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SIR THOMAS RICH'S

NewsREEL

December 2004

*J. Helli*

The County Council would have us believe that we have come to the end of 'Term 2' of their new six-term year. However we still consider this to have been the Autumn Term, the longest and generally most demanding term. It is the one I consider the most important in terms of pupils' education, in which pupils cover a significant proportion of the year's work and in which they establish their standards. It certainly seems the most demanding and, for many pupils and staff, the most tiring. I wish all a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Accident Insurance

CHILDREN'S PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Parents tend to assume that the Local Education Authority is responsible if an accident happens to their child at school. However the Authority is only liable if there is proven negligence and even then claims can take years to settle. The County Council has arranged a Personal Accident Plan for children through ACE. For further details please ask the school or look on the school website, in the 'Governors' Section.

Charities

I am pleased to pass on the thanks of the Royal British Legion for the £140 which was raised in school from the sale of poppies.

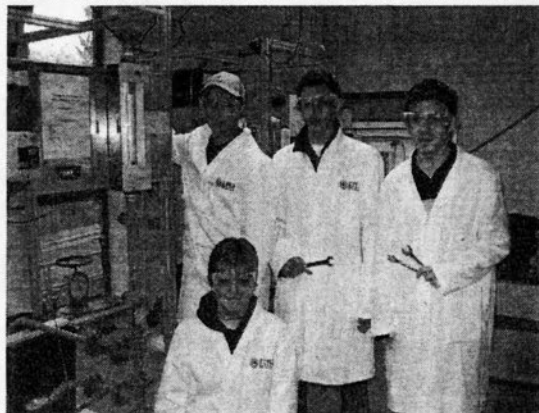
Mr. Brown's Y8 Food Technology group got into the festive spirit by making and selling mince pies. The sum of £23.82 was raised for our Uganda fund. A group of 6th Formers organised a L6th Girls v Female Staff indoor football match, with spectators charged 50p. This raised £157 which paid for two sofas for the L6th Common Room with the remainder (£92) going to the Uganda fund.

Staff Changes

We bid farewell today to **Mrs. Douglass-Lee** who has been teaching Biology during Mrs. Zurick's maternity leave. We shall welcome **Mr. Godwin** in January who will take over Mrs. Douglass-Lee's classes.

We also have to say goodbye to Jannis Feller in L6S, from Göttingen, Germany. Jannis has been spending the last two terms with us and in this time he has not only improved his English and learned a lot about our school system, but he has helped the L6th German class to advance their German and shown them that Germans do have a sense of humour. He will be greatly missed but we wish him all the best for the future.

Bath University Visit



A group of four L6th students visited the University of Bath for a 'taster day' at their Chemical Engineering Faculty. After a brief talk from the Head of the Department and two of their students it was off to the laboratories for a series of five challenges. Each challenge involved using different equipment to solve a problem in 30 minutes. The group had to recalibrate a pressure gauge, build an ice-cream pump, discover flour's properties, set up a filter press, make lipstick and sell a cooling tower. These varied tasks were designed to give students an idea of what chemical engineering involves. This was a most worthwhile day. We are indebted to the students and staff of the Chemical Engineering Faculty at the University of Bath for hosting us. Even lunch and refreshments were provided, we were made to feel very welcome.

Quiz Night

Quiz Night was held again this November and was organised for the last time by **Chris Gallant** and **Matthew Bick**. In a very successful Saturday night many teams turned up answering questions varying from sport and movies to the Albanian King Zog! In one of the closest ever Quiz Nights the overall winners were the 'Royal Shoes and Scotsmen' and just one point behind were 'Insert Name Here' who won the junior shield. Well done to all, lots of money was raised to benefit many charities and we look forward to seeing you again next year when other Scouts will be at the helm.

Year in industry

We have been asked to bring the 'Year in Industry' scheme to the attention of our students. For the past 20 years the 'Year in Industry' has helped thousands of young people in a variety of vocational areas such as engineering, science, computing, and business. The students spend a year working for a company prior to going to university. They not only earn money to help offset forthcoming student loans, they gain valuable experience and skills. Some companies offer sponsorship through university and summer vacation work.

For more information telephone 01752 76211 or e-mail Southwest@yini.org.uk or look at the website www.yini.org.uk.

