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SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL

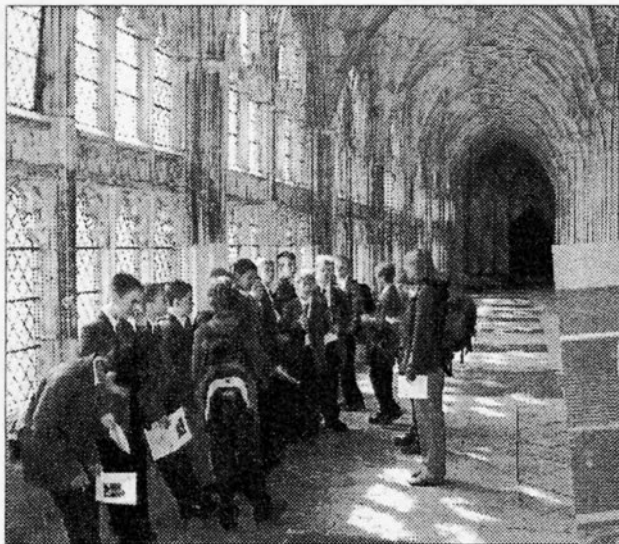
*NewsREEL**May 2005**J. Wallis*

The English education system is dominated by external assessment, and so Y9 have completed their SATs, AS and GCSE exams are underway, A-level and end-of-year exams come after half-term. We anticipate another set of excellent results – but not because we are an academic hot-house, as this NewsREEL shows. Even with exams looming our staff have found time for a host of enrichment activities. I wish our students well in this testing period.

*Computers for Schools**Tesco Computers for Schools 2005*

The 14th year of the Tesco computers for schools scheme for 2005 ended on 15th May 2005. Last year we collected and banked over 11,000 tokens, so we are aiming to beat this, to enable us to buy more computer equipment this year. Our present total stands at 6,950, so if you

have any tokens, they would be gratefully received. We hope to continue to make the most of this valuable scheme and your continued support is greatly appreciated. Vouchers should be placed in the collection box in the reception area or passed directly to Mr Hancock or Mr Peffers.

*S Hancock**Founder's Trail*

The whole of Y7 spent a morning in Gloucester last week, exploring the school's origins and learning about our history as well as finding out about some of the city's rich, albeit often well-hidden, past. The visit started in St. John's, Northgate, where Thomas Rich was baptised. We took in the Guildhall, where the Bluecoat Hospital opened in 1668 for 20 poor boys, and the Old School House, all that remains of our home from 1889 to 1964. The aim was to ensure that young Richians appreciate their rich heritage so that they can take pride in belonging to this ancient school.

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## House Events



Eastgate (captained by *Phil Hanson*) and Westgate (captained by *Alex Timms*) tied a closely contested **House Chess** Competition, which ran through the Spring Term, with all Houses fully represented and playing to a high standard. Thanks go to Mr. Fowler for organising this event.

In the **Junior House Soccer** competition, Northgate won the Y9 event but Southgate won both Y7 and Y8 and hence were overall winners. Southgate, captained by *Alex Meecham*, also won the **Senior House Soccer** competition.

Southgate won each of the Y7, Y8 and Y9 **Junior House Cross Country** races and hence collected the Junior Cup. Individual results were:

- Y7 - *Robert Miller* 1st,  
*Christopher Turley* 2nd,  
*Benjamin Weaver* 3rd;  
Y8 - *Rowan Tibbs* 1st,  
*Felix Clarke* 2nd,  
*Edward Grimer* 3rd;  
Y9 - *Richard Farrow* 1st,  
*Andrew Clegg* 2nd,  
*Christopher Surman* 3rd



The **Senior House Cross Country** competition was tied between Westgate (who won the Y10 event) and Northgate. Individual results were:

- Y10 - *Richard de-Camps* 1st,  
*James Walker* 2nd,  
*Alex Guilford* 3rd;  
Y11-13 - *Tim Dalton* 1st,  
*Phil Hanson* 2nd,  
*Andrew de-Camps* 3rd



Eastgate were overall winners).

**House Drama** was the major competition this term. Large numbers of pupils from all Years were involved, on stage and behind the scenes. The quality of all four performances must have been the best we have seen. Northgate performed 'As Good As New', a modern interpretation which was both funny and subtle. Southgate's *Father Ted* was much appreciated by the Y7 audience, *Claran Conway* being a natural Father Ted. Westgate also adapted a TV comedy, *Blackadder*, the audience loved it, excellent acting was topped by *Marcus Mayo* who won the award for "Best Individual Performance". The winners were Eastgate and *Baron Bolligrew* which was outstanding in all regards, particularly the stage direction of a younger cast.



