



Rossall

SIXTH FORM
PROSPECTUS





This Sixth Form prospectus provides information about both A Levels and the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme to help you make an informed choice about the right pathway for you. Regardless of which programme of study you elect to pursue, the flexibility and breadth of Rossall's Sixth Form curriculum ensures that we are able to cater for your interests and developing academic specialisms.

Equally important, the Sixth Form is a community that celebrates both the uniqueness of the individual and the enjoyment of living and working together. We are immeasurably proud of the happy, confident, creative and generous young people who graduate from Rossall.

This is a tremendously exciting time to be entering Rossall's Sixth Form as significant investment is being made in developing our resources and curriculum. The rapid evolution of an increasingly distinct Sixth Form ensures that Rossall provides a thoroughly modern education that equips young people for the challenges of life in the global workplace of the twenty-first century.

We look forward to welcoming you as you embark upon what will be a journey of a lifetime.

MR JEREMY QUARTERMAIN
HEADMASTER



We believe that every student who progresses through the Sixth Form at Rossall will become a better human being because of their experiences at the school. Rossall is a warm and welcoming place, which will challenge you to step outside of your comfort zone, to be the best version of yourself. It will foster a love of learning; a drive to contribute something back to the wider community; and an ambition to succeed in all senses of the word.

Offering an incredibly broad curriculum, a wide range of sporting and co-curricular options, and a diverse student body, the Sixth Form is a place to inspire each individual in their quest for personal achievement, forming lifelong friendships in the process.

We look forward to you joining us.

MR NICK CROMBIE
DIRECTOR OF SIXTH FORM



“Sixth Form pupils expressed appreciation for the support they received in the decision-making process about their future, displaying a mature confident attitude as a result.”

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OUR
Story

Shaping Lives, Inspiring Excellence

Rossall in the 19th Century...

Founded in 1844 the School quickly assumed its position as one of the top thirty public schools in the UK. By the end of the 19th century its academic results were among the best in the country.

Rossall in the 21st Century...

A leading independent co-educational day and boarding school for pupils from 2 to 18 years of age; with a mission to:

“inspire young people to develop a life-long love of learning within a pastorally nurturing, culturally exciting and intellectually creative community.”



Rossall Sixth Form is a distinctive collegiate community within the wider School, but it is also at the very heart of School life.

We prepare students for life beyond School by providing the expertise, resources, encouragement and opportunities necessary for the intellectual, emotional, spiritual and physical development of the individual.

Our students are part of an internationally minded and intellectually vibrant community who consistently achieve outstanding A Level and IB results. The vast majority of our Sixth Form students progress to competitive courses of their choice at prestigious universities both in the UK and overseas. Our excellently resourced Careers Department provides support for all students, whether considering university, a higher-level apprenticeship or direct employment upon leaving Sixth Form.

The Sixth Form Study Centre is at the heart of Sixth Form life; it is a space for the exclusive use of our Year 12 and Year 13 students. A great place to study, it also houses a dedicated UCAS and Careers space and it is home to our Sixth Form team. All Sixth Form students meet regularly with members of the Sixth Form Team, ensuring that each student is known, their successes recognised and their aspirations supported. Similarly, all students receive guidance that is personalised to meet their needs.



Your Sixth Form

You will become increasingly independent during the course of your Sixth Form career, however, we pride ourselves on the highly individualised support that we provide each and every student. Your Sixth Form tutor will be a pivotal figure in your academic life, maintaining an overview of your welfare, academic progress and co-curricular development. In addition, your tutor and other members of the Sixth Form team will provide you with advice and support about the university application process both within the UK and overseas. If you wish to apply to Oxbridge and other elite universities, then there is the added benefit of a bespoke programme designed to support your aspirations.

“Rossall is a fantastic school which has helped me to establish my goals for the future. The university applications programme is superb and we get a lot of support from our Houseparents and tutors.”

MORITZ BAUSCH
SIXTH FORM BOARDING STUDENT

A student in a white lab coat is performing a chemistry experiment. They are pouring a yellow liquid from two beakers into a central beaker. The background is blurred, showing other students in lab coats. The text "OUR Curriculum" is overlaid on the image.

