

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Opening September 2013



St Richard Reynolds Catholic College is the name of the federation which includes the new Catholic High School and the new Catholic Primary School on the same site. The establishment of the long-awaited new Catholic secondary school in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, along with its associated Catholic primary school is the fulfilment of the tireless campaign by the local Catholic community and others, supported by successive councils. The College will collaborate with and complement the family of schools in Richmond to add diversity and choice in the borough.

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The new schools will build on the outstanding achievements and reputation of the Catholic primary schools in the borough
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Paul Barber
Director of Education,
Westminster Diocese

The High School will meet a significant rising demand in the borough for Catholic maintained secondary education. Children who, in the past, had to travel many miles to the nearest Catholic secondary school are now able to apply to the school. The high school welcomes applications from all who wish their children to have a Catholic education, but in the event of oversubscription priority will be given to Catholic children. The primary school will provide ten open places for local children and twenty Foundation places allocated with priority given to Catholic children.

The College will have close links to the six excellent Catholic primary schools in Richmond and other schools in the local area. It will work in partnership with the Local Authority, and the Dioceses of Westminster and Southwark to assist pupils in reaching the highest levels of achievement academically, physically and spiritually.

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The school will promote equality and diversity and prepare pupils for life in a multi-cultural, multi-faith society
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Bishop John Sherrington
Chairman of the Diocese of Westminster
Education Commission

As Catholic schools, Catholic teaching and practice will permeate every aspect of the College's activity and daily prayer and worship will be integral to the curriculum. The school will provide an education that aims at excellence in academic achievement and in which personal and spiritual development are of paramount importance. Pupils will be given every opportunity to develop their talents to the full and to discover how they can use these gifts for the good of society in a happy, well-ordered and caring environment.

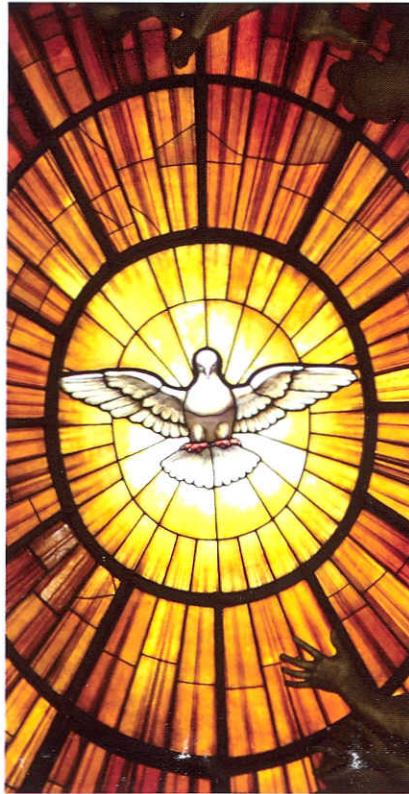
Ethos and Religious Character

The school is part of the Catholic Church's international family of schools. Religious education in the school will be in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church; and religious worship will be in accordance with its rites and practices. At all times the school will serve as a witness to the Catholic faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ.



This vision is expressed and explored in religious education and worship, which plays a central and vital part in the life of faith of the Catholic school. At St Richard Reynolds Catholic College, Catholic religious education is the core subject and the foundation of the entire educational process. The beliefs and values studied in it inspire and draw together every aspect of the life of the College. As a result, all pupils have the right to receive an overall education which will enable them, in the light of the Faith of the Church, to engage with the deepest questions of life and find reasons for the hope which is within them (1 Peter 3:15).

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At the heart of
Catholic education
lies the Christian
vision of
the human person.
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Governance

The College is a Federation of **St Richard Reynolds Catholic Primary School** and **St Richard Reynolds Catholic High School**.

