

DECEMBER 2007

NewsREEL



This term has been marred for many of us by the sudden and tragic death of a member of our Sixth Form, Jack Vickery. As soon as news broke, floral tributes and messages started to appear under the mural which he designed in the school's entrance. Soon dozens of bouquets were laid. This is a touching reminder of how our school is a community, we get to know each other well, friendships are formed. Jack's funeral was on Monday, we shall now look at ways of remembering Jack's life and his contribution to our school.



A VERY SAD FAREWELL TO JACK VICKERY

Staff and fellow students were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Jack Vickery of our Upper Sixth, who died in his sleep. Jack was an outstanding student who always worked extraordinarily hard. He was planning to study medicine at university, he had just heard that he was invited to an interview at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. Jack had been a leading light in Westgate House, he played an important part in their stunning Cock House victory last year. Jack was also a member of the Sixth Form team who worked with pupils at The Milestone School and he was a regular assistant in our Science College work with primary schools. In addition to his science studies Jack was interested in different cultures and countries – he had learned Esperanto and was studying Spanish to A-level; he was involved in our Comenius project links with Bulgaria, Italy and had recently returned from the visit to Spain. Jack will be remembered as a modest, friendly, helpful, highly intelligent friend. He achieved excellence but shunned the limelight. He was dependable, diligent, always calm, cheerful, never spoke ill of others.

We miss Jack.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

In common with all schools in the County we no longer authorise pupil absences caused by family holidays taken during term time. Permission for absences can only be given in "truly exceptional" circumstances. Thus absences at the beginning and end of term are not approved.

The County Council now requires schools to warn parents who take their children on holiday without the absence being authorised that they will receive a written warning that legal action may be taken if there are further unauthorised absences. In the event of a repeat, the Local Authority is asked to issue a Penalty Notice.

Parents will appreciate that reducing absence from school is a key priority nationally and locally. We are proud of Sir Thomas Rich's excellent pupil attendance record which is consistently one of the highest in the county and remain grateful to parents for their support in this vital foundation to educational achievement.



We have a number of Collins Easy Learning French, German and Spanish Dictionaries for sale. These are the latest (2007) edition and retail at £8.99.

Copies can be bought from the School Library for only £7.50.

A small number of earlier editions are available at £4.

POWER CUTS

The School was plunged into gloom on Wednesday afternoon, 28 November, when the electricity failed. A workman in Innsworth had drilled through a mains cable and cut off the locality. We managed to soldier on and assumed power would be restored by the next day. It was - except for the School and few nearby houses. A fault in the local substation meant we still had no power the following morning. Again we coped until a mobile generator arrived and was connected up later that morning. The emergency generator kept us going for over a week until we were reconnected to the main supply.

My thanks to teachers, pupils and support staff for their uncomplaining resilience.

CAN YOU HELP?

We currently have a trainee teacher working with us at Tommies who is looking for accommodation as close to the school as possible (walking distance would be good). Stephanie would ideally like to live within a family environment as from January through to the 4th of April. If there are any families out there who are able to help, would you kindly contact the school on 01452 338438 or email julieaustin@strs.org.uk with details of what you may be able to offer.



SWIMMING English Schools Swimming Association

The Regional Championships were held at Millfield School on the fourteenth November. The South West region is traditionally very strong and this year was no exception. The school entered three boys teams and for the first time a girls team. All competed well and gained respectable times and positions with the pick being the junior boys team who finished third in the freestyle relay and fourth in the medley relay. The teams will find out later this year if they have qualified for the finals which will be held in Sheffield in February. The Junior team are almost certain to have made it.

