

## SIR THOMAS RICH'S - ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

#### **Qualifying Standard:**

Children who meet the qualifying standard are eligible for consideration for a place at Sir Thomas Rich's School. **Please be aware that even if your son has met the qualifying standard, this does not automatically guarantee a place.**

You should have already returned your Common Application Form, showing your list of secondary school preferences, to the Local Authority, by **31 October 2020**. Gloucestershire County Council Admissions Team have confirmed that they **cannot accept any changes** after this date. If you have **not** put Sir Thomas Rich's down as a preference, the Local Authority will not be able to consider you for a place at our School. However, your child would be able to join the Waiting List after 1 March (see below).

#### **How are places allocated?**

Whether your son will be allocated a place at Sir Thomas Rich's school will depend upon:

- How many pupils ranked higher for our School than your child
- How many of those children have stated a preference for our school, and
- How many of those children have stated a higher preference for another school and whether they have met the criteria for a place at that school.

Sir Thomas Rich's will offer places to the highest ranking children until we reach our admission number of 150. We are likely to have more pupils who pass the test than can be offered a place, so a waiting list will be held.

#### **Non-qualifying Standard:**

Children who did not achieve the qualifying standard are unable to be considered for a place at Sir Thomas Rich's or to be placed on our waiting list. You are entitled to appeal (see below). If you wish to know your son's ranking, please email Ms Sue Bain, Registrar (Admissions) [srb@strs.org.uk](mailto:srb@strs.org.uk).

#### **Waiting List:**

Pupils who **meet the qualifying standard**, but have not been successful in gaining a place, will have the opportunity to join our **Waiting List**. To do this, you should complete the Secondary School Waiting List Form which will be available on the Gloucestershire County Council Admissions page of their website. You must complete and return this by the deadline as indicated on your allocation letter/email. The deadline is usually one week after Allocation Day. If places become available, these will be allocated from the Waiting List in rank order. You are also entitled to appeal (see below).

#### **Admission Appeals:**

Places for boys:

- a) who did not meet the qualifying standard, or
- b) who met the qualifying standard and were not offered a place by the Local Authority,

can only be allocated by an Independent Admission Appeal Panel. The Panel considers each case carefully before reaching a decision on whether or not to allow admission. Details of this process are available from the Registrar at the school after 1 March 2021. Appeals are usually heard in May/June.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions:**

**What is standardisation?** The results are adjusted (standardised) by CEM as part of their marking process, to take into account the ability of the cohort and the age of the candidate.

**Why is my child's rank different for different schools?** Parents of the children who sat the test at Sir Thomas Rich's (or shared their result with us), may or may not have decided to share their child's result with other schools. This means that each of the Gloucestershire Grammar Schools have a different group of children to rank. Therefore, the rank you have been given is just for Sir Thomas Rich's.