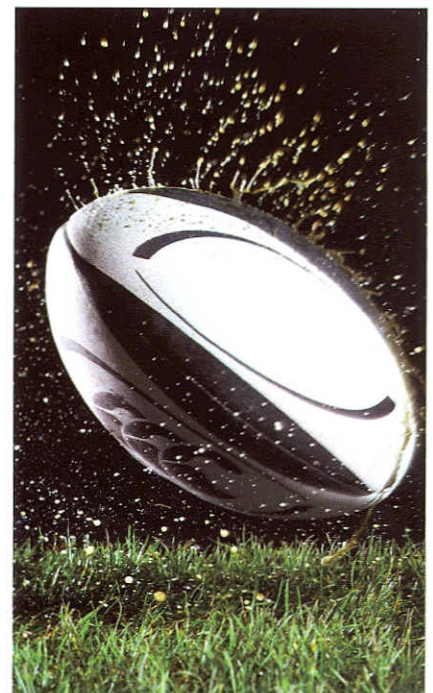


Andrew Cole
Chairman of the Governing Body

It is conducted on behalf of the Diocese of Westminster by a single Governing Body chaired by Andrew Cole. Mr Cole has many years of experience as a school governor and leads a council of dedicated and talented people committed to providing the highest standards of education for all pupils at the College. The majority of the governors will be Foundation Governors appointed by the Diocese of Westminster, whose statutory duties will include preserving and developing the Catholic character of the College. Foundation Governors will be drawn from the Catholic community across the whole borough. The Governing Body will include parent, staff and local authority governors, as well as the Principal, who will be an ex-officio governor, and others co-opted to provide specialist knowledge and skills.

Special Educational Needs

The schools will admit any child with a statement of special educational needs whose parents or guardians name the school unless to do so would not be compatible with the effective education of other pupils in the school or would not be an efficient use of resources. The College will work with diocesan and local authority colleagues to provide suitable facilities for any designated group or groups.

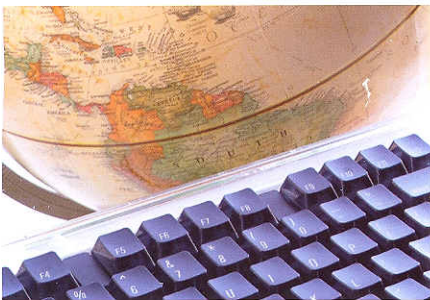


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Curriculum, Teaching and Learning

Catholic religious education will be the core subject of the curriculum at the schools, to which all other subjects will relate. The College will seek excellence in all subject areas: Mathematics, English, Sciences, Modern and Classical Languages, the Arts, the Humanities, Physical Education and competitive sport, and there will be a particular specialism in Music.

The staffing structure for the College will be established by the Principal and the governing body. Senior appointments, teachers of religious education and those with pastoral responsibility will be reserved for practising and committed Catholics. All other staff will be required to be fully supportive of the Catholic character of the College. The College staff will place great emphasis on pastoral care and seek to inculcate in the pupils kindness, consideration and respect for others. The College will seek highly qualified and committed teachers and support staff to ensure that each pupil reaches his or her full potential across a wide and engaging curriculum. The College will also benefit from a teacher training and mentoring partnership with St Mary's University College.

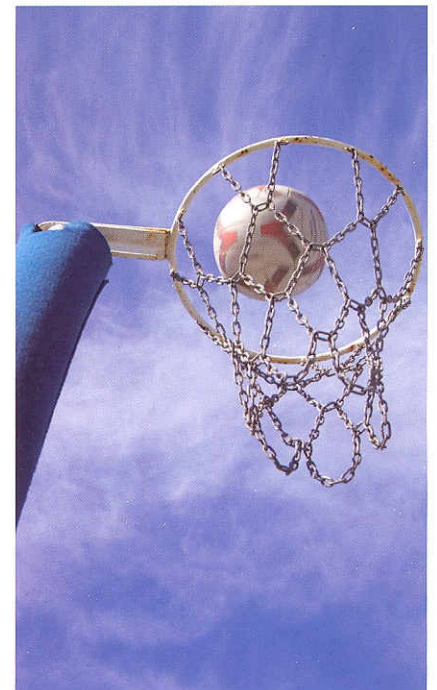


Sport

St Richard Reynolds College will provide pupils with many opportunities to enjoy and excel at a wide variety of sports. There are indoor facilities and a playing field on site and the school will have a close sporting relationship with St Mary's University College in Strawberry Hill. St Mary's has extensive sports facilities, significantly improved with the construction of a new £8.5 million sports centre opened in 2011 by Sebastian Coe in preparation for the Olympic Games. The fabulous facilities there helped to produce some of our Olympic champions at London 2012 including Mo Farah.



