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## SEEING TEACHERS

If any parent wishes to see a teacher please telephone to make a mutually convenient appointment. We occasionally have parents who arrive in school and expect teachers to find time there and then. This typically occurs around 8:30 am, which is a very busy time for teachers who are preparing for the day.

## OPEN DAYS

We held two very busy Open Days last week, followed by an Open Evening. We are grateful to the large number of students who helped as Guides, Car Park Attendants, Musicians and Demonstrators in Departments. We invariably receive highly complimentary feedback from visiting families about the knowledge of, and pride in, Sir Thomas Rich's shown by our students. The number of visitors was significantly higher than in recent years, almost 30% up on last year.

This has been a busy half-term for School, with Speech Day followed by our Open Days. There has been the usual extensive range of educational trips including residential visits to Stratford (Y7), Pembroke (Biology), Liverpool (Art), Duke of Edinburgh expeditions and abroad to Flanders (Y9 History), Spain (Y10-12 exchange with Oviedo), Brittany (Y13 French work experience week), with our Geologists setting off for Spain on Sunday. I believe that this term is most important for laying firm foundations for educational progress through out the year. It is the longest term with few interruptions. The start of the school year is the time for students to get themselves organised. I hope that your son/daughter's First Order grades reflect this solid start.

## CHARITIES

We nominate three charities to support each year, a local charity in the Autumn Term, a national charity in Spring and an international charity in Summer. All collections from Free Dress Days and Thursday morning loose change collections are donated to these charities. We try to arrange for someone from each charity to come to address the school assembly and receive a cheque after providing an insight of their work. This term we are supporting The Camphill Family who are based in Stonehouse. They create communities for vulnerable children and adults with learning difficulties. Next term we shall support the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and in the Summer Term all funds raised will support our link with PMM School in Uganda with a small contribution to WaterAid.

We receive many requests from charities for help. Our scheme above is intended to make significant contributions to three charities throughout the year, rather than spread our efforts thinly over a large number.

## INVIGILATORS WANTED!

*Under the Government's Workforce Reform measures teachers are not expected to undertake non-teaching tasks, such as examination invigilation. We have retained some teacher involvement to ensure the highest standards of conduct in public examinations, but we also use 'outside' personnel, most of whom are parents. We would like to recruit more people to help – if you are interested in becoming an invigilator please inform the Headmaster, indicating your availability. The rate of pay is £7 per hour, the next public examinations will be in January ('AS' exams).*

## AUTUMN BALL—LOST & FOUND

During the course of the evening a brooch was found in the School Hall and we would ask the owner to contact the school in order to claim it.

Also found the same evening was a 'dropper' part of an ear-ring.

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## LANGUAGE CENTRE EXTENSION

At the time of writing we are expecting the extension to our Language Centre to be completed before half-term, enabling us to move in and to use the four classrooms on our return from the holidays. Our thanks to Miss Preen who has been teaching in the Bowls Club, to Mr Gowler who has been based in a Music Room, and to their pupils who have tolerated the interim arrangements through the first half of this term. One of the new rooms will be an additional Modern Language classroom (shared by Mrs Joshua and Mrs Hewett) and the remaining three rooms will house our Geography Department.



## 44th ESU DRAGON BOAT RACES Sunday 8th October 2006

Once more the 44th ESU took part in this now successful County Youth Event. Early on a beautiful Sunday morning, gentle mists still swirling like wisps of gauze over the quiet South Cerney waters, six of the unit arrived to take their places on the District Explorer Dragon Boat.

But what's this? Where are the other paddlers from the other Explorer Units? The long sleek dragon boats need at least twelve crew members to enter the race, sixteen to sustain an effective powerhouse over the whole course, twenty if there are to be any pretensions of winning.

Ever the optimists and showing the initiative their leaders expect from their charges, the six intrepid paddlers drew on the 'family' ties with their fellow Scouts and press-ganged several reserve paddlers from the County Scout boat (against who they were drawn to compete!) to fill the empty seats.

Net result – several young Scouts got to race all the races with their bigger Explorer 'cousins', the Explorer Boat was able to take to the waters in all heats with a full complement - and the County Scout Boat was beaten into fourth place by our District Explorer Boat! So we paddled out in third place overall and took home quite a nice little trophy to mark our efforts!

