

REGENTS PARK



Community College

...really proud of our students, our college,  
our community...



## Welcome to Regents Park Community College

Regents Park Community College is a comprehensive school offering places for boys and girls aged between 11 and 16 years. It serves the educational needs of families in the west of Southampton.

The school has a tradition of high academic expectation, nurtured by a culture which values achievement in all activities and fully supports the development of each child to achieve success, gain self-confidence and be equipped as an independent learner.

OFSTED has rated Regents Park Community College as a 'good' school where students '*enjoy their learning, achieve well and make good progress in a broad range of subjects including English and mathematics*'. Progress at the school has had national recognition with SSAT placing Regents Park Community College in the top ten percent of schools for student progress.



As well as enjoying a varied, engaging and effective curriculum, students benefit from a range of artistic, cultural and sporting activities, with events and educational trips planned for every year group. Clubs and classes are scheduled for after school, and in KS4 students' revision is supported with an extensive programme which includes weekend and holiday sessions.

In addition to a high academic expectation, Regents Park Community College fully supports the development of students in every way. Our pastoral system ensures children are cared for and supported, but also challenged if they demonstrate poor learning behaviours or attitudes. Our Heads of Year each manage a year group giving an excellent oversight of pastoral care, guidance and support to ensure your child reaches his or her potential.

## Welcome from the Headteacher

I am extremely proud to welcome you to Regents Park; this brochure will give you a flavour of what makes Regents Park a very special place of learning. I am committed to excellence in learning and teaching and my priority as Headteacher is to ensure my students achieve more than they thought possible. In 2015 DfE national performance tables placed Regents Park in the top 10% of all schools nationally. The summer 2014 GCSE results showed continued rapid improvement, 66% of students achieving 5A\* – C including English and Maths – the best results by far on the west of Southampton.

Our rapid and sustained improvements were recognised during the last OFSTED visit in November 2014 with the inspection team describing the school as having *'a good ethos for learning'* and my leadership team as a *'determined group'*.

I look forward to welcoming you to Regents Park Community College.

With best regards, **Jonty Archibald, Headteacher**



“ The proportion gaining five GCSE grades at A\* to C, including Mathematics and English, is above the national average. ”

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## Transition from Primary School

Regents Park works very hard to give Year 7 students a smooth and positive transition to secondary school life.

We work closely with primary schools to ensure that we get to know each child and to understand their academic and social needs and abilities.

This personal and proactive approach ensures teaching is responsive and tailored to the individual. In Year 7 there is also a very strong focus on pastoral care which enables progress tutors to forge strong relationships with new students.

Parents' evenings held in July before our students start at Regents Park and during the first term, help to establish the crucial two-way partnership between home and school.



“ Good teaching results in students achieving well in a wide range of subjects and enjoying their learning. ”

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## The Learning Environment

The school provides a calm and ordered learning environment where students are treated as individuals. The school has an *'overall approach to aiming high'* and *'teachers have high expectations of what students will achieve.'* *'Staff are enthusiastic and enjoy positive relations with students. They ensure the pace of learning is good; effective questioning in most lessons is used successfully to check the progress of students and challenge them to go further.'* OFSTED 2014

We offer a broad academic and vocational curriculum with a combination of setted and mixed ability groups. A strong emphasis is placed on differentiated teaching and resources ensure that each student is fully included and challenged. Regular and consistent assessment ensures student progress is tracked and early intervention can be deployed to help students make progress.



More able students are nurtured and challenged through extension in the classroom, but there are also enrichment activities including educational visits and links with Southampton University.

Students with special educational needs benefit from a range of intervention strategies and receive additional support from teaching and non-teaching staff. The school assesses students for access arrangements for internal and external public exams. Parents should contact the special educational needs coordinator if their child requires support.



## Extension, Sport and Enrichment Activities

We offer a programme of extracurricular activities from a full range of sports clubs to creative writing and science clubs. Trips and excursions include French trips, a ski trip and even weekend sailing trips. Educational visits for Year 7 include a history trip to Porchester, local field work for geography, a visit to the Science Centre and Planetarium and a day in

Boulogne organised by the Modern Foreign Languages department. If your child is creative, we offer FREE individual music lessons to any student currently learning to play an instrument, and ALL students will have introductory lessons in brass, flute and keyboards. Older students can even try their hand at being a DJ on our own radio station!

