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MAY 2006

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The school is much reduced in size, indeed our numbers have halved, as Y11 to Y13 are away on Study Leave in readiness for the examination season. GCSE and AS exams are already well under way, A-levels commence after half-term. It is now that work habits maintained through the year pay dividends. We wish all our students well at this important time.

## HOUSE EVENTS

At the end of last term the House **Soccer** competitions were completed. Both the Junior and the Senior events were won by Southgate from Eastgate, Northgate and Westgate. Southgate also won the Junior **Cross Country** from N, E and W.



This term the House **Chess** competition was in doubt up to the completion of the last game; Northgate won from W, S and E.

<< The Senior **Cross Country** race was won by **Andrew De-Camps** who led Southgate to overall victory from E, W and N.

The Senior House **Swimming** gala was keenly fought, Westgate's strength in depth enabled them to dominate but the lower positions were in doubt until the final race - W won from E, N and S.



## LOCKER KEY DEPOSITS CHANGE OF PROCEDURE

In an attempt to save the annual disruption of taking locker key deposits in September and returning them in July each year it has been decided to change the procedure. Each September the incoming Y7 students will be asked to pay £5 as a deposit on their locker key. This deposit and the entitlement to a locker will carry forward for 5 years until they are leaving Y11. For students staying on in the 16th the current procedure will remain, i.e. they will be issued with a locker in the 6th Form bank of lockers and retain this locker for the whole of their 6th Form period.

In the event that:

- a student changes form rooms and no longer has access to his original locker his key will be collected from him in July and a new key issued at no additional cost in the following September.
- a student leaves the school before Y11 or U6th the deposit will of course be refunded on production of the original key.



## HISTORY PRIZE


**James Fleming**, currently studying at Sheffield University has recently been notified that he has won first prize in an essay competition organised by the Richard III Society. His essay entitled, "To what extent is the Shakespearean portrayal of Richard the Third distorted?" was written last year as his A-level coursework assignment. Unfortunately, James was in the middle of his exams and was unable to go to London to collect his prize from The Duke of Gloucester. Happily, Mr J Reid, who was James' coursework mentor, was able to receive the prize (£100 and a book to both James and the school) on James' behalf.

The citation for the prize read, "James's essay discusses whether Shakespeare's portrait of Richard was distorted. It is well constructed with a mature treatment of sources, such as diaries. He produces a good narrative on the Princes but goes off at a tangent a little to justify Richard's actions towards Earl Rivers, Lord Hastings and the Duke of Buckinghamshire. Overall this is an excellent and thorough essay".

All students in the U6th History sets have to write an extended essay on an historical debate of their choice – four of the best from this year's groups have also been entered for a prize. This year the Julia Wood prize as offered by St Hugh's College, Oxford. James' essay is posted on the School website at <http://www.schoolportal.co.uk/GroupHomepage.asp?GroupID=40877>

Alternatively visit [www.strs.org.uk](http://www.strs.org.uk) and select History, then A-Level, then examples of student work.

N D Pitel



YEAR NINE POST-SATS  
STRS & DRHS

# Disco

STRS School Hall  
Friday 5th May  
7:00 - 10:00 pm  
**£3.00**

A Y8/9 Post-Sats disco was jointly hosted at Rich's with Denmark Road High School for the end of SATs week and was very well attended with £369 raised for our link school in Uganda.

## BARN DANCE

A Barn Dance and Pig Roast in aid of the Sports tour to Australia in 2007 has been organised for Saturday July 8th at Astmans Farm in Lassington. The dance will start at 7:30 pm and there will be a licensed bar for refreshments. Tickets are priced at £7.50 [includes food] and are on sale at reception.

C D A Carter

SIR THOMAS RICH'S



**SATURDAY 8th JULY 2006**

at Astman's Farm, Lassington

7:30 til' late

**LICENSED BAR**

Tickets available from Reception

**£7.50**



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The expedition season is now well and truly underway with a total of eight groups completing practice expeditions over the last few weeks.

Two silver groups completed their practice expeditions in the Forest of Dean at the end of last term under the supervision of Mr. Crewe, Mr Haynes and Miss Preen.

Three Bronze groups enjoyed a fine weekend in the Cotswolds for their practice expedition on the 6th and 7th of May. Mr Buttle, Mrs James and Mrs Prinsep supervised.

Three more Bronze groups completed their practice expeditions the following weekend and were slightly less lucky with the weather but still managed to remain dry for most of the weekend.

The total raised from this year's sponsored orienteering day currently stands at £533 with a few boys yet to pay in their funds. Half of this total along with half of the total from last year has been donated to the Uganda fund. Well done to all those who took part.

