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Heritage

Founded in 1666 as the Blue Coat Hospital, Sir Thomas Rich's is a progressive selective grammar school for boys in Years 7 to 11, and young men and women in the Sixth Form. Rated as Outstanding in all areas by Ofsted, we are consistently one of the highest attaining schools in the county and we are proud of our long-standing reputation for academic and sporting excellence.

"My time at Rich's provided me with the foundation for my success as a surgeon. I'm constantly surprised by the daily relevance of my education, not only in the sciences but also in subjects like art for example, helping me to produce fine line drawings of the brain to explain procedures to my patients" Babar Vaqas, Neurosurgeon, Imperial College London



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Settling In

Starting or moving secondary school is a huge milestone in a young person's life, and it is important to each student's well-being and happiness that they feel able to settle in to their new routine quickly and confidently. Our comprehensive induction programme is designed to support our new pupils every step of the way: easing the transition from their previous school, helping them to form new friendships, and developing their skills, interests and self-belief.

"I was nervous moving from my primary school, but I joined lots of clubs and made friends quickly. Both my Form Tutor and Head of Year really helped me to settle in"

Max Murray, Year 13



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Developing confidence



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Support

We believe that students thrive in an atmosphere of respect, care and support. Teachers and support staff work hard to promote this ethos and to make sure that every pupil feels that they are a valued member of the school community. High quality pastoral support is key to this aim, and we work closely with parents to develop positive relationships with families and help students achieve their full potential.

“The quality of care, guidance and support for students is outstanding” Ofsted





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Study

Sir Thomas Rich's attracts high-ability students who work hard and aspire to achieve the best results they can. Our accomplished teachers use their skills and in-depth subject knowledge to inspire, encourage and support our students in their journey through the School, laying firm foundations for academic excellence at GCSE, in our Sixth Form and beyond. Our students typically achieve ten or eleven GCSEs, mostly at the highest grades, and three or four A Levels, mostly at grades A*, A and B.

"Students make excellent progress, and have significantly higher than average attainment at each key stage" Ofsted



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Beyond The Classroom

Our curriculum extends beyond timetabled lessons and students have access to excellent extra-curricular activities: from clubs which develop their interests and talents, to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme and subject field trips designed to increase self-confidence, and to support and enhance learning in the classroom. Activities are run by our experienced and knowledgeable staff and aim to foster interest and skills in a diverse range of areas, from chess and coding to drama and debating.

"When I went on the trip, it helped me to make better friends. It was a great experience and it helped me to conquer some fears" Damien Roy Saran Raj, Year 7

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Sport

Sport promotes health and fitness in young people, and helps to develop teamwork, responsibility and confidence. Clubs meet weekly, and students play for fun but also enjoy the honour of representing their School or House, and take great pride in their sporting successes. Rugby, soccer and cricket are the main sports at Sir Thomas Rich's, but others are strongly represented, including swimming, tennis, table tennis, basketball, badminton, athletics, cross-country and netball in the Sixth Form.

"Sport at Sir Thomas Rich's has helped me develop a healthy lifestyle and improve my fitness, as well as to build friendships. For me it's the best thing about the School!" Daniel Sayell, Year 12



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Creativity

Creative subjects form a key part of the curriculum, and we aim to nurture and develop our students' creative muscles as much as their sporting ones. In our Music Centre over a hundred students have lessons in more than twenty different instruments, and there are numerous opportunities to take part in performances in a range of musical genres. Sir Thomas Rich's students also enjoy studying drama and art in our well-equipped studio facilities, regularly performing in high-quality theatrical productions and showing their work in challenging and innovative art exhibitions.

"Being part of the Brass Group and Jazz Band at Rich's has developed my confidence and allowed me to really explore my musical ability and interests" Joseph Crouch, Year 10







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Next Steps

If you think that Sir Thomas Rich's could be the right environment for your child, we would love to meet you. We hold regular open days and evenings, details of which are published on the School website, www.strschool.co.uk, or you can contact the School on 01452 338400 or email info@strs.org.uk for further details.

Useful information about starting secondary school in Gloucestershire is also available on the County Council website at:
www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions



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