

Richmond School & Sixth Form College



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***TITLE:* Sixth Form College on a Mission**

Richmond Sixth Form College Open Evening on Wednesday 16th November proved to be a huge success with a record number of students and their parents attending. For the first time, thanks to the 32 million pound government investment, prospective sixth formers were able to walk around the recently completed school site as they explored the many and varied subjects available to them next year. Subject bases were manned by students as well as departmental staff ensuring that information from both perspectives was available. Careers staff were on hand to offer advice, as were students representing the Redbrick Group, set up to support those choosing to apply to Oxford, Cambridge or other competitive universities.

Headteacher, Ian Robertson, who spoke at three separate sessions throughout the evening, had the following to say: 'Our mission for the Sixth Form College is that it be recognised as one of the best in the country. Changes have been introduced in order to ensure students have their ambitions fulfilled by becoming a Richmond Sixth Form student.' He went on to explain that a new Sixth Form team will be in post from January 2012 focusing on how the College bridges the gap between school, successful entry into university, training programmes or the world of work. Mr Robertson talked about the focus on outstanding teaching and learning, the close academic monitoring of a student and the fact that all teachers are aware of their important role in making students' aspirations become a reality in a challenging economic world. He said the evidence is clear that students from Richmond Sixth Form College can compete with students nationally to gain places at the most prestigious universities in England.

Mr Robertson was ably assisted by a group of Years 12 and 13 students led by Head Boy, Ben Lacey, and Head Girl, Bea Cartwright, who were on hand to offer help, advice and guided tours. In Ben and Bea's words: 'Richmond Sixth Form College is second to none. Not only due to its academic record and, speaking from experience, excellent teaching, but because of the atmosphere. We like to enjoy ourselves and get involved in extracurricular activities, but when it comes down to academics we are a hardworking and supportive group of students and staff alike!'



1. Richmond School is a mixed 11-19 comprehensive community school maintained by North Yorkshire County Council. The Local Authority is responsible for all admissions to the school and the Headteacher is Mr I Robertson.

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