








Riverside School Prague

# A NEW HOME FOR RIVERSIDE

Fundraising Prospectus





















In 1994, two families began a journey beside the Vltava River with a shared vision for a school where young people would be known, challenged, and prepared to serve a changing world. Riverside has since grown from a small school into one of Central Europe's leading international schools.

Today, we have the opportunity to establish a permanent home for our Junior and Senior High students, creating a campus that will serve generations to come.

This is an opportunity to preserve what makes Riverside distinctive while expanding its impact for the future.

This prospectus shares our story, our vision, and our invitation to partner with us in equipping young people to lead, serve, and make a positive difference in the world.

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Graeme Chisholm, Director

# YOUNG PEOPLE NEED MORE THAN ACADEMIC SUCCESS

In a rapidly changing world, young people need more than excellent examination results. They need the skills, confidence, curiosity and character to navigate the future and make a meaningful impact.

For more than 32 years, Riverside has been developing an educational experience designed to do exactly that.

Going beyond traditional education, we combine outstanding teaching with innovative programmes, meaningful relationships and real-world experiences that help young people discover their strengths, develop their potential and prepare not only for examinations, but for life.

*"Riverside is a school that is tremendously successful in achieving exceptional, world-class standards, but without losing its focus on the well-being, happiness and all-round development of its students."*

British Schools Overseas Inspection Report



## SUPPORTING RIVERSIDE IS MORE THAN AN INVESTMENT IN A SCHOOL

It is an investment in establishing a permanent home for the next generation of leaders, servants, and bridge-builders for the nations.

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*"I will make you a light to the nations"*
***Isaiah 49:6***



*"Riverside International School is a person-centred community."*

British Schools Overseas Inspection Report, 2026

# MORE THAN A SCHOOL

## A Place to Belong, Grow and Flourish

Riverside is more than a school. It is a community gathered around a shared belief that young people flourish when they are known, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential.

Today, students from all over the world learn alongside one another in an environment defined by belonging, purpose, and mutual respect.

Families living internationally describe Riverside as their second home, a place where lasting friendships are formed and where learning extends far beyond the classroom. A place of stability, belonging and continuity.

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## Our Strategic Values



### Challenge

We believe young people rise to high expectations when they are supported by caring adults who know them well. We pursue excellence with courage, resilience, and determination, both in the classroom and in life.



### Community

Rooted in our Christian ethos, Riverside is a diverse and welcoming community where every individual is valued. Students learn to respect differences, build meaningful relationships, and contribute positively to the world around them.



### Care

Every child is unique and deserves to feel safe, supported, and known. Through strong relationships, pastoral care, and wellbeing support, we create an environment where students can flourish academically, socially, physically and emocionally.

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At Riverside in Prague, students from more than 60 nations learn together and go on to study, work, and lead around the world.

# INNOVATION IN PRACTICE

## Learning Beyond the Classroom

At Riverside, we believe education does not stop at the classroom door or end when the lesson is over. When young people are given opportunities to explore real-world challenges, use real tools, create, experiment and step beyond their comfort zones, learning becomes something they experience, not simply something they are taught.

**This is where confidence grows, curiosity is sparked, creativity is unlocked, resilience is tested and students begin to discover their own strengths, interests and potential.**

Through more than 150 challengingco-curricular „Skills for Life“ experiences, the Outdoor Adventure programme, Service Learning opportunities, an extensive music and drama program and our Innovation Centre, Riverside gives students opportunities to develop practical skills, serve others, work with experts and experience learning in new and meaningful ways.

We also use innovation to better understand each learner, combining rich assessment data with emerging AI technologies to support personalised learning and thoughtful teacher decision-making.

At Riverside, learning beyond the classroom is not an addition to education**.**

**It is education in action.**



### INNOVATION CENTRE

A dedicated space where students explore, question, create and design, using advanced technologies and hands-on tools to turn ideas into reality. Through experimentation, prototyping and problemsolving, students develop the creativity, confidence and skills needed to thrive in a rapidly changing world. Technologies and tools include: Laser engraver, Clay 3D printers, 3D scanners, Circular saws, Programmable embroidery machines.