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2nd XV RUGBY

This has been another very successful season with the team winning nine matches and losing only three, with comfortable victories over Crypt, Dean Close and Cheltenham College amongst others. The defeats were to Rendcomb 1st XV (7-13), Hartpury College (5-22) and St Peters (5-7). Unfortunately the captain Alex Dryden broke his leg early in the term and missed the rest of the season but with plenty of good replacements available he was hardly missed. The forwards provided the platform for the backs as well as scoring many tries from close range themselves. Altogether the side scored 289 points, conceding 110. 3rd XV's were also fielded against Rendcomb and Dean Close, Rich's winning both matches by 35 points. Ben Fabbro was the pick of the players; he has already been awarded 1st 30 colours and colours are also awarded to John Williams, James Walters, Shaun O'Neill, Alex Dryden and Sam Horder.

HOUSE RUGBY 2007

SENIORS

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A very competitive and enjoyable competition. Southgate were victors with a 100% record, although they were made to work hard with no match in the competition decided by more than two scores.

JUNIORS

1st S 2nd E 3rd W 4th N

A clean sweep for Southgate who topped the table in years eight and nine, with the runner-up spot in the year ten competition. Again, there was a considerable amount of skill on display, complementing the usual commitment! Congratulations and well done to all participants for making the tournament so competitive and enjoyable.

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U13 RUGBY 2007

The U13 Squad has been extremely enthusiastic and has worked very hard in training throughout the term.

The 'A' team have had an excellent season winning seven of their nine games, scoring 214 points in the process and conceding 85. They started the season away against strong opposition in the form of Bishop of Hereford Bluecoat School. Victories in Hereford are rare at this level but when we were 19-5 up at half-time, having played some excellent counter-attacking rugby, a win was certainly 'on the cards', particularly as we were playing down the slope in the second half. Unfortunately, too many soft turn-overs were conceded after half time and the game was snatched away from our grasp in the last play of the game; we lost 21-19!

A number of very good performances followed, including wins over Bournside [32-0], Marling [17-0], King's [32-7] and Beaufort [35-5]. In all of these games the team showed great defensive qualities and developed some good patterns of play in attack. Against close rivals, Crypt, the side dominated possession but excellent defence by the bigger Crypt side kept the score-line very close. Pressure told though in the end and a narrow, well-deserved win by 10-7 was secured.

Apart from the heavy defeat away at the hands of a very useful Monmouth side, the team has played with an excellent spirit and developed their individual, unit and team skills.

The 'B' team has also had a good season winning two and losing two of their 4 games. They scored 74 points and conceded 58. They beat Bournside away 14-7 and Crypt convincingly by 41-0 with the forwards and backs combining well to score a number of excellent tries. On the evidence of the recent House matches, there are a number of 'B' team and set '2' players who should be pushing for a place in the 'A' squad next season.

Finally, Michael Horwood, Tom Miles, Hector Palmer, Fergus Pickles, Charles Scott and Oliver Young [captain] are to be congratulated on receiving Rugby Colours.

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Y7 RUGBY

On Friday 30th November the Y7 team entered the Churchdown School ten-a-side tournament. To qualify for the semi-final the school needed to win their league. In a series of tough matches the school battled through to win all matches.

v Beaufort won 14 - 0 Rednock won 14 - 0 Bishops College won 28 - 0 Newent won 10-7 Tewkesbury won 7 - 0

In the semi-final v Churchdown School neither team could break the other's defence and after four minutes of extra time the score was 0-0. Rather than the toss of a coin the outcome was decided by a penalty shoot out with the school winning by 2-0.

This put the school into the final against a strong St Peters team who dominated position and possession from the outset. Unable to break the stranglehold the school lost by 19 -0. All players are to be congratulated on their contribution to a successful competition.

RUGBY - Under 14's - 2007/8 Season

P14 W12 L2 D0
Points F. - 357 Points A. - 102

Overall, a satisfactory season.

Colours: To be awarded after the HSBC County Cup Quarter Final.

P D Lloyd

RUGBY - Under 15's

The under 15's have made tremendous progress this year. They started the season slowly with big defeats to QEH, Bristol and Chosen Hill. However the boys worked really hard to turn things around. Their commitment to training and their desire to play together as a team became evident in their performances. They recorded excellent victories over Churchdown, Mangotsfield and Dean Close. However the main highlight was defeating BHBS away in remarkable circumstances. Even though they lost a few games in the second half of the season, when they played QEH, Bristol again in the Daily Mail Vase they showed the development they had made as a team, only losing by a couple of points in an outstanding performance. A big thank you to Ben Conway as Captain and to all the boys for all their effort and hard work this year.