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

School uniforms help to define the ethos of a school and the standards expected. They help give pupils pride in their school and make them ambassadors for their school in the community. The College uniform reflects the grey habits worn by Bridgettine canons and the crest 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.



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Relevant Experience of Trustees



The Diocese of Westminster provides 218 schools, including 49 secondary schools, within London, Hertfordshire and Surrey. These schools consistently and significantly outperform any other type of school in the area.

The Trustees have therefore great experience and involvement in the improvement of educational standards. The College has been established in partnership with the Catholic Diocese of Southwark which has 177 schools including 39 secondary schools across South London boroughs and Kent.

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85% of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Westminster are ranked good or outstanding
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Community Cohesion

The six existing Catholic primary schools in Richmond were rated by OFSTED as outstanding or good in terms of contribution to the community. They engage fully in borough sports, in charitable and community projects, in artistic, dramatic and musical programmes, and in ecumenical initiatives to name but a few. The new primary school will similarly engage in local events, activities and opportunities across the borough and beyond. The High School will enable many local Catholic children to continue their education within Richmond rather than having to attend Catholic secondary schools outside the borough. This will allow them to take a more active part in their local community and to grow into responsible citizens who are proud of their local area. The College will seek to collaborate with all schools in the borough and to form productive partnerships with local businesses, religious groups, clubs and charities.

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Active engagement in our local and wider community will help pupils to grow into responsible citizens
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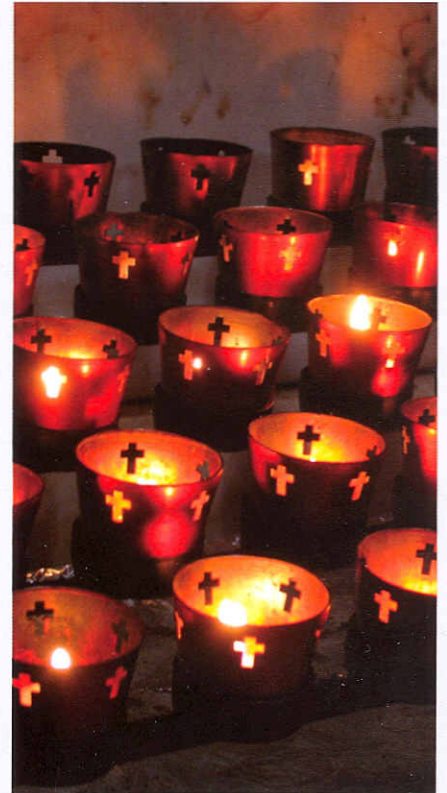
Pupil Numbers and Admissions

The school is a voluntary aided co-educational 11-18 school within the trusteeship of the Diocese of Westminster, providing 1,050 places, including 750 places for children aged 11-16 and 300 sixth form places. The admission number for the school on the opening date will be 150 with up to 150 being admitted in each subsequent year.

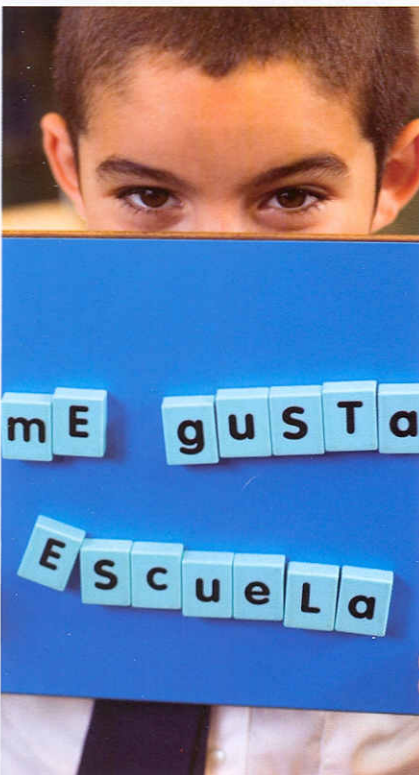
Admission Arrangements 2013-14

Applications for places in September 2013 at St Richard Reynolds Catholic High School are invited for children currently in Year 6 at primary school. Children from all faiths and none will be very welcome at the school but if the school is oversubscribed, priority will be given to baptised Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of Our Lady Queen of Peace, East Sheen; Sacred Heart, Teddington; St Edmund, Whitton; St Elizabeth, Richmond; St Francis de Sales, Hampton; St James, Twickenham; St Margaret, East Twickenham; St Mary Magdalen, Mortlake; St Osmund, Barnes; St Theodore, Hampton; St Thomas Aquinas, Ham and St Winefride, Kew.