So with many thanks to those young Scouts who joined us, yet another enjoyable Sunday Dragon Boat Racing was notched up in the annals of the Venturing 44th!

P Brown



Our intrepid rowers were,  
Dan Hawsworth, Zak Hinds, Ben Sargeant,  
Jon Moorley, Iain Murphy and Richard Young.

Photograph courtesy of Paddy  
Langham.

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## Y13 SPECTROSCOPY VISIT TO BRISTOL

On the 21st of September 2006, Ms Prinsep and I took all twenty-seven Y13 Chemistry students to The Department of Chemistry at the University of Bristol to participate in a spectroscopy workshop. Spectroscopy is the general name given to a suite of techniques used in Chemistry to identify different substances. Unfortunately, due to the high cost and specialist knowledge required to run the machines used in spectroscopy, students do not get the opportunity to experience the different techniques first hand in school as the machines are generally only available in research institutions.

We arrived in Bristol at approximately 10:00 am where we were welcomed and given the briefing for the day by the schools liaison officer. Pupils then formed small groups to experience different spectroscopic techniques ranging from 'infrared spectroscopy' (IR) through to 'nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy' (NMR) and 'mass spectrometry' (MS). Possible applications of the various techniques were highlighted, such as determining the chemicals responsible for the orange smell in the alcoholic beverage 'Cointreau'.

The day finished with a lecture from Professor Eastoe, a lecturer in Physical Chemistry at the Department. During the talk pupils were given an overview of the entry process to university, the ways in which university courses are run and how students are assessed. Pupils were also given advice on the writing of personal statements.

All pupils enjoyed the day and when the theory of spectroscopy is covered later in the year as part of the 'A2' course, pupils will have gained a greater understanding of the various techniques enabling them to visualise the equipment easily. We thank The University of Bristol for allowing us to visit and Mr Ridler for kindly driving the minibus to Bristol.

M D Haynes



## PARENT GOVERNORS

In last month's NewsREEL we sought nominations for Parent Governors to fill four vacancies. We received four nominations so the following have been elected:

**John Conway (Sons in Y9 & 12),**

**Julie Melvin (Sons in Y8 & 10),**

**Lyn Walter (Sons in Y7 & 11)**

**and Chris Yates (Sons in Y7 & 10).**

They join our other two Parent Governors:

**Bob Bell (Son in Y11)**

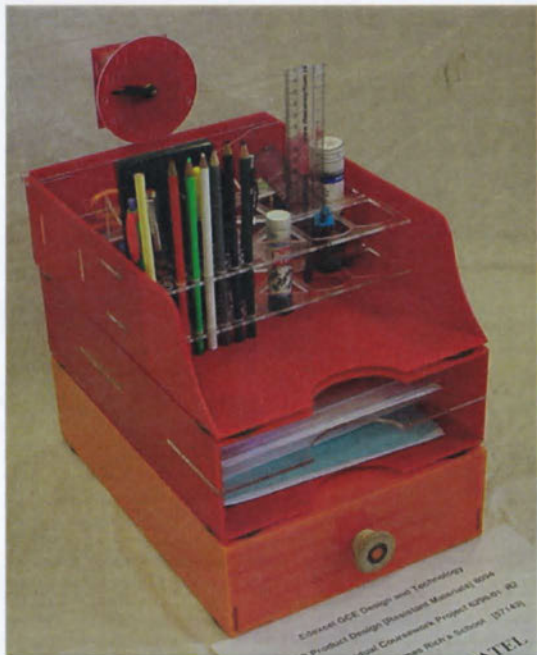
**and Sue Trevaskis (Son in Y10).**

## VOUCHERS

We have collection boxes in our foyer for Tesco Sports vouchers and for Nestlé cereal 'Box Tops for Books' tokens. All donations are gratefully received!

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## AUTUMN TIME IN D & T

This term sees the examination students working hard on their coursework projects. Most of the essential research, thinking, designing and planning is completed during this term. This design work is vital as it will ensure that the manufacturing [which the students start after Christmas] progresses smoothly, providing an opportunity for students to gain maximum marks.

The students this year have chosen a broad range of projects. At GCSE level we have students designing outdoor activity equipment, jewellery storage and clocks. At 'AS'/'A2' level we have students designing chairs, stools and speaker cabinets. They are working well and aiming to improve on the very successful results we achieved last year. Examples of past projects below are shown on the left.