OUR
Curriculum

Rossall Sixth Form is academically ambitious
for each and every student.

The Beauty of Choice

Designed to stimulate, challenge and inspire in equal measure, a Sixth Form education at Rossall is a true pre-university experience. Our richly varied Sixth Form curriculum is unique in the region. We offer:

- ❁ A Levels
- ❁ A Level and BTEC Combined Programme
- ❁ International Baccalaureate Diploma
- ❁ Extended Project Qualification (available to all A Level and BTEC students).

A Levels

A Levels offer an exciting and rigorous academic challenge in preparation for university life. They are designed to give students the chance to specialise and explore in greater depth specific areas such as the sciences, arts, humanities and languages.

There is no right answer to the question of whether to choose three or four A Levels. The choice is yours. We have the highest academic expectations for our students, and this should be matched by your own high aspirations.

Rossall Sixth Form provides a diverse, exciting and flexible range of A Level subjects. The Sixth Form team will support and advise you on effective combinations to support your future aspirations.



A Level and BTEC Combined Programme

With more practical, hands-on experiences and more regular portfolio assessments which count towards the end-result throughout the two years of study, the BTEC is an exciting opportunity for students for whom a vocational and practical approach to study holds greater appeal.

One such example is the combined A Level and BTEC in Sport Level 3 Diploma Programme where students are able to study one or two A Levels alongside the BTEC qualification. The BTEC in Sport provides an excellent and valued route to university, especially for students considering a degree in the sports and exercise science industry.



Extended Project Qualification

Students studying A Levels and/or BTEC are encouraged to undertake academic research in an area of personal interest through the Extended Project Qualification. The EPQ is highly valued by universities, provides the equivalent UCAS tariff points of half an A Level and gives students the opportunity to develop effective independent research skills in preparation for the academic rigour of university study. Students may submit their work as a dissertation, composition, an investigative report or an artefact supported by a written piece.

The EPQ provides a fantastic opportunity to delve into an area of passion and interest and gives students plenty to talk about when it comes to university applications. Showing that you have undertaken this qualification in your first year of Sixth Form is viewed positively by many universities, and we consider it vital for applications to the most competitive courses.

International Baccalaureate

As the only school on the Fylde Coast to offer the International Baccalaureate, Rossall is proud of the scope and opportunities available through this internationally renowned qualification. The IB route is an ideal choice for students who wish to keep their options open, providing an exciting and diverse curriculum which incorporates all key subject areas.

The IB student chooses six subjects – three at higher level (HL) and three at standard level (SL). Higher level subjects are taught for four and a half hours per week; standard level subjects are taught for three hours per week. All students must study a subject from each of six subject areas:

- ❁ Language and Literature
- ❁ Language Acquisition (Classical Languages, English and Modern Foreign Languages)
- ❁ Humanities (Business Management, Economics, Geography, History, Psychology)
- ❁ Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Design and Technology, Environmental Systems and Societies, and Physics)
- ❁ Mathematics
- ❁ The Arts (Music and Visual Arts) – or a second subject from one of the above groups.

