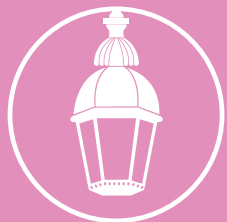


RGTS Sixth Form

Information for
prospective students



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About our sixth form

The RGTS Sixth Form provides transformational education opportunities to support the growth and development of young people. Our students leave school as young adults and as professional, responsible global citizens who have a clear vision for their futures.

Our approach to post-16 education is different to many others you may have seen. We offer two subjects as it is our belief that you deserve curriculum specialists who not only have a deep knowledge of their subject, but also a passion that drives them to provide you, as students, with the high quality education you deserve.

The Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma qualifications that we offer are:

- Business & Finance
- Engineering

We are the **only local provider** offering the Extended Diploma in Engineering.

Our specialist curriculum offer means you are guaranteed to share lessons with people who are like minded, enthusiastic and committed to excellence in the same way as you.

What makes the RGTS experience unique goes beyond the classroom. Our Character Development Programme has been designed with your future in mind. Whatever pathway you decide on, activities are tailored to make sure you achieve your goals.

This rounded and bespoke approach to your education makes RGTS Sixth Form the perfect place for you to open doors, seize opportunities and achieve everything you desire.

RGTS Partners

Being part of the University Schools Trust, RGTS has a unique network of six world-leading university partners: University of Greenwich, Queen Mary (University of London), University of Warwick, King's College London, University College London and the University of East London.



As a student at RGTS Sixth Form you will have access to these world leading universities. You will also enjoy bespoke workshops and specialist visits to campus as well as lectures and talks from visiting university speakers.

In addition, you will benefit from mentoring with university undergraduates and specialist support for writing personal statements and CVs.

All RGTS students are **guaranteed a place at the University of Greenwich** if they meet the published entry requirements.



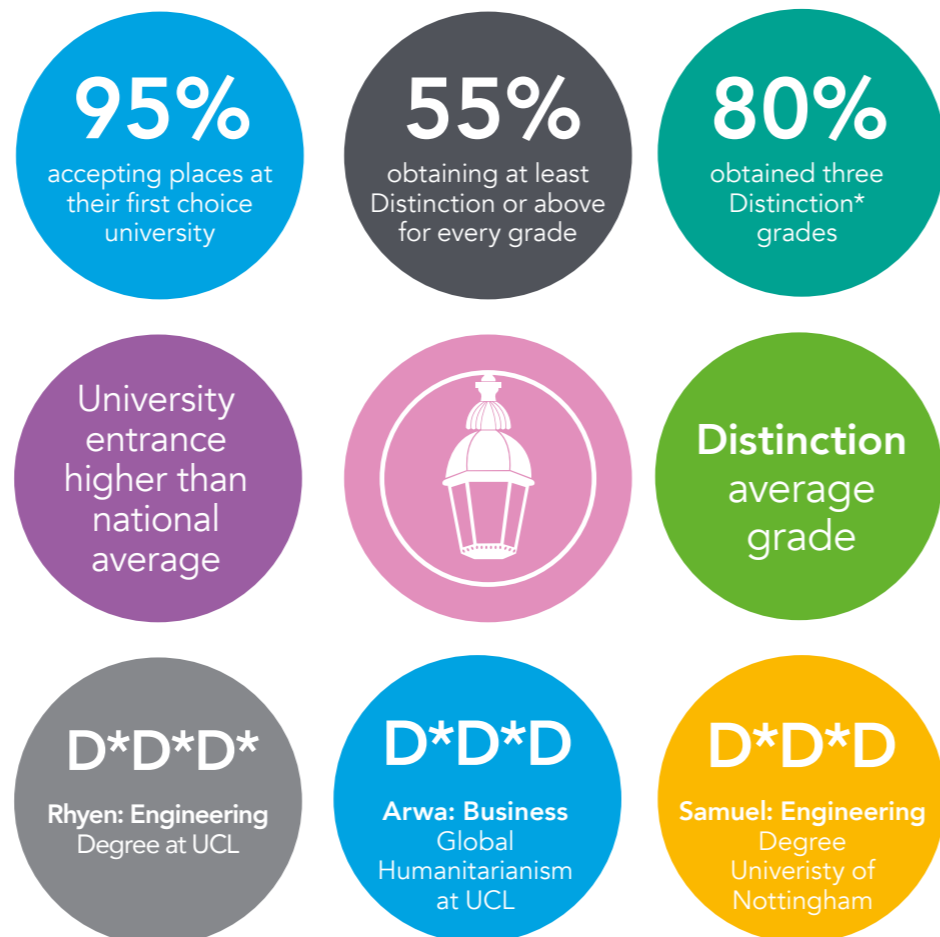
Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow

At RGTS we are very proud of our ethos, *Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow*, which maintains our focus on the fact that what we do now will impact what we can achieve in the future.



Learning Today: We are very proud of our record of students securing exceptional results. Year after year we have seen students graduating from RGTS with fantastic outcomes that allow them to pursue the vision they have for their future.

BTEC 2023 Highlights



Leading Tomorrow: the contribution of our former students to the wider world is significant and inspiring. The achievements of our alumni are a fantastic example of where an RGTS Sixth Form education can lead.



