



Twickenham  
School



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Twickenham School is part of the Richmond West Schools Trust



“Since I started here last year I have learned so many different things. I’m glad I chose Twickenham School.”

George, Year 7



## Headteacher’s Welcome

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Twickenham School. We are a school that believes we can make a difference. Our students and staff all see themselves as life-long learners and we work together to aspire, achieve and enjoy the opportunities our school gives us and the strength of being part of a community.

Twickenham School believes through collaboration we can all become stronger. As part of a family of local schools that includes Hampton High, Teddington and Waldegrave we can ensure that our students are equal partners in a community of high-achieving, inspiring and creative schools.

We are united in our aim to ensure that our students know they are safe, valued and supported while at the same time being challenged to achieve their best at all times.

As our new Year 7 students join the school they will be supported to grow in confidence and self-belief. We believe in traditional values such as respect for all, perseverance, dedication, integrity, empathy and responsibility. We will ensure that all members of our community experience trusting and caring relationships with teachers and staff so that they can do well.

If students are to become leaders of their own learning, they must keep an open mind, enjoy hard work and be curious about the world in which they live. Students will be stretched in their lessons to take risks, take on new learning challenges and develop creativity. They will achieve their aspirations through high standards of teaching, learning and leadership.

Assal Ruse, Headteacher



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## Our Mission

Our mission is for all our students and staff to feel safe, valued and achieve their aspirations through high standards of teaching, learning and leadership.

## Our Vision

- Our students are confident, successful and lifelong learners
- Our students develop creativity, resourcefulness and resilience
- Our school is driven and united towards continuous self and school improvement
- Our school has highly qualified and dedicated staff
- Our students, staff and parents are proud of their school and the community they live in



## Our Values

- Perseverance
- Dedication
- Empathy
- Integrity
- Responsibility

We aim to provide a safe and secure environment for our students, staff and visitors. As a school, we are committed to safeguarding and meeting the needs of all our young people. Safeguarding arrangements have a high focus and ensure pupils are cared for and well looked after.

“My maths has improved so much since I have been here. The teachers really challenge you.”

Amy, Year 8



“I feel at home here. The school is like a family.”

Benjamin, Year 7



“I have  
been really  
supported by  
the school in  
my dream of  
becoming an  
architect.”

Josh, Year 10



## ASPIRE:

### Supporting our students to aim high

Through academic and pastoral support we are dedicated to ensuring that every student achieves their full potential. Our highly developed pastoral team ensure that students progress towards becoming well-rounded individuals.

We provide dedicated professional staff for students to talk to should they have concerns or worries. In most instances students will approach their Form Tutor, who will be central to their time at the school. The relationship between Form Tutor and student is developed through daily registration and our Personal Development and Citizenship programme. Families have the opportunity to build relationships with their child's tutor through Parents' Evenings, contact by telephone, email, letter or via the student's planner.

We uphold values of respect and pride in our school and in ourselves. We expect students to address members of staff and each other with courtesy and behave impeccably. We aim to establish firm boundaries which students know and understand.



# ACHIEVE:

## Excellence in our curriculum

Twickenham School prides itself on the broad and balanced curriculum it offers students. We know that the building blocks for success start with English, maths and science. We also know that the wider curriculum grows a love of learning across all subjects. At Twickenham, all students will engage in English, Mathematics, Science, French or German, History, Geography, Religious Studies, Art, Music, Drama, Dance, Physical Education and Computer Programming.

Our curriculum aims to build a curiosity and interest in the world in which we live and prepares students for their next steps in life. High quality inspiring lessons that stretch students, allowing them to explore and explain the world to each other. We will create opportunities for students for collaboration in the classroom, active learning and the development of independent learning skills. Our creative and imaginative teachers will inspire outstanding learning across the school.

We know that to ensure our students are making great progress we need to get teacher assessment, monitoring and evaluation right. Students and their parents want to know how well they are doing and teachers can ensure they are stretching and challenging their students better when they know the learning needs of individuals. We will set challenging yet realistic targets for all our students throughout their time at school. High quality teaching and learning will ensure that students have the opportunity to make excellent progress and we will report home to parents at key points in the year.

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“We have a great variety of extra-curricular activities, from sports to arts and dance.”

Chloe, Year 7





# ENJOY:

## Love of Learning, Wider Opportunities and Enrichment

Twickenham School's enrichment opportunities are truly extensive and offer something for everyone.

We recognise that education is not just about the acquisition of knowledge and skills. A balanced education must encourage students to put their skills to the test and push their physical and mental boundaries. We want our students to enjoy competition, personal challenge and the joy of finding a talent or interest. Sport plays a key part in the success of the School. The PE department aims to achieve both excellence in competitive sport and great fun in recreational sport. All our subjects offer a diverse range of clubs and teams that range from chess to photography and American Football to computer programming. Twickenham prides itself on the wider opportunities for students to take part in a host of educational trips each year, both in the UK and abroad.

Careers education and Work Related Learning is taught across Years 7 to 11 and delivered as part of our Personal Development and Citizenship programme and other areas of the curriculum. Under supervision from our Careers Advisors, all staff are encouraged to consider their role in the 'Twickenham Futures' programme to help students develop the necessary skills to make informed decisions relating to their future. Students have access to group and 1:1 Careers and Work Related Learning interviews & information sessions as well as college and Sixth Form taster days, dedicated workshops to develop intra-personal and communication skills and visits to local employers.

We want all our students to flourish during their time with us. By inspiring wider experiences outside the classroom we know we can help build confidence, self-belief and belonging.



# Transition

The transition from primary to secondary school is important in the lives of children and their families. We make the effort to know and understand the needs of every individual. We have developed strong links with our feeder primary schools and we work closely together to maintain this strong partnership.

At Twickenham School, we have a well - established programme of events in place to ensure that every student has a positive experience and is equipped with the tools and emotional resilience to manage a seamless transition.

Our induction programme includes:

- Induction Day
- 1:1 meeting with a member of the Leadership team
- Leadership team visits to the primary schools to discuss pastoral and academic progress of new Year 7 students
- Year 7 transition 'Buddies' – linked to every student in Year 6
- Parents information evening
- Welcome Induction – for students who may need extra support during induction
- Year 7 Tea – Primary teachers return to meet students from previous year to look at progress made in Year 7





# CucinA

CucinA's belief is to bring restaurant-quality food into school. Operating across many schools country wide, each school has its own trained chefs. All CucinA meals are cooked from 'scratch', starting with fresh ingredients, many of them provided by local producers.

Our focus is always on:

- Great food cooked from scratch every single day
- Innovative menus that change regularly to keep interest
- Highly skilled teams equipped to do a great job
- Going 'above and beyond' to become part of our students' daily life

Our future health and prosperity depend on ensuring that the next generation is better fed. In association with 'The School Food Trust', 'Food for Life Partnership' and other organisations, we work hard to promote higher standards of food in Education.

We have a simple philosophy: to serve fantastic fresh food, quickly with a smile, to satisfied students who return every day.



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## Richmond West Schools Trust

The Trust is led by the Executive Headteachers of Teddington School and Waldegrave School, who know and understand what it means to lead high achieving schools.

As a Trust, we have the highest possible ambition for our schools and students. There is a relentless focus on Teaching, Learning and Leadership and of shared expertise to ensure we are constantly striving for improvement. It is our belief that every child deserves a top-quality education. That is why we have made a commitment to our pupils and families that every one of our schools will be either Good or Outstanding by 2019.

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