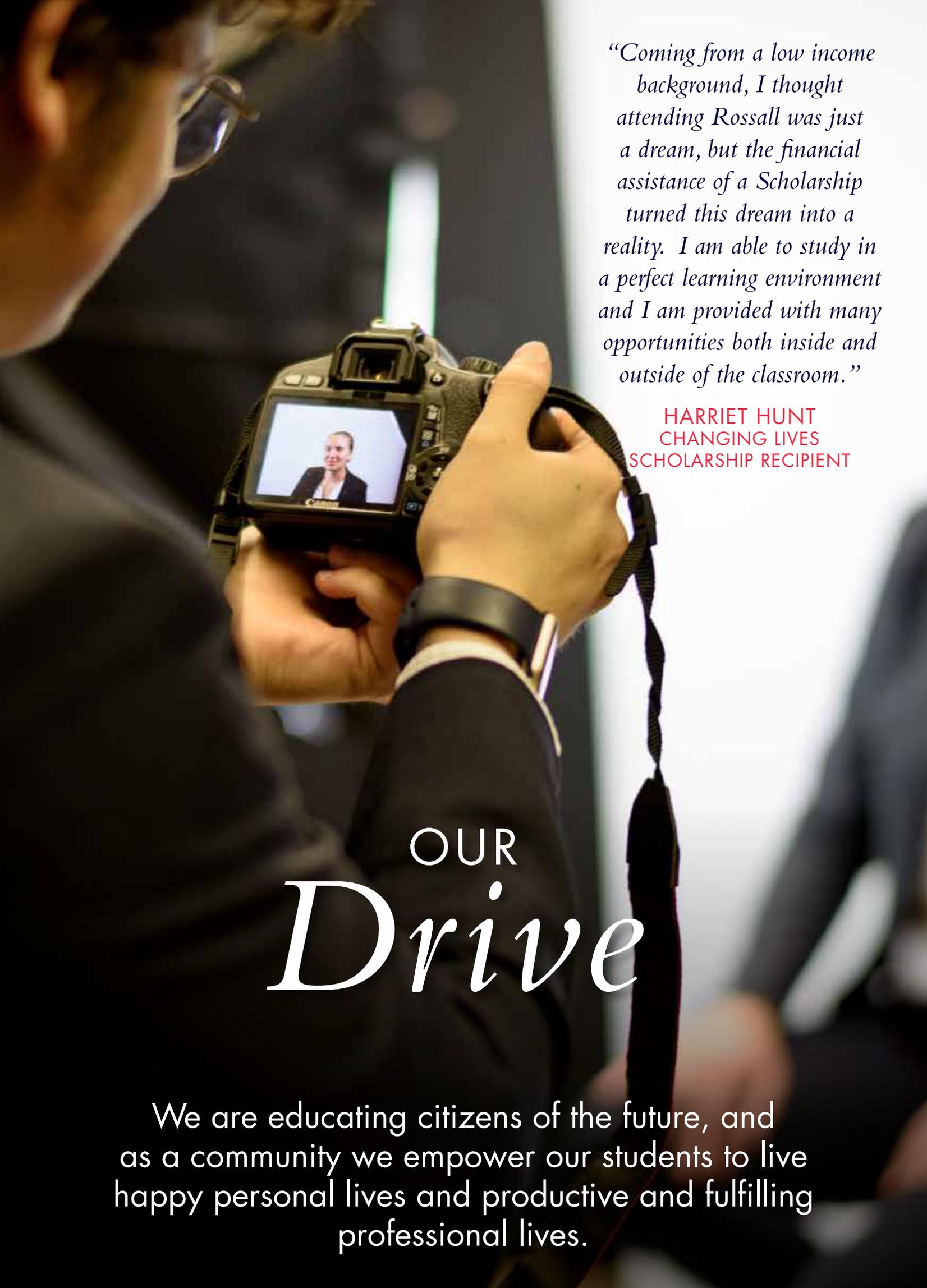
To complement their subjects, students can also gain up to 3 out of a possible 45 points through the IB “Core” comprising of:

- ❁ Theory of Knowledge (TOK) – an epistemology course which questions the basis of knowledge
- ❁ Extended Essay (EE) – a 4000 word research essay, on a subject of the student’s own choosing, of college-level standard
- ❁ Creativity Service and Action (CAS) – 150 hours of non-academic activity covering creativity, physical action (e.g. sports), and service to the community.



“The IB Diploma is an intellectually exciting qualification, which is highly respected around the world. Many universities seek to recruit IB students because they offer both breadth and depth of knowledge, particularly in their higher level subjects.”

MRS L LAIRD
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE



“Coming from a low income background, I thought attending Rossall was just a dream, but the financial assistance of a Scholarship turned this dream into a reality. I am able to study in a perfect learning environment and I am provided with many opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom.”

HARRIET HUNT
CHANGING LIVES
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

OUR *Drive*

We are educating citizens of the future, and as a community we empower our students to live happy personal lives and productive and fulfilling professional lives.

