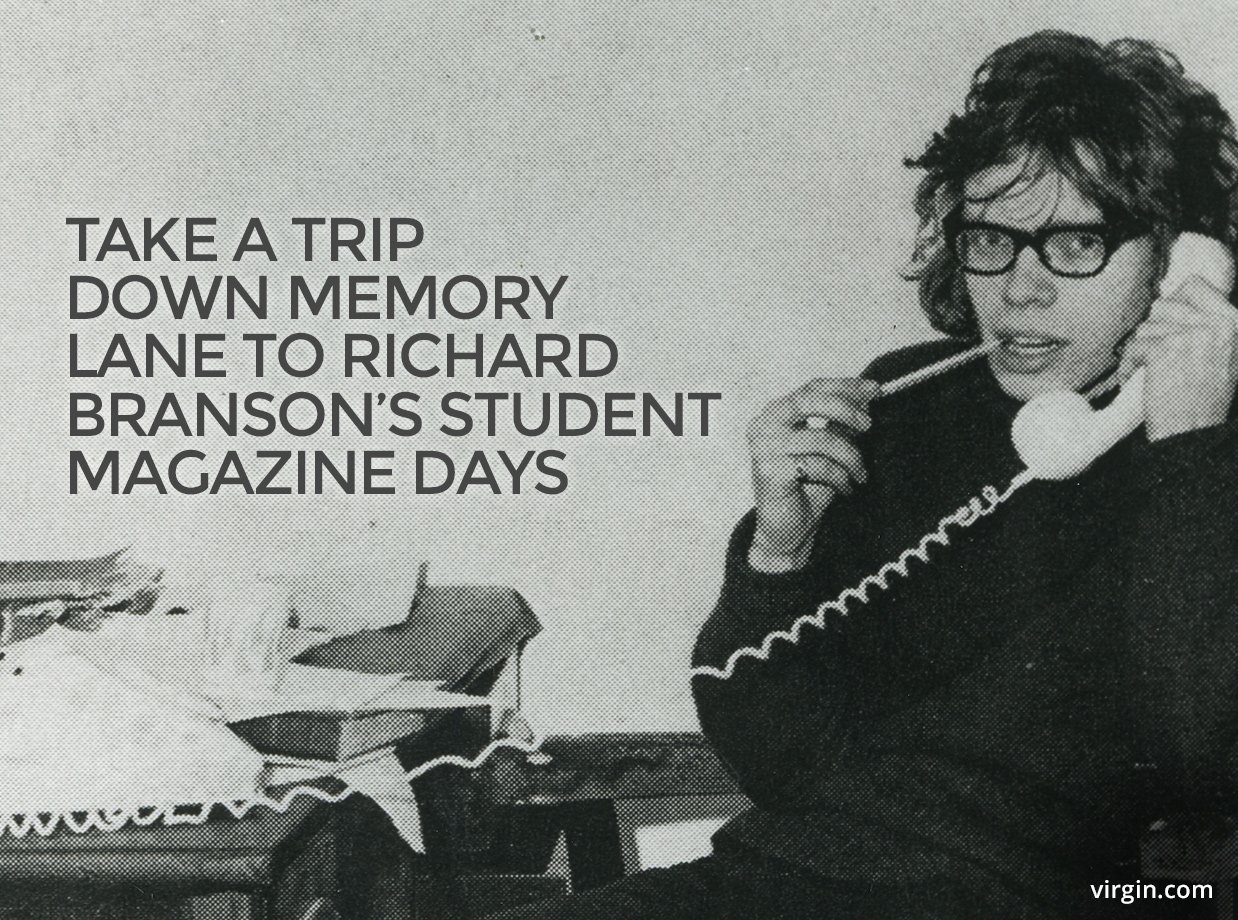
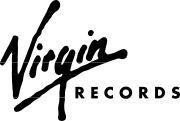


**Sir Richard Charles Nicholas Branson** is a successful Entrepreneur born in Surrey, England July 18, 1950. Richard is best known for starting and heading of the Virgin Group which now holds over 200 companies. Branson showed signs of wanting to become an entrepreneur at an early age. As a kid Richard suffered from [dyslexia](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dyslexia). Academics were a challenge for Richard. He dropped out of school at the age of 16. In 1970 he started a magazine called Student. Later in 1972 he started a mail in record business. Shortly after in 1972 Richard started Virgin Records. This venture proved to be a smart idea and would later become Virgin Atlantic, and Virgin Record labels. In 2002 Richard was knighted at Buckingham Palace. As of today Richard Branson’s net worth is over 5 billion.



**Careers**

Richard Branson came up with his company name from an employee who mentioned that he should name the company Virgin, because it was something new that Richard was starting. His magazine called the Student and record company were both started in a local church. Richard would help advertise his mail in record ads in the magazine which helped boost his success. He interviewed many famous people for the magazine including Mick Jagger and R. D. Laing. After making enough to pay for the advertising Richard opened a store in Oxford Street in London. In 1972 Richard and Nik Powell bough a country estate and opened a recording studio. Mike Oldfield was one of the first musicians to release an album Tubular Bells in 1973. Later many other famous bands including the Sex Pistols, Culture Club, Rolling Stones, and Genesis would follow, helping to make Virgin Music one of the top six record companies in the world.



**Business Adventures**

Richard Branson has started and successfully owned many different technical and non-technical companies ranging from magazines to Mobile phones, and Airlines. In 1984 Virgin Atlantic Airlines began operations. Virgin mobile began in 1999. Virgin Australia second biggest airline next to Qantas took form in 2000. Richard is not a afraid to take chances. In 1993 he started a railroad operation called the Virgin Trains. This will service the west coast sector of the British Rail.









In July of 2012 Richard Branson announced an orbital space launch program. This is a part of technology that fascinates me!



**Virgin Galactic** is a spaceflight company within the [Virgin Group](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virgin_Group). It is developing [commercial spacecraft](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commercial_spacecraft) and aims to provide [suborbital spaceflights](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suborbital_spaceflight) to [space tourists](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Space_tourism), suborbital launches for [space science](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Space_science) missions, and orbital launches of small [satellites](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Satellite). Virgin Galactic plans to provide [orbital human spaceflights](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orbital_spaceflight) as well.[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Virgin_Galactic#cite_note-1) The company also hopes to develop an [orbital launch vehicle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orbital_launch_vehicle) ([LauncherOne](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/LauncherOne" \o "LauncherOne)). [SpaceShipTwo](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/SpaceShipTwo), Virgin Galactic's suborbital spacecraft, is [air launched](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Air_launch) from beneath a carrier airplane known as [White Knight Two](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_Knight_Two).



On September 9, 2016 more tests were completed on VSS Unity. On this flight the space craft remained paired with White Knight Two. This flight proved excited because test were performed on both the space craft and launch aircraft. Without the use of global technology this would not have taken place.

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