### AI FOR LEARNING

Riverside is developing a forward-looking approach to AI in education through its AI for Learning Team, led by recognised expertise in AI and assessment. The team is exploring how AI can enhance teaching, assessment, feedback and student learning while keeping excellent pedagogy at the centre - with ambitions to develop a distinctive Riverside approach to AI and learning.



## RIVERSIDE PORTRAITS

Riverside has developed its own assessment application, bringing together more than 18,000 data points to help teachers understand each student's learning, wellbeing, self-efficacy and individual needs. AI is now being integrated to further enhance personalised learning and teacher decision-making.



## SKILLS FOR LIFE

More than 150 challenging co-curricular experiences, led by experts and practitioners, give students opportunities to discover new interests, develop practical skills and build the confidence to succeed beyond school.



## MUSICIANS FOR LIFE

All students have the opportunity to receive professional music instruction, perform in some of Prague's most beautiful theatres and concert halls, and create and record music in Riverside's stateof-the-art music studio.



## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Students develop resilience, leadership and practical skills through experiences including PADI diving courses in Spain, mountain and lifesaving training, canoeing and hiking across the Czech Republic and expedition experiences in Iceland, and more.



## SERVICE LEARNING

Students combine meaningful community service with intentional learning, developing empathy, responsibility and a deeper understanding of real-world challenges. International experiences have included Cambodia, Kenya and Tanzania.



# BUILT FOR IMPACT

**Riverside operates as an independent non-profit school.**

This has been a defining characteristic of our development. It enables mission first orientation and long term focus, where resources are reinvested into teaching, student support, and programme development.

Every resource, including philanthropic contributions, supports the mission, not margin.



## A PROVEN MODEL

- Students achieving outstanding academic results above UK and international standards
- Annual acceptance from the most prestigious universities in US, UK and Europe
- Highly skilled and passionate staff with long term commitments
- Strong community engagement
- Rated ‘Outstanding in All Areas’ in the last 3 School Inspections
- Graduates consistently praise Riverside for the personal development that enables them to stand out and make a meaningful impact

*“Riverside should become a beacon of excellence for other schools... a leader of innovation.”*

British Schools Overseas Inspection Report

**Isabella Demmer**
Class of 2027

Riverside International School



## BELLA'S STORY

**Riverside gave me a second chance at my future.
It gave me a path I didn't even know was possible.**

I played football competitively for 13 years. I was on the Czech national team and captain at SK Slavia Prague. It was what I was known for. When a chronic illness forced me to stop playing, I thought I would never find something I was this passionate about again.

Luckily, I found it through the Innovation Center and Engineering Club. Right away, something just clicked.

What began as curiosity became a real direction. Through an internship at RoboTwin, a robotics startup here in Prague, I have spent the past year gaining hands-on experience in embedded electronics. I design circuits and schematics, take projects from a blank page to working boards, and have even created testing hardware from scratch when something didn't yet exist.

I am now in my final year at Riverside and plan to study electrical engineering or mechatronics and robotics.

None of this would have been possible without the people who believed in me and gave me the room to try, fail, and try again - Riverside included. I didn't know what I was capable of until I was given the chance to find out, and I can't wait to discover what else it might make possible.

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## KRISTIAN'S STORY

**Riverside gave me the confidence, curiosity and independence to step into new environments, connect with people and make the most of the opportunities in front of me.**

I spent ten years at Riverside, and what stands out most is the sense of community and encouragement. Whether you were succeeding academically, performing on stage, playing sport or getting involved in school life, people noticed. That encouragement gave me the confidence to try new things and discover what I genuinely enjoyed.

Growing up around people from so many different countries and cultures also prepared me for life beyond Riverside. Since leaving school, I have lived in several different countries, and I have found that there is almost always a shared experience or point of common ground that helps me connect with people.

For me, Riverside did far more than prepare me for university.
It gave me the confidence and curiosity to step into the world.



**Kristian Economou**
Class of 2022

Durham University, UK

**Dr. Spencer Thompson**
Class of 2005

University of Cambridge, UK
Riverside Board Member



## SPENCER'S STORY

**Riverside gave me a love of learning and a desire to make the most of my abilities. More than anything, it encouraged me to think about how I could use those abilities to benefit the world around me.**

I started at Riverside when I was eight. The school gave me a thirst for knowledge, a global mindset and the confidence to explore my interests. Those foundations stayed with me through university, a PhD at Cambridge and my career in economic policy and research.

