



ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Information for prospective parents



St Richard Reynolds is a place where our young people come first, are loved, listened to, challenged and inspired.



From the Principal, Richard Burke

Choosing the right school for your children, who are precious gifts from God, is a vitally important decision. We recognise the crucial role played by you as parents in the education of your children. You want them to be happy and successful so you need to feel confident that we will provide the environment where this will happen. St Richard Reynolds is a place where our young people come first, are loved, listened to, challenged and inspired.

We seek excellence in all that we do and if you entrust your child to us we will work tirelessly to achieve this. We are hugely ambitious academically for all our pupils, and will do all we can to ensure that they secure the results to go on to the world's best universities and on to careers of significance, influence and service. However, we also want them to live lives which are personally, socially and spiritually fulfilling. During their time with us, we hope to develop within them a love for art, music, dance, theatre and God which will enrich the whole of their lives.



We are deeply committed to opening the hearts and minds of our young people in every way. We have an outstanding enrichment provision, including sports, arts, clubs, leadership and challenge activities, that all combine to provide a high quality education of the whole person.

If you are considering applying for a place for your child here you will be most welcome to come and see us at work; so please make an appointment to join one of our regular College tours.

I look forward to meeting you.

St Richard Reynolds Catholic High School Admissions 2017-18



The College is a federation of St Richard Reynolds Catholic High School and St Richard Reynolds Catholic Primary School. The High School is a voluntary aided co-educational 11-18 school within the trusteeship of the Diocese of Westminster in partnership with the RC Diocese of Southwark. Eventually it will provide 1,050 places, including 750 places for children aged 11-16 and 300 sixth form places for young people aged 16-18. The admission number for Year 7 in the High School is 150. Applications are invited for children currently in Year 6 at primary school (or equivalent) from all who wish their children to have a Catholic education; in the event of over-subscription priority will be given to Catholic children.

If you would like to arrange a visit, please see the website for details of open days and tours or contact the College by e-mail at office@srrcc.org.uk or by telephone on **020 8325 4630**.

The closing date for applications for places in September 2017 at St Richard Reynolds Catholic High School is **31st October 2016**. If you apply online, your outcome will be advised on 1st March 2017. If you applied on paper, your outcome will be sent by first class post on 1st March 2017

Children from all faiths and none are very welcome but if the High School is oversubscribed, priority is given to baptised Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of Our Lady Queen of Peace, East Sheen; Sacred Heart, Teddington; St Edmund of Canterbury, Whitton; St Elizabeth of Portugal, Richmond; St Francis de Sales, Hampton; St James, Twickenham; St Margaret of Scotland, East Twickenham; St Mary Magdalen, Mortlake; St Osmund, Barnes; St Theodore, Hampton; St Thomas Aquinas, Ham and Our Lady of Loreto and St Winefride, Kew.

The full Admissions arrangements are available from the College office and are on the College website at: www.strichardreynolds.org.uk

NB You must complete and return a Common Application Form (CAF) to your home local authority for your application to be considered. Supplementary Information Forms and proof of Catholic practice (where applicable) should be returned to the College office.

Mission & Identity

A community rooted in the love of Christ



Our mission is, as a Catholic community rooted in the love of Christ, to help each other to become the person whom God has created us to be. We do this by:

- aiming for excellence in every area of our learning
- showing love and care for each other
- responding to the call of God in prayer
- committing ourselves to justice and service

We follow the call of St Richard Reynolds to 'see the good things of the Lord' in each other, in our academic studies, in our appreciation of the world around us and in our own God-given gifts and talents. With God's help, we strive to be a community where the gifts of the Holy Spirit are evident in our daily lives: love, peace, faithfulness, joy, goodness, gentleness, patience, self-control and kindness. Diocesan inspectors judged the College to be outstanding in every category. Their report may be found on our website.

The Curriculum

An inspiring academic experience

"Believing that students learn best when they are happy, staff successfully make sure that they feel safe and secure, and build up their confidence. Students make outstanding progress in practically all subjects and attain high standards". Ofsted, March 2015



We are committed to providing children with an inspiring academic experience which is pupil-centred and stimulating. We adopt a pioneering, global and independent approach to what we teach. The College delivers the National Curriculum plus Latin and Drama. We seek excellence in all subject areas: Catholic religious education is the core subject of the curriculum. Our pupils also participate in weekly co-curricular activities giving them the opportunity to participate in areas of learning in which they are interested, providing the opportunity to share their enthusiasm, enhance their transferable skills and develop a love of learning. Ofsted inspectors judged the College to be **'outstanding'** in every category: leadership and management; behaviour; teaching; and achievement. The full report is on our website.

