



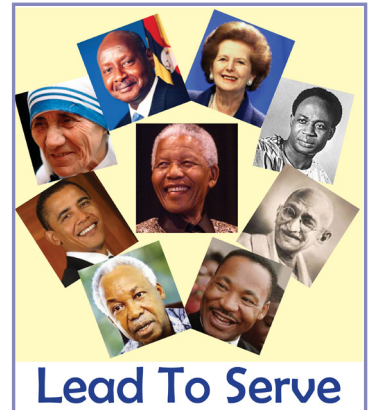
### Sir Richard Charles Nicholas Branson

<b>Born</b>	18 July 1950
<b>Father</b>	Edward James Branson
<b>Mother</b>	Eve Branson
<b>Schools Attended</b>	Scaitcliffe School, a prep school in Berkshire, before briefly attending Cliff View House School in Sussex and Stowe School, an independent school in Buckinghamshire until the age of sixteen
<b>Family</b>	Branson married Kristen Tomassi in 1972 and divorced her in 1979  He remarried in 1989 and has daughter Holly and a son Sam with his second wife, Joan Templeman

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Obama with Branson in Mosquito on the British Virgin Islands



Billionaire Donald Trump, Melania Trump and media mogul Sir Richard Branson



Richard Branson with his family

### About Branson

He is an English business magnate, investor and philanthropist. He founded the Virgin Group, which controls more than 400 companies.

Branson has dyslexia and had poor academic performance; on his last day at school, his headmaster, Robert Drayson, told him he would either end up in prison or become a millionaire. Branson's parents were supportive of his endeavours from an early age. Branson's mother was an entrepreneur. One of her most successful ventures was building and selling wooden tissue boxes and wastepaper bins.

Branson expressed his desire to become an entrepreneur at a young age. At the age of sixteen his first business venture was a magazine called Student. In 1970, he set up a mail-order record business. In 1972, he opened a chain of record stores, Virgin Records, later known as Virgin Megastores. Branson's Virgin brand grew rapidly during the 1980s, as he set up Virgin Atlantic airline and expanded the Virgin Records music label.

In March 2000, Branson was knighted at Buckingham Palace for "services to entrepreneurship". For his work in retail, music and transport (with interests in land, air, sea and space travel), his taste for adventure, and for his humanitarian work, he became one of the most prominent figures in British culture. In 2002 he was named in the BBC's poll of the 100 Greatest Britons.

In January 2016, Forbes listed Branson's estimated net worth at \$5.2 billion