For active children, the PE department organises sport enrichment days throughout the year and the student PE Champions support special tournaments.



“ The curriculum is adapted well to students’ needs and prepares students fully for life in the Britain of today. ”

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There is a competitive swimming gala which takes place in the school’s own pool or students can join one of the sports teams. Choose from football, netball, rugby, cricket, rounders or trampolining.

Our library is well stocked with books, magazines and DVDs and it is also home to a suite of computers. It is open before and after school for students who want to use resources for homework or simply want a quiet place to read.

## Getting Organised

The Regents Park student planner is an essential tool for preparing your child for the school day.

The planner contains your child's timetable, including extension and enrichment activities. It is also used to record the homework for each subject and the date for completion. Parents are asked to check their child's planner and to encourage students to pack their school bag the night before.

Regents Park runs a cashless catering system and encourages healthy eating. All students remain on site at lunchtimes and can choose to buy healthy, reasonably priced meals which are freshly cooked on the premises, or may bring a packed lunch. Please note, fizzy drinks are not permitted. Breakfast is also available from 8am in our dining hall.



The school promotes good and appropriate behaviour from students on their way to school and on their way home.

The school operates a strict uniform policy. For details, refer to the school website.



“ The students get on well together and accept each other's differences. ”

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# Applying for a Place

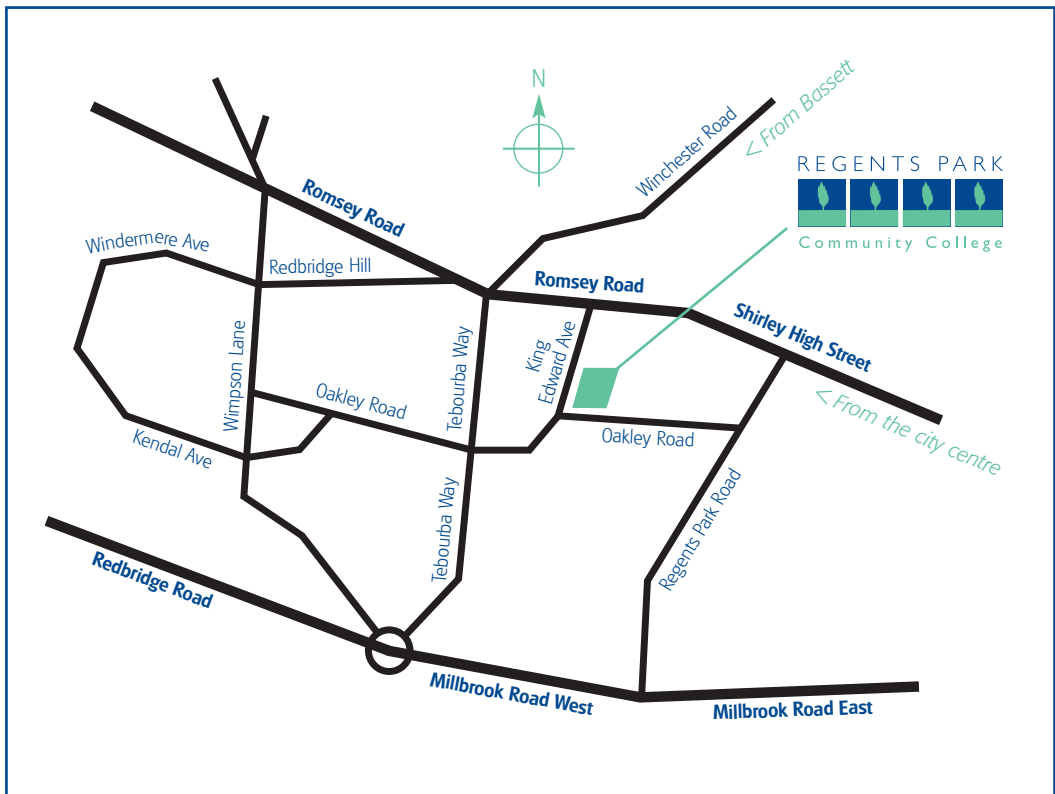
Applications should be made to the Admissions Team at Southampton City Council, under the Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme going online

<http://www.southampton.gov.uk/learning/applyingforaschool/>

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