Public Speaking

A Y10 team took part in the English Speaking Union public speaking competition at Cotswold School against teams from five other schools. The team of **Tom Chapple** (speaker), **Adam McNally** (chairman) and **Jonathan Maxted** (questioner) was judged to be one of the two most successful and hence goes forward to the Gloucestershire round which will be held in the Council Chamber at Cheltenham in February.

A 6th Form team entered the county schools' Debating Competition at the Stroud Council Chamber. The team had to oppose the motion that the legal age for smoking should be raised to 18. **Richard Duxbury**, **Hannah Healy** and **Matthew Bick** spoke very well albeit not emerging as victors.

U6th Geology Field Trips

Western Pyrenees – Basque Country October/November



*A Spanish student
tempted by geology?*

U6th Geologists, with three interpreters and their minder from the Spanish Department, set off on a stormy Sunday during half term to catch the ferry from Plymouth to Santander. The voyage was eventful; passengers were banned from going up on deck, waves crashed over the windows on the upper decks, a foul "fish lorry" aroma pulsed up the lift shaft from the car decks, and at least two members of the party felt that death was preferable to life at sea.

Once on dry land, the weather and spirits lifted. We journeyed eastwards, looking down into the vast crater left by a dissolved dome of salt, and some of the salt pans that have been worked since Roman times, we got lost in the city of Vitoria, but did eventually reach our hotel south-east of Pamplona.

Geology students got straight down to work; mapping of a small (2-3 sq km) area around a river gorge for one of their coursework exercises; meanwhile the Spanish students were accosting locals in Pamplona, as part of a survey. The party moved on, first to Jaca, south of the mid Pyrenees and finally to San Sebastian, on the Basque coast near the French border. We saw breathtaking scenery, a complete transect through the Pyrenees, a mountain range produced by the collision of France and Spain about 40 million years ago, which folded and thrust the rocks trapped between them.

The weather could be fairly described as variable; from storms to high 20's, clear blue sky to fog, torrential rain, snow (on the French border in the Pyrenees) and even a tornado forming a water spout in the Bay of Biscay, which later dumped marble-sized hailstones on the well known town of Gemika.

The return voyage was across a millpond, much to the relief of some of the participants! A thoroughly enjoyable and worthwhile visit with, thanks to our interpreters, few of the hazards associated with visiting and eating in a non English speaking part of Spain.

L6th Geology Field Trips

L6th trips to North Devon and South Shropshire

This year the L6th were divided into two groups, both of whom had their introductory weekend field trips this term.

The first group travelled to north-west Devon in early November, staying near Hartland Quay north of Bude. We visited Belstone, on the northern edge of Dartmoor, to look at the granite and the rocks baked by its heat, several old mine tips to find minerals, and saw some of the best fold structures in Britain. The weather was very kind to us, unlike the tides; most people ended up with wet feet at our last stop in Combe Martin!

The second group journeyed, at the end of November, to South Shropshire, another classic area of British geology, staying near Much Wenlock, at the northern end of Wenlock Edge. We saw a wide variety of igneous and sedimentary rocks and their effect on the scenery, did some elementary geological mapping, collected some superb minerals, fossils, and other signs (of life). Indications were found of past volcanic, tropical sea, hot desert and glacial episodes in the area's long history. Once again the weather was very kind.

On both trips we were in self-catering accommodation, so that geological skills were not the only ones being learnt or used. Thanks to all who participated and prepared, cooked and tidied up some excellent evening meals!

DAG

Parent Governor Elections

The nominations for the two posts becoming vacant closed on Friday 17th December 2004. Only two nominations were received by the closing date. The two new parent governors from 25th January 2005 will be Mrs Sue Trevaskis and Dr Bob Bell. We wish them well during their four year terms of office.

Our thanks goes to Paul Barns and Stephen Grant who have served our school as parent governors for the last four years.

RMBB



Science College

Government departments have been producing Five Year Plans and in July this year the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) duly trumpeted its vision for the country's educational future. At its heart was the expansion of the Specialist Schools initiative, including the idea of inviting schools which have demonstrated success in this field to tender bids for a second specialism.

Earlier this term, recognising our achievements as a Language College, the DfES asked Sir Thomas Rich's to submit plans for a second specialism. To complement our Language College status and the recent award of Sportsmark Gold we applied for Science College status; we have just been informed that our application has been approved.

