



# ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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

9<sup>th</sup> October 2012

To: Residents of Clifden Road, Tudor Gardens, Cophall Gardens,  
Station Road, Grove Ave and Laurel Ave

From: Andrew Cole

## St Richard Reynolds Catholic College, Clifden Road

**OPEN DAY Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2012** (Primary school session 9 am, secondary school session 11 am)

You may know that the Cabinet of Richmond Council approved on 24<sup>th</sup> May proposals from the Diocese of Westminster to establish at the site of the Richmond Adult and Community College (RACC) a Catholic secondary school and a Catholic primary school. There have been many details to address since then including planning, finance and legal matters. I was appointed recently as chair of the interim governing body of the College which is a federation of the primary and secondary school planned for the site and I wanted to take an early opportunity to tell you something about the College. I am very keen to establish and maintain good relations with our neighbours and I am happy to address any questions or concerns you may have. If you would like to know more about the school you might like to attend one or both of the Open Day sessions in the main hall at Clifden Road on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2012. (Primary school session at 9am and secondary session at 11am). Alternatively, you may write to me c/o The Diocese of Westminster at the address below or e mail [education@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:education@rcdow.org.uk)

The College will open in September 2013 with up to 30 children in the primary school and 150 in the secondary school with similar numbers being added each year until the schools reach full capacity. The secondary school will eventually provide 1,050 places including 300 sixth form places and the primary school, 210 places. There will be 10 places in each Reception year of the primary school allocated on the basis of distance not religion with the other 20 places being allocated with priority being given to baptised Catholic children should the school be oversubscribed. Applications are invited for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 and August 31<sup>st</sup> 2009 for entry in Reception class in September 2013. The secondary school invites applications from children currently in Year 6 at primary school with priority given to baptised Catholic children should the school be oversubscribed.

The school will be in the Trusteeship of the Diocese of Westminster operated on its behalf by the governing body, the majority of whom will be Foundation governors appointed by the Diocese together with parent and staff governors, a representative of the local authority and the Principal who will be an ex-officio governor.

The Diocese of Westminster provides 218 schools in London, Hertfordshire and Surrey and so has considerable experience in education. 85% of Westminster schools are considered good or outstanding by Ofsted and it notes the high standards of behaviour of our pupils and the high levels of involvement in the wider community. We will promote and require the highest standards of conduct in our pupils and especially that they show consideration and respect for our residential neighbours. The College will promote and encourage staff and pupils to travel to Clifden Road by public transport and to discourage parents from delivering their children to school by car. This is good practice in any event but I am keen to minimise the impact of traffic on our neighbours. I believe that the volume of traffic will be no higher and hopefully less than now.

The RACC will gradually move from the Clifden Road to their campus in Richmond and there will be progressive conversion of the buildings as the school roll expands. The governing body will take steps to ensure that any disturbance to neighbours will be minimal during this time. I will publish on the College website more details of the building programme as they emerge.

Yours faithfully,

ANDREW COLE  
Chairman of the interim governing body.