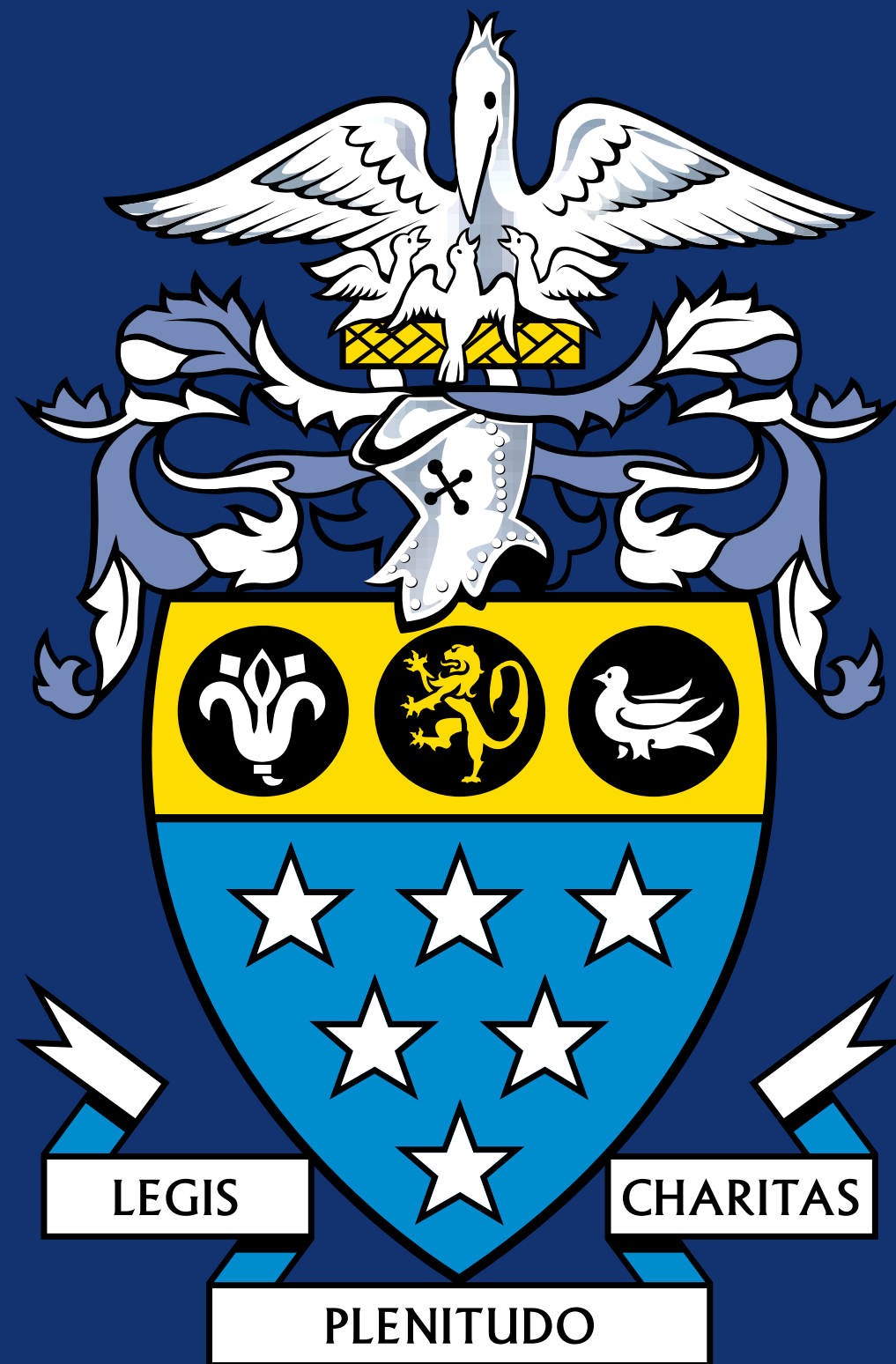




RATCLIFFE
COLLEGE

PROSPECTUS



WELCOME

We are delighted that you have shown a keen interest in Ratcliffe College. As a Catholic, co-educational, day and boarding school for students aged 3-18, we are much more than just a school; we are a family-orientated community committed to the transformation of young minds, hearts, bodies and souls, in the pursuit of all-round excellence.