## Speaking Competition

A team from STRS won the public-speaking round of this festival, and came away with the cup. Speaker, *Peter Butler* (L6th), gave a very powerful speech about the need for a real engagement with the problems of Africa. He spoke entirely without note, which, as anyone who has done this knows, is very difficult to bring off effectively. He was supported on this occasion by *Tom Chapple*, as Chair, and by *Adam McNally* to give the vote of thanks. Both performed their roles well. Tom overcame an initial memory lapse convincingly, to resume his usual clear and confident style. Adam was particularly convincing in the rather difficult role of giving a developed vote of thanks without giving another speech! It's the first time for some years that one of our teams, rather than just individual members of the team, has won one of these events. Well done to all three - and they will still be eligible for next year's competitions.

*S Pickard*

## Y11 Drama Trip

The Y11 Drama GCSE students enjoyed a pleasant evening out in Stroud on April 22nd watching the Hexagon Theatre Company perform *The Canterbury Tales*. Hexagon are an amateur company but their standard is very high. The costumes were a particular feature of the show - actors playing the characters in the tales themselves had about five costume changes each! After the show I made a tentative approach to Hexagon to ask if I could be allowed to take a couple of costumes into school for the students to look at in more detail - so our last Drama lesson of the course turned into a fourteenth century fashion parade thanks to the extraordinary generosity of Deborah Ford, who made all the costumes.

*E R Stanley*

## QUIZ NIGHT 'Chariot for Jack' Friday 29 April

The school's Explorer Scout Unit taxed the little grey cells again on Friday 29th April. Proceedings commenced at 7:30 pm when teams of 6 of both senior & junior sections battled it out in the school hall for first place.



This time we were raising funds for "Chariot for Jack" - to enable a local boy suffering from DMD (Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy - a severe muscle wasting disease) to purchase a purpose built state-of-the-art wheel chair. We would like to thank all those who took part and contributed in many ways to what proved to be a fun and enlightening Quiz Night. We can be justly proud in having raised a total of £300.

*P Brown*

### An Inspector Calls

I was lucky enough to join a group of Y10 GCSE English Students on their recent visit to Cheltenham's Everyman Theatre to watch the award winning 'An Inspector Calls'. Produced by the touring National Theatre Company, the morality play follows the story of an aristocratic family being visited by an inspector, investigating the suicide of a young girl. Through developing plot twists, the inspector teaches the family the errors of their ways and about the vulnerability of society on the eve of the First World War. The unpredictable ending provided the audience with the biggest twist of all and left them with much pause for thought.

An outstanding set which included a fully collapsible house and street scene complete with authentic rain, created a realistic feel to the play, which was aided by the excellent performance of the ensemble cast.

Thanks goes to the English department, the experience should be a great help to the Y10 students studying the play as part of their GCSE work and was enjoyed by all who attended.

*S Mason (L6th)*

### Return visit from Monday 16th May to Wednesday 25th May

Following a successful visit of our Y10 students to Göttingen in March this year, it has now been our turn to play host to our German exchange students and their teachers from the Otto-Hahn grammar school in Göttingen.

The German students spent two mornings with their partners in school, attending lessons with them, and were very impressed. (They had never seen so many exam tables set up in a hall before!). They also enjoyed being welcomed by the Mayor of Gloucester and their visits to Gloucester Cathedral, London and Bristol. For Friday we organised a joint trip for our students and their German partners to the Wyedean Canoe and Adventure Centre, where they all had the opportunity to practise their team building skills, including abseiling, raft building, canoeing and kayaking. The day ended with a great party for all students and their families at STRS.

We have had some excellent exchanges over the years and this one was no exception and will undoubtedly strengthen yet further the long lasting friendship between the Otto-Hahn-Gymnasium and Sir Thomas Rich's, stretching back for some 26 years. It makes us look forward to the coming year, when our Y10 pupils will again be able not only to enjoy visiting the University City of Göttingen, but also taking part in exciting day trips to Berlin, the beautiful Harz mountains and the award winning Hannover Zoo.

If you are currently in Y9, why not join in the fun next year (and improve your German at the same time)? Please contact Mrs Testoni-Ranken in V4 for further information and an application form.

