

PRESS RELEASE

Whilst many eminent public schools, such as Harrow, Dulwich and Shrewsbury, have recently opened new international branches in overseas locations, Colonel Keith Boulter, Principal of Riddlesworth Hall, has reversed this by joining in partnership with Dr Virachai Techavijit, Chairman of the Regent's Schools in Bangkok and Pattaya and Honorary Consul of the Republic of Estonia for Thailand, to form Regent's UK, based at Riddlesworth. This exciting new venture will mean that, annually, Regent's Scholars of Thai, Chinese, Korean and Japanese nationalities will join classes with the English pupils for a full academic year at Princess Diana's old prep school near Diss in Norfolk.

Colonel Boulter, commenting on the partnership, said "The Regent's Schools in Thailand are centres of academic excellence with their graduates currently attending Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, Imperial College and many other well known British universities and we look forward very much to welcoming Regent's scholars to Riddlesworth as part of Regent's UK. Our pupils will introduce them to British sport, music and drama and to the delights of an English School lunch! As bilingual pupils, Regent's Scholars will participate in the full English curriculum and a Thai & Oriental after-school club will be established which will give them a chance to share not only the cultural diversity of their homeland but also the delights of Thai & Oriental food which does not come in the form of pot noodles!"

Riddlesworth Hall, founded in 1946 as a girls-only boarding and day school, was already co-educational in the Pre-Prep when the School turned fully co-educational in 2008, admitting its first boy boarder. Now, once again breaking new ground, Riddlesworth Hall will become home for several Regent's scholars each year, boys and girls, in a partnership which will see the School enter an exciting new phase in its life.

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