



SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL

Oakleaze, Gloucester

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23rd January 2020

Dear Parents and Students,

Next Week (27th to 31st January) is Founder's Week here at STRS. This is where we as a school recognise the generous spirit of Sir Thomas Rich, in donating the sum of £6000 in his Will to set up our school, which provided an education for 20 poor boys from Gloucester.

During Founder's Week, each tutor group organises fundraising activities, which directly pay for the sponsorship of 20 poor girls, enabling them to attend PMM School, our link school, in Uganda. The cost of this education is approximately £200 per pupil per annum. A relatively small sum for us, this nevertheless represents a considerable amount to many Ugandans. We aim to raise just £4.50 per student (including sixth formers), which would entirely cover the sponsorship costs. I must emphasise that this contribution is voluntary. In addition, STRS also supports several other local and national UK charities throughout the year, selected by our sixth form body.

Small groups of staff and students from STRS visit PMM regularly on a cultural exchange programme, which, among other things, enables us to see that the money we raise is used correctly and judiciously.

We would be grateful if you could provide your son or daughter with some spare cash over the next two or three weeks to enable them to participate in Founder's Week activities.

In particular, three events that will affect the whole school are:

- Free Dress "Week" - Monday 27th - Thursday 30th January (**purchase £3 ticket** in advance from 12S, participation voluntary)
- Fancy Dress Day - Friday 31st January (**cost £1**, participation voluntary)
- Free Dress Day - Friday 7th February (**cost £2**, participation voluntary)

Many thanks for your help and cooperation in these matters.

Kind Regards,

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