We embrace a Growth Mindset in all that we do, believing that we can develop intelligence, ability and performance:

- ✿ We coach our students to become resilient and flexible, conducive to boosting their confidence.
- ✿ We encourage our students to become optimistic and see the potential in situations, not limiting themselves.
- ✿ We inspire our students to have high aspirations and seek to develop character traits which will enable them to fulfil their potential.

Our teachers provide the successful balance of inspiration, care and deep subject knowledge so as to ensure that our students have all they need for a successful and fulfilling future. We are proud of our students' academic achievements and they consistently achieve well-above national and world averages in their examinations.

Personal Development

Sixth Formers enjoy certain privileges and have the opportunity to assume positions of responsibility and leadership in many areas.

“Staff, Sixth Form Monitors and other Senior Pupils are excellent role models for the younger pupils who value the support they offer.”

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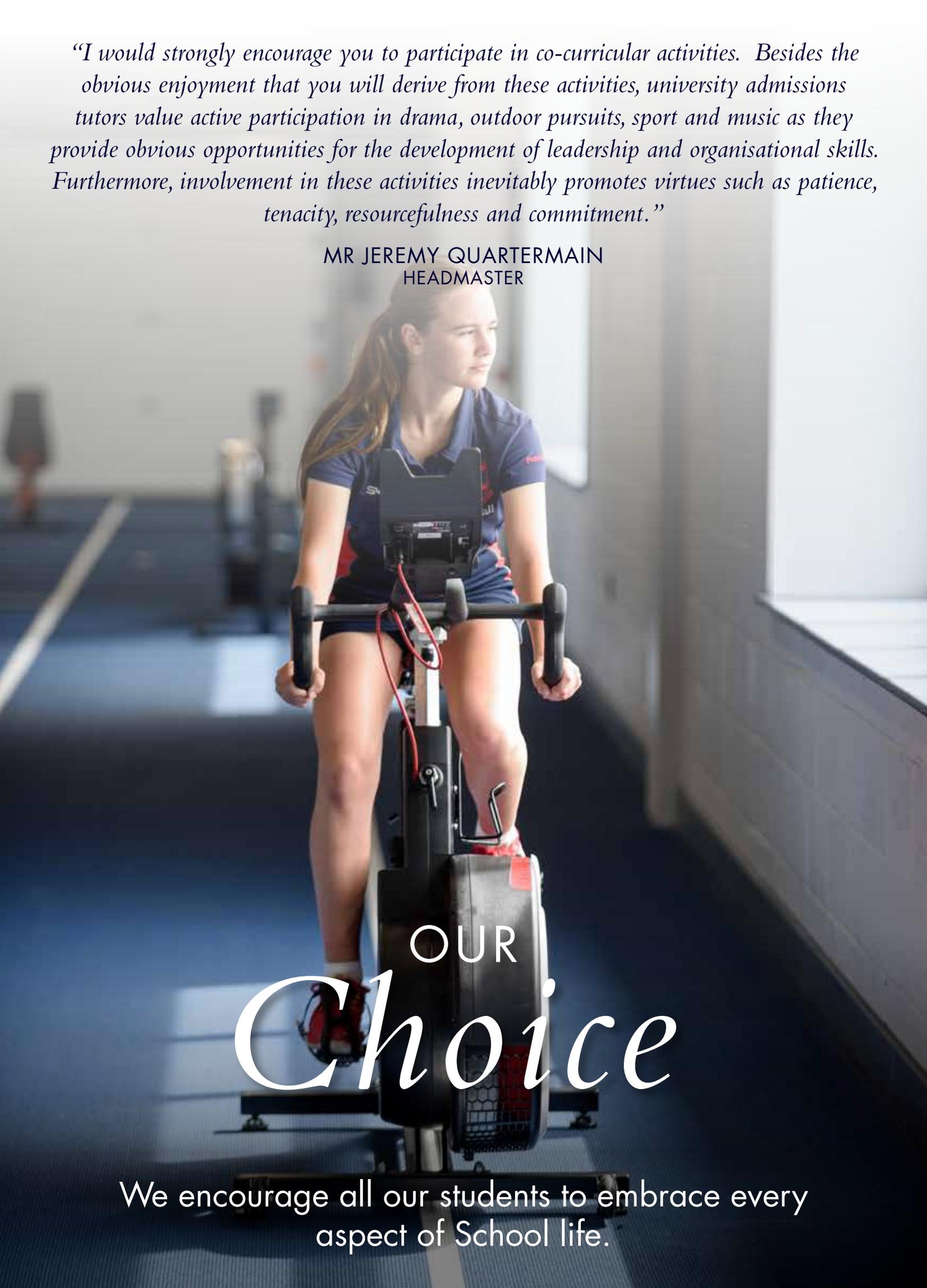
A School Accessible to All