We therefore become one of the first schools in the country to have two specialisms. Language College status remains our main specialist area but the additional funding which accompanies Science College status will enable us to improve our own provision (for example, to continue our programme of laboratory refurbishment) whilst developing the links we have established with local schools.

Geography Field Trip



Some of our 6th Formers and Y7 Geography groups have been venturing out of the classroom recently.

The L6th Geographers spent 4 days in November visiting one of our most popular national parks: The Derbyshire Peak District. Here they studied the development of limestone scenery at Dovedale, investigated the management of oak woodland near Grindelford, and studied the dramatic impact of slope processes on the side of Mam Tor, the so-called "shivering mountain". High winds on Mam Tor made the weather pretty shivering for some, but an impressive amount of work was completed most efficiently, making for a very successful visit.

Closer to home, 7R spent a bright, if chilly, December visiting some of Gloucester's more historic and attractive districts to investigate the topic of urban conservation. The boys are now applying their mapping and ICT skills to produce reports in response to a city planning brief. Our photo shows some of the survey work being efficiently carried out in Westgate Street.

The next residential trip will take place in April 2005 with the U6th geographers studying what ice did to the landscape of Snowdonia.

SWP

Language Lectures

On Wednesday 1st December Sir Thomas Rich's hosted the ALL (Association of Language Lectures). It was an opportunity for 6th Formers from the county to get together to listen to lectures in French, German and Spanish. The lectures were informative and stimulating, providing students with better insight into issues affecting these countries and with opportunities to fine tune their listening skills.

French Lecture

We were particularly pleased to welcome to the school Fabrice Vié from the Alliance Française who travelled from Lincolnshire to deliver his lecture. "La guerre d'Algérie" was an illuminating and stimulating journey from the Algerian crisis to the end of the Fourth Republic, through the return of de Gaulle and the resolution of the crisis, to the repercussions of the dispute for France and Algeria.

German Lecture

The German Lecture on foreigners in Germany by Christine Johnson of John Cabot College in Bristol was very well received. The talk encompassed the recruitment of foreigner workers by Germany in the Fifties, the issue of asylum seekers and the German re-settlers. It concluded with an excerpt from the German film "der Schwarzfahrer" which highlighted in an amusing way, some of the prejudices towards foreigners.

Spanish Lecture

John Hollyman from UWE in Bristol gave an interesting and accessible talk on terrorism in Spain, focussing on the history of the Basque Separatist movement ETA and the political background to the conflict.

C.O.A. Careers Brief Test

Over fifty Y11 students undertook the voluntary test in November, which is designed to assist them in their post 16 options choices, and provide careers advice and identify their key strengths, upon which informed choices can be made for the future. The reports have now been issued to the students to share with parents, tutors and the careers staff. It is hoped that they clarify, confirm and focus the students, upon which they can make clear choices for next year.

Connexions Y11 Briefings, Careers Interviews and 6th Form Lecture

During the term Mrs Quinn from the Connexions services provided a briefing to each Y11 tutor group on the role, function and services that Connexions can offer to help young people. All Y11 received a 'Connexions Information Pack', with lots of detailed information on a range of issues, from course information to organisations that can assist young people with various problems.

Parents should note that during the term Mrs Quinn has regularly been available for optional Careers' interviews, with all Y11 and 6th Form students. Also parents should have received via their sons, access to the Connexions publications 'Which Way Now?' and 'It's Your Choice'. Both magazines are packed with insightful and available information to help our Y11 students make informed choices about their future, and assist them with any issues that may concern them.

In November, Mr Seales and Mr McBurnie gave all of Y11 a talk on entry to Rich's 6th Form and provided valuable information on the range of courses on offer and assistance on selecting various 'AS' options. In the Spring Term Mrs Quinn will provide further input and advice on the issue of 'AS' options and factors to consider when selecting subjects. Mrs Quinn will also be available during the Y11 Parents' Evening next February.