*B T-Ranken*



## Saturday 28th May 2005



# CHARITY FUN DAY



Raising Funds for  
Jack's Charity

Hucclecote Rugby Football Club  
Churchdown Lane

Raffles  
Drinks  
Ice Creams  
Games

2pm Start



# BBQ

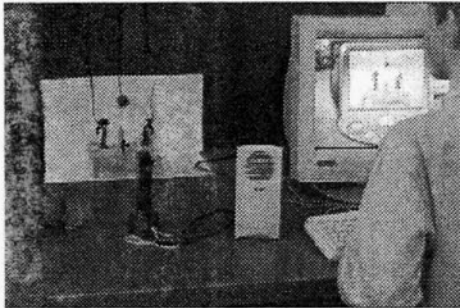


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# LIVE BAND

At 8pm

## Y8 ICT Trip



### PGL, April 2005

At lunchtime on Friday 15 April, 40 Members of Year 8, Miss Adamson, Mr Dempsey, Mr Peffers and Mr Crewe departed for a small village in Surrey where PGL's Marchants Hill site is located. That evening, and somewhat nervous of the task ahead, the boys listened attentively to a briefing of the challenge. They were to design a new activity for PGL, making sure that it was fun, different and, of course, compliant with the latest health and safety legislation. Thinking caps were immediately worn and the boys researched, discussed and fine-tuned their plans.

Saturday started with producing the promotional video for the activity. Finely tuned senses of humour were (thankfully) to the fore as the pupils roved around on their filming assignments. Back at base, the video was edited on computers, and the inevitable explosion sound effects were added. During the afternoon soundtracks were mixed and added to the videos.

On Saturday evening pupils made models from Lego and Plasticine, which they used for Wallace and Grommit style animations on Sunday. With 16 frames per second of video, the work was painstaking, but slowly they compiled 30-second animations of their



activities. Many of these were excellent - it is amazing what pupils can achieve in an hour and a half when they really put their minds to it!

On Sunday afternoon pupils produced web sites to tell the world about their new activities. That evening the pupils prepared PowerPoint presentations to show off their efforts and then on Monday, when not hurling themselves down the zip wire, they were impressing the judges with their work at an awards ceremony.



The trip wasn't all work, work, work of course. Pupils also did archery, climbing, abseiling and orienteering.

I must say that I was really surprised at the sheer quantity of high quality work that the boys managed to produce in 7½ hours of ICT sessions. My initial worry that there might have been too much IT was unfounded; the boys loved it, and many rated the ICT sessions above the outdoor activities. This was one of the best trips I have participated in. The boys were a real credit to themselves, their families and their school.

You can view some of the work produced on the school website by navigating to ICT and Computing > Year 8 PGL trips > PGL trip 2005 > Work Showcase. On the school network the boys have access to all their work, which of course they are welcome to show their parents.

*G E Crewe*





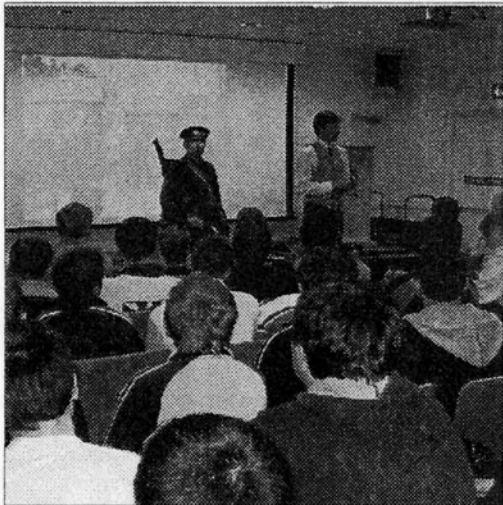
### National Army Museum

The Y9 History Curriculum focuses principally on World conflict in the 20th Century. In May, all four forms visited London. The first group (9T and 9B) travelled last week and started the day at the Imperial War Museum. Here, they had 90 minutes to tour the galleries and areas of personal interest.

The highlight of the day was our second port of call, The National Army Museum in Chelsea. Here, we were placed in the hands of the inspirational Julian Ferrance, an education specialist at the Museum. In an energetic tour de force, supported by archive material, he deepened our understanding of life in the First World War trenches. Hands shot up in response to incessant questioning and he must have been impressed by the quality of the answers he received. We learnt about women at the front, soldiers from the colonies, food, lice and washing facilities. He read us letters from the trenches, of which thousands survive and demanded to know why so few replies survived. This foxed everyone and let us say that his answer provided further evidence of the problems of life on the front line, please don't ask!