Our Y10 students have started their first mini project in which they gain the knowledge, techniques and processes needed to help with their examinations and coursework projects for next year.

## YOUNG ENGINEERS

This year sees the introduction of the Y8 & Y9 Young Engineers Challenge. If you are interested in taking on an Engineering Challenge either individually or as part of a team, then come along to one of the meetings in G7 at 1:30 pm on Thursday lunchtimes. You will need to be self motivated, disciplined and able to work with others even if you are working on a solo project. Imagination, the ability to "think outside the box" and a daring approach to problem solving are also desirable attributes.

## Y7 TECHNOLOGY CLUB

The Y7 Technology Club meets on a Monday and runs from 3:30-5:00 pm. The club has taken up the "Toyota Challenge" to design and make an environmentally friendly vehicle. There are two categories, one team will design a Solar Powered vehicle and the other a PIC controlled vehicle. The groups have to work as a team and produce not only their design work and the vehicle, but also a presentation of their work to a panel of judges.

Good luck to all the teams!



S Hancock/S L James

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We were very pleased to welcome to the school on Speech Day, Mr Philip Cole, a former pupil of Sir Thomas Rich's and now Deputy Head of the Translating Service at the European Parliament. He is a very enthusiastic and accomplished linguist who proved an inspiration to our budding linguists. His offer to conduct translation workshops in French and German was accepted with alacrity and he even made time to speak to an U6th Economics class about the work of the European Parliament and to offer pupils in Y10 and above an insight into careers within the EU.

**J Hewett**

### ENGLISH LITERATURE PROJECT 'MAZ AND THE SUPER CREW' by 7T



This term 7T have been involved in the 'Short Story Slam Project' with Cheltenham Literature Festival.

Initially Philip Ardagh, the children's author, visited school and both entertained and informed 7T about genre. He totally engaged the pupils with amusing stories about how he became a writer, and set 7T on their way in the writing of a science fiction story. They worked with enthusiasm on settings, character and plot development, and within a week the story was written.

The following week Fiona Ross, a theatre practitioner, worked in the hall with the boys on the dramatisation and staging of 'Maz and the Super Crew'.

The culmination of the 'Short Story Slam Project' was the performance on Tuesday October 10th. Armed with light sabres, worm hole signs and a blue print (amongst other things), 7T took to the stage in Cheltenham Town Hall with confidence and commitment. It was testimony to their hard work that 7T, the youngest performers at the event, delivered a short story of which they can be really proud. We will now release the anti-earthquake stabilisers and return to planet Q5.

**J L Spilsbury**

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## 'A' LEVEL WORK EXPERIENCE IN FRANCE

On Saturday the 31st of September a group of eight 'A' level students travelled across the English Channel to Moulin de Kerhgoval, St Nicolas-de-Eaux, France with Mr Reid to experience the industries and trades of our French neighbours. They all returned on the 7th of October enlightened and with a wealth of experience to explore with the rest of their peers.



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A report by Mr Reid will follow in the next issue of our NewsREEL. Can Mr Reid explain this surprised expression?



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## 6th FORM ART TRIP TO CHESTER AND LIVERPOOL

26th - 29th September

At the end of September, the Art Department took all of the 'A' Level art students away for a four-day residential visit to Chester and Liverpool.

This biennial event is now an established part of the 'A' Level art curriculum, providing an intensive, but hopefully enjoyable, introduction to the first coursework unit of the year.

During the four days the students visit three major art galleries, namely the Walker and Tate Galleries in Liverpool and the Lady Lever Gallery in Port Sunlight. In addition, they also get the opportunity to produce first-hand sketches in Chester, Liverpool Docks, the two Liverpool cathedrals and Port Sunlight. In the evenings there were also practical workshop activities in which the students built upon the evidence they had gathered during the day.

All this added up to a breadth of collected visual information which always proves invaluable to the students' progress giving them a strong start to their coursework.

This year we were indebted to Mr. Gallagher and Mrs. Lloyd for giving up their time not only to accompany us on the trip, but also for their invaluable input during the stay.

**R J Lockey/M Cormack-Hicks**



## WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS

In our search for suitable placements for our Y11 students, we would ask any parents out there to help procure any possible work placement within an organisation you may work for or run. Please contact Mr Lloyd as soon as possible if you can offer any assistance in this field.