RAF Motivational Team Careers/Citizenship Morning

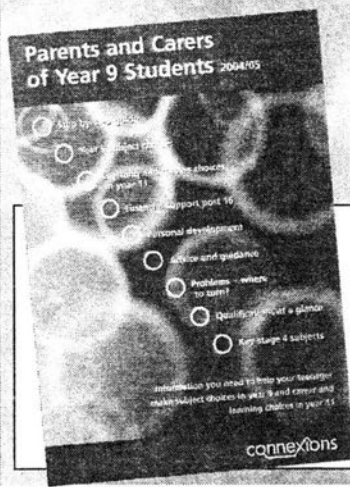
On a grey December day, all of Y11 experienced practical problem solving activities organised by the RAF Motivational Team who are based at the Careers Centre, Gloucester Docks. The aim was to develop team skills, problem solving and group communication, all of which proved a big hit with all concerned.

There are plans for a further visit next year and a challenge day is being organised for the New Year at RAF Innsworth. Our thanks to the RAF for a great morning.

PDL/JMA

Y9 Connexions Magazine

All of Y9 received in November the Connexions Information magazine and parents should have obtained access to this publication. The magazine, which is specifically targeted at Y9, is designed to provide them with information about GCSE choices, where to obtain careers information and also raise awareness of issues that students starting KS4 should be thinking about.



Y7 Rugby

Churchdown 10 a-side Competition

On Friday November 26th, the Y7's entered the Churchdown Tournament. This was their first competitive outing and the squad of 15 players were eager to get started.

The school played well in the group stages and showed a good fluency in attack and a determination in defence. In their 5 matches they scored 9 tries whilst only conceding 1.

v BEAUFORT	won 19-0
v OXSTALLS	won 14-0
v REDNOCK	won 14-0
v NEWENT	won 7-0
v TEWKESBURY	drew 7-7

In the semi-final they were drawn against Beaufort who were showing signs of improvement with every game. In a close match the school won 14-7.

The final was to be played against Crypt who were also unbeaten. Crypt started well and scored an early try putting us under pressure. The team responded well and worked hard to get back in the game. However the Crypt defence held firm and the score stayed as Crypt 7, Rich's 0.

1st XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	7	-	3	181	156

The 1st XV under the captaincy of **Simon Moody** have had an encouraging season. After losing a tough opening fixture against Chosen Hill, Rich's began to show a resilience and team spirit which enabled them to compete at a much higher level. The pack began to dominate the opposition and this allowed the backs more freedom to move the ball and play in a style suited to the strengths of the team. Victories v Cleeve, Mailing and Crypt typified this determined approach as they had to battle to the end whilst having the focus to play an expansive game.

In what has been an entertaining season our squad can be pleased with the progress made both on a team and individual basis. Their attitude to training has been good and the willingness to expand their game reflects their desire to learn and to move forward. This was supported by a superb attitude and team spirit which was evident both on and off the pitch.

Orienteering

Among the 400 runners at the British Schools' Orienteering Championships at Birmingham in October was a small team from Rich's. **Joe Taunton (L6R)** came third with **James (11S)** and **Andrew Hartley (11B)** close behind - the team finished third of the 22 secondary boys' teams.

U13 'A' XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
10	7	-	3	254	106

The 'A' team finished their season in fine style with an impressive performance against St Peter's, winning by 26 points to nil. **Spencer Pugh**, the Captain, scored one of the 4 tries, making a total of 10 for the season, an impressive achievement for a prop forward. In addition, **Oliver Johnson** scored 2 more tries to take his tally to 8 and **Tom Pigott's** 3 conversions made him the team's top points scorer with 57. Other notable victories since half term were gained against King's (51-0) and Crypt (19-17).

U13 'B' XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
3	1	2	-	49	22

The 'B' team completed an undefeated season with another hard fought drawn (10-10) game against Crypt. The team has played with great spirit, determination and enthusiasm and a number of the squad including **Sam Rees**, **Chris Mace** and **Ben Murray** have performed well for the 'A' team when given the opportunity.

CDAC

U14 Y9 XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
13	12	-	1	347	177

This has been a relatively pleasing season with a good set of results. The team has played well at times, but to improve they must address specific areas. These are their tackling, consistency, fitness and ability to ruck effectively. During various matches some excellent rugby has been played, particularly from the backs, but the team needs to be more clinical and not allow teams to come back.

The team won their initial first round HSBC county schools match against Crypt and will play Cotswold School on January 10th, 2004. One very positive note has been the introduction and development of new first team players, which should be the ultimate aim of any good Rugby team.