At Ratcliffe College, we believe in Encouraging Big Ideas, and with an outstanding team of staff working in close partnership with parents, we nurture young people's God-given talents, to help them achieve their full potential in the classroom and beyond.

Our main intakes are into Nursery, Years 3, 5, 7, 9, 10 and Sixth Form, but we occasionally have places in other Years. It would be wonderful to welcome you

here in person, to meet our students and staff, and to share with you why we are all so passionate about this remarkable school.

The most important thing for us and our parents, is to see happy and healthy children. Happy children are receptive, productive children, who will enjoy learning and growing in the fullest sense – which is exactly what we are about.

Our vision is to educate young people in the spirit of the Gospels, within a community based on love and kindness, striving for excellence and aiming to fulfil students' potential in all areas. We look forward to welcoming you to Ratcliffe College.



Mr Jonathon Reddin
Headmaster



Judged **Excellent** in our 2022 ISI School Inspection

Achievement of pupils and academic development - **Excellent** ✓

Personal development of pupils - **Excellent** ✓



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NURSERY



PREPARATORY

'A FAMILY-
ORIENTATED
COMMUNITY,
STRIVING FOR
EXCELLENCE'



SENIOR



SIXTH FORM

‘LEARNING AND GROWING IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL’

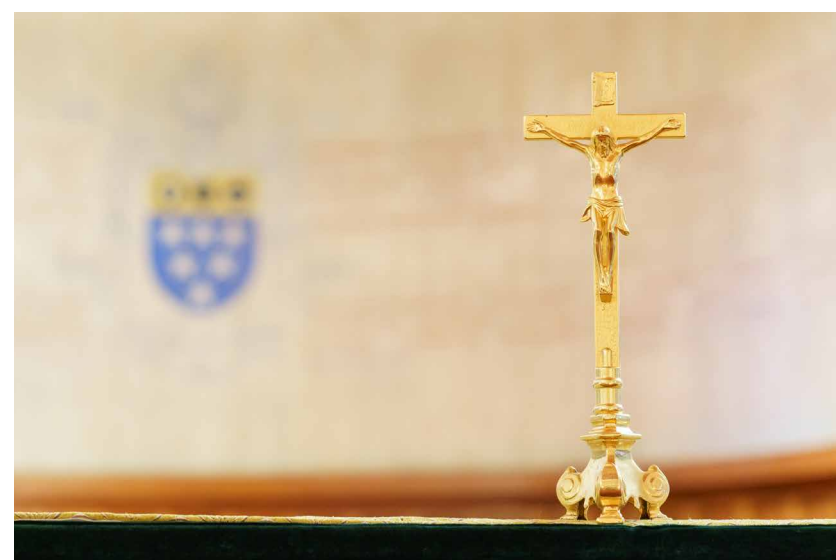


‘Pupils show excellent self-knowledge as a result of being encouraged regularly and given time to self-reflect.’

ISI Inspection (2022)

"At Ratcliffe, I feel
part of a family.
Everyone is so
welcoming and so
kind to you."

Niara, Year 6



'A CATHOLIC SCHOOL THAT WELCOMES ALL'

Founded by the Institute of Charity, more commonly known as the Rosminian Fathers, we are a Catholic school that welcomes all faiths within our fine traditions and buildings, while embracing the latest in new facilities and teaching practices.

The maxim of our Founding Order – Love is the Fulfilment of the Law – guides us to extend a spirit of altruistic, charitable love to all our students, of whichever denomination or none. Our deeply held values endorse a purposeful sense of 'can do', where exceptional pastoral care brings about the best in everyone. Charitable activities not only raise significant sums of money for those less fortunate than ourselves, but build good citizens of our students.

Encouraging **Big-Ideas**

Here at Ratcliffe College, the notion of encouraging big ideas is something that goes right back to our Rosminian heritage and sits firmly at the heart of our school today.

Ratcliffe is a place where you are never on your own, and where someone has always got your back. We believe in bringing people together and supporting their ambitions.

We believe that when you encourage a young person to think big, you encourage them to be the best version of themselves, both inside and outside the classroom.





