

EXCELLENCE THROUGH ENDEAVOUR



The Richmond upon Thames School



The Richmond upon Thames School. Egerton Road, Twickenham. TW2 7SL

WELCOME

"It is a great honour to be the Head Teacher of The Richmond upon Thames School (RTS)".

Our school first opened its doors in September 2017. The Richmond upon Thames School Trust was set up by Harlequins FC, Haymarket Media Group, Richmond Council, Richmond upon Thames College and Achieving for Children.

The core beliefs that drive the culture and ethos of our school are:

- Aspirations matter
- Hard work influences success
- There is no substitute for exceptional teaching
- Intelligence is not fixed
- Parents/Carers make a difference
- We need strong partnerships to succeed.

We work closely with every family, student and year six teacher to begin to understand your child's strengths and needs. Our approach enables us to ensure no time is wasted and your child receives the right level of challenge from day one.

Our core business is student achievement, and I believe that inspirational teaching, an engaging and challenging curriculum; and a safe environment where children can take risks with their learning, results in all students thriving and realising their potential.

Our curriculum is in many respects very traditional and focuses on the cornerstones of education, literacy and numeracy. Each student uses iPad technology in lessons and, working



closely with our partners, we provide additional opportunities in digital technology and communication, enterprise and sport; and healthy lifestyles.

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As Head Teacher, I focus on continually encouraging our dedicated and talented staff to develop their teaching, to feed their passion for education, to grow in responsibility; and, like the students, strive for excellence.

Ms Kelly Dooley (MA NPQH)

OUR VISION AND MISSION

We strive to ensure that all students are valued as individuals who are recognised for their talents, who are fully included within the school community; and who are provided with every opportunity to achieve 'excellence'.

We expect all students to emerge as confident, resilient individuals, who can build positive relationships and demonstrate commitment in everything they do.

We communicate our core beliefs as six guiding values, and we call all staff and students to believe in our School Haka.



SCHOOL HAKA



I am a positive member of my community
I believe in the power of effort
I am an active participator
I am kind and happy
I am confident
I am ready to learn

Subjects

Art
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Computer Science
Design Technology
Drama
English
Geography
History
Philosophy, Religion & Ethics
PSHE
Physics
Mathematics
Music
Languages: French & Spanish
Physical Education
Sociology



CURRICULUM

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All students study a broad range of subjects including English Literature, English Language, Maths, a Language, PE, PSHE and Science.

At Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) students study up to 10 subjects for GCSEs covering the core curriculum and additional subjects to respond to your child's interests and needs.

While our curriculum is in many ways very traditional, we aim to take an enterprising approach to its design, capitalising on innovative applications of digital technologies and Partnership agreements. Our extended day allows us to ensure your child benefits from rich and varied learning experiences. In Years 7, 8 and 9, students elect their enrichment classes, which they change termly.

Our enrichment offer currently includes Latin, cookery, dissection, choir, Karate, 3-D model making, a range of sports clubs; and more. Peripatetic teachers offer paid 1:1 and small group music tuition through the Richmond Music Trust.

We also compete in sporting tournaments against other schools and hold an annual sports day which links to our house system.

LEARNING

At RTS learning extends far beyond the walls of the classroom - from explorations of Kew Gardens for Science Week to trips to theatres, galleries, masterclasses with commercial industry leaders, projects with universities; and weekend camping trips.

As a technologically aware school, all of our students use their school iPads to access 'Cloud- based' Classrooms for each of their subjects where they make use of resources from lessons and work through independent extension activities.

At RTS pre-learning activities (homework), which are mostly completed on site during Prep time, allows support for students who require it alongside a calm, well-resourced study space for more independent learners.

As a school we are committed to ensuring that the learning experience supports all of our learners to develop to their full potential.

We recognise that more able students have particular needs, whether academic, musical, artistic, creative or sporting. Staff challenge our more able learners through stimulating, engaging lessons delivered by excellent teachers across the curriculum.

To support students with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities, our dedicated team of Learning Support Assistants work closely with teaching staff to ensure every child is challenged from their starting point.





PASTORAL CARE

Our core business is your child's success and a strong pastoral system underpins our core curriculum. Pastoral care at RTS is designed to support students to become confident, positive and responsible adults who can make a positive difference to wider society. When students join RTS, they are placed in one of five form groups, each of which is led by an Academic Tutor. The Academic Tutor acts as the primary contact for parents and is the adult, in school, who most knows your child.

HOUSE SYSTEM

Our House System helps us instil our school values. We want your child to be happy, participate and make a contribution in lessons and special competitions and events such as Spelling Bee, the Summer Fair and sports days.

Every student in Years 7 – 11 wears a tie denoting the colour of their house. This helps to generate a sense of house identity within the school community.