As his talk drew to a close, Edmund Lange volunteered to dress up as a Tommy about to go over the top fully equipped. The photos show the results. Later, we all had an opportunity to handle the equipment such as grenades and the legendary Lee Enfield 303.

N D Pitel



### STRS Bridge Club

Refounded in September 2002, STRS Bridge Club meets every Friday lunchtime in F8. Weekly attendance is usually two tables (8 players) and players are drawn usually from the 6th Form. All participants this year have started the game from scratch and have made remarkable progress in the 12 to 24 months that they have been playing. We have started with mini bridge, a simplified game designed to teach the basics of card play before moving onto bidding and then the duplicate game. Typically, a club meeting starts with 10 minutes teaching before two or three pre-dealt and pre-arranged hands, which illustrate the teaching point, are played. **Jack Milton** of the U6th is our Senior pro and most experienced player. He has played at Stroud Bridge Club on several occasions and held his own. His partner, **James Hewlett** (Y10) is now looking for a new team mate. **Marcus Mayo** and **Daniel Busbridge** (L6th) have formed a keen and promising rookie partnership this year. In March, these four bravely entered the EBU (English Bridge Union) School's Cup at Loughborough facing much more experienced opposition. They came 8th (out of 8!) but lost their matches only by small margins. Two more players, **Greg Lamb** and **Simon St John Green** (both Y11) joined two keen, young club members from Stroud Bridge Club and ineligible for the School's competition, entered the Open instead. They came 10th out of 20 winning two of their five rounds. We shall return! All that is required is more players. We restart in F8 at 1:30 on Friday September 8th - see you there!

N D Pitel

## Art Trip

It's examination season again and as usual the early harbinger for pupils is the four week preparatory period for the Art examinations, starting immediately after the Easter break. Are we the educational equivalent of the first cuckoo call of Spring?

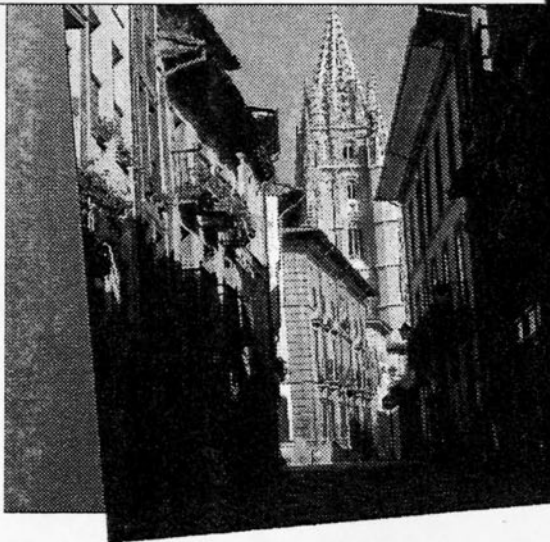
One essential element of this annual process is the trip to London, designed to give all pupils the opportunity to gather critical studies information based on their chosen examination question. This year's trip took in the two Tate Galleries, starting with Tate Britain in the morning, followed by a visit to the Tate Modern in the afternoon.

One sign of the growing popularity of the subject was the necessity to book a double decker coach to accommodate all the pupils taking Art at GCSE and A level, particularly as every pupil had signed up to go. As a result, nearly seventy representatives of STRS, together with five staff, descended on London on April 20th.

The pupils are well versed in the requirements of these trips and they know that a lot can depend on their attitude to collecting good quality information in their sketchbooks, not least the chance to significantly boost their potential exam marks. So, once in the galleries, they disperse to every corner to begin their sketching and note-making, accompanied by our patent advice booklet and a few well-chosen words. Mr Gallagher was also ready with his sketchbook, ready to record valuable lessons from the master of English landscapes, William Turner.

At the end of the afternoon, with mission accomplished, we met up with the coach at our pre-arranged meeting point, satisfied that another important step had been taken in the quest for Art exam success. Needless to say, all pupils were an absolute credit to both themselves and the school, fully justifying our faith in them and making the most of the opportunities afforded by the venture.