The full Admission arrangements for both schools and the Supplementary Information Form are available on from the Admissions Department of Richmond Council (www.richmond.gov.uk) and from The Diocese of Westminster (www.rcdow.org.uk/StRichardReynolds)



ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Pupil Numbers and Admissions

The school is a voluntary aided co-educational primary school within the trusteeship of the Diocese of Westminster, providing 210 places for pupils between the ages of 4 and 11. The admission number for the school on the opening date will be 30 with 30 children being admitted in each subsequent year.

Admission Arrangements 2013-14

Applications are invited for places in Reception at St Richard Reynolds Catholic Primary School for children born between 1st September 2008 and August 31st 2009 for entry in September 2013. 10 places in the primary school will be allocated on the basis of distance from the school and not on the religion of the child. The remaining 20 places will be allocated with priority given to baptised Catholic children.

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Location and Building Programme

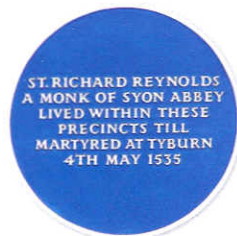
The College is situated at **Clifden Road, Twickenham, TW1 4LT**. This site, its buildings and playing fields are currently occupied by the Richmond Adult and Community College, which is moving to its campus in Richmond. The site was purpose-built as a school site: it was formerly the home of the Twickenham Grammar School for Girls. The site is easily accessible, being a five-minute walk from Twickenham railway station and the H22, 33, 267, 281, 290 and 490 bus routes.

The main building is a magnificent and well-maintained Edwardian structure with an impressive frontage on Clifden Road. Work is underway to create a modern, state-of-the-art learning environment for our pupils whilst preserving the character and charm of the building. The primary school will be a separate building with its own entrance and playground. Detailed plans and news of progress will be available on the College website as they become available.



St Richard Reynolds

The College has been placed under the Patronage of a saint with local connections: Saint Richard Reynolds. Saint Richard Reynolds O.Ss.S, was a Bridgettine monk of Syon Abbey, founded in Twickenham by Henry V. He was born in Devon in 1492, educated at Corpus Christi, Cambridge, and joined the Abbey in 1513. He was martyred at Tyburn on 4th May 1535 with three Carthusian Priors John Houghton, Robert Lawrence and Augustine Webster (a monk of Sheen Priory in Richmond) for refusing the Oath of Supremacy. Also martyred with them on that day was Blessed John Haile the parish priest of Isleworth. He was beatified in 1886 and canonised by Pope Paul VI as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales on 25th October 1970. His feast day is 4th May. A blue plaque at Syon House records his time at Syon Abbey.



Legal Action by the British Humanist Association

The British Humanist Association and one of its local members, Jeremy Rodell, who leads the Richmond Inclusive Schools Campaign, have initiated court action to try to prevent the new schools from opening next September. The BHA promotes a secular form of humanism and campaigns for a completely secular state and an end to schools with a religious character, as it believes they are unnecessary, discriminatory and divisive. They have applied for a Judicial Review into the council's decision to approve the proposals from the Diocese of Westminster. The Council, the Diocese and the Department of Education are each confident that they have acted lawfully throughout what was an extended consultation exercise and democratic process, and they are confident the Court will confirm this. In the unlikely event of the school being delayed by the Court action, Richmond Council has confirmed that there is no risk attached if parents have put down St Richard Reynolds as first choice, their second choice would become their first, and so on. In addition, Richmond would allow those parents to add a seventh preference to their choices.

The law imposes a statutory duty on both the Diocese and the Council to implement the proposals that have been approved and we will therefore be complying with that duty to ensure that the schools are ready to open in September 2013.