## Y10 CITIZENSHIP/CAREERS DAY

On the 12th of October our Y10 students had the opportunity to develop their personal skills and general knowledge through a number of workshop activities. These included the RAF Motivational Team, InfoBuzz Drugs Counselling, The Educational Business Partnership Enterprise Activities and Connexions University Guide. Feedback from the students was positive and the targets of enhancing the Y10's skill base was accomplished.

## CAREERS FAYRE AT RICH'S

We are hosting a Careers Fayre on the evening of

**WEDNESDAY 7th FEBRUARY, 2007**

6:30 pm to 7:45 pm

Any parents who are keen to have their organisation represented should contact Mr Lloyd at the school. We are also considering an 'informal chat room', where our students can talk to volunteers from different professions, occupations and business organisations to gain an insight into various careers. If any parent would like to talk informally to students with regard to considering future careers, please contact Mr Lloyd.

## Y9 SCULPTURE TRAIL VISITS

Friday 13th and Monday 16th October

All four Y9 forms were taken to the Forest of Dean to spend a day at the Sculpture Trail as part of their current art project on 'Surface Textures'.

As well as walking part of the trail in the morning, when they produced drawings and took photographs, the pupils also worked in small groups to create their own natural sculptures in the afternoon in the area next to Beechenhurst Lodge. These were photographed and marked by the staff, with the winners awaiting their prizes in the next scheduled art lesson.

There was just one slight hitch this year on the Friday trip, when Mr Lockey decided to try out a different route to the one agreed with his group, resulting in a very pleasant walk, but without the bonus of seeing many sculptures!

Nevertheless, as both the days remained reasonably dry and mild, the pupils seemed to enjoy the venture. I am confident that we can still say the days were worthwhile and should give the pupils some good ideas for when they have to devise and make their own models of public sculptures after half-term.

**R J Lockey/M Cormack-Hicks**

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## U13 RUGBY

The 'A' and 'B' teams have both made promising starts to the season.

The 'A's have played six, won three and lost three, scoring one hundred and ninety-nine points and conceding fifty-six.

The three games lost were all well contested and Rich's had good opportunities to win the games, particularly in the 17-14 defeat to Monmouth, when we crossed their line twice but failed to ground the ball!

The side have also shown great team spirit and character when they have fallen behind, clearly illustrated in the game against Chosen Hill when they were seventeen points to nil down at half time and fought back extremely well to lose narrowly by 17-14.

The three wins against Newent [46-0], Bournside [52-0] and Cleeve [61-5] have been rather one-sided affairs, but the side played some attractive, expansive rugby and scored some excellent tries.

The 'B's have played three games, starting with a very good win against Monmouth [20-12]. They then lost a close game against Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School [22-12]. Their third game was against Bournside, who they beat comfortably [36-0].

**C D A Carter**

## 2nd XV

This has been an excellent half term with the side winning five and losing only the first game. There have been victories over Beaufort, Dean Close, Churchdown, Bournside and Cheltenham College with the defeat (12-10) to Chosen Hill. It is pleasing to see so much competition for places and such a high standard of rugby.

**M R Swann**

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NIGHT



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No administrative or promotional costs are paid for out of money raised by donations.



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BBC Children in Need accepts no responsibility for this event, but we are delighted that such an effort is being made on our behalf!

BBC Children in Need Appeal is a registered charity, number 802052.

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## Chairman's Report 2005-2006

Once again, the Parents' Association has raised a phenomenal amount of money for the school and for that I would like to thank each and every person who has freely given their time, energy and enthusiasm to this very worthy cause.

Our aim for 2005-2006 was to make a substantial contribution towards the £28,000 cost of re-developing the Changing Rooms. We didn't just make a substantial contribution - I'm delighted to announce that we raised enough money to be able to give the school a £28,000 grant for the whole re-development costs. In addition we gave funding, in the form of grants, for affiliation and sports fees, covered all of the minibuses expenses and we funded the cost of five new Keyboards for the use of Key Stage 3 & 4 students.

