



RAWLINS

A CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY



PROSPECTUS

Act wisely and make the most of every opportunity

WELCOME TO RAWLINS

I am pleased to introduce you to Rawlins and to offer a sense of the distinctive community, values and high standards that define our school.

Rawlins is a forward-looking school firmly grounded in traditional values. At the heart of everything we do is a simple but powerful ethos: **Work Hard, Be Kind, Belong.** I believe that clear expectations, consistency and self-discipline provide the foundation for success, and I am committed to ensuring that every student benefits from a caring, structured and inclusive environment where learning is taken seriously.

Our Church of England status underpins the ethos and vision of the school. From this foundation comes a clear and uncompromising set of values which guide daily life at Rawlins. These values shape a community in which effort is expected, kindness is non-negotiable and everyone is encouraged to feel a genuine sense of belonging.

I place great importance on developing students' character, resilience and personal responsibility. Working hard means approaching learning with commitment, determination and pride. Being kind means treating others with respect and understanding, and taking responsibility for one's

actions. Belonging means contributing positively to our community and meeting the high standards we expect of ourselves and one another. Strong self-discipline and respectful behaviour are essential in preparing young people for success both within school and beyond.

Through consistent day-to-day support, firm but fair boundaries, and a wide range of opportunities within lessons and across wider school life, I seek to ensure that every student is able to achieve their very best. By insisting on high standards of conduct and effort while providing care, guidance and encouragement, we help our students develop the confidence, discipline and moral compass needed to face the challenges of the future.

I encourage you to experience our values, ethos and expectations for yourself by visiting us at one of our open mornings or during our open evening.

I am extremely proud of the achievements of our students and staff, and I look forward to welcoming you to Rawlins and introducing you to the dedicated team and exceptional young people.



Stuart Morton
Principal



OUR VISION

We feel strongly that education is about far more than academic standards alone. It is about educating the whole person so that, while high academic expectations remain central, every student is supported and guided to make the most of every opportunity.

At the heart of this is our shared ethos: **Work Hard, Be Kind, Belong.** We encourage students to work hard by striving for excellence and showing commitment to their learning. We expect them to be kind by treating others with respect, compassion and integrity. We ensure that every individual feels a strong sense of belonging within a supportive and inclusive community.



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OUR ETHOS

Rawlins revolves around our motto of 'Act wisely and make the most of every opportunity.' For us, this means that students achieve academically to ensure they have the best life chances, as well as taking part in as many character-building activities as possible. We encourage all students to take an active part in their own learning, both within and outside of the classroom, and to fully explore the spiritual, moral, social and cultural elements of life.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION

Our Spiritual Reflection programme is led by school leaders and form tutors. It involves regular school assemblies, tutor time activities and discussion, with visits to Quorn Parish Church to celebrate Christian festivals.

Spiritual Reflection is based around our 'theme of the week', which is explicitly Christian in nature, but encompasses issues of relevance to students of other faiths or no faith at all.

SCHOOL VALUES

We have three central values which inform our work as both a school and a Christian community. We encourage students and members of staff to adopt these values in their daily lives both inside and outside of school. These values are **compassion, wisdom and endurance.**

TRANSITION

Great care is taken to continue to build on the strong links we have with our primary schools; our aim is to make the transition to Rawlins seamless and supportive for everyone.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Pupils from local primary schools visit Rawlins for many events, from science investigations and sporting tournaments organised by the school, to activities in the school holidays. Your child will have met our Head of Year 7 in their primary school during the summer term prior to transition. We believe this familiarity contributes to the success of our school taster days, enhanced visits and extra-curricular activities, which prepare your child so that when they arrive in Year 7 they are confident and ready to learn.

All our activities are designed to make starting secondary school a positive and rewarding experience that sets students on a path to achievement and success.



“Pupils are happy at this inclusive school. They aspire to live out the school’s vision of ‘act wisely and make the most of every opportunity’. Pupils are polite and considerate.”

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CURRICULUM

Our curriculum is broad, well balanced and goes far beyond lessons in the classroom. We urge our students to be engaged, inspired and curious about the world around them. Our experienced and highly committed staff equip students with the skills and mindset to be successful lifelong learners.

KEY STAGE 3

We emphasise the importance of the core subjects of English, maths and science throughout a student's school life and the importance of literacy and numeracy skills within and outside of lessons.

Through our curriculum offer we aim to give students the broadest possible experience of the world around them.

KEY STAGE 4

The Key Stage 4 curriculum provides the opportunity for students to specialise in subjects for which they have a passion, whilst continuing to study the core subjects of English, maths and science.

Guidance on making optional choices is extensive and involves consultation with staff, students and parents/carers to ensure that all students have access to courses that are right for them.

KEY STAGE 5

Rawlins is renowned for its outstanding sixth form which offers a wide range of A-Level courses. We ensure that success at GCSE is built upon and academic potential is achieved.

Rawlins' A-Level results are among the best in Leicestershire. Learning at Rawlins at all stages is an exciting experience with an emphasis on participation and enjoyment at every opportunity.

Lessons are varied and well-planned to meet the needs of individuals, providing the right balance of challenge and support in every classroom.



“Pupils of all ages understand what makes a healthy relationship and discuss fundamental British values confidently. Opportunities to organise charity events help students develop as active citizens.”

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MAKING THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY

Education is constantly changing and as a forward-thinking learning community we constantly strive to improve.

We work hard to ensure that we continue to offer the best possible education for our students. Everyone at Rawlins recognises the need for excellent relationships between members of staff, students and parents/carers, and that this spirit of community and collaboration is the key to success in life.

Our students are encouraged to become independent and thoughtful learners and, as such, we aim to extend learning outside the classroom with a range of educational trips.

These have included trips to universities, including the Oxbridge colleges, international trips to Spain, Italy and Switzerland, and various national day trips to support learning in a range of subjects, including English, drama, science, history and geography.

Parents/carers can, and do, make significant contributions to their child's progress and achievement. We value your support in ensuring students arrive at school promptly, with all equipment and wearing correct uniform.



PASTORAL CARE

Rawlins provides support for your child through our Care, Guidance and Welfare team.

Your child will be a member of their year group managed by a Head of Year and supported by an Assistant Head of Year. The year group system provides your child with the support, guidance and care they need whilst developing friendships and becoming a member of the school community.

Form Tutors play an active role in ensuring that students are happy, well-supported and fully engaged in school life. Tutors also serve as the first point of contact between school and home.

As your child develops through Rawlins, their progress and well-being will be closely monitored, ensuring that students are recognised and rewarded when they succeed and supported when things are more challenging.

Rawlins is a very caring community and the health, happiness and well-being of students underpins our overall ethos.





“There is an extensive range of extra-curricular activities to broaden students’ wider development. Pupils also enjoy taking part in the different sports and drama clubs.”

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ENRICHMENT

Rawlins offers a comprehensive programme of extra-curricular activities enabling students to extend their learning beyond the classroom.

We have access to excellent sports facilities and students enjoy activities including football, hockey, netball, cross-country, tennis and athletics.

Rawlins students regularly compete at county level and our sports teams have a strong tradition of success.

We run a successful Duke of Edinburgh bronze and silver award, which offers students an amazing opportunity to take part in a range of activities

and develop skills such as navigation, first aid and outdoor survival. More importantly, the scheme teaches important life skills of resilience, reliance, independence and personal organisation.

The Performing Arts take a leading role in school life with regular drama productions, allowing all students to fully explore their creativity.

Your child will be a member of a House at Rawlins. A range of diverse activities and charity events take place throughout the year. Additionally, we run a wide range of trips and visits, which include residential and international opportunities.



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