*R J Lockey*



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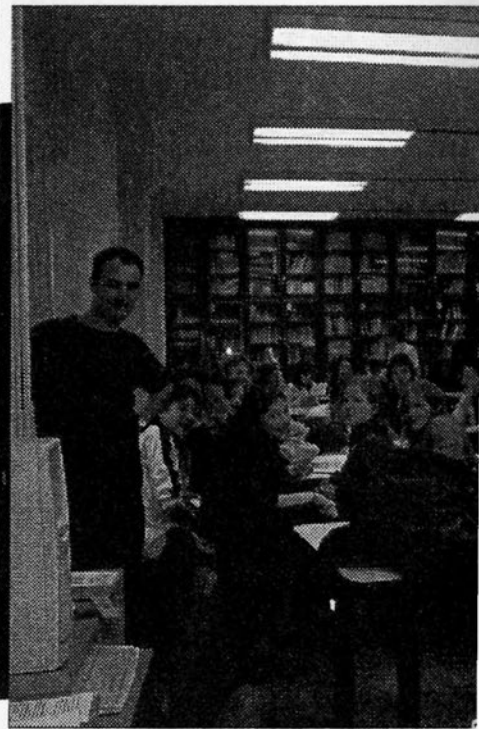
## Spanish Exchange 2005

### With I.E.S La Ería Report

In early March, 29 pupils in Y10, 11 and 12 from the High School for Girls and STRS embarked on the English to Spain leg with Spanish school I.E.S Ería. The Spanish students have spent a week in the UK in London and the typical British weather amongst other things. But now, it was the turn of the English to spend a week away in the Northern city of Oviedo; to immerse ourselves in Spanish culture, weather and language - *el Castellano* - for a whole seven days.

Oviedo is situated in the region of Asturias, which has a long history and structures dating back to the Roman times. However, the Asturian population are probably most proud of their impressive mountains - Los Picos de Europa - that are situated just in land of the province. Unfortunately it had been extremely cold in Spain a week before we English arrived and, despite the warm Spanish sun a visit to these peaks wasn't possible.

Other activities included a town trail on the Friday, visits to the nearby towns of León, Astorga and Gijón (and invariably their cathedrals) on Monday and Tuesday, respectively, and a day in I.E.S La Ería on

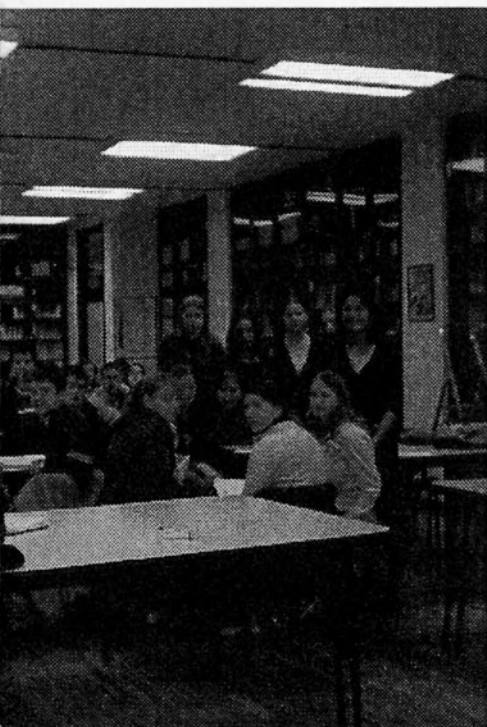


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Wednesday. The host pupils - and their generous families - thoroughly ensured that we English were never short of food and other necessities and thankfully, didn't seem to mind what time their children came home in the evening. Frequent evening gatherings around various parts of "el Parque de San Francisco" meant that everyone was able to meet up with friends - English and Spanish - and that everyone was occupied. The Saturday night was spent soaking up Spanish culture in various clubs and discos by most and then chilling out or going to the beach on Sunday.

However, not everything can be conveyed in the arena of the classroom; great exchanges like this one help to put the language into context and go a long way to building pupils' confidence and improving their ability. After all, there's no better place to learn Spanish than Spain. Exchanges such as these need hundreds of hours organisation to be successful - everything from booking plane tickets to booking coaches to take us to León or Astorga. Many thanks go to Miss Brake and Mr Groom for giving up their spare time to make this unique experience possible. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the Spanish leg of the exchange and some have even pondered the possibility of a return during the Summer break, which has been met with a degree of acceptance - curiously not by the teachers though!

