

We understand that choosing the right school is one of the most important decisions parents (and their children) will make and it's important to understand the school's priorities when making a selection.



While for some it may be an academic focus, for others it could be extra-curricular, facilities, pastoral care, or a combination of everything!

We've compiled a short list of areas we are asked most about during our Open Days and we hope this is helpful in preparation for your visit in advance.

### **Ask the students!**

During your tour, you'll get a great chance to see and speak with our students. Ask them how they feel about their school experience, the daily environment, what they like or dislike about the school, and what makes it special.

### **Ask the teachers!**

During the tour, you'll visit subject-specific classrooms from Early Years through to Sixth Form, and this presents a perfect opportunity to ask the experts. This can be anything from syllabus-related material to their experience.

### **Does Rockport prioritise pastoral care?**

Your child's well-being is of utmost importance, and you'll want to know if we prioritise pastoral care. You can read more [here](#), including a copy of our [Pastoral Care Policy](#), but we hope during your visit, you get a feel for the importance that we place on pastoral care and how passionate we are in teaching our students the importance of respect, manners, and helping one another, from an early age.

### **Does the school provide learning support?**

If your child requires additional support in the classroom, this is likely a point of interest. Understanding how a school can provide individual extra support is an important area for both you and your child. During your visit there will be a chance to speak with SEN specialists in all Key Stages of the school.

There is also an opportunity to understand how more able and gifted children are stretched to their full potential. We celebrate all abilities at Rockport!

These topics are, of course, just a small snapshot and additionally, you may like to ask about what a typical day looks like, the wrap-around provision for primary pupils, after-school clubs, student positions of responsibilities, food, fees (including our Scholarship & Bursary programme), the list is probably endless!

*We look forward to welcoming you!*