

Cover Supervisor

Closing date: 12th January 2026







Welcome to Thomas's College

Thomas's College is a brand-new selective co-educational day and weekly boarding school for students from 11 to 18. Our school sits in a beautiful five-acre campus at the top of Richmond Hill, 15 minutes' walk from Richmond Station, with magnificent buildings surrounding a central garden. We have outstanding sports facilities a short drive away, with Richmond Park on our doorstep. The whole site is full of space and greenery.

We seek to offer a new approach to London independent education, built around the choices and interests of each individual, that combines the best of traditional excellence with radical innovation. We teach psychology to all students, we offer alternative qualifications alongside GCSE and A Level, we've changed the student journey to include a three-year Sixth Form - we're at the leading edge of educational reform.

Above all we offer a family atmosphere, full of heart, along with the passion and drive of an entrepreneurial start-up environment. It is a combination that we believe will bring our students benefits, in terms of their success, happiness and values, that will last lifelong. For staff, we hope that working at the College will be an experience they treasure throughout the course of their careers.



Vision and Aims

PART OF THOMAS'S LONDON DAY SCHOOLS

We are a family-run group of co-educational independent schools in central London, which seek to give an exceptional start in life to more than 2,000 children between the ages of two and eighteen. Every member of the Thomas's community is expected to live by our most important school rule, which is simply to 'Be kind'.



OUR VISION

Our vision is that every pupil at Thomas's develops core values and a strong sense of social responsibility; inner strength, outward assurance and positive physical and mental health; academic success and a wide range of skills, interests and attributes; curiosity about the world and a love of learning.

The overall goal of a Thomas's education is to equip all of our pupils with optimism and readiness for the future, to become net contributors to society, and to flourish as successful, conscientious and caring citizens of the world.



OUR AIMS

To achieve this vision, our aims at Thomas's College are:

- To provide an exceptional and innovative education to young people aged 2 to 18, founded on breadth of experience and opportunity
- To enable pupils to achieve academic excellence through a holistic approach that develops knowledge, skills, character and self-understanding
- To ensure that every member of our school communities learns and lives by a strong set of values, with kindness at the heart
- To support pupils to make meaningful choices about their future, fostering a sense of purpose and personal ownership
- To promote a diversity of excellence that encourages different types of intelligence, problem-solving and the ability to make connections

The Heads and Principals
Thomas's London Day Schools









The Role

OVERVIEW

The Cover Supervisor plays a key part in supporting students' learning and wellbeing by supervising classes, engaging students in their work, and encouraging positive behaviour. They will assist students according to individual needs, help promote independence, and contribute to a safe, supportive classroom environment.

The Cover Supervisor will provide feedback to teachers on student progress, supervising students during breaks and transitions, and upholding all safeguarding, behaviour, and school policies to ensure the highest standards of care and conduct.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Registering and supervising students, ensuring they are positively engaged in classwork.
- Encouraging students to interact and helping them to become more independent in their learning.
- Establishing trust with students, interacting with them according to individual needs.
- Assisting with tasks as needed.
- Calm, consistent and confident when managing classroom behaviour in line with relevant policies.
- Warm, patient and able to build rapport with students of different ages and needs.
- Ability to follow lesson plans, supervise learning and provide clear, accurate feedback to teachers.
- Understanding of safeguarding and child protection responsibilities (training provided).
- Creating a safe, positive, supportive classroom environment.
- Collecting completed work and returning it to teachers as required.
- Assisting with the supervision of students before and after school and at break times.
- Upholding policies and procedures related to child protection, health and confidentiality, reporting all concerns to the appropriate person (training provided).
- Invigilating exams as required.
- Supporting the Director of Studies with cover setting and communicating effectively across the staff body.
- Supporting the Admin Team leader with general administrative duties, cover responsibilities allowing.

Person Specification

QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

- Evidence of ability in classroom and behaviour management.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, both verbal and written, with a high level of IT competence.
- Ability to manage deadlines and with solid organisation.
- Ability to work collaboratively in teams.
- Ability to plan effectively and readiness to improvise calmly and with control where plans need to change.
- Readiness to listen, learn and develop in practice.
- An interest in working in an educational environment to support young people.

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

- An inspiring leader for students and staff, leading by example to set the tone of teaching and learning.
- Clarity of purpose and ability to see and work towards the best.
- Readiness to support, guide, and lead the process of finding solutions.







ADDITIONAL PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES AND VALUES

Personal Qualities

- High levels of initiative and energy and readiness to work hard
- Ability to manage and thrive on intensity and tolerate and overcome frustrations
- Ability to exercise self-care and prioritise wellbeing
- Enthusiasm, positivity, a readiness to believe in and work towards the best
- Supportive, generous and sympathetic attitude
- Constructive and imaginative approach to problems
- Readiness to learn, share ideas and listen
- Willingness to adapt and change and demonstrate the growth mindset we encourage in students
- Motivated by high standards: taking satisfaction in doing things really well
- A sense of school spirit and recognition that positive and cheerful capability in the face of challenge is at the heart of strong communities
- Recognising the importance of work as a source of meaningful satisfaction and fun

Safeguarding and Young People's Interests

- A commitment to the highest standards of safeguarding in all aspects of practice
- Genuine interest in children and young people
- Genuine interest in pastoral issues and wellbeing
- Commitment to responding to and supporting each student as an individual



KINDNESS



COURTESY



HONESTY



RESPECT



PERSEVERANCE



INDEPENDENCE



CONFIDENCE



LEADERSHIP



HUMILITY



Terms and Benefits

- Competitive Salary & Benefits Package
- Contract: Permanent, term time only
- Hours: 40 hour week role
- Location: Thomas's College, Richmond

The role will be subject to the successful completion of the required employment checks, including an enhanced DBS and reference. Full details of all checks that will be carried out are detailed in our recruitment policy.







Key Dates

Applications are invited from experienced, dynamic and enthusiastic leaders excited by the scope of this opportunity. For further details visit the Thomas's London Day Schools website: thomas-s.co.uk/join-our-team or email hrcollege@thomas-s.co.uk

To apply for this post please go to thomas-s.co.uk/join-our-team and click apply by Monday 12th Janaury 2026. Should you wish to send a covering letter or supporting statement following your application, please forward it to hrcollege@thomas-s.co.uk

The first round of interviews will take place over the week commencing 19th January 2026. Please note that referees will be contacted prior to the interview.

SAFEGUARDING

Thomas's London Day Schools are committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment and work in accordance with our child protection policies and procedures.

All posts are subject to screening appropriate to the post including checks with past employers and the DBS service. The school will undertake online searches on shortlisted applicants and may require applicants to provide details of their online profile, including social media accounts. For details of the checks which will be undertaken as part of our recruitment process, please see our Safer Recruitment Policy which can be found here www.thomas-s.co.uk/policies/ under the 'Thomas's Policy' tab.

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 and the amendments to the Exceptions Order 1975, 2013 and 2020. As an equal opportunities employer, Thomas's is committed to the equal treatment of all current and prospective employees and does not condone discrimination on the basis of age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, race or ethnicity, religion or belief, gender identity or marriage and civil partnership. Thomas's aspire to have a diverse and inclusive workspace and strongly encourage suitably qualified applicants from a wide range of backgrounds to apply and join the Group.