*D Brake*



## *Musical Events*

### **Mozart Requiem**

On Thursday, 12th May, the School Choir performed the Mozart Requiem at Holy Trinity Church, Longlevens. This represents a major achievement for the choir - for any choir; the challenging music was tackled with assurance and musical sensitivity by choir and orchestra alike. The School was pleased to welcome the four guest soloists: **Susan Black** (Soprano), **Jeremy Kenyon** (Alto), **Gareth Groves** (Tenor) and **James Birchall** (Bass) and an orchestra of students and teachers, led by **Mr Tony Frewer**. Special mention must be made of the inclusion of the plainsong from the Mass for the Dead, which was expertly researched and arranged by **Dr Paul Fugler**, resident piano teacher and choir-member. This was an extremely rare opportunity to hear the Mozart Requiem performed in its full liturgical context. I must congratulate Paul and the plainsong choir on the quality of the singing of this demanding choral music. A good audience was unanimous in its praise of the choir's performance.

Thanks go to Reverend Tony Newcombe for allowing us to enjoy the lovely acoustics of Holy Trinity Church once again.

### **Assembly**

Congratulations to the 6th Form Barbershop quartet, who, following their debut in the Spring Concert, delighted a packed assembly hall on 25th April with a sparkling performance of 'Honey Pie'. The quartet members are: **Jessie Pywell** (soprano), **Scott Yearsley** (alto), **Jon Roskilly** (lead tenor) and **Richard Phillips** (bass).

*J W Thompson*

## *6th Form Travellers*

**Mark Page** (L6th) will be spending part of the Summer in the Norwegian arctic as part of a team undertaking geological research with the British Schools' Expedition Society.

**Blake Kendrick** and **Peter Cheng** (L6th) travel to Taiwan in September to take part in an engineering competition. The aim will be to design and make a scale model of a building, which must resist earthquakes simulated on a shaking table, i.e. a research laboratory facility for testing structures.

**Gareth Mohamed** (U6th) will be spending sixth months of the forthcoming academic year in Malawi. His gap placement will involve assisting in a school and some football coaching.

*MA Seales*

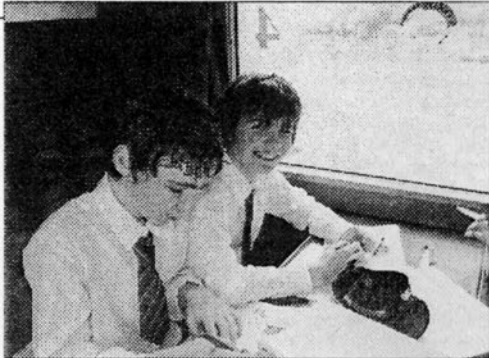
## Geography Fieldwork

'Real' Geography involves travelling to interesting places and learning in the 'Great Outdoors'. 'Real' Geographers are as adept at working in storm and tempest as at completing a spot of colouring-in in the classroom. Both Y8 and U6th have become 'Real' Geographers in the last few weeks.

### Snowdonia

With Easter being early, we switched the U6th Glacial Environments trip to the beginning of the Summer Term. In hindsight, this was not a good idea; as the second day wore on, the horizontal hail gave way to torrential sleet. The prospect of visiting a high altitude cirque in near glacial conditions prompted a quick revision of the programme, and we were all grateful to Mr Carter for taking us to a coastal drumlin instead. An icy gale blowing straight off the Irish Sea helped us to visualise its formation and we felt we earned our cosy evening visit to the pretty mountain village of Beddgelert. Nevertheless, we saw something of four different glacial landscapes, which should be very useful material for the forthcoming 'A' Level exam.

*Another land use is duly recorded by Matthew Hunt (8R) and his team during a brief sunny interval in Bridgnorth.*



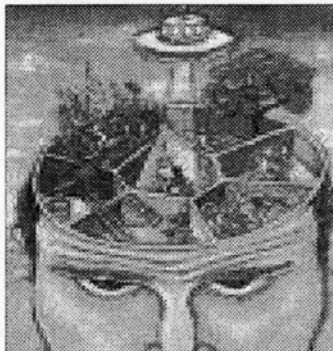
*The Severn Valley landscape is under scrutiny from Ben Brooks and Iain Murphy (8R) during the train journey to Bridgnorth.*

### Shropshire

A few weeks later Y8 travelled by bus and train to the historic market town of Bridgnorth, studying the Geology and Landscapes of the Severn Valley along the way. On arrival, the topic switched to the layout and development of the town, and the groups completed their work with interest and efficiency. Frequent heavy showers did little to dampen the boys' enthusiasm for outdoor learning, making for a very productive and enjoyable visit.