D A Dempsey



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## SUMMER TIME IN D&T

All the examination students have now completed their Design and Technology coursework. The folders and practical work have been marked and the necessary details sent to the relevant examination boards. The GCSE moderator is coming into school on the 26 May 2006 to moderate samples of the work. We wish the students well with their revision and preparation for the final written exam and we look forward to the students receiving the grades their efforts deserve this summer.

### Arkwright Scholarship

**Justin Bramwell** attended his interview at Bath University in April. He had to take with him a portfolio of his work and while at the university underwent several problem solving exercises as part of the selection process. The final decisions and offers of scholarships will be made in June. Watch this space!

## TESCO COMPUTERS FOR SCHOOLS 2006

The vouchers for the fifteenth year of the 'Tesco Computers for Schools Scheme for 2006' are no longer being issued. We have already collected over 6600 vouchers and I would be most grateful if you would donate any outstanding vouchers as soon as possible. A collection box is placed in reception or you can pass your vouchers directly to Mr Hancock or Mrs James where they will be gratefully received. My thanks also to the 'volunteers' who continue to count and parcel the vouchers.

S Hancock/S James

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## PMM SCHOOL, Uganda

Our pupils are raising money to pay for the education of 20 Ugandan girls. I would like to raise a further sum to pay to send over several crates of school equipment, books, stationery, art materials etc. We did this a few years ago but transport costs are high. If anyone knows of any contacts in the export business or can offer fund raising ideas for our forthcoming Ugandan Supper Evening [July 5] please contact Mrs. Arnold at school or by e-mail [joanarnold@strs.org.uk](mailto:joanarnold@strs.org.uk)

J M Arnold



CONGRATULATIONS TO  
the winners of the PA's 100 Club  
for the month of  
MARCH - Mrs B Lyall and for  
APRIL - Mrs V Sheen

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## ESPERANTO AT St. James Primary School

During the past two years **Tom Shorney** from the U6th has regularly visited St James Primary School to teach Esperanto. Esperanto is an easy language to learn and serves as an excellent introduction to the learning of other foreign languages.

Pupils have clearly enjoyed the experience, which is due in no small extent to Tom's proficiency in, and enthusiasm for, Esperanto, which he has been able to communicate to the pupils.

## Visit to MODENA, ITALY

### Trip to Modena, 2nd – 6th April, 2006 (Comenius Project)

Having enjoyed the hospitality of our Bulgarian Comenius partners in November in Polski Trambesh , it was now the turn of the Italians to host the visit. Esperantists **Tom Shorney** and **Scott Yearsley**, accompanied by Mrs Roberts and Mrs Hewett, left Sir Thomas Rich's very early in the morning for Stansted airport and flew to Bologna. Here we were met by Ermanno and Valeria, teachers from the "Cavour" school, who travelled with us to Modena.

Modena is a beautiful Italian city and on the first evening we were free to explore at leisure, admire the wonderful architecture and relax in the warm spring weather. Situated in Northern Italy, Modena is famous for its balsamic vinegar, cheese, Lambrusco wine and Ferrari cars.

In every way the visit was a great success. The bonds of friendship between the participating schools grew ever stronger. Each school had prepared in advance a presentation of the history and culture of their area and from these we were able to gain a better understanding of our partners' lives. The first project between the schools, an art project, was on display at the Italian school and the whole visit underpinned the aim of the project: to promote and strengthen international friendship and understanding.

We now look forward to welcoming our partners at STRS in October when we hope the project will have expanded to include Lithuania, France and Spain.

*J Hewett*



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# SportsREEL

## 1st XI Cricket

### v King's School

King's won the toss and elected to bat. The school's attack was variable and the fielding lacked concentration as the innings wore on. King's batted sensibly and built a useful total of 191 all out.

#### **Meadows 4 for 36**

In reply the school batted without any real commitment and gave their wickets away cheaply to be bowled out for 40 runs.

King's won by 151 runs in a very disappointing game for the school.

### v Marling School

In a 30 over game Marling won the toss and elected to bat.

The school's bowling and fielding were much improved and Marling struggled to score, losing wickets at regular intervals. A late stand enabled them to get to 129 for 9.

#### **Blencowe 4 for 20**

In reply the school batted well and at 90 for 3 were very much in control. However a middle order collapse brought Marling back into the game and ensured a close finish. With the last pair at the wicket the school managed to score the winning runs and so win by 1 wicket.

#### **Barnard 50**

### v Crypt School

Crypt batted first and were immediately put under pressure from the school's opening bowlers. Supported by some good fielding the school took wickets at regular intervals and Crypt were bowled out for just 31 runs.

#### **Blencowe 6 for 16**

#### **Meadows 4 for 14**

In reply the school batted sensibly to knock off the runs for the loss of only 1 wicket, so winning by 9 wickets.

