

Rydal Penrhos School



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Rydal Penrhos School and Rydal Penrhos Preparatory School

Rydal Penrhos 11–18 years, Rydal Penrhos Preparatory 2½–11 years. (Penrhos College founded 1880; Rydal School founded 1885. Schools merged 1999)

Location

Rydal Penrhos School is in a wonderful, safe and unique location, nestled on the North Wales coast in Colwyn Bay and on the doorstep of Snowdonia National Park. It is ideally placed to combine a rigorous academic curriculum with a rich variety of outdoor activities that maximise the School's surroundings. The School is a 40-minute drive from Chester, and 60 minutes from Holyhead. Transfers from Manchester (70 mins) and Liverpool Airports (65 mins) allow easy access from Europe and beyond.

Ethos

Rydal Penrhos School plays a huge part in each pupil's journey from youth into adulthood. As well as providing scholarship and intellectual fulfilment, the School also tends to the individual's spiritual and personal wellbeing within the powerful framework of Christian values provided by its Methodist foundation. Achievement is the primary goal but the School also ensures that, in a spirit of community, tolerance and respect, every pupil leaving Rydal Penrhos has a set of qualities, values and skills to last a lifetime.



Curriculum

The School offers a broad range of GCSE subjects to match individuals' abilities and interests. After full consultation with teachers and tutors, Sixth Form pupils choose between A-levels or International Baccalaureate (IB, offered at the School since 2003). The same breadth of subjects is offered at this stage to allow pupils to maximise their strengths. The School also runs a one-year pre-sixth/pre-IB course.

Academic excellence 2014

In GCSE 90% of candidates achieved at least five good passes A*–C, with 48% of all grades awarded being A* or A grades; in A-level half of all candidates achieved at least one A; in IB the average point score was 34.5, with 25% of candidates achieving 40 points or above (out of 45).

Boarding

There are five well-established boarding houses, each looked after by experienced house parents and matrons who lead a team of tutors drawn from academic staff, with further support from the Health Centre and central care team. There is an extensive, well-supported and varied weekend and out-of-hours activity programme for boarders and day pupils to ensure good integration and encourage a sense of belonging.

School life: inside the classroom and out

Small class sizes, coupled with an individual tutor system which monitors academic and pastoral wellbeing on a one-to-one basis, mean that the learning process can be tailored to suit pupils' individual intellectual needs and capabilities. Rydal Penrhos School has the on-campus facilities to offer sports such as rugby, hockey, cricket, netball and swimming as well as squash, tennis, basketball and Eton fives. We also run a vast array of outdoor activities including sailing, kayaking, golf, climbing, gorge scrambling, orienteering and skiing.



Key facts

Type of school Co-educational boarding 11–18 and day 2½–18

Age range 2½–18 (Senior 11–18, Prep 2½–11)

Number of pupils 530 (Senior 352, Prep 178)

Number of boarders 143

Teacher/pupil ratio 1:8

Religious tradition Methodist

Fees per term Boarding £8,530–£10,505;

Day £2,340–£5,275

ISC associations HMC, IAPS, SofH

Affiliations BSA, IBO, MIST



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