P15 W7 L9

R G Williams

JUNIOR BADMINTON

Junior Badminton has been thriving since its introduction into the lower school as an extra-curricular activity. The sessions on Mondays after school and on Tuesday lunch times have been well supported. The' A' and 'B' teams both had very good wins over the High School for Girls and will now progress to the County stages of the knock-out tournament.

P D Lloyd

DISTRICT & COUNTY CROSS-COUNTRY

In the city District trials, all of Rich's teams won their respective team events to take all the silverware in the different categories. Of note, *Richard De-Camps* (U6G) cruised round to win the Senior race easily, while *Dominic James* (7T) produced a storming performance to win the Minor boys race. Other notable performances came from Adam Thrall (8T), who came second in the Junior race, *Euan Whitbourn* (7S) second in the Minors, while *Adam Gouha*(11S) and *Rowan Tibbs*(11S) came third and fourth respectively in the Inters race. Overall Rich's had over fifteen runners eligible for qualification in the County trials.

In the County trials, Rich's had further success in terrible weather conditions. Those individuals who qualified to represent the County included *Richard De-Camps*, who came third in a high class senior race, *Adam Gouha* who produced a "gritty" run to qualify in the Inters race, *Adam Thrall*, fourth in the Juniors and finally *Euan Whitbourn*, second in the Minors race, with *Dominic James* finishing seventh. Congratulations to all those who will now represent the County in the next round!

Colours to be Awarded:

Senior Colours: Richard De-Camps (already Awarded), Adam Gouha (115)

Half-Colours - Rowan Duncan (L6S) ,Rowan Tibbs (11S)

Junior Colours - Adam Thrall (8T)

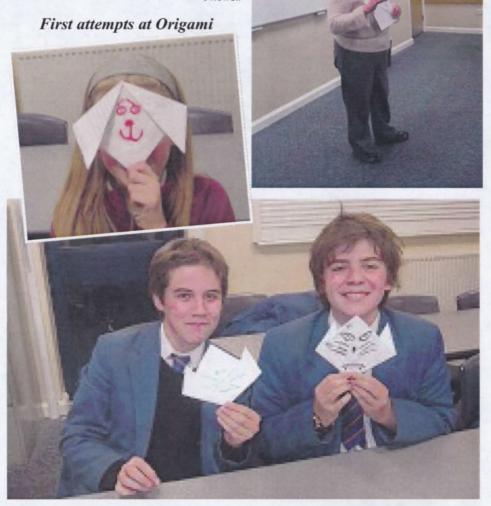
Y7 - Merit Awards - Evan Whitbourn (7S) Dominic James (7T)

P D Lloyd

NEW JAPANESE CLUB

This term STRS pupils have joined with pupils from Brockworth Enterprise School to learn about the Japanese language and culture. The club takes place after school on Tuesdays and is open to all pupils.

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Onatti Theatre Company







We were pleased to welcome to the school in November, the Onatti Theatre Company who performed the German play "Meine neue Schwester" to pupils in years 8, 9 and 10. The company specialises in producing high quality foreign language plays for schools and this production was no exception. Performed by native speakers who are professional actors, the play engaged and entertained the teenage audience whilst also giving them plenty of practice in understanding German. If only all lessons could be so enjoyable!

The play "Meine neue Schwester" centres on Katharina, a happy teenager who lives with her mother. She does well at school and has now been going out with her new boyfriend Nikolaus for four weeks, three days and six hours. It has been a long time since her father left but eventually her mother finds a new partner. His name is Gunter and he also has a daughter, Sonja. She's about the same age as Katharina and that is about all they have in common. The play examines the first meeting between the two. Will they be good friends or sworn enemies?

