



Rugby School
Weddings

Imagine celebrating your perfect day in the atmospheric and historical grounds of our incredible surroundings...

Ivy clad archways, ancient rustic doors and sweeping cloisters provide dramatic backdrops and frames for unforgettable wedding photographs.

Quiet, enclosed quads provide an inspired setting for your guests to mingle and enjoy a pre-meal drink before settling down to enjoy a delicious spread in Old Big School, our elegant wood-panelled room that opens out to the quads and manicured lawns beyond.

For something larger, and even grander, our magnificent Temple Speech Room cannot fail to impress, while our sleek, modernised Collingwood Centre has a more contemporary touch.



We understand each wedding is as unique as each of the incredible venues we offer, so each and every occasion is tailor-made to each couple's dreams and wishes – no two celebrations are ever the same here.

A simple pricing structure helps with choice and budget while providing the flexibility to create a completely individual package.

Our professional caterers have created sumptuous wedding-breakfast menu choices all prepared by the head chef and his team using fresh, top-quality ingredients, while the creative cuisine is complemented by a selection of wines from the School's own supplier.

We are careful to listen to your ideas paying special attention to the finer details to ensure your dream day becomes a reality leaving you free to enjoy every moment.

Planning and endless possibilities are all part of the joy of a wedding we love to share.

So come and see us, experience this amazing setting first hand and imagine the incredible day you could have with us.

Richard Poole
Commercial Director





'Just a note to say thank you for making our wedding day so fantastic. I'm still trying to find an adjective to describe it! So many people told us it was the best wedding they had ever been too and obviously your advice and work contributed to that, so thank you!'

Rebekah & David



‘Thank you for all of your help with everything regarding our wedding. We had an absolutely brilliant day – couldn’t have asked for anything more. You and the team at Rugby School are amazing! Big thank you’

Louise & David

Exclusive wedding receptions at Rugby School

Boasting some of the most splendid buildings in the Midlands, Rugby School is the perfect backdrop for your wedding reception.

Offering a rare combination of heritage and beautifully maintained grounds all dating back to the early 18th century, these elegant, yet understated surroundings are steeped in tradition yet equally suited to a more contemporary wedding.

From an intimate gathering in the atmospheric Old Big School, to a larger celebration at the splendid Temple Speech Room or sleek Collingwood Hall to an even more romantic marquee on The Close, we can promise you an unforgettable day.

Civil Ceremonies

Our civil wedding licence enables couples to marry here, where these unique surroundings can be hired for the solemnization of a marriage for up to 130 guests.

The Chapel

The Chapel at Rugby School is available to Old Rugbeians for wedding ceremonies.

Please contact a wedding co-ordinator for further information.





Old Big School

Steeped in history and tradition, atmospheric Old Big School was the very first classroom back in 1815 and now provides a most elegant wedding location for up to 90 dining or 130 evening reception guests. Ideally located between Old Quad and the Chapel, this inspiring room's original wood-paneled walls still bear the carvings of pupils who studied there almost 200 years ago. Built to the Regency double cube structure, the acoustics here are excellent.

Room Capacity: Day 90 Evening 130

Collingwood Hall

Centred on an impressive three-storey, Pugin-style building, the Collingwood Hall is part of our fantastically restored Collingwood Centre that opened in late 2013, after almost a year of careful and clever restoration.

This wide and spacious room with warm wooden flooring is very much a blank canvas ready to be transformed into your dream wedding reception venue. Ideally suited to a themed event, complete with a wide stage, the light and airy Hall also has a modern, adjacent bar area with seating.

Room Capacity: Day 150 Evening 300



Temple Speech Room

One of the School's most magnificent buildings, the Temple Speech Room, opened in 1909 by King Edward VII and named after former Rugby headmaster Frederick Temple who later became the Archbishop of Canterbury, is a worthy venue for a spectacular wedding reception. Dating back to the early 1900's, this impressive and spacious room can seat up to 150 for a formal meal and host up to 300 guests for an evening celebration.

Room Capacity: Day 150 Evening 300

The Close

At the centre of all our venues, immersed in two centuries of Rugby School's history, lies The Close – a living monument to the origins of Rugby Football. It was here in 1823, that local boy, William Webb Ellis, caught the ball and ran with it inventing the tremendous game of rugby football. One of the most important sports heritage sites in the UK, this swathe of green in front of a backdrop of the soaring Chapel tower and the castellations of School House, provides an awe inspiring and breathtaking scene for the most elegant and dramatic of marquee wedding receptions.

Room Capacity: Up to 500





Catering

Chartwells, our caterers, are part of the Compass group and offer a wealth of experience in both private and corporate celebrations. They are well versed in catering for small and private dinners to large formal events nationwide.

Tried and tested by us, this professional team is second to none with its dedicated Head Chef and keen staff who pride themselves on creating special events unique to you and to your individual requirements. A mouth-watering selection of dishes form the basis of our catering packages, but the team is always happy to adapt, create an alternative or propose a bespoke design, made to order.

We offer a fully licensed bar service and can advise on wine and other beverage choices.

Recommended Suppliers

If you have something particular in mind, or are simply looking for inspiration, then let us support you with our list of trusted suppliers who we regularly work with. They can add all those extra touches to help make your day even better than you could imagine.

Please see the enclosed suppliers list for details of our recommended suppliers.



‘Our heartfelt thanks must go to you for the smooth running of every detail – not only on the day itself, but for all of the work in the weeks and days running up to it. We were able to relax and enjoy the whole of the wedding weekend due to our confidence in your skilful management. It couldn’t have gone better and we will cherish the memories forever’

Anne & Adam



‘Thank you so much for all the hard work and time that you gave to make our wedding day fantastic. Many of our friends and family have said how wonderful the venue was, especially the amazing food and wonderful staff – we would not have asked for anything more and the personal touch made it even more special.’

Rachel & Alastair



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