The Fylde Coast is a particularly special part of the world and Rossall enjoys a distinctive reputation for being an inclusive and welcoming community. We are global in our outlook, yet we recognise the responsibility to the communities of which we are a constituent part. We are committed to providing opportunities for young people from a range of backgrounds, through means-tested bursaries and scholarships, with the opportunity to access the outstanding quality of education that is provided here at Rossall.



“I would strongly encourage you to participate in co-curricular activities. Besides the obvious enjoyment that you will derive from these activities, university admissions tutors value active participation in drama, outdoor pursuits, sport and music as they provide obvious opportunities for the development of leadership and organisational skills. Furthermore, involvement in these activities inevitably promotes virtues such as patience, tenacity, resourcefulness and commitment.”

MR JEREMY QUARTERMAIN
HEADMASTER

A young woman with long brown hair tied back, wearing a blue and red athletic uniform, is riding a stationary bike in a gym. She is looking off to the side with a focused expression. The gym has blue mats on the floor and large windows in the background.

OUR
Choice

We encourage all our students to embrace every aspect of School life.

Life in the Sixth Form is underpinned by an uncompromising emphasis on academic rigour, however academic achievement is only one part of a broader picture.

To pursue your dreams you will need more than excellent grades. Combined with the best possible tuition, we provide you with a rich programme of sporting, artistic and co-curricular opportunities, within which you can continue to develop the skills and experiences universities and employers are seeking.



“Students value the many opportunities provided by the School which help them develop their ‘character’ and self-esteem and are well prepared for the next stage of their lives.”

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Sports

If you enjoy keeping fit and the excitement of competition, then there is a vast array of individual and team sports for you to take part in. The indoor and outdoor facilities you will have access to include a state-of-the-art sports centre complete with numerous courts, a fitness suite and sprint track. There are a number of all-weather outdoor pitches and acres of sports fields surrounding our iconic buildings. We are fortunate to have a 25-metre swimming pool, the top independent school Golf Academy in the UK and a partnership with a professional association football club that offers an elite football programme, provided by UEFA coaches.



The Arts

If you are passionate about the Arts, our Art, Music and Drama Departments offer a whole host of opportunities for performance as well as entry into local art competitions.