Our Fundraising Events started with our second Autumn Ball. Once again, it was a great success and the feedback from attendees was fantastic. I would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who helped with the planning and preparation, those who came to help on the day and during the evening and especially those who came on the Sunday for the 'clear-up' operation. Many hands did make very light work. Special mentions must be given to **Anne Rawlins** (parent and talented flower arranger) who once again produced the most exquisite floral arrangements, to our Auctioneer for the evening, **Joe Hiram** (a parent at the school, who just happens to be a professional Auctioneer) who did a sterling job - not only did he auction the donated items, but he also auctioned the floral arrangements on each table, to **Alison Halliday** (parent) for once again producing a well thought out, to Angela Fu (parent) for producing delicious food for the volunteers, and not least of all to the 6th Formers, **Jesse Pywell** (who sang so beautifully), **David Dorey** and **Matthew Hawken**, who entertained the guests as they arrived and during dinner. The Ball itself ran seamlessly thanks to my helpers on the evening, **Lindsay Evans**, **Kathy** and **Jim Tribe**. **Sally Creese**, and **Gary Dixon** and the fantastic support from the un-named helpers. We are also very grateful for the donations of auction items and raffle prizes which swelled our profit.

The Y7 evening was again, very successful, although it was noted that there were fewer attendees this year. Again we received excellent feedback from those who had also attended the Ball.

The Christmas Fayre raised over £5200, with the Silent Auction alone raising nearly £2500 and breaking all previous records. Special thanks must go to the **Liz and Tim Young**, who put in a tremendous amount of hard work to ensure its success and also to **Sheila Johnson** who worked with Liz Young to secure 'Lots' for the Auction.

Sadly, Liz is no longer able to continue with the Silent Auction, and, despite a number of appeals through the minutes and the NewsREEL, we have been unable to recruit a team to continue with this popular fund raising activity.

During this year we found a volunteer among STRS students to develop our website. Sadly, having put a considerable amount of items on it, it crashed and everything was lost. This project is ongoing, however, and I'm sure by this time next year, it will be completed. A special thank you to **Matthew Hopton**, for the amount of time he has spent on this project.

We had planned three car boot sales again this year, although one was postponed until September '06 due to a double booking of the Tennis Courts. These events have been growing in popularity and the PA has been pro-actively marketing them much further afield,

with flyers being posted to supermarkets, libraries and other public places. Many thanks to everyone who helped with the promotion, organisation and running of these events.

Suttons Seeds catalogues and name tape order forms were, once again, distributed to parents and all orders placed earned commission for the PA Funds.

Sports Evening was held in June and the PA Barbeque was very popular, not least of all because of the excellent quality of the burgers and sausages, supplied by Cresse Butchers and cooked to perfection by John Whitley. Well done everyone.

The 100 Club has grown from strength to strength, in the capable hands of Julie Power and has proved to be an excellent fundraising exercise.

Uniform sales have been taken over by **Sally Creese** and **Anita Grogan**, who had received excellent tutoring from **Penny Lancaster**. They have been supported in this demanding role by other PA members and I would like to thank you all for your hard work. I would also like to record that 'feedback' from the 'new Y7' parents, regarding our 'uniform sessions' has been extremely positive, with words such as "professional" and "organised" being heard many times.

Special thanks to **Bob Burns** for continuing to administer the GiftAid Scheme, a major source of income for the Parents' Association, and to our Treasurer, **Keith Tranter** for his very capable control of the purse strings and also for his valuable 'no holds barred' input to PA Meetings.

I would also like to thank **Mr Kellie** and **Mr Carter** for attending every PA Meeting and for their continued support of our efforts, to the extent that they do try to attend (and mostly succeed in doing so) each and every event that we hold. It is very much appreciated. Thank you.

To summarise, I am proud to say that, once again, thanks to the support of parents and the local community, Sir Thomas Rich's School Parents' Association has had a very successful year. Sadly, we have said farewell to some very familiar faces this year: **Esther Parker**, our Secretary and **Penny Lancaster**, our previous uniform co-ordinator's sons have now left the school, as has **John Whitley's** (our fabulous chef) and **Helen Davies** (whose fantastic 'Basket Stall' at the Christmas Fayre was a magnet for visitors). In addition, **Liz Young** (Silent Auction) retired from the PA (although she continues to provide magnificent support, in her role as Assistant Administration Secretary within the school and **Tony Solomon** (Vice-Chair) resigned due to ill health. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all both personally and on behalf of the PA for the huge amount of time, effort and enthusiasm they generously contributed to ensuring the continued success of the PA.