**‘EXCEPTIONAL
FACILITIES TO
GROW AND LEARN’**



NURSERY



PREP
SCHOOL



SIXTH FORM
CENTRE



ATHLETICS
TRACK



COLLEGE
CHAPEL



STATE-OF-
THE-ART
CLASSROOMS



INDEPENDENT
STUDY SPACE



TRANQUIL
LOCKHART
GARDEN



CARBON-ZERO
BUILDINGS



FOREST
SCHOOL



200 ACRE
GROUND



2 BOARDING
HOUSES



STATE-OF-
THE-ART
FITNESS SUITE



ART STUDIOS
AND
GALLERIES



MEDIA
SUITES



HIGH
PERFORMANCE
THEATRE



SWIMMING
POOL



FLOODLIT AND
ALL-WEATHER
PITCHES



‘YOUR **HOME** FROM HOME’

BOARDING

Boarding is at the heart and soul of Ratcliffe College. Boarding lies at the centre of our school, literally as well as metaphorically, while its diversity and community spirit portray the essence of the College. We offer a truly nurturing, supportive environment with a strong sense of community welcome to all students.

The combination of academic, co-curricular activities and pastoral care is what makes Ratcliffe College a home from home for our boarders. There is a vibrant weekly programme of activities and excursions for boarders to relish.

By living within our boarding community, students experience first-hand cultural diversity that helps to instil tolerance, respect and compassion for all.

Come and try it for yourself at one of our free termly taster nights and/or weekends. Get in touch at admissions@ratcliffecollege.com, or speak with our Boarding team to sign up for a taster stay.

BOARDING OPTIONS

Ratcliffe has a rich history of Boarding which has taken many different forms over the years; now offering a number of boarding options to suit all:



FULL

7 nights a week



WEEKLY

5 nights a week



REGULAR

1-4 nights a week



OCCASIONAL

Pay as you go



**BOARDING
OPTIONS**

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“Boarding at Ratcliffe has made me much more independent. It’s a great community and everyone gets on well.”

Chris, Year 13





"Pupils' respect for diversity and cultural understanding is excellent. Pupils are highly aware of each other's differences, and they are very respectful and tolerant of these, reflecting on the school's aim to be a nurturing community which meets the needs of individuals."

ISI Inspection (2022)



‘LEARN
THROUGH
PRACTICAL
EXPERIENCES,
**DISCOVERY
AND PLAY**’



NURSERY (AGES 3-5)

The Nursery at Ratcliffe College is set within our College’s magnificent grounds. It is housed in a modern, delightful, single storey building, where our children benefit from the stimulating and idyllic outdoor area.

Our highly qualified and experienced Practitioners in Early Years work in partnership with all our families to establish exceptional relationships. Our philosophy is one of shared responsibility and mutual respect; we believe that this has a significant impact on each child’s happiness and learning. We hope that your child may soon be a part of this vibrant community!

In the Nursery, we provide a broad and balanced, child-centred curriculum, based upon the Early Years Foundation Stage framework. Our high staff - children ratios ensures that your child is always at the centre of learning and making excellent progress through the year.

Our learning in the Early Years focuses on practical experiences, discovery and play. We value every child’s experiences and then build upon them.

We always strive to maximise the children’s natural exuberance and their appetite for learning. We believe passionately that each child entrusted to us should enjoy School and become a happy, enthusiastic and competent learner. We establish the vital building blocks on which all future learning is based, within our loving and caring environment.



“Ratcliffe Nursery is like an extended family. My daughter loves coming to school, the teachers bring out the best in each child and they nurture them into confident, young people. Amazing teachers, fantastic surroundings with wonderful values.”

Nursery Parent



PREPARATORY SCHOOL

(AGES 5-11)

FIRM FOUNDATIONS

The Preparatory School is housed in its own award winning, state-of-the-art building, with bright, creative, well-resourced classrooms centred around a beautiful courtyard. Purposefully situated between the Nursery and the Senior School, the Preparatory School ensures a seamless transition for our younger children from Early Years to their Secondary education.

We provide a warm welcome to our younger Ratcliffians, offering a world of calm, purposeful and respectful learning, where the children are encouraged to recognise their God given talents and gifts. Class sizes are small, allowing for individual attention and ensuring that all children achieve their full potential, taught by highly creative and inspirational staff.