## AS Psychology



In the Psychology department, the students appear to enjoy their revision so much, we decided to treat them to a whole day of it! On April 28, all students studying AS Psychology piled onto a coach bound for London, armed with pads of paper and multi-coloured pens, eager to learn more about one of their favourite subjects.

The whole day consisted of mini-lectures that were aimed at helping them revise all areas of the AS Psychology course and give practical advice on how to maximise marks in their exams. The students appeared (I) to enjoy the day and all came away having learned something. Between the lectures students were encouraged to participate in quizzes, which were mostly in the form of creating humorous captions for stills from famous psychological experiments. Some of our students' captions were even short listed, showing they have wit, as well as intelligence - who knew? Could you come up with a caption for the picture of one of Milgram's participants being strapped to an electric chair (see above right)?

*S J Crumblehulme*



## Nearly New Uniform

**NEXT SALE - SATURDAY 2nd JULY 10:00-12:00 noon**

If you have any uniform your child has outgrown which is in good condition, let us turn these items into cash for you and help school funds!

Please collect a sales slip from the School Secretary and after completing it return it together with items for sale.

**UNIFORM** - We have a good selection of 6th Form blazers/Blue blazers/  
Trousers/ White Shirts (Short/long sleeves)/Grey jumpers (some new).

**SPORTS WEAR** Football shirts/Socks/Boots/White Polo Shirts/Shorts (white and navy). We also have a few pairs of cricket trousers.

**Should you require a particular item but are unable to attend any sale it is still possible to arrange a meeting to obtain the required item.**

For further information please telephone Bev Hughes on  
**01242 524344**

## Cricket Update

### 1st XI Cricket

Of the five scheduled fixtures the 1st XI only managed to play 2 matches.

The first game away at Kings School in a 35 over match went to the final ball and with the school needing three runs to tie but falling short and scoring only two. However it was a good opening performance showing a sound all round look to the team and a positive team spirit.

Kings	151 for 7	Gibbons 3 for 25 off 7 overs
School	150 for 6	Conway 50

Against Rendcomb the school opted to field first in an overs game. Early pressure had Rendcomb in trouble at 74 for 6 but a spirited fight back enabled Rendcomb to reach 160 for 7 declared.

The School batted well despite losing wickets and they always looked in control. In the end the school won by 5 wickets.

Rendcomb	160 for 7
School	161 for 5
Conway	75 not out

### Indoor Cricket Final

This year's final was played in the old Gym on Tuesday 17th at lunchtime between two 6th teams, captained by Claran Conway and Andrew Erskine.

Both teams had produced impressive performances, to reach the final, which promised to be a close affair. Andrew Erskine won the toss and elected to field, but it was the batting side that took the early initiative with some aggressive running between the wickets. Despite losing a couple of wickets through run outs, they managed to maintain their run-rate throughout the 6 overs, thanks largely to an unbeaten 56 by Claran Conway. They finished their innings on an excellent 126 for 5.

In reply, Andrew's team were soon in trouble, losing 2 quick wickets to Ian Fabbro and when other batsmen perished to run outs, the innings stuttered to 43 all out in less than three overs. This left Claran's side victors for a second year, this time by a margin of 83 runs.

R J Lockey



### Uganda Sponsored Swim

Nine members of the Senior Games' Swimming group took part in a 30 minutes sponsored swim in March and raised over £470 for the STRS Uganda Fund. Will Middleton deserves a special mention for raising the superb sum of £164. Well done to all concerned.

C Carter

## National & International Football

Congratulations to Niall Drury (95) who represented Birmingham City Football Club recently in two tournaments for the under fourteen age group. The first was held at Warwick University in March, the second in May, in Venice, Italy. Both tournaments gave Niall very good experience and the opportunity to play against European Clubs.

J L Spilsbury



### Y8 Soccer

The highlight of the season has been the team's narrow and unlucky City Cup Final defeat (2 - 1). The team is talented, determined and play an excellent brand of team football. The future is very bright and with fine tuning the Y8s will pick up the silver ware.

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Merit awards go to: Edward Grimer, Scott Davies and Thomas Grogan.

### Y7 Soccer

The end of a pleasing season for the Y7s culminating in a narrow semi-final defeat. The team has lots of potential and with further development they will prove to be a force in coming years.