Colours will be awarded after the team has finished in the HSBC County Schools' Competition.

PDL

2nd XV

P	W	D	L	F	A
11	6	1	3	187	170

One game stopped early with a neck injury—player concerned is fine)

A very successful season for the seconds, based on forward dominance and a solid defence. Rich's managed victories against Churchdown and Rendcomb and narrowly lost to a much older Brockworth 1st XV. The season finished with a heavy defeat to Hartpury 2nd XV but in many ways this was the teams best effort with 100% commitment to the very last tackle. It has been pleasing to be able to choose from a large squad and indeed a 3rd XV played Rendcomb 2nd XV winning 36-5. Thanks to all concerned.

MRS

Colours: R Ellison, M Patching, J Lowe, W Knowlman, G Mohamed, A Erskine.

ESSA Bazuka Swimming

In November the School contested the regional round of the National Schools' Swimming Championships, held at Millfield School in Somerset. The Junior team (**James Broady, James Bullock, Michael Fatica and Adam Gouha**) competed well to finish 3rd in their heat of the medley relay and 5th in their freestyle relay heat.

FREESTYLE RELAY 26 out of 190 teams 2m 3.18s
MEDLEY RELAY 22 out of 156 teams 2m 18.84s

The Intermediate team came 3rd overall in the medley relay and 4th overall in the freestyle relay. When the times from all the regional rounds were put together both the Intermediates' performances were in the top twelve and so the team has qualified for the national finals which will be held in Middlesbrough on February 5th – well done to **Tom White, Jack Mullins, Will Middleton, Rob Payne and Kit Turner** who achieved the following results.

FREESTYLE RELAY 9th out of 150 teams 1m 47.22s
MEDLEY RELAY 4th out of 150 teams 1m 58.47s

We are pleased to congratulate **Tom White** (11B) on his selection for the Welsh Amateur Swimming Association's development programme.

Colts Rugby U15

P	W	D	L	F	A
12	9	-	3	345	84

An excellent season for the U15's, the team displayed a superb balance of power and skill to play fast, attractive rugby. Both forwards and backs made a full contribution and both were well represented in terms of District and County honours.

Attendance at training was exceptionally good, with over 40 players representing the Colts throughout the season. All impressed with their attitude and attainment. Particular thanks go to Captain **Callum Broady** for his leadership and organisational skills. I am sure the squad will continue to distinguish themselves in Senior rugby next year.

RS

Fundraising Football

Earlier this term the L6th organized a charity indoor football match. The aim of the event was to raise money for the school's Ugandan Fund and to purchase some sofas for the L6th Form common room. A female staff team took on a Y12 girls team in front of a large crowd on the sports hall balcony.

The event was a huge success and in total enough money was raised to buy two sofas and to make a £92 donation to PMM Girls' school, Uganda. Thanks must go to all those who supported the event by watching, helping or playing. Special thanks must go to **Mrs. Prinsep** and her team of teachers who very kindly gave up their lunch hour to play, and to **Sophie Keates** who kindly refereed the game.

CJC/JMW

Uganda Link

What follows is the text of a school assembly given to update our pupils on the progress of our link with PMM Girls' School in Jinja, Uganda. I trust it will be of interest to parents too. We are very keen to broaden the basis of our support and thus are seeking corporate sponsorship. I would be delighted to hear from any parent who can help us advance this goal. In the interim sincere thanks to all those who have contributed to the consolidation of this link, either directly, or through encouraging the many and various contributions of their children. They have done you proud.

MAS

School Assembly: 15th November 2004

It is some time since I talked about our link with PMM Girls' School in Uganda, so I thought I would take the opportunity to do so today. Most of our communication is by e-mail, although Mr Crewe will occasionally send a text and we receive a letter now and then, of which more later.