ENCOURAGING CREATIVITY AND FLAIR

The Preparatory School has a very full programme of sports fixtures, including many competitive festivals. Our children also participate in a busy, fun-filled, co-curricular programme, choosing from a whole range of exciting lunchtime and after-school clubs.

Music is a major strength, with several choirs and instrumental ensembles. There are several Year group drama productions through the year, and parents are also warmly invited to join us for our Class Assemblies.

“Pupils’ knowledge, skills and understanding are highly developed, and they readily apply their knowledge to new situations. Pupils have excellent attitudes to learning and considerable willingness to participate across all areas of their education.”

ISI Inspection (2022)

"My daughter joined Ratcliffe in Year 8; she was really lacking in self-confidence. Nurtured and encouraged by outstanding teachers over the ensuing years, she has grown into an insightful, independent thinker, and is now flourishing at one of the top universities in the country. Thank you, Ratcliffe."

Senior School Parent

'ACHIEVE
YOUR FULL
ACADEMIC
POTENTIAL'



SENIOR SCHOOL (AGES 11-16)

IN PURSUIT OF HIGH STANDARDS AND EXCELLENCE

Ratcliffe College has an outstanding academic record. Public examination results are consistently excellent, owing to our very high expectations, both in and outside of the classroom. Teaching is innovative and exacting of the highest standards, and regular communication between School and home supports every student's intellectual development.

All students, whatever their strengths, are helped to achieve their full academic potential.

Our extremely well qualified teaching staff, small class sizes and an emphasis on each individual student all add up to a hugely enjoyable learning

experience. A strong Learning Support Department enables all students in our care to achieve their best. The curriculum exemplifies both breadth and depth from Year 7 through to GCSE and Sixth Form.

Students and staff enjoy strong relationships which allow them to collaborate effectively together. Work is carefully monitored and regularly marked, with appropriate targets set.

We establish close partnerships with parents because we understand that the best outcomes happen when everyone works positively with one another



‘CONFIDENT, ARTICULATE AND INDEPENDENT YOUNG PEOPLE’



“Sixth Form pupils feel well prepared academically and socially for the next stage in their education.”
ISI Inspection (2022)



SIXTH FORM (AGES 16-18)

As a leading Independent Sixth Form College, we are underpinned by our strong sense of community, excellent pastoral care and our nurturing environment. Our students grow into compassionate, responsible and resilient young people, prepared for the world beyond Ratcliffe.

In the Sixth Form, we seek to inspire our students to develop intellectual curiosity, independent thought, and transferable skills so that each student can achieve his or her full potential and develop the capacity for a successful and rewarding future, in whichever route they choose to pursue. High quality teaching is complemented by an emphasis on students’ personal development. We aim for all students to develop into confident, articulate and independent young people who are prepared for the opportunities and challenges of adult life.

Day students and boarders alike benefit from our broad range of enrichment activities, including our INSPIRE programme of guest speakers, as well as societies, clubs and

- trips throughout the year. Sixth Formers also learn to manage their time effectively and to enjoy a healthy social life.
- Our Sixth Formers benefit from:
- ✓ Sixth Form Centre, with modern learning spaces and café lounge
 - ✓ Small class sizes
 - ✓ Independent study
 - ✓ On site Higher Education and Careers support
 - ✓ Co-curricular programme
 - ✓ Leadership opportunities
 - ✓ Excellent pastoral care
 - ✓ Sixth Form Boarding House, with common room and kitchenette



‘AN **ALL-ROUND** EDUCATION’

CO-CURRICULAR: **THE BIG SIX**

Co-curricular activities are extremely important at Ratcliffe College, complementing our academic programme.

Opportunities extend well beyond the classroom. We passionately believe in the importance of a well-rounded education, giving everyone the opportunity to make new friends, develop new skills and interests, and have a lot of fun along the way!

The Co-Curricular Programme, revolving around our Big Six: Chaplaincy, Sport, Music, Drama, Combined Cadet Force

and The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, is of outstanding quality.

The academic year culminates in 'Activities Week' when a vast array of trips and personal development activities are enjoyed by all students on and off campus.



