



## **13+ FOUNDATION AWARDS FOR ENTRY IN SEPTEMBER 2026**

**Examination dates:**

**Tuesday 24 February 2026 for Prep Schools**

**Thursday 5 March 2026 for Local Schools**

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATION FORMS AND BURSARY AUGMENTATION IS  
FRIDAY 16 JANUARY 2026**

1. Rugby School offers Foundation Awards for day entry to the School. All such awards are for the full school career, subject to acceptable performance and behaviour.
2. Foundation Awards are used to widen access to Rugby School for local children  
The criteria we base decisions on are:
  - That the child should live within 20 miles of Rugby School and be applying for a Day place
  - That the child should demonstrate during our assessment the potential to contribute strongly to the academic and co-curricular life at Rugby School
  - That parents should be assessed as being eligible for more than 10% means-tested bursary support towards fees
3.
  - (a) Awards will be based on performance in a day of assessment at Rugby School; this will consist of Foundation Award examinations in English and Mathematics (no calculator permitted). There will also be a Verbal Reasoning Test. This will be run in conjunction with the Academic Scholarship. Foundation Awards will also consider a wider need for an education at Rugby School. In all cases the Head Teacher's reports will be of crucial importance. Those awarded a Foundation Award will not be considered as Scholars, but may be considered for an honorary Academic Scholarship Award, depending on their GCSE results as a student at Rugby School, for entry to the sixth form
  - (b) Foundation Award candidates will also have a general academic interview with a senior member of the Academic Team.
  - (c) Candidates who have not previously been registered for the School will also be interviewed for a place in the day houses.
  - (d) This combination of assessment will give candidates the full range of opportunity to show academic potential through native enthusiasm, industry, breadth of knowledge and personality.
  - (e) The interviews and examinations will take place at Rugby School on Tuesday 24 February 2026.

All enquiries about the Foundation Award should be addressed to: The Director of Admissions, Admissions Office, Temple House, 1 Barby Road, Rugby, CV22 5DW. Telephone: 01788 556274.

### **Award and Augmentation**

The value of a Foundation award is a fee concession of between 10% and 100% based on a means-tested bursary assessment which parents or legal guardians of the awardee may elect to accept. More than one award or scholarship can be awarded to a candidate although the total fee reduction is based on the means-tested bursary assessment. To access bursary support a Confidential Statement of Financial Circumstances must be completed and should be submitted to the Bursar before the examination closing date.

Completed bursary applications received after the closing date will not be assessed until after the result of a scholarship application is known and any bursary award may not then be offered at the time of joining the School. We are not able to provide an indication of the amount of financial assistance that may be available until the Registration Form has been completed and returned to the Admissions Office. Bursary application forms are obtainable from The Bursary, Rugby School, 10 Little Church Street, Rugby, CV21 3AW (email [funding@rugbyschool.net](mailto:funding@rugbyschool.net)). Additionally, at the Head Master's discretion, exceptional awards with a fee concession which may be greater than 5% can be made where, during the assessment process, we identify exceptional potential.