We have been very lucky as a Parents' Association, where many flounders, ours has gone from strength to strength. We have 'Year Representatives' each year and a strong committee. **Carole Walsh** replaced our outgoing Secretary, Esther Parker and I would like to thank Carole very much for her excellent organisational skills and attention to detail, which makes my role as Chair so much easier. We didn't manage to replace the Vice-chair although Keith Tranter, our Treasurer, was happy to cover the role, if needed.

We do, however, urgently need more people to join the Parents' Association, so please consider whether you might be able to do this, either as a Form Representative, or as Vice Chairman, or in a supporting role.



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**Co-ordinator of Uniform Sales**

A calm and organised person required, to assist with uniform ordering and sales. The ability to come into school on occasional days, as required, a great advantage.

For more details, please e-mail  
[sallycreese@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:sallycreese@blueyonder.co.uk)

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**Organiser of Tea/Coffee Rota**

Efficient, friendly person required to organise an annual Tea/Coffee Rota of Volunteers, to provide refreshments at school events. Good communication skills required. Full training will be given.

For more information, please contact  
[sali@business-advancement.co.uk](mailto:sali@business-advancement.co.uk)

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**Leaflet Distributors**

We are on the look out for a team of people willing to deliver leaflets in and around the school locality. Hours to suit with fresh air and exercise guaranteed. Evening and weekend work perfectly acceptable.

Please contact:  
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**Could you spare a few hours to help a good cause?**

STRS PA is compiling an e-mail database of kind people who would be prepared (subject to their own personal availability) to help, in some way, with Fund Raising Events. Commitment would require receiving an occasional e-mail and responding positively if you are available. If you would like to be added to this list, please e-mail with 'I'd like to help' in the subject line:

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**Tea/Coffee Makers Required**

Do you enjoy making a cup of tea or coffee for people? We urgently need additional people to join the Tea/Coffee Making Rota. If you would be happy to make teas and coffees at an event, just once or twice a year, please e-mail

[sali@business-advancement.co.uk](mailto:sali@business-advancement.co.uk)

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**Envelope Stuffer!**

(Well, what else can we call it – and a great opening for Dinner Party conversations ...)

STRS PA sends important information out with the school reports. This information needs to be 'stuffed' into empty envelopes, prior to the school enclosing their confidential information. This means that the stuffing can be done at home, or on the sidelines of a rugby pitch! If you could spend a few hours stuffing envelopes, please contact:

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**PARCEL**

**The 2006 Ball**

The Parents' Association would like to thank all those who supported the Autumn Ball. We received some fantastic donations, both for the Auction and the Raffle. The former raised £1315 and the latter £360. It's too early to calculate the overall profit, because we're still waiting for some invoices to arrive. The fantastic Luxury Hamper was won by **Judy McGrigor** and comprised Port, Red Wine, White Wine, Malt Whiskey, Organic Jam, Marmalade, and Chutney, Belgian Chocolates, an Assortment of Nuts, Twinings Teas, Fairtrade Ground Coffee, Organic Pasta and Pasta Sauce, a Thorntons Cake and more ... It really needed two people to carry it!

Guests were entertained on arrival and during dinner by **Jessi Pywell**, whose beautiful voice was accompanied by the talented pianist **Jon Roskilly**.

The Auction was once again superbly executed by **Joe Hiram** and the evening was rounded off by the brilliant Deep Water, who got everyone on their feet and dancing. Many went away with a fabulous souvenir of the evening – a photograph taken by one of the best photographers I have ever come across – Nik Bartrum of 'Great Events Photography'.

You can see the photos for yourself at  
[www.greateventphotography.com](http://www.greateventphotography.com)

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**Christmas Fayre**

Yes, it's that time of year again ... You will receive two books of Raffle Tickets with this Newsletter. If receiving them offends you in anyway, I apologise. Please just return them to the school.

I would like to ask for your help ... please consider whether you could help run a stall, bake a cake (or buy one!), do you have unwanted 'gifts' in your home? This is an excellent way to 'clear the clutter'. We run a 'new gift' stall, so we can raise money by selling those drawer liners and body lotions at the back of your cupboard ... Perhaps you could deliver some Flyers locally, to publicise the event? Any help will be welcomed with open arms.

