

**Name of school : RICHMOND PARK SCHOOL**

**School's regional authorisation number: BOE 28079886**

**Date of Inspection: 16/11/2023**

**Type of Inspection:**  
Buildings Inspection

**Inspector: Gill Kaye**

**Reason for the Inspection: To evaluate the suitability of the newly refurbished area in the Richmond Park school building, designed to accommodate pupils from Year 12 (age 17) to Year 13 (age 18)**

**Overall Recommendation: It is recommended that the school's new area be given authorisation for a capacity of 200 pupils. This will increase the school's total capacity to 1192 pupils from Pre-Nursery to Year 13.**

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## **History and Context of the School:**

Richmond Park School is situated in a residential area in the north of Madrid. It opened in September 2019, offering a British education to children from pre-nursery age to year 6. The school has been steadily growing each year. There are currently 856 pupils from pre-nursery to year 11, most of whom are Spanish.

The school was last inspected in November 2022, and was granted authorisation to teach pupils from nursery to year 11. The purpose of this inspection is to consider the authorisation of the refurbished educational provision for key stage five (years 12 and 13) as British, for 200 students. It will also provide opportunities for all secondary pupils to use specialist classrooms.

## **Accommodation and Resources:**

The school is housed in a very attractive purpose-built building and the new accommodation will support education for students in key stage five.

The original school has an excellent range of sports facilities, which include an indoor swimming pool and spacious changing rooms; a large indoor sports hall with changing rooms; and a large outdoor pitch area which is used both at break times and for physical education classes.

The music room is well-equipped with a variety of instruments including percussion instruments, guitars and pianos.

The two science laboratories currently each house 24 students, and there is potential to develop further by subdividing the spaces. They are extremely well-resourced and linked by a large central preparation room with a locked chemical store. There is an outdoor teaching space for the teaching of biology where students can also learn more about related fields such as studying the growing of plant life.

Since the last inspection, the school's premises have been greatly enhanced as a result of a newly refurbished extension that connects directly with the original building. The vast majority of key stage five lessons take place in one specific corridor all of which have ample storage space for resources and reading materials. All of the six large, bright classrooms have interactive touch screens and will comfortably accommodate 24 students. There are smaller classrooms for group work, areas for meetings and offices.

There is an information and communication technology suite with 24 computers and a large, bright art room.

Wide corridors provide space for pupil's lockers where they can store their books and personal items.

The existing school dining room will accommodate 300 students, a rotation system is in place to enable all students to have lunch over a staggered lunchtime, and there is a kitchen where food is cooked on site.

## **Health and Safety:**

Appropriate and well-maintained toilet, washing and changing facilities are provided for the pupils on each floor.

There is a first aid room and a nurse to take care of sick or injured pupils. The buildings are very well maintained and in excellent condition.

Drinking fountains are provided in all areas of the school for staff and pupils.

Health and safety issues are given appropriate attention and the site is safe. There are policies pertaining to health and safety, anti-bullying and safeguarding which outline important priorities. The procedures for evacuation are practised regularly and instructions are posted at each exit. Fire extinguishers are positioned appropriately. There are seven fire escapes throughout the school and a lift for disabled access to all floors.

All adults employed have the appropriate certification to validate their suitability for working with children.

## **Conclusion:**

The newly refurbished classrooms of Richmond Park School, fully comply with the requirements of the British curriculum, and provide a safe and suitable environment for learning for years 12 and 13.