### v Rendcomb

Rendcomb won the toss and elected to bat and were soon in trouble. All the school's bowlers caused problems and wickets fell at a regular pace. Rendcomb finished their innings at 76 all out.

#### **Meadows 4 for 28**

The school moved past Rendcomb's score for the loss of 2 wickets, so winning by 8 wickets.

#### **Downes 27, Winter 21 n.o.**

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### v Dean Close School

Dean Close won the toss and elected to bat. The school bowled well and put them under pressure and made scoring difficult. As a result wickets fell at regular intervals and Dean Close were bowled out for 150 within their 35 overs.

#### **Winter 3 for 24**

Unfortunately the school's innings was disrupted by rain and the match was eventually abandoned.

*I J Gallagher*



## 2nd XI Cricket

The 2nds played Marling at home, losing narrowly in a nail biting finish by 1 wicket. The top scorer was **Alistair Copper** with 29 runs and the best bowling result was **Callum Broady's** with 4 for 10.

The 2nds also played Dean Close away, losing to a good team by 7 wickets. It was a brave performance especially in the field. The top scorer was **Christopher Lock**, who was not out for 27.

The other games against King's and Crypt were unfortunately cancelled.

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## BASKETBALL

The Senior Basketball team played two games this year, convincingly beating Chosen Hill by 20-14. They also defeated Cheltenham Bournside by 40-32. Well done to all players involved in both games.

R G Williams



## NETBALL

### End of Season

P15 W9 L5 D1

The Netball team should be pleased with their success this season. With only a squad of ten, the girls have shown commitment and lots of potential. The highlight of the season was reaching the semi-final of the Gloucestershire U19s tournament.

We look forward to September when we hope to strengthen our squad. However, we are also sad to say goodbye to **Katie Lyons** and **Lauren Gamlin**, who have now left for their A2 exams. Both girls have been key players in the success we have had during our first season.

We hope to improve further over the next few months by entering a school team into the Gloucestershire Summer League and may even have a squad to take to Australia on tour next summer.

M F Preen

## JUNIOR SOCCER

Before the Easter break, all of our Junior Soccer sides had successfully won their Gloucester City mini leagues and moved into the semi-finals. The Y7s played Beaufort, with the match moving into extra time and unfortunately Rich's losing by 2 goals to 1. The Y8s played St. Peter's and in an erratic performance lost by 7 goals to 4.

However, success in the semi-finals came with our other teams. The Y9s also played St. Peter's and in a very closely contested match, eventually won the penalty shoot out by 4 goals to 3, after extra time had been played and the teams had drawn 2 goals each. The Y10s played Beaufort and in an excellent performance, won 3-nil.

The Finals were played in the first week back after the Easter break at the Dowty's sport and social club. Both teams faced sides from Severn Vale, with the Y9s battling well, but eventually going down by 5 goals to 1. Meanwhile, the Y10s found it difficult to produce any form early on in the match and only started playing to their true potential in the latter stages of the game. By this time, it was too late and the team went down by 2 goals to 1.

Special thanks to Mr Lockey, Mr Daniel and Mr Pitel for their support this season and ensuring that our junior boys have had good opportunities to play competitive soccer. Their time and commitment must not and should not be underestimated.

Finally, thanks and credit must also be given to **Andrew Downes, L6H**, who freely gave up his time to referee many of the junior fixtures and to **David Slaughter, U6G**, who was active in helping to coach the Y8 team. Many 6th Formers should take note of this and in the coming year actively put themselves forward to continue the development of soccer at Rich's!



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*Dates for the Diary*

## SUMMER TERM 2006

12 – 30 June	'A2' exams (U6)
22 – 28 June	School Exams (Y7-10)
<b>29 June (Thursday)</b>	<b>In-Service Day (no school for pupils)</b>
Saturday 1 July	Nearly New Uniform, 10:00-12:00 am
3 – 7 July	Sixth Form Induction Week
6 July (Thursday)	Sports Evening, 6:30 pm
18 July (Tuesday)	Summer Concert, 7:30 pm
<b>Friday 21 July</b>	<b>Term ends, 12:45 pm</b>

**Wednesday 6 September**  
**New term starts, 8:40 a.m.**

## NEARLY NEW

**1 JULY**

10:00-12:00 noon

Please do let us have any uniform  
that is in good condition.

We can turn these items into cash  
to help you and school funds.

Please pick up a sales slip from the School Secretary.

If you are in need of any particular item/s  
but are unable to attend any sale,  
it is not too late to obtain the required item,  
simply telephone Bev Hughes on 01242 524344.



## WASHING TIP

During half term and holidays try soaking your child's blazer for a day (or even two - on occasions this is necessary!) with a gentle powder, then simply rinse a few times until the water is clear, the dirt will fall off easily.

**DO REMEMBER TO REMOVE ANY PAINT BEFORE ANY WASH!**