Today, as a member of the Riverside Board, it is a privilege to give something back to the school that gave me so much. a blank page to working boards, and have even created testing hardware from scratch when something didn't yet exist.

## ROSALIE'S STORY

**Riverside made me believe in my own potential and gave me the confidence to pursue my goals with purpose and determination.**

When I think about what makes Riverside different, I don't think first about the academics - I think about the people. Everyone knew my name, believed in me, and valued me as a person, not just a student.

One piece of advice has stayed with me ever since my science teacher, Mr Miller, said, „It is better to break a test tube than to never pick one up." Those words gave me permission to be curious, to make mistakes, and to keep trying. Looking back, they helped shape the confidence that led me to study engineering and applied science.

Riverside prepared me academically to earn a place at Columbia University, but its greatest gift was shaping the person I became.

Through the example of my teachers, Friday Assemblies, and many everyday moments, I discovered that education is about far more than knowledge.

Riverside's Christian ethos wasn't something we simply learned about, it was something we experienced. Our teachers shared their own stories of faith, compassion, and hope, inspiring me to think about the kind of person I wanted to become.

Through opportunities to serve, mentor younger students, and learn alongside others, I came to understand that leadership begins with caring for people. Those lessons continue to guide me long after leaving the classroom.



**Rosalie Kakosova**
Class of 2026

Columbia University,
New York City, USA


Divorka Sarka Natural Park
Golf Driving Range
Dzban Water & Wake Park
New Campus Buildings
Riverside
International School
Public Transport Access




# A NEW HOME FOR RIVERSIDE

What began as an urgent need for a new home has opened a remarkable opportunity for Riverside‘s future.

We believe we have been entrusted with something special: a place where our mission can flourish for generations to come.

# OUR FOREVER HOME

## Why now?

For more than thirty years, Riverside has faithfully pursued its mission of developing young people through outstanding teaching, meaningful relationships, and exceptional educational programmes.

We have always invested in people first, while relying on temporary leased facilities. Yet one challenge has remained: our High School has never had a permanent home.

Today, Riverside stands at a pivotal moment in its story. We now have the opportunity to secure a permanent home where that mission can flourish for generations to come.

By bringing our Junior and Senior High students together on one campus, we can provide long-term stability and create future-focused learning environments where generations of young people will continue to belong, grow, and flourish.

**This is more than a move.**
**It is a turning point from temporary provision to permanent foundation.**









# BUILDING MORE THAN A CAMPUS

## Our Vision Goes Further

We will transform these buildings into outstanding, future-focused learning environments that will elevate the student experience for generations to come.

Riverside already has the programmes, expertise and educational approach to help young people explore, create, serve, experiment and discover their potential.

**The new campus will give Riverside the space and infrastructure to expand these opportunities, taking what is already innovative and making it exceptional.**

### AI FOR LEARNING INSTITUTE

A dedicated environment for students to explore AI, learning data, computational thinking and emerging technologies.

### RESEARCH CENTRE

Riverside can develop partnerships and seek grants to build its capacity for futurefocused educational research and innovation, sharing learning across the region.

### INNOVATION & TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

The new campus will enable Riverside to significantly expand access to advanced technology, allowing more students to create, research and solve real-world problems.

### WELLBEING & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

The new campus will provide significantly more space for collaboration, recreation, sport, wellbeing and personal development.

# THE ROLE OF PHILANTHROPY

## Turning Vision into Reality

A permanent home provides the foundation.

Philanthropy transforms that foundation into extraordinary learning environments where Riverside's mission can flourish for generations to come.



### Tuition

Sustains Riverside's educational mission.



### Bank Financing

Secures our permanent home.



### Philanthropy

Creates the future-focused learning environments that bring our vision to life.

**These three elements together make possible something none could achieve alone.**

Together, we are investing in the next generation of young people who will lead with character, serve with compassion, and make a positive difference in the world.

# JOIN THE STORY

Riverside's next chapter is being built now.

There is a place in this story for those who believe in the potential of young people and want to help shape the future they will inherit.