J Hewett



Battle Fields Trip - Ypres & The Somme







In partnership with the ALL (Association of Language Learning) Sir Thomas Rich's was pleased to offer to Sixth Form pupils in Gloucestershire the opportunity to listen to high quality lectures on a range of topics relevant to heir 'A' level topics. While the French lecture looked at the political scene in France, the German lecture focussed on the history of the EU and Germany's environmental policies and the Spanish lecture took tourism as its topic. These were challenging lectures in particular for the Lower Sixth. However, they showed themselves equal to the task and made a very good impression on the lecturers.

Christine Johnson, German speaker: "I always enjoy these lectures. It is just refreshing to work with intelligent young people who are willing to engage. Please pass my compliments on to them."

The lectures were also attended by pupils from Ribston, Crypt, Chosen Hill, Balcarras, Cleeve, Pates' Grammar School and Rendcomb College.



Susanna Romans-Roca, The Spanish Lecturer

Matthew Broadhead: "A solid lecture in clear Spanish- a fine presentation covering key points of Spain's primary industry. An entertaining afternoon with some fun verbal interaction from an attentive audience (well mostly attentive). Thumbs up!"



Stephanie Fleet the French lecturer

Tom Williams: "A very well structured lecture with occasional French humour. By the end everyone understood French politics a little better"



Christine Johnson, The German lecturer

Chris Reeves: "The German lecture was very well researched and current. It stretched me in terms of difficulty but still left me with a very good understanding of Germany's role in the EU and their policy on the environment".







STRS IN THE RHINELAND 19th - 23rd October

Thirty-six boys from our Y8 and Y9 German classes spent four chilly but mostly sunny days in Germany's attractive Rhineland region. Our accommodation was the "Zur Alten Post" Hotel in Bad Salzig, twenty kilometres south of Koblenz. The sunshine ensured that the river and the steeply sloping hillsides on its banks were at their autumnal best. The first day of the trip was spent in Cologne. The spires of the famous Gothic cathedral dominate the skyline and we admired them at length as we approached the city, crossing the same bridge twice thanks to the navigational skills of our coach driver, Pete. After a guided tour of the cathedral and the surrounding area we spent the afternoon at the Lindt Chocolate Museum. Much chocolate pasta was consumed on the return journey.

On the Sunday morning we enjoyed a leisurely cruise on the Rhine from Bad Salzig to St. Goar. Although the potential perils of the Lorelei (mermaid-like creature on rocks, male weakness ... you can imagine the rest!) were identified in the risk assessment we arrived safely at our destination. We then travelled on to Rudesheim and a visit to the Siegfried's Musikkabinett which houses an impressive collection of automated musical instruments from all over the world. The cable-car ride planned for the afternoon had to be abandoned because of poor visibility but this disappointment was more than made up for by the opportunity to sample the delights of one of Boppard's famous ice cream cafes.

The last full day in Germany was spent at Phantasialand theme park near Brühl. The rides and refreshments on offer made this for many the highlight of the trip. A mention for bravery must go to Mr Thompson, Mr Haynes and the many boys who claimed to enjoy the ordeal provided by the new African-themed ride, the Talocan. Prizes were awarded on the last evening for best diaries to Adam Jelley(9T), Jack Collis(8B) and Ben Major(8B). The competition for finding the longest German word was won, with some help from the hotel proprietor, by Michael Kosylowicz (9T).

The boys returned home on the Tuesday evening tired after another long coach and ferry journey but with their awareness of and interest in German language and culture significantly heightened. Mrs Testoni-Ranken's excellent organisation and the pupils' responsible behaviour helped to ensure that this was a very successful and enjoyable school trip.