Co-curriculum

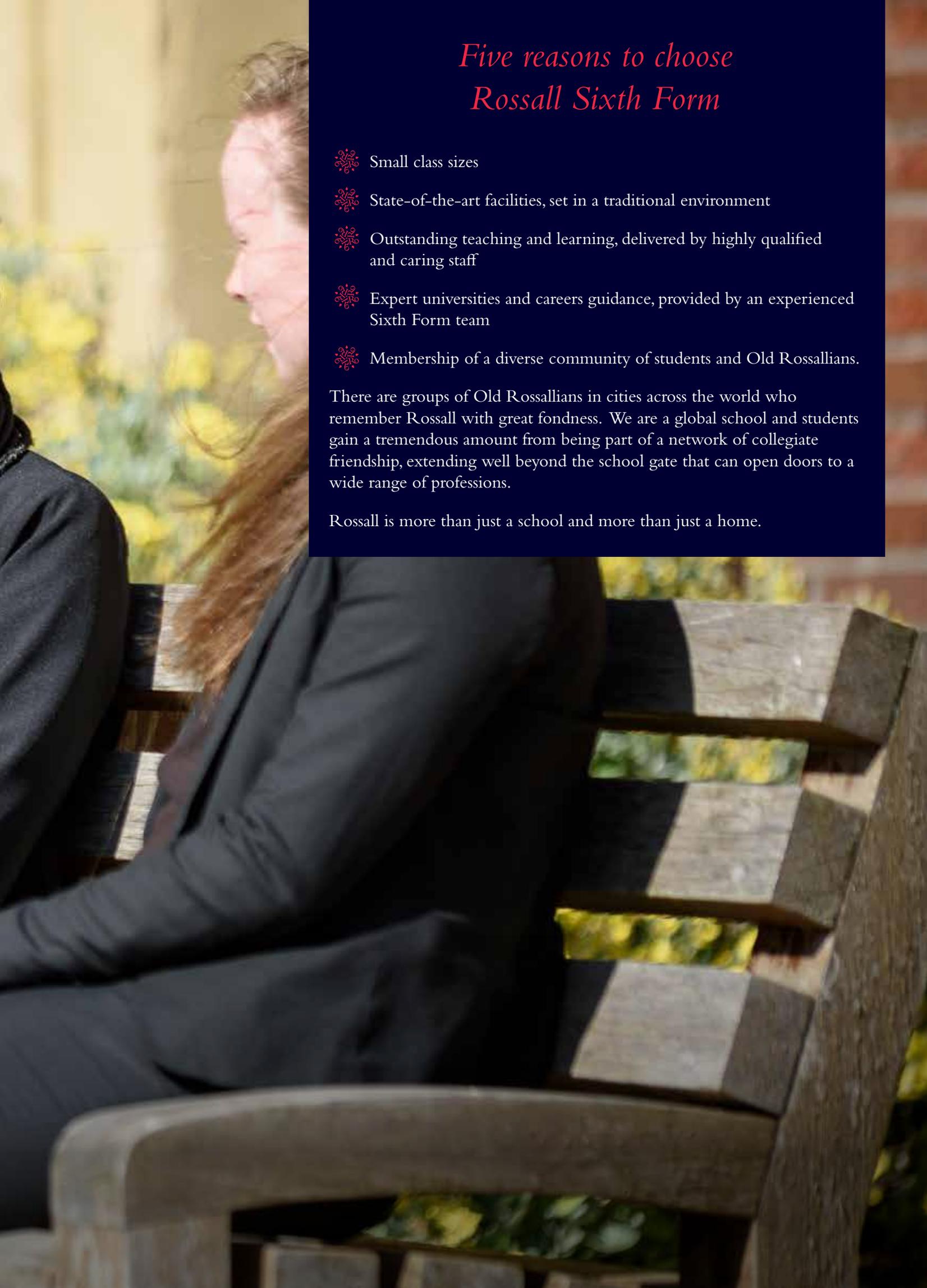
Furthermore, there are a wealth of additional clubs and societies offered to provide you with experiences related to your studies, such as MEDSOC, Young Enterprise, the British Physics Olympiad and Model United Nations.

Rossall Sixth Formers are busy people but if you still have some spare time why not challenge yourself with the Duke of Edinburgh Award, step out of your comfort zone with the World Challenge Expedition or donate your time to a charitable cause.



OUR
Difference

We seek to be excellent in all we do and we are ambitious for our students. We have high expectations of them and we support them in achieving this.



Five reasons to choose Rossall Sixth Form

- ❁ Small class sizes
- ❁ State-of-the-art facilities, set in a traditional environment
- ❁ Outstanding teaching and learning, delivered by highly qualified and caring staff
- ❁ Expert universities and careers guidance, provided by an experienced Sixth Form team
- ❁ Membership of a diverse community of students and Old Rossallians.

There are groups of Old Rossallians in cities across the world who remember Rossall with great fondness. We are a global school and students gain a tremendous amount from being part of a network of collegiate friendship, extending well beyond the school gate that can open doors to a wide range of professions.

Rossall is more than just a school and more than just a home.



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