Zaynab: Architecture, Kent University

I absolutely loved the course! The practical parts really balanced out the classroom elements, so we had great variety in what and how we studied.

Studying BTECs rather than A Levels really suited me. It allowed me the freedom to focus on what I was interested in, within small classes of students who wanted to be there.

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What I didn't realise at the time was just how many opportunities the course would give me after leaving sixth form. It's been a brilliant platform for me.

My lasting memory of RGTS are the days we went out to practice surveying. This really caught my imagination and working in groups was absolutely fantastic.



Alex: Mechanical Engineering, University of Greenwich

I graduated from RGTS in 2021 and immediately took up my place at the University of Greenwich. I've grown up in a family of engineers so it was an easy decision to make. Even as a kid I was always building things out of Lego.

I'm having a brilliant time at university. My current project is building an automated vacuum cleaner that be programmed through your phone.

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I am so grateful for the platform that RGTS gave me. Not only was the course brilliant, but my teachers were so supportive when it came to making sure I chose the right university for me. The careers advice we received was invaluable.



Ismail: Civil Engineering, University of West London

I'm so thankful for everything that RGTS did to make sure I got on the right course at the right university for me.

My passion has always been understanding how technical things work, probably because it's second nature with so many engineers in my family. I am fascinated by understanding the nitty gritty stuff, not just admiring the finished product. That's why the course was perfect for me.

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RGTS was clearly the right choice for me. I didn't want to go to a college because you lose that focus on you as an individual. That never happened here. My confidence soared from taking part in the Character Development Programme and I wouldn't be where I am today without this rounded experience.



WORK EXPERIENCE IN ACTION

Two of our incredible Y13 students, Arwa and Borisas, completed week-long work placements at the London Stock Exchange.

Arwa spent time with the Market Operations team, getting to understand how stock is put onto the market. Of her experience she said: "It was overwhelming at first, but you quickly realise everyone there is just another person. I now see how important it is for a high functioning team that colleagues can communicate well with one another."

Borisas, who worked with the Customer Relationship Management team, was surprised to find out how easily he related to the people he met. Part of Borisas' experience included presenting to all the other students, where he spoke about how diverse the workplace was compared to what he was expecting.

Both Arwa and Borisas spent time networking with different members of staff, as well as taking part in mock interviews.

“The experience has lit a fire in me to make sure I secure my place at university.”



Understanding BTECs

How do they work?

BTEC Extended Diploma qualifications are studied full-time at RGTS, for 18 periods per week. Studying a Level 3 diploma is the equivalent of studying 3 A Levels, and is an academically demanding course of study.

What is the course structure?

1. Core units provide a broad foundation and understanding about the sector.
2. Optional units focus on particular interests and plans they have for next steps into further study, an apprenticeship, or employment.
3. A series of assignments which can be written or activity-based, e.g. working on an international specialist engineering project brief.
4. Students complete some assignments individually and some as part of a team.

Can I go to university afterwards?

Along with A Levels, BTEC Nationals are the most widely-recognised qualification to get into university. 95% of UK universities and colleges accepted students with BTEC qualifications, including universities from the Russell Group.

More than 100,000 BTEC students successfully apply to UK universities each year.

If I study a BTEC, do I have to do that subject at university?

As with A Levels, there are many transferable opportunities in terms of subjects. What you study at BTEC will not necessarily dictate the exact subject you study at university. If you have studied BTEC in a subject area, you can apply for a different subject at university.

What do employers think about BTECs?

BTEC has earned a worldwide reputation as a premier applied learning qualification because it can provide learners with a clear route into their career. Today's employers are looking for confident, work ready employees who have practical knowledge and technical skills that are taught when studying a BTEC.

How does the qualification provide employability and technical skills?

1. Reasoning and problem-solving skills: using critical thinking, approaching non-routine problems applying expert and creative solutions, using systems and technology, reading and analysing.
2. Intrapersonal skills: communicating, working collaboratively, negotiating and influencing, self-presenting skills.
3. Interpersonal skills: self-management, adaptability and resilience, self-monitoring and development.



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What career can I do with a Level 3 BTEC?

Engineering

- Aerospace or Automotive Engineering
- Bioengineering Communications / Telecoms / Network Engineering
- Manufacturing Engineering
- Marine Technology / Naval Architecture / Ship Science
- Computer Systems Engineering

Business and Finance

- Accounting and Finance
- Economics
- Human Resource Management
- Marketing and Communications
- Business Analytics



Entry requirements

Students do not need to have previously studied the specialist subject they want to pursue.

We offer Level 3 qualifications and students need 4 GCSE (or equivalent qualifications) with a minimum of a grade 4. This **must include** GCSE Maths grade 4 and GCSE English Language grade 4.

There will be an opportunity for a Level 2 retake course in English Language or Maths for suitable applicants.

How to apply

Every student needs to apply for a place on the course they want to do. This can be done easily through our website.

If your online application has been successful, you will be invited to attend an interview.

We will remain in contact with you until your first day in September. Enrolment will take place in August once GCSE results have been confirmed and entrance criteria can be met.



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