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Merit awards for outstanding and promising potential go to: Christopher Turley, Timothy Brown, Philip Drewett, Saul Hatherway, Nicholas Mandella, Sam Redwood and Matthew Nash.

P D Lloyd

# Parents' Association NewsReel

## Autumn Ball

Plans are well under way for this year's 'Autumn Ball'. If you have not already put the date in your diary, please do so now.

**It will be held in  
the School Hall on Saturday 15th October.**

The format will be much the same as last year ... same Caterers (different Menu), Photographer, Mini-Auction, Band, etc. Ticket price will be £35 per person and includes a glass of champagne. However, those of you who book your tickets prior to September 6th, can buy them at the 'early bird' price of £30 per person. To qualify for this offer, tickets must be paid for, by this date.

We need to find an Auctioneer for this year's Ball. If you can help, please ring or e-mail me.

We would also like an exclusive selection of 'Auction Items'. Please would you consider whether you could donate anything to help us raise funds? Do you have good hotel contacts, so that we could auction a weekend away, or perhaps a Villa somewhere, where someone could stay for a week? Perhaps you have links with the sporting world? A box (?) at Gloucester Rugby Club would probably raise quite a lot of money. Unique driving experiences could be popular, Beauty Treatments provide the opportunity for the gentlemen in the audience to show how much they appreciate their ladies! We had some super auction items last year and if those of you who donated items wish to do so again, I would be both delighted and very grateful!

Thank you.



To order your tickets:  
e.mail - Alison at The  
STRSBall@hotmail.com  
ring Sall Gray on  
01452 621775  
07974 771746

Sall@business-advancement.  
co.uk

## Derby Night

# CANCELLED

I am sorry to say that the PA Committee has decided to cancel this event. We recently sent out a Flyer, asking for Sponsors, Race Horse Owners and orders for Tickets, but the response was poor. To those of you who did respond, a big Thank You and an apology that the event will not be taking place.



## Car Boot Sale

The 2nd in the series of 3 Car Boot Sales took place on Saturday. (The 3rd will be held on Saturday 9th July). 37 Cars pre-booked for this event and additional cars turned up on the day. Unfortunately, the weather was very unstable and soon the sunshine was replaced by darkening clouds, followed by thunder, lightning, hail stones and heavy rain. (Deja vu) Special thanks to **Lindsay Evans and her daughter**, and **Sally Creese**, who worked with me to the end of the sale, despite being soaked to the skin!

As they say "Every cloud has a silver lining" and ours came in the form of £268 - the largest amount we have raised at a car boot sale, to date.

**Any of the 'Booters' who return to the July Sale  
will receive a reduction in the amount they are charged.**

Many thanks to all of you helped to deliver the Flyers. I was getting bookings from people who said "I've just had a Leaflet through the letterbox". If anyone can help distribute Flyers between the 1st and 8th July, please ring Sall on 01452 621775.

**SUMMER TERM  
2005**

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

Wednesday 15 June Sports Evening, 6:30 pm.  
Thurs 23 - Weds 29 June School examinations (Y7 to Y10)  
Thursday 30 June STAFF TRAINING DAY (non-attendance for pupils)  
Saturday 2 July Nearly New Uniform Sale, 10:00-noon  
Mon 4 to Fri 8 July Sixth Form Induction Week  
Thursday 7 July 'New Year 7' Induction Day  
Saturday 9 July Parents' Association Car Boot Sale, 2:00-4:00 pm.  
Friday 22 July Term ends, 12:45 pm.  
Next term starts, for pupils. Tuesday 6th September 2005 at 8:40 am.

**HOLIDAY DATES  
2006**

HALF-TERM 24-28 October  
Christmas 21 Dec - 2 Jan  
HALF-TERM 13 - 17 February  
Easter 3 - 17 April  
HALF TERM 29 May - 2 June  
Summer 24 July - 4 Sept

You can find the 2005/6 calendar on the schools website:

**[www.strs.org.uk](http://www.strs.org.uk)**

Do you only want to work during school terms,  
but be paid every month?

If so, Alliance In Partnership require

### **GENERAL CATERING ASSISTANTS**

to work at Sir Thomas Rich's School

### **MONDAY-FRIDAY**

Various Hours but term-time only

Enthusiasm is more important than experience along with a willing,  
friendly attitude and a focus on presentation and cleanliness

To arrange an interview telephone  
Teresa Stone (Catering Manager) on

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