CHAPLAINCY



SPORT



MUSIC



DRAMA



COMBINED
CADET FORCE



THE DUKE OF
EDINBURGH'S
AWARD

“The co-curricular programme has transformed my children. Not only do they love being active in so many areas, but they have developed into confident young people who embrace leadership and teamwork skills that have prepared them for life.”

Senior School Parent



MORE THAN JUST CO-CURRICULAR

Over 100 clubs and activities
beyond the classroom

- Develop current interests, skills and discover new ones
- Boost academic performance
- Use individual initiative
- Develop social skills
- Improve time management
- Become more confident and resilient
- Cultivate leadership potential
- University application – enhance individual experiences
- Understand the importance of commitment, respect, integrity, perseverance and tolerance

‘GROW EXPERIENCES,
MAKE CHOICES AND
TRY SOMETHING NEW’



ADMISSIONS - NEXT STEPS

- 1

APPLICATION
When you feel that Ratcliffe College is a strong possible choice for your child, we would encourage you to complete the online application form.
- 2

APPLICATION FORM
The Admissions Team will contact your child's current school for a reference, which will be considered alongside the assessment or examination.
- 3

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS
Entrance Examinations normally take place in the January or February, before the September your child is due to start with us.
- 4

OFFER OF PLACE
We aim to inform you of the outcome of your application within two weeks of the assessment. An offer is made by letter from the Headmaster, accompanied by acceptance paperwork.
- 5

ACCEPTANCE OF PLACE
On accepting the offer of a place, payment of your deposit along with final paperwork will secure your child's place.



**CONTACT OUR
ADMISSION TEAM**
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FEES

APPLICATION FEE (NON-REFUNDABLE)		
DAY	£99	
BOARDING	£125	
DEPOSIT (REFUNDABLE)		
DAY	£1000*	
BOARDING	£5000**	

* £500 refundable after one term and the remainder on leaving the School.
** £3,000 refundable after one term and the remainder on leaving the School.

If a student does not take up a place after confirming the acceptance of an offer and paying the Deposit, the Deposit will be forfeited.

DAY FEES	PER TERM	PER ANNUM
Nursery – Cygnets and Swans (Age 3+)	£3,780	£11,340
Reception – (Age 4+)	£4,270	£12,810
Preparatory School (Years 1 to 2)	£4,270	£12,810
Preparatory School (Years 3 to 4)	£4,462	£13,386
Preparatory School (Year 5)	£4,820	£14,460
Preparatory School (Year 6)	£5,566	£16,698
Senior School (Years 7 to 8)	£5,566	£16,698
Senior School (Years 9 to 13)	£6,563	£19,689
BOARDING FEES		
Weekly Boarding (Years 6 to 8)	£8,566	£25,698
Weekly Boarding (Years 9 to 13)	£9,585	£28,755
Full Boarding	£12,870	£38,610

Regular Part Time Boarding –
Charged at £59 per night where at least 1 full term's commitment is given for 2 or 3 nights in each week and at £55 per night where at least 1 full term's commitment is given for 4 nights in each week.

Occasional Boarding –
Charged at £61 per night.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Ratcliffe College offers a wide range of Scholarships to recognise academic, sporting, musical, dramatic and artistic talent amongst students for the Senior School.

We have the highest expectations of our Scholarship students; challenging each of them to fulfil their potential in all their endeavours. Scholarships are normally awarded on entry to Year 7 and Year 12, and can be awarded within the range of 5 – 20% of the school fee.

BURSARIES

As a Catholic School our aim is to help children who, under normal circumstances, would not be able to benefit from a Ratcliffe education. Bursaries are available for up to 80% of a student's School Fee and in exceptional circumstances up to 100%. All awards are subject to parental means testing. For those entering Years 7 or 12, bursaries are allocated annually, following interview and assessment of any perceived and noteworthy talent, and a formal application for bursarial assistance, which includes parental means testing.



SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

The school currently operates several bus services bringing in students from a wide area, using coach service and both school vehicles. The route details can be found on the school website but cover generally: South and East of Leicester, two routes from Nottingham, East Bridgford and West Bridgford, North Leicestershire, Charnwood Villages and one route through the Vale of Belvoir.