Join us in creating a permanent home where the next generation can belong, grow, discover their gifts, and flourish.

## Tuition provides education
## Philanthropy builds the legacy



# LET'S START A CONVERSATION

Every philanthropic partnership begins with a conversation.

If you would like to learn more about Riverside's vision for the new campus, contact us, arrange a visit, or explore ways to become involved, we would be delighted to hear from you.

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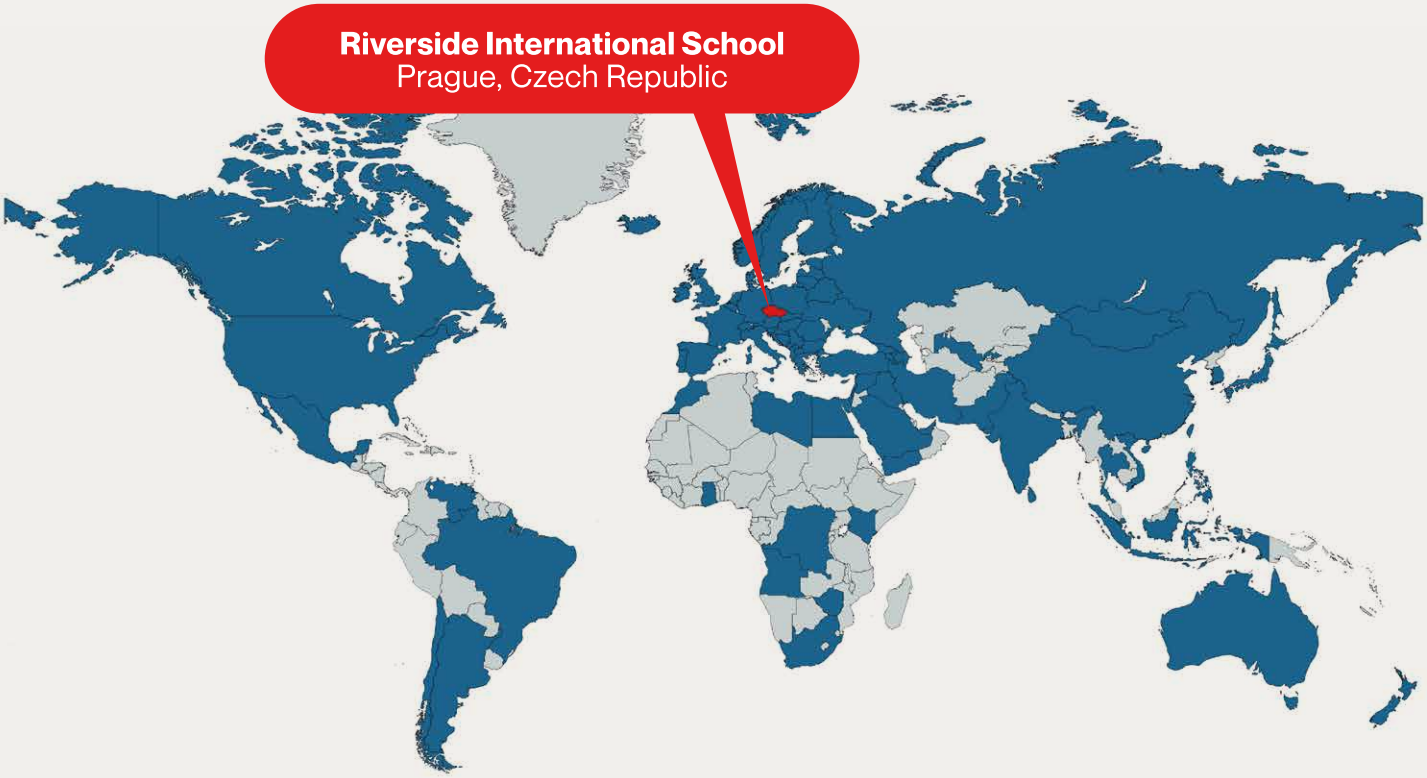
This map highlights the global reach of Riverside, from the countries our students come from to the places their journeys take them, carrying with them the experiences, relationships and values that shape their lives at Riverside.




***"...FOR THE NATIONS"***

Isaiah 49:6

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