You might remember that their school's motto is "struggle for success". Well, in the e-mail I received on June 28th, Mrs Lujwala, the Headmistress said that they were "struggling on with hope and improving". The House Music competition had just taken place and the girls could not believe that it was possible for us to watch them from afar. They seemed to think that it was some kind of magic, which, in a way, I suppose it is - the magic of technology. The Headmistress added that she had learned that our shipment of computers and other goods was in Mombasa, Kenya's coastal port. The school was also looking forward to getting a new minibus and beginning improvements to the school hall, which you may remember was a hollow shell. The plan was to fit doors and windows first and then put down a proper floor. There was, then, an air of expectation around the place. The next e-mail which James is going to read arrived on the 26th of July.

msn Hotmail

michaelseales@hotmail.com

From: Petronella Lujwala <lujwapeti@yahoo.co.uk>

11:22:54

Sent: 26 July 2004 15:51:18

To: michaelseales@hotmail.com

Dear Mike,

Today has been a very special day for us here at PMM. Last Monday 19th July 2004, the bus arrived at school during assembly time and the choirperson of the Parents' and Teachers' Association was there to hand the bus to the girls beautifully painted maroon, green and white with the writings, PMM Girls' School.

We delayed prayers/commissioning of the bus so that we have this when our computers are here. They were picked on Thursday and today Rev. Fr. Rowell a member of the Board of Governors representing the founding family, the Madhvani was here to receive and hand over the computers and pray for the bus.

He wisely counselled the girls on their safety as they use the bus. The excitement of taking turns on the rides on the bus has disrupted the morning classes, but it was worthy of it. A news reporter was invited and we expect a beautiful article in the daily New Vision, the national paper. I will send a cutting.

Petronella

Printed: 27 July 2004

The newspaper cutting never arrived, but the mental image of school girls riding around town in a minibus instead of attending morning lessons is one to raise a smile. There is also mention in that mail of the Madhvani family, an Asian family who founded the school and remain involved in supporting it.

The e-mail of September 15th struck a serious note. The third and final term of the year has just started (remember the school year starts in February) and attention has turned to external exams. The exams start on October 15th, so it's down to serious revision now. Uganda still has "O" and "A" levels, there are no "AS" levels and students read arts or sciences, they don't mix them. All in all, rather like the system some of our own staff remember, with greater or lesser degrees of affection. Perhaps a bit strangely, teachers leave their own schools to invigilate exams elsewhere. But the content of this mail was not exclusively about external exams, Mrs Lujwala also tells me that they have put a new floor down in the hall. The next job is to construct a raised stage.

Just before external exams start, prayers are said for the girls involved in them and a briefing takes place, much as we have at Rich's, to explain how they will be run and how students must conduct themselves in the examination hall. This year the prayers were based on St John's gospel, chapter 8, verse 32: "you will know the truth and the truth will set you free".

Last week a plain brown envelope arrived in the post, bearing the crest of PMM School. It contained copies of the school reports for the twenty girls we sponsor. As usual, they made interesting reading and you may read them yourself, if you wish, as the Headmaster has put them in the Uganda display cabinet. Now I have to tell you that I have found African people to speak very plainly indeed; you are rarely left in any doubt about a person's view and this is very evident in some of the teachers' comments. Here are a few examples for you to consider:

"Fair-what happened"

"You ought to do something in mathematics."

"Wake up!"

"All the subjects need attention."

"You have declined."

A bit different, you will agree, from the reports of most Richians.

Looking ahead, Miss Lucas is moving ahead with plans for a school group to visit PMM next July. This promises to be a very exciting trip. The itinerary will include helping out with a school improvement project, spending a day with a Ugandan family and time on safari. Perhaps this will be a first step towards a gap year placement for some of the party, who will hopefully follow in the footsteps of the likes of Will Savory, Dexter Bradley and Andy Godden who plan to go out in 2005. If you would like to be involved in this visit, then do let Miss Lucas know, there is still time to accommodate you. Above all thank you for your continued support for PMM. So far you have been very generous and I very much hope that you will continue to be so. Your selflessness is making a significant difference to the lives of others and is a true act of service offered by one community, unconditionally, to another.

Parents' Association

We are indebted to our P.A. for their initiative and enthusiasm in supporting the School. The inaugural Autumn Ball was a resounding success, 142 parents attended and the event raised £3,000. It was the culmination of a huge amount of hard work and organisation.

This year the 'Fayre' raised the magnificent sum of £4600. The School is most grateful for the hard work and time given by the members of the Parents' Association in running this event. In particular Mr and Mrs Young deserve special thanks for raising £1850 from the 'Promises Auction', a superb effort.

