

Course dates

Turn 1: 5th-19th July 2026

Turn 2: 19th July - 2nd August 2026 Turn 3: 2nd-16th August 2026

Bookings will be managed on a first come first served basis and availability may be restricted on the basis of ensuring mixed nationality cohorts.

Fees

Full 2-week programme: £5000

Programme includes

All of our programmes include Full Board Accommodation, Academic Programme, Onsite Activity programme, Admin and Registration Fees and uniform elements (RSSC Tie and Polo shirt). Students will be required to pack a white or blue formal shirt to wear with their RSSC tie for formal dinners & assemblies.

The programme accepts individuals or small groups.

Rugby School Short Courses will provide transfers to and from the school via shuttle buses at scheduled times from selected airports. Private transfers can also be arranged but will be charged.



How to apply

1 Register

Complete our registration form via the QR code here or the link on our website.

2 Pay deposit

Once you have registered, you will be invited to make a 20% deposit payment to book your place on the programme.

3 English test

After paying the deposit, you will be sent a private link and deadline to take the English assessment online.

4 Confirmation

We'll be in touch to discuss the results and allocate your place. You will also confirm your excursion options for the programme. Students at B1+ level will have an interview set at this stage.

5 Final payment

Pay the remainder of your fee by the date agreed at the "confirmation" stage, to secure your place.

6 Travel plans

Make your plans to travel to Rugby for the programme! RSSC does not run a visa service, but we can supply supporting visa letter.



REGISTRATION FORM





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