For more details, please contact  
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**DO YOU HAVE ACCESS TO A TOMBOLA DRUM, WHICH THE PA COULD BORROW FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE? If so, please let Sali know.**

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## AUTUMN TERM 2006

### 23 – 27 Oct

30 October – 3 November  
Monday 6 November  
Wednesday 15 November

Friday 17 November  
Saturday 2 December  
Monday 11 December  
Wednesday 13 December  
Monday 18 December  
Tuesday 19 December

**Wednesday 20 Dec**  
**21 Dec – 2 Jan**

### Half-term holidays

L6 examinations  
Nearly New Uniform, 6:30–7:30 pm  
Y10 Parents' Consultation Evening, 5:00 pm  
(This has been postponed from 8th November)  
44th ESU Quiz Night, 7:00 for 7:30 pm  
PA Christmas Fayre, 1:00–3:00 pm  
Christmas by Candlelight, 7:30 pm  
U6th Parents' Consultation Evening, 5:00 pm  
Carol Service, St. John's Northgate, 7:30 pm  
Carol Service, Holy Trinity Longlevens, 7:30 pm  
**End of term, 12:45 pm**  
**Christmas Holidays**

## SPRING TERM 2007

### Wednesday 3 Jan

3 – 12 January  
Monday 8 January  
15 – 19 January  
Thursday 25 January  
Thursday 1 February  
Wednesday 7 February  
Wednesday 14 February

### 19 – 23 Feb

Monday 5 March  
Tuesday 6 March  
Monday 12 March  
12 – 16 March  
19 – 23 March  
Monday 26 March  
Monday 2 April

**Wednesday 4 Apr**  
**5 – 18 Apr**

### Term starts, 8:40 am

Trial GCSE examinations (Y11)  
Nearly New Uniform, 6:30 – 7:30 pm  
Y11 Work Experience week  
6th Form Open Evening, 7:00 pm  
Y11 Parents' Consultation Evening, 5:00 pm  
Careers Fayre, 6:30 – 7:45 pm  
Y9 'Options' Evening, 7:00 pm

### Half-term holidays

Nearly New Uniform, 6:30 – 7:30 pm  
Y9 Parents' Consultation Evening, 5:00 pm  
Y7 Parents' Consultation Evening, 5:00 pm  
Founder's Week  
Trial 'AS' examinations (L6th)  
In-Service Day (no school for pupils)  
L6th Parents' Consultation Evening, 5:00 pm

**End of term, 12:45 pm**  
**Easter Holidays**

## SUMMER TERM 2007

### Thursday 19 Apr

19 – 25 April  
Tuesday 24 April  
Thursday 26 April

### Monday 7 May

8 – 11 May  
Monday 14 May  
Monday 21 May

### 28 May – 1 June

Monday 11 June  
Weds 20 – Tues 26 June  
Wednesday 27 June  
2 – 6 July  
Thursday 5 July

**Friday 20 July**

### Term starts, 8:40 am

Trial 'A2' examinations (U6th)  
Y8 Parents' Consultation Evening, 5:00 pm  
In-Service Day (no school for pupils)

### Bank Holiday

SATs (Y9)  
'AS' examinations start (L6th)  
GCSE examinations start (Y11)

### Half-term holidays

'A2' examinations start (U6th)  
School Examinations  
In-Service Day (no school for pupils)  
6th Form Induction Week  
Sports Evening, 6:30 pm  
**End of term, 12:45 pm**

Wednesday 5 September

2007/08 school year starts for pupils, 8:40 am



NEARLY NEW UNIFORM

## Next Sale: MONDAY

**6th NOVEMBER 2006**  
**6:30 – 7:30 pm**

Junior ties and rugby shirts/  
socks as 'SPARES' required.

**Have you any items you wish  
to sell or donate?**

If so these items can be left  
at the school Secretary's  
Office.

Please ensure you obtain an  
official sales slip from the  
Secretary's Office and attach  
this to the item/s.

**IF YOU REQUIRE ANY ITEM  
But are unable to get to the  
sale please telephone  
BEV on**

**01242 524344**

**NEXT PA MEETING:  
TUESDAY  
14th NOVEMBER  
in the Staff Room of  
the School**