This year's Christmas Production saw Mr Lynch and Mr Crumblehulme producing and directing 'The Murder of Arthur Bennington' (written by Mr Lynch). Set in the 1930s, this murder-mystery comedy portrays the Bennington family living a privileged life in their beautiful mansion, but all is not what it seems. When Arthur Bennington, a vile and detestable man, is murdered on a dark and stormy night, everyone is a suspect - but who could have killed him? Could it be Elle, the nervous new maid, his jealous brother Reginald or the odd 'odd-job' man Ronald Shifty (the name says it all!). Only Detective Inspector Perry, with his unusual methods of investigation, can identify the killer. Now that the play is over, we can reveal the killer to be Auntie Agnes (played brilliantly by Adam McNally), in order to keep all the inheritance money from their father for herself. The entire cast gave fantastic performances on the three nights it ran for (12th - 14th December) and performed in front of a total of around 300 people across the three nights. The play was also supported by an excellent band, headed by Matt Broadhead and Andy Smith, who, impressively, composed their own score for the play. Many other staff and students gave untold hours of help to allow this production to go ahead and Mr Lynch and Mr Crumblehulme would like to thank all those involved in some way. Mr Lynch has written two further sequels to 'The Murder of Arthur Bennington,' so watch this space as the next may be coming to a school hall near you soon . . .

The cast for this production was as follows:
Detective Inspector Perry - Kit Turner
Agnes Bennington - Adam McNally
Reginald Bennington - Ben Harwood
Julia Bennington - Maria Warner
Ann Bennington - Maria Warner
Ann Bennington - Jonathan Maxted
Arthur Bennington - Jonathan Maxted
Arthur Bennington - Andrew Woolhead
Elle Jones - Gemma Hendzel
Percy - Daniel Bridges
Lady Christina - Felicity Davis
Ronald Shifty - Alex Guilford
Hooded Figure - Rebecca Cocks
Policeman 1 - Joe Markey
Policeman 2 - Alex Spencer





Parents of Y11's are reminded of Work Experience that takes place after Christmas, with students embarking on their placements from the 21st January to 25th January,2008, (Inclusive). Over the holidays, all students should re-affirm their placements, check the duties they will perform and find out basic details regarding various issues, such as dress code and working hours. Good luck!

Nearly New Uniform

Dates for 2008:

Wednesday 9 January: 7.30 p.m. onwards (Sixth Form Open Evening).

Thursday 13 March: 6.30 – 7.30p.m. (New Year 7 measuring evening)

Monday 28 April: 6.30 – 7.30p.m. (Normal Nearly New evening)

Saturday 28 June: 10.00 – 12.00 (New Year 7 meeting for parents/ pupils)

We are desperate for green rugby shirts. If you have one or anything else you would like to sell or donate, please send in to the School Secretary anytime. Sales slips are available from the School Office.

Thank you to our team of helpers. If you would like to help out - once a year would be great - we are in need of some new helpers as two of our Mums will no longer have children at the school from July 2008. PLEASE consider helping out.

For further information please contact Bev Hughes on 01242 524344.

CHARITY NEWS

This term's Charity has been the Gloucestershire County Association for the Blind. Hazel Holland from the association came to the end of term assembly to receive a cheque for a £1,000 from Garry Pitt(U6R), raised through the weekly loose change collections. Many thanks to all those students who contributed to the collections each week.

The nominated Spring Term Charity will be the 'Pied Piper' appeal based at the Gloucestershire Royal Hospital. The Pied Piper Appeal was founded in 1992 by Peter Hickman. Its aim is simple: the well-being of sick children in Gloucestershire by providing better care and improved facilities to assist faster recovery. Mr Lloyd, who obtained 'Best for Age Status' in last year's London marathon and subsequently automatic entry for 2008, will be running for the charity.

CAREERS FAYRE - 2008

Next term, the annual Careers Fayre will take place, with the High School for Girls, Denmark Road, hosting the event on Thursday, 13th March, 2008. All Rich's students from Y10 upwards, plus their parents are more than welcome to attend the evening event, which starts at 6:30 pm until 8:30pm, with over forty exhibitors from numerous professional and career occupational areas attending. This is a valuable opportunity for students to obtain first hand information and enable them to interrelate their academic studies with possible future career options.

