

Entrepreneurs conference

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SIR Vince Cable and Richmond's cabinet member for business, Pamela Fleming, are among the names speaking at the 2016 Entrepreneurs Conference on February 25.

The event kicks off with a buffet

business lunch from Wholefoods Market at noon in the newly built RACC theatre, followed by an address from the former business secretary.

The conference is run by the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, a non-profit businesses services organisation which connects 5,000 companies across the borough.

Richmond Chamber of Commerce chief executive Anne Newton said: "It is often said that Richmond is full of micro-businesses. We should, however, remember that many of these entrepreneurs are seeing rapid growth, largely through the internet and often with very small amount of staff.

"It is important that events like this shine a light on the great work that is going on and how Richmond is a really fertile area encouraging this sort of growth."

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Chamber of Commerce chief executive Anne Newton

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Cash boost for education due

ALMOST £80m is to be invested in all levels of education in Richmond over the next five years.

Richmond Council's cabinet is expected to give the investment the green light at a council meeting on Thursday.

If it is approved, the funding will contribute towards 3,477 primary school places, 900 new secondary school places and 1,480 sixth form places across the borough.

The current programme is already covering 512 new primary places and 750 new secondary places.

Richmond Council's Cabinet Member for Education and Schools, Cllr Paul Hodgins, said: "This investment will ensure our education services remain among the very best in the country.

"Ensuring our children and young people have the best possible start in life is a cornerstone of our work."

Placements for SEN students

ST MARY'S University in Twickenham has welcomed in five students with special needs from Richmond College to begin work placements.

The university's work experience project, which has been in place for several years, sees college students undertake placements at the Waldegrave Road based university once-a-week for three months.

Over the 12 weeks the students will learn and develop new skills under the supervision of their mentors in the catering, housekeeping, stores management, and sport St Mary's teams.

Shona Corben, tutor of the Adult Independent Living Group at Richmond College, said: "We are so delighted that St Mary's give us this fantastic opportunity each year.

"The students benefit tremendously from this real-life experience."