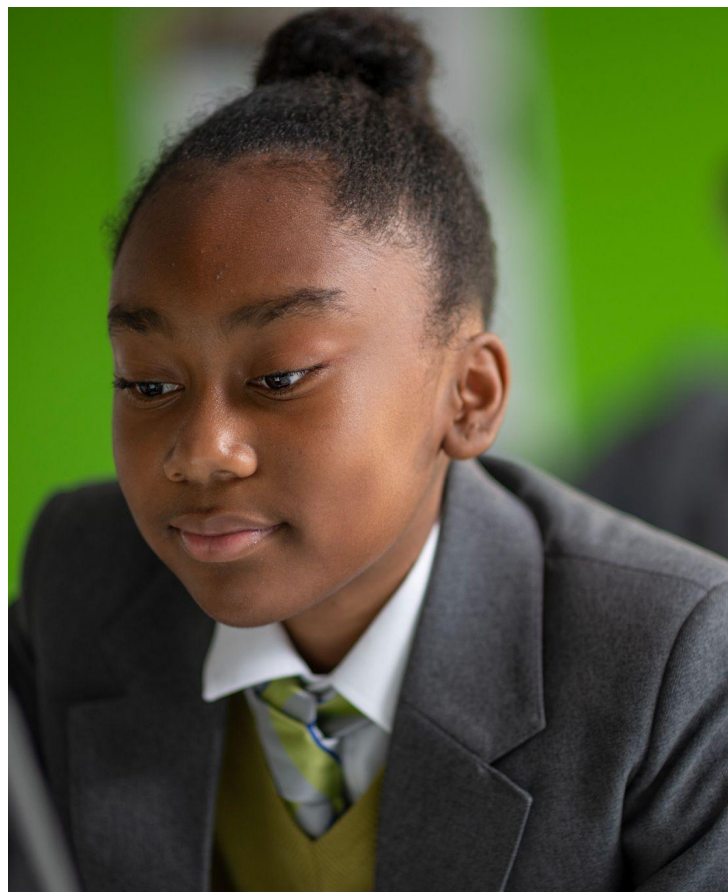
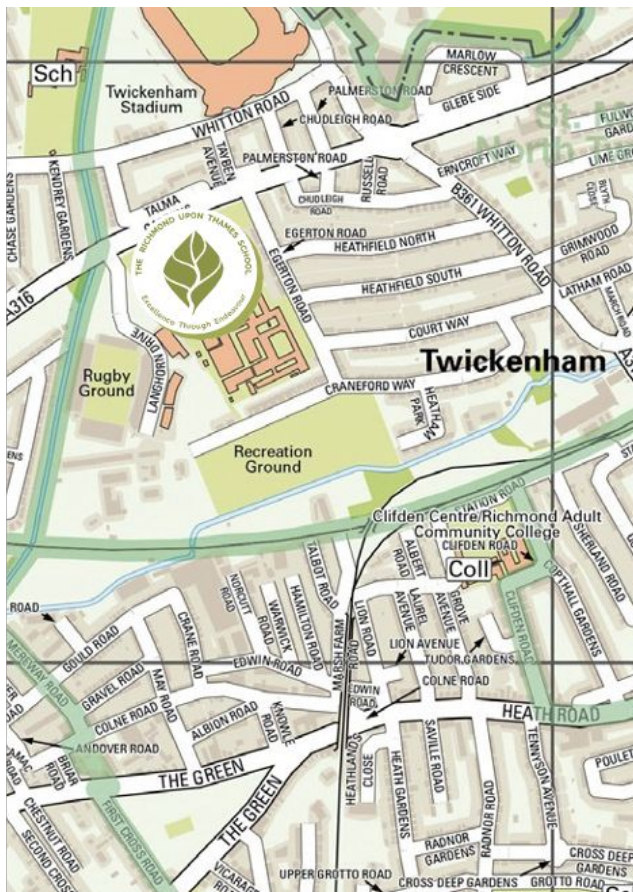
FACILITIES

RTS moved into a new, purpose-built building in 2018. A newly built Richmond upon Thames College, will, together with Clarendon School and Capella House School, make up the Richmond Education and Enterprise Campus.

Our outside spaces include multi-purpose sports pitches and direct access to pitches for rugby and football, and in 2023 our newly built four-court Sports Hall and multipurpose activity studio will open.

By 2023, the entire Richmond Education and Enterprise Campus will be complete, and will see the College fully re-housed in state of the art, purpose-built buildings. The Campus approach is enabling a new model of learning authentically integrated with enterprise and high-quality education, which supports the development of young people's preparation for, further education and training, work and adulthood.

Our partners, Haymarket and Harlequins, are both incredibly successful at home and globally and this brings an exciting and unique additional dimension to our school.



ADMISSIONS

The Richmond upon Thames School is a co-educational, non-selective, non-faith secondary school for the local community and its families. The school provides places for young people aged 11 to 16 and has a fully inclusive ethos, which welcomes all who wish to come to the school.

In completing the common application form, The Richmond upon Thames School must be listed as one of the preferences on your local authority form. Applications must be submitted to your Local Authority by no later than 31 October.

For in-year admissions enquiries, contact Richmond Council, School Admissions: 020 8547 5569

ENTRY INTO YEAR 7

Full details of the application process are available in your local authority admissions booklet. The 'Admissions to Richmond Secondary Schools' booklet is available from Richmond Council's website at www.richmond.gov.uk.

LOCATION

Many buses pass close to the school site including the 33, 110, 267, 281, 290, 490, H22, R68 and R70.

Twickenham Station is a 9 minute walk from the school site. Regular mainline trains run to Twickenham station from Waterloo and Reading.