

# ROCHESTER INDEPENDENT COLLEGE

## ROCHESTER, UK



Age Range  
16-18



Private  
Boarding  
School



EU Students  
accepted



NON-EU  
Students  
accepted



Term  
3-4 months



Semester  
5-6 months



Academic  
Year



Special  
Programmes



London  
Gatwick  
Airport



### A PROGRESSIVE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE WITH SMALL CLASS SIZES AND EXCELLENT UNIVERSITY PREPARATION!

Studying at Rochester Independent College (RIC) combines academic rigour with a creative buzz. Established in 1984, RIC is a locally and internationally renowned private boarding school. There's no uniform, and students and staff are on first name terms, giving the college a university atmosphere.

Both academic and creative, the college is high performing at A Level and offers over 40 different courses for students to choose from. It has a very well-established reputation in STEM subjects and many students have passed through RIC on their way to careers in areas such as Medicine, Veterinary Science and Engineering. Creativity is also central to RIC. It is one of the leading creative boarding schools in the UK and all arts staff are practitioners with industry and studio experience in disciplines as diverse as Filmmaking, Ceramics and Illustration.

Flexibility is at the core of what RIC offers. They aim to offer a bespoke programme to each individual student with every element of the provision being student-centred. Students leave RIC not only with excellent examination results but with an enthusiasm for the future and confidence in themselves and their education.

### Where is Rochester Independent College?



### Facts about Rochester

- Population: 67,000
- 40 minutes from London
- Closest airport: London Gatwick Airport
- Rochester is a beautiful historic city which provides an idyllic place to study



SCHOOL TYPE	
State (Public)	
Private Day	
Private Boarding	●

QUALIFICATIONS AVAILABLE	
A Level (1 year intense)	●
A Level (2 year)	●
GCSE	●
T Levels	
BTEC	
Extended Project Qualification	●
University Foundation	
IB	
Other (iGCSE)	



## Total Number of Students Enrolled

**340**

## English level required

**B2**

## Teacher : Students Ratio:

**1:08**

## Average number of different nationalities

**30**

## SCHOOL ACCREDITATIONS

Good Schools Guide Award  
Winner for Maths, Chemistry, Film  
Studies, Sociology and English  
Literature

## Total Number of International Students Enrolled

**85**

## University Acceptances

- The University of Oxford
- The University of Cambridge
- London School of Economics
- The University of Edinburgh
- Imperial College London
- University College London
- King's College London
- The University of Manchester

## RANKING

**1/3 of students  
achieve grades A\*/A  
at A Level**

**STEM**

## School Uniform

**NO  
uniform required**

**A\* - C Grades**

**85%**



CORE SUBJECTS	
Maths	●
English Language	●
English Literature	●

SCIENCES	
Biology	●
Chemistry	●
Agricultural Science	
Environmental Sciences	
Statistics	●
Sport Science	
Physics	●

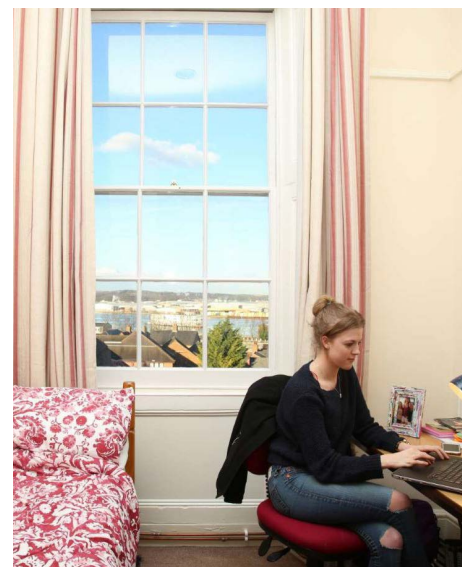
LANGUAGES	
French	●
Spanish	●
Russian	●
Mandarin	●
Italian	●
Turkish	●
German	●
Latin	●

SOCIAL SCIENCES	
Psychology	●
Religious Studies	●
Business Studies	●
Sociology	●
History	●
Government & Politics	●
Accounting	●
Classics	●
Geography	●
Economics	●
Philosophy	●

PRACTICAL/BTEC	
Travel & Tourism	
Food Science & Nutrition	
Engineering & Electronics	
Hospitality & Catering	
Hair & Beauty	
Business Studies	
Physical Education	

MUSIC AND ARTS	
Music & Music Technology	●
Art & Design	●
Drama	●
Photography & Film	●
Art History	●

TECHNOLOGY	
Media Studies	●
Computer science/IT	●
Fashion & Textiles	●
Graphic Design	●



## BOARDING AT ROCHESTER

RIC offers a real alternative to traditional independent boarding schools and the on-campus halls quickly become a home from home for over 100 students each year. Boarding is all in single rooms, some of which have ensuite bathrooms. The accommodation has the informality of a university hall of residence but with the supervision and pastoral support appropriate for older teenagers. The emphasis is on providing a comfortable, happy and fun environment. Moving to a new school can be tough, but at RIC there's a dedicated team of boarding staff to help students feel at home. There are also academic tutors living in each of the halls to provide expert homework help in the evenings. Boarders are supported by the college nurse and a team of academic personal tutors.

Over half of the cosmopolitan mix of boarders each year are English, including many from Kent, but the college also welcomes international students. As half of the residential community is new each year, it's easy to make new and interesting friends. Overseas students are fully integrated into the life of the school rather than in a separate international study centre. The college also doesn't have large groups of native speakers from any one country, creating the perfect environment for English language immersion.



## MEDICAL PREPARATION

Rochester Independent College has helped prepare students for medical, dental and vet school entry since 1984. The school's teachers and university application advisors offer a support programme that will help students increase the chance of winning a place, to build on academic and personal strengths and help develop confidence as a potential medical professional.

Intensive one-year A Level Science and Maths courses have been successfully taken by high-flying students preparing for Medicine, Dentistry and Vet Science courses. Traditional two-year A Level courses are also on offer. RIC is part of Dukes Education and as such, students also have access to some of the best specialist university applications advice available as well as UCAT and BMAT preparation courses through Dukes Medical Applications.

## SPORTS & EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Basketball
- Athletics
- Swimming
- Chess
- Coding
- Yoga
- Photography
- Drama
- Textiles
- Film
- Club Fitness
- Music Tuition
- School Trips

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completed application returned to Educatius
- Previous 2 years grade transcripts
- Teacher reference
- Rochester Independent College English assessment
- Interview with Rochester Independent College



## WHY CHOOSE ROCHESTER INDEPENDENT COLLEGE?

### OUTSTANDING STUDENT SUPPORT

Classes at RIC are very small (usually around 8 students), contact time is high (6-8 hours of contact time per subject per week), and individual help is plentiful. Teaching is similar to a seminar or tutorial at university. Rather than individual desks, students gather around a table while tutors encourage them to discuss different aspects of a topic critically. All of this leads students to be more active in their education and achieve outstanding academic success.

### UNIQUE FACILITIES

The college is based in an enclosed campus of beautiful and historic Georgian buildings. As well as an on-site AstroTurf pitch and a gym, the campus also features award-winning gardens, a student allotment, an underground theatre space, singing musical gates, and a mathematics garden house, which all add to the college's unique and homelike atmosphere.

### EXCELLENT PROGRESSION

RIC is the perfect stepping-stone between school and university. The college has an unrivaled record of placing students at their first choice university. Course places won include disciplines as diverse as Architecture, Palaeontology and Aerospace Engineering.