Y11 'Mock Interviews'

In November, all students in Y11 received a mack interview. This followed initial preparation, whereby the students completed job application forms, produced their own CV's and received first hand guidance about interview techniques from representatives of the Education & Business Partnership. Again, the EBP conducted the interviews, with students receiving 'feedback' from their Interviewers on their performance. Lots of positive points were raised and our students were given credit for their performances under the spotlight!

P D Lloyd

This school processes personal data about its pupils and is a "data controller" in respect of this for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1998. It processes this data to:

- support its pupils' teaching and learning;
- · monitor and report on their progress;
- provide appropriate pastoral care, and
- assess how well the school as a whole is doing.

This data includes contact details, national curriculum assessment results, attendance information, characteristics such as ethnic group, special educational needs, any relevant medical information and in some cases a numerical representation of biometric data, such as fingerprints, to speed the efficiency of pupil recognition

This data may only be used or passed on for specific purposes allowed by law. From time to time the school is required to pass on some of this data to local authorities, the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), and to agencies that are prescribed by law, such as the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority (QCA), Ofsted, the Learning and Skills Council (LSC), the Department of Health (DH), Primary Care Trusts (PCT), organisations that require access to data in the Learner Registration System as part of the MIAP (Managing Information Across Partners) programme and Connexions (see below). All these are data controllers in respect of the data they receive, and are subject to the same legal constraints in how they deal with the data.

The School may also send information about pupils to a third party organisation called S-cool Limited for the provision of software products delivered over the internet that can help the pupil to identify qualities, skills and ambitions and help them to plan their work experience, education and career. The information required by S-cool Limited includes the pupil first name, surname, date of birth, and ethnicity (only used for aggregated reporting purposes).

The Fair Processing Notice has been prepared at a time of change with the restructuring of the Department for Education and Skills and the Department of Trade and Industry into three new Departments: the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS) and the Department for Business,

Enterprise and Regulator Reform (DBERR). It may be that, during the forthcoming year, steps will be taken to enable the DCSF to match individual pupil information with higher and further education attainment data held by the DIUS.

Pupils, as data subjects, have certain rights under the Data Protection Act, including a general right to be given access to personal data held about them by any data controller. The presumption is that by the age of 12 a child has sufficient maturity to understand their rights and to make an access request themselves if they wish. A parent would normally be expected to make a request on a child's behalf if the child is younger.

If you wish to access your personal data, or that of your child, then please contact the relevant organisation in writing. Details of these organisations can be found on the following website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/dataprotection or for those pupils/parents where this is not practical, a hard copy can be obtained from the School by contacting the Bursar

For pupils of thirteen years and over, the school is legally required to pass on certain information to Connexions services providers on request. Connexions is the government's support service for all young people aged eighteen to nineteen in England. This information includes the name and address of the pupil and parent, and any further information relevant to the Connexions services' role. However parents, or the pupils themselves if aged sixteen or over, can ask that no information beyond name and address (for pupil and parent) be passed on to Connexions. If as a parent, or as a pupil aged 16 or over, you wish to opt-out and do not want Connexions to receive from the school information beyond name and address, then please contact the school.

Your attention is drawn to (Layer 2) of this Fair Processing Notice, which gives greater details of how the pupil data is processed by the organisations above and the rights of parents and pupils. This can be obtained by visiting www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/dataprotection or by requesting a hard copy from the school using the details above.

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I just wanted to say a big



THANK YOU

to all those who supported the Christmas Fayre this year, by selling/buying raffle tickets, delivering flyers, putting up posters, donating things, helping on the day, attending the fayre, etc., it was all very much appreciated.