CDAC

Christmas Production 2004



Sir Thomas Rich's School
presents

A Christmas Carol

£5 Adult
£3 under 14's
and OAP's

1st, 2nd & 3rd DECEMBER 2004
7:30 pm in School Hall

A Christmas Carol

This term's school production was one of the most successful ever. We had wonderful audiences who were very responsive and inspired our cast to give of their best. **Stuart Mason, Scott Yearsley and Jon Roskilly** gave fine performances as Fred, Scrooge and the Ghost of Christmas Present, but really there was no "weakest link" - all the cast performed well and are to be congratulated on providing a superb evening's entertainment. Our orchestra are so good it's easy not to notice how good they are, there's a natural tendency to focus on the actors and singers. Nonetheless the orchestra contributed significantly to the success of the performance. A special word of thanks goes to all the many parents and grandparents who helped with the costumes and also to Mrs Clune for her knitting skills.

ERS

Y11 Work Experience

January, 17th - January, 21st 2005

All of Y11 should have secured their work experience placements, which must have been checked by the Trident organisation for any health and safety risks. It is important that over the Christmas break, all students double check that their placements are still available and if necessary, visit the establishment to obtain any important pre-work experience information such as their itinerary for the week. It is essential that any problems be addressed before starting in order that students can be guaranteed a productive experience.

Spring Term 2005

Wednesday 5 January

Weds 5 – Mon 17 January

Monday 17 January

Tuesday 18 January

Mon 17 – Fri 21 January

Thursday 3 February

Wednesday 9 February

Mon 14 – Fri 18 February

Mon 21 – Fri 25 February

Monday 28 February

Tuesday 1 March

Monday 7 March

Mon 14 – Fri 18 March

Wednesday 23 March

Thursday 24 March

Fri 25 March – Fri 8 April

Start of term, 8:40 am.

Trial GCSE examinations (Y11)

Nearly New Uniform Sale, 6:30-7:30 pm.

STAFF TRAINING DAY (non-attendance for pupils)

Y11 Work Experience

Y11 Parents' Consultation Evening, 5:00-8:00 pm.

Sixth Form Open Evening, 7:00 pm.

Half-Term Holiday

Trial A2 examinations (U6th)

STAFF TRAINING DAY (non-attendance for pupils)

Y9 Parents' Consultation Evening, 6:00-9:00 pm.

Y7 Parents' Consultation Evening, 5:00-8:00 pm.

Founder's Week (fund raising for PMM School, Uganda)

L6th Parents' Consultation Evening, 5:00-8:00 pm.

Term ends, 12:45 pm.

Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2005

Monday 11 April

Mon 11 – Fri 15 April

Tuesday 12 April

Monday 18 April

Monday 18 April

Monday 2 May

Tues 3 – Fri 6 May

Mon 16 May – Fri 10 June

Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June Half-Term Holiday (new!!)

Mon 23 May – Mon 27 June

Mon 13 June – Fri 1 July

Wednesday 15 June

Thurs 23 – Weds 29 June

Thursday 30 June

Saturday 2 July

Mon 4 to Fri 8 July

Thursday 7 July

Friday 22 July

Start of term, 8:40 am.

Trial AS examinations (L6th)

Y8 Parents' Consultation Evening, 5:00-8:00 pm.

L6th & Parents, H.E. evening, 7:30 pm.

Nearly New Uniform Sale, 6:30-7:30 pm.

Bank Holiday

SATs examinations (Y9)

AS examinations (L6th)

GCSE examinations (Y11)

A2 examinations (U6th)

Sports Evening, 6:30 pm.

School examinations (Y7 to 10)

STAFF TRAINING DAY (non-attendance for pupils)

Nearly New Uniform Sale, 10:00-noon

6th Form Induction Week

"New Year 7" Induction Day

Term ends, 12:45 pm.

Nearly New Uniform

If you require any items or cannot get to the sales (see diary dates above), please telephone Bev Hughes on 01242 524344. If you have uniform in good condition which your child has outgrown why not turn it into cash? Just collect a sales slip from the School Secretary and return this slip with the item. In particular we are being asked for rugby shirts, especially larger sizes.

UNIFORM - we have a good selection of 6th Form blazers, blue blazers, trousers, white shirts (short and long sleeves), grey jumpers (some new).

SPORT - football shirts, socks, boots, white shirts, navy shorts, white shorts, we also have a few pairs of cricket trousers.