Music

Every pupil, whatever their ability, has the opportunity to learn a musical instrument in school



St Richard Reynolds Catholic College has a specialism in Music. Music is vital in bringing together intellect and feeling, and enabling personal expression. Music permeates the life of the College; pupils participate in Masses, singing assemblies, concerts and trips, and there is a thriving co-curricular programme. All pupils develop keyboard technique, study music theory and develop their understanding of many different musical styles. The College has five choirs, a schola cantorum, string and wind ensembles and a jazz band. Parents are invited to join our choir for parents and friends.

Sport

Competitive sport and physical education form a vital part of a rounded education



Competitive sport and physical education prepare children to be physically and mentally fit and active for life. We aim to foster a lifetime commitment to sport and physical activity as part of a healthy lifestyle. Lessons are planned to develop pupils' physical skills in a variety of specialisms as well as their tactical knowledge and understanding of rules. St Richard Reynolds Catholic College provides pupils with many opportunities to enjoy and excel at a wide variety of sports including rugby, football, cricket, netball, basketball, rowing, rounders, tennis, archery, cheerleading and fencing.

No fewer than 22 sports were offered last year which allowed every child to participate and enjoy activities that suited their aptitude and ability. There are indoor and outdoor facilities on site and the College uses the excellent sports set up at St Mary's University in Strawberry Hill and other local facilities. The College values competitive and social sport to encourage and develop health related fitness habits in our young people.

School Meals

Eating meals together is an important part of our College community



Eating meals together is an important part of any community and, as such, school meals at lunchtime are mandatory for all of our pupils. Our pupils benefit from the social element that eating together provides, as well as having a nutritious meal which sustains them for the rest of the College day. The College is equipped with a large professional kitchen where meals are prepared freshly each day.

Uniform

Uniforms help define the ethos of a school and the standards expected



The College uniform reflects the grey habits worn by Bridgettine canons and the badge carries the symbol of the order with crossed palms recalling the martyrdom of St Richard Reynolds. The red cross represents the Passion of Christ and the white centre, the Blessed Sacrament.

What parents and pupils say about their school



"At the start of my first day I thought it was going to be quite scary because I only knew one other person in my form. But then when I met my form and my teachers, I felt really welcome."
Year 7 boy after his first week

It's all so much more fun than I expected it to be and all of the things I was worried about haven't been an issue. I've made new friends, I'm enjoying moving around the school for lessons and everything is much calmer than I thought it would be.
Year 7 girl after her first week

We couldn't have asked for a smoother start for our daughter. She really cannot wait to leave the house each morning and she comes home full of stories from the day. She is excited about not only the new subjects but ones she is familiar with, as she is enjoying the 'fun' way in which they are being taught. I think the summer camp was a wonderful opportunity for her to meet other students and teachers before the summer and also to familiarise herself with the school buildings. I would certainly recommend.
Year 7 mum

Location, buildings and facilities

The College is situated at Clifden Road, Twickenham in completely refurbished and re-ordered buildings providing classrooms, art and design technology rooms, three fully equipped science labs, a learning resource centre, a food technology facility, a chapel for masses and private prayer and reflection, and music and music practice rooms. Each classroom is equipped with state-of-the-art IT facilities. A fully-equipped professional kitchen means meals are freshly prepared each day. There are two halls for assemblies, sports, drama and special events. There are hard and soft play areas set in mature grounds.

A new building is under construction and is due to be completed by September 2017. (see artist's impression of the new building opposite). Virtually all the costs have been provided by the Catholic Church and by contributions from parents and charities. Part of Strathmore School will be located on the College site in 2017 to provide for up to 48 children with severe sensory or physical disabilities.



Pupils and staff are encouraged to travel by public transport and the College is easily accessible, being a ten-minute walk from Twickenham railway station and the H22, 33, R70, 267, 281, 290 and 490 bus routes.

You will find lots more useful information about the College on our website at www.strichardreynolds.org.uk and you can follow us on Twitter @StRRCCollege

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