And the result? Well I'm delighted to tell you that we took more money this year than last year :-)

This year:Pre-sold Raffle Tickets = £1787.50
Taken on the day = £1167.60

Total taken = £2955.10

Last year's figures were
Pre-sold Raffle Tickets = £1468.50
Taken on the day = £1133
Total taken £2601.50

Our expenditure this year was £200 for the first prize and £128 for the Raffle Tickets

The Toblerone competition raised £60 and was won by Sarah Lyons (parent). Her guess of 16,000 was the nearest to the actual figure of 17,000 A big thank you to Kraft Europe, for their generous donation of the 4.5kg Toblerone.

The £200 1st Prize in the Raffle was one by Jonny Springer. In fact, 12 of the 14 Raffle prizes went to pupils/parents/relatives.

The Raffle Prizes this year were outstanding - thank you for your generosity and special thanks to the students, for managing to remember to bring the stubs/money/donations into school!

Sali Gray. Chair.

Next PA Meeting:-Tuesday 15th January at 7pm

in the Staff Room - everyone is welcome.

If you're not on the mailing list for Minutes and
Agendas and you would like to see them,
please e.mail sali@business-advancement.co.uk

STRS PA would like to wish everyone a peaceful and relaxing Christmas Holiday.

PA Meetings

(all on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Staff Room)

15th January 25th March 20th May 17th June

2007/08 CALENDAR

<u>Please note</u> that the "Easter Holidays" do not coincide with Easter next year. Good Friday (21 March) and Easter Monday (24 March) will be holidays but then we are back to school for a fortnight. The end-of-term holiday runs from Monday 7 to Friday 18 April. These holidays are common to all Gloucestershire schools under the 'six term year' arrangements.

SPRING TERM 2008

Thurs 3 Jan Wed 9 Jan Wed 9 Jan Tues 15 Jan Thurs 17 Jan Mon 21 - Fri 25 Jan Wed 23 Jan Tues 29 Jan Wed 6 Feb Tues 12 Feb Mon 18 - Fri 22 Feb Mon 25 - Fri 29 Feb Mon 10 Mar Mon 10 - Fri 14 Mar Thurs 13 Mar Fri 14 - Thurs 20 Mar Fri 21 & Mon 24 Mar Tue 25 Mar Wed 2 Apr

Fri 4 April

Term starts, 8:40 am 6th Form Open Evening, 7:00 pm Nearly New Uniform Sale, 7:30 pm PA Meeting, 7:00pm Y11 Parents' Evening, 5:00 pm Y11 Work Experience

Y9 'Options' Evening, 7:00 pm Y11 photographs Y8 Parents' Eve, 5:00 pm Y9 Parents' Eve, 5:00 pm

Half Term holidays Y10 exams Y7 Parents' Eve, 5:00 pm Founder's Week Nearly New Uniform Y7 6:30 - 7:30 pm Trial AS exams (L6th)

Irial AS exams (L6th)
Good Friday/Easter Monday
PA Meeting, 7:00pm
L6th Parents' Eve, 5:00 pm
Term ends, 12:45 pm

SUMMER TERM 2008

Mon 21 Apr
Mon 21 – Fri 25 Apr
Mon 28 Apr
Mon 5 May

Term starts, 8:40 am
Trial A2 exams (U6th)
Nearly New Uniform Sale
6:30 - 7:30 pm
May Day bank holiday

Mon 5 May
Tues 6 - Fri 9 May
Mon 12 May - Fri 6 Jun
Weds 14 May - Tues 24
Tue 20 May
Mon 26 - Fri 30 May
Mon 9 - Weds 25 Jun
Tue 17 Jun
Mon 23 - Thurs 26 Jun
Mon 20 - Fri 30 May
Mon 9 - Weds 25 Jun
Tue 17 Jun
Mon 27 - Thurs 26 Jun
Mon 28 - Fri 9 May
May Day bank holid
SATs (Y9)

GCSE exams
PA Meeting, 7:00pm
Half Term holidays
A2 exams (U6th)
PA Meeting, 7:00pm
Mon 23 - Thurs 26 Jun
Find of Year exams

(Years 7, 8, 9)
INSET Day
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Sat 28th Jun
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Mon 30 Jun – Fri 4 Jul 6th Form Induction Week
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