Our aim is to have all students in school for 08:20am. Buses depart after the end of the extended school day at 6:20pm, to allow full participation in our extensive programme of co-curricular activities.

HOW TO FIND US

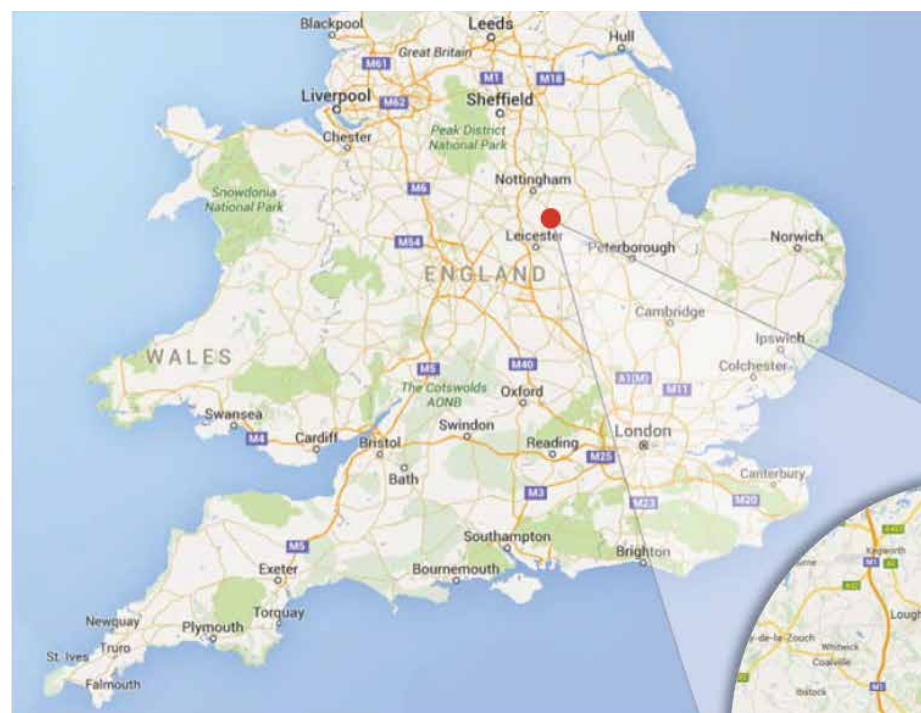
The College is easily accessible. Situated in the East Midlands, on the A46 seven miles north of Leicester, close to the towns of Loughborough and Melton Mowbray and the city of Nottingham, Ratcliffe College is conveniently located for the national motorway network.



TRAIN STATION
Leicester Railway Station
(20 Minutes)



AIRPORTS
East Midlands (45 Minutes)
Birmingham (1 Hour)
London Stansted (2 Hours)
London Heathrow (2.5 Hours)



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United Kingdom



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VISIT US

The best way for you to get a feel of life at Ratcliffe College is to come see us in person. We offer a range of experiences to visit us:

OPEN MORNINGS

Our twice-yearly Open Mornings take place during September and March each year, these public events are useful if you are looking to get a taste of the college, tour the grounds and speak to teachers. These events are relaxed and informal and provide the opportunity to ask any questions you might have and pick up any important information you might need.

TASTER DAYS

Your child may wish to spend a Taster Day at Ratcliffe on a normal school day either prior to taking the Entrance Examination or Assessment or after being offered a place with us. We find this works very well in terms of each child becoming familiar with the school grounds and classrooms, the daily schedule, the content of lessons and how they are delivered, the personalities of teachers and children at the school and generally the overall culture of the school.

ONE TO ONE VISIT

We offer a personal visit experience for you and your child. This will include an introduction from the Headmaster and a short tour of the school with an existing pupil. These events are usually provided for those who are looking at registering their child and have specific questions about the entrance examinations and admissions process, or just want to find out more about life and boarding at Ratcliffe. These events are organised at a time that best suits you and corresponds suitably with school timetabling and staff availability.

SIXTH FORM EVENINGS AND TASTER DAYS

We also host specific Sixth Form Evenings and termly taster days which are designed for those looking to join us for Year 12 and Year 13 during the A-level period. These events provide a bespoke and personal experience for you. We would suggest booking online in advance to visit Ratcliffe College.



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