

During last term we issued a plethora of cups, certificates and School Colours. James Forrester (ex-Gloucester Rugby), Andy Lindegaard and David Bird (Cheltenham Town FC) presented awards to students in two separate assemblies. As well as House trophies, certificates were presented for various sports from fencing to badminton, and Colours and Half-Colours for a range of sports as well as Music and Drama.

Colours are only awarded in Y9 and above. To qualify a student must have attended training/practices routinely, have represented the School regularly and have been an important member of the team, accepting responsibility, showing leadership and performing to a consistently high level. Half Colours are awarded to those who do not qualify for Full Colours but who have contributed significantly in representing the School to a high standard.

It says much for both our staff, who provide such opportunities to our students, and for the students, who contribute their talents and energies so willingly, that such large numbers of awards are made each term.



our final assembly of last term, Andy Undegaard and David Bird, who helped to present House Cups for the General Knowledge Quiz, Senior Swimming, Junior Cross Country, Senior Cross Country, Junior Soccer, Senior Soccer; a gold fencing certificate; Colours and Half Colours for Music, Drama, Table Tennis, Netball, Badminton, Swimming, Basketball, Chess, Soccer; Merit Awards for Y7 Rugby. It was good to recognise the contributions and talents of a large number of students to our wider school life. I am also pleased to thank Cheltenham Town FC who are always extraordinarily helpful in supporting our awards presentations.

Results Day:

AS, A-Level, additional maths Thursday 20 August

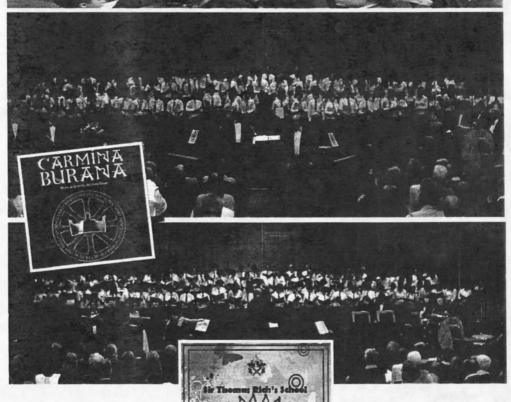
Thursday 20 August Thursday 27 August

Results Day: GCSE

Sir Thomas Rich's, Oakleaze, Longlevens, Gloucester, GL2 OLF.

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Concert

Tuesday 14th July 7:50 pm

Admission by

rogramme only

Please come along and enjoy

an evening of music and son

The 7th May saw a musical presentation of majestic proportions; Ribston Hall School choir combined with the choir of Sir Thomas Rich's in a performance of Carl Orft's "Carmina Burana". This was actually the third time that this venture had occurred but, judging from performers and audience comments afterwards, it was the best one so far!

The one hundred plus strong choir was joined by professional soloists Nicholas Perfect (Barltone), Sarah Best (Soprano) and Sebastian Field (Counter-tenor) and accompanied by David Sheppard and Yanna Zissiadou

(pianos) and five student percussionists from the Gloucestershire Youth Percussion Ensemble led by Mr Tim

Stokes. The result was stunning – breathtaking, spine-lingling and generally, very memorable. From the rousing 'O Fortuna' (of Old Spice and X-Factor fame!) to the warmly tender soprano solo 'In Trutina' to the drunkenness of 'In Taberna' it was a musical experience that everyone who took part will never forget.

On a separate note, your attention is drawn to the Summer Concert which will be held at the end of term on Tuesday, 14 July at 7:30pm in the school hall where you will be able, once again, to hear all

the school instrumental groups and choir plus solos, duets etc.

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Healthy Healthy School

NATIONAL HEALTHY SCHOOL STATUS CELEBRATION

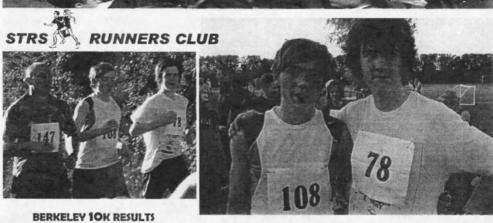
On Wednesday 18th May three boys from Sir Thomas Rich's School (STRS), Matthew Sheldon, Edmund Jones and Joseph Fautley, attended the National Healthy School Status Celebration in Hatherley Manor Hotel. This celebration was to recognize and award the students, and school, for obtaining the status of a healthy school. The work towards making STRS a healthy school has involved the whole school, but specifically the school council of which Matthew, Edmund and Joseph are all members. The school council with the formation of a whole school food policy, and also helped formulