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ST RICHARD REYNOLDS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Information for prospective parents 2025




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From the Principal, Richard Burke

Choosing the right school for your children is a vitally important decision. We recognise the crucial role played by you as parents in the education of your precious gifts from God and the importance of a strong and trusting partnership between home and school has never been so significant. St Richard Reynolds is a place where our young people come first, and all are loved, listened to, challenged and inspired; something so evident during the many challenges of the last couple of years.

We seek excellence in all that we do and work tirelessly to achieve this. We are hugely ambitious for all our students, and will do all we can to ensure that they secure strong and enviable academic outcomes in preparation for careers of significance, influence and service. However, we also want them to live lives which are personally, socially and spiritually fulfilling. We want our students to develop 'bucket loads of confidence' and understand, live and promote the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.



We are deeply committed to opening the hearts and minds of our young people and educating the whole child. We expect all students in Years 7 - 9 to attend at least one club or society a week and support them to do so. Our provision includes: music, sport, well-being, debating, environmental and racial justice societies and at the heart of our school our liturgy representatives and our Chaplaincy team.

If you are considering applying for a place for your child here, please check our website for details of Admissions events that will support and inform your decision making.

I look forward to meeting you.

St Richard Reynolds Catholic High School Admissions 2025/26



The College is a federation of St Richard Reynolds Catholic High School and St Richard Reynolds Catholic Primary School. It is under the trusteeship of the Diocese of Westminster in partnership with the RC Diocese of Southwark. The College is part of the Ascension Catholic Academy Trust (ACAT) which was formed in December 2022. The Governing Body is the Admissions Authority for this school. There will be six forms of entry for September 2025 meaning the admission number for Year 7 in 2025 in the High School is 180. 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.

The closing date for applications for places in September 2025 at St Richard Reynolds Catholic High School is **31st October 2024**. If you apply online, your outcome will be advised by your local authority on 1st March 2025. If you applied on paper, your outcome will be sent by first class post on 1st March 2025.

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.

You can contact the College Admissions Officer by e-mail at **admissions@srrcc.org.uk** or by telephone on **020 8325 4630**.

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

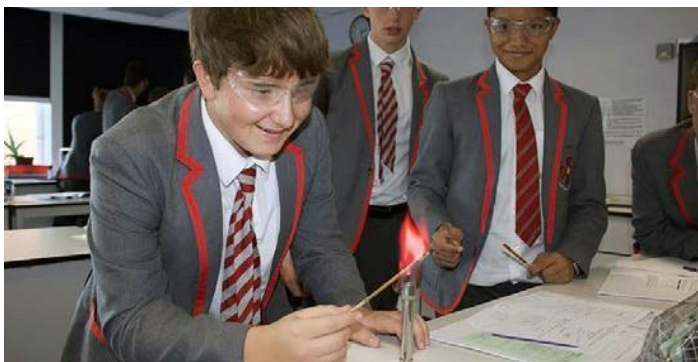
We follow the call of St Richard Reynolds to 'see the good things of the Lord' in each other, in our academic studies, in our appreciation of the world around us and in our own God-given gifts and talents. With God's help, we strive to be a community where the gifts of the Holy Spirit are evident in 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. The report can be found on our website.

The Curriculum

An inspiring academic experience

"Teachers are experts in the subjects they teach. They present new knowledge clearly and help pupils build links between different topics. This ensures that pupils become independent and resilient learners. As a result, pupils have the confidence to attempt work that significantly challenges them."

Ofsted, March 2024



We are committed to providing children with an inspiring academic experience which is student-centred and stimulating. We adopt a pioneering, global and independent approach to what we teach. The College delivers the National Curriculum plus Classics and Drama, with many students choosing to study Latin at GCSE. We seek excellence in all subject areas: Catholic religious education is the core subject of the curriculum. Our students 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 visited the College in 2024 and judged it to be **'outstanding'** (see the full report on our website).

Music

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



St Richard Reynolds Catholic College is widely regarded as a beacon of musical excellence. Music is vital in bringing together intellect and feeling, and enabling personal expression. It permeates the life of our College; through participation in Masses, singing assemblies, concerts and trips, and a thriving co-curricular programme. All students develop keyboard technique, study music theory and develop their understanding of a variety of musical styles. The College has an orchestra, string and wind ensembles, five choirs, a schola cantorum, and a function band. Parents are also invited to join our very popular and successful community choir for parents and friends.

Sport

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



Through a comprehensive sports and PE provision we aim to foster in all students a lifetime commitment to a healthy, active lifestyle. Lessons are planned to develop students' skills in a variety of specialisms and their tactical knowledge and understanding of rules. St Richard Reynolds Catholic College provides students with many opportunities to enjoy and excel at a wide variety of sports including rugby, football, cricket, netball, basketball, golf, volleyball, rounders, tennis, Gaelic football, badminton, handball and Australian Rules football; activities suited to students' interests, aptitude and ability. We are blessed with a fine sports hall on site and also use playing fields at Marble Hill Park and Moormead Park as well as facilities at St Mary's University in Strawberry Hill. We know that a healthy and active lifestyle will develop social, emotional and intellectual skills, including improved: leadership skills, communication and trust, tolerance, independence, co-operation, loyalty, fairness and respect, and the acceptance of responsibility.

School Meals

Eating meals together is an important part of our College community



Eating meals together is an important part of any community and year 7 students will have access to the Grab & Go canteen service. Students will have the option of selecting a hot main meal, a choice from the StreetVibes street food range or a range of hot and cold deli offers. Students can also bring in a packed lunch if they choose. The College is equipped with a large professional kitchen where nutritious meals are prepared freshly each day for students, staff and visitors and special dietary requirements are catered for.

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 Ofsted said about St Richard Reynolds Catholic High School



Ofsted inspectors visited the school in February 2024. Here are some of the things they said:

“This is an exceptional school where pupils flourish.”

“Pupils take great pride in their school, and their behaviour is impeccable. They work hard in lessons and thrive when challenged.”

“The school offers a vast range of enriching activities beyond the classroom, particularly in music and physical education.”

“Pupils achieve very well in public examinations. They are also supported to develop more widely. They feel happy and safe.”

Location, buildings and facilities

The College is situated at Clifden Road, Twickenham in completely refurbished and re-ordered buildings and a new teaching block which was officially opened by Cardinal Vincent Nichols and Archbishop Peter Smith on 1st November 2017. The new and older buildings provide first-class facilities: art and design technology rooms, seven fully equipped science labs, a learning resource centre, a sixth form centre, a food technology facility, a drama and dance studio, a chapel for masses, private prayer and reflection, 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 three halls for assemblies, drama and special events. An interest-free loan of £1.2 million loan enabled the construction in 2019 of a four-court sports hall. The College is fundraising to repay the debt; £1.1million has been raised so far. Virtually all of the building costs have been provided by the Catholic Church and by contributions from parents and charities.



Part of Strathmore School is located on the College site. It provides for up to 48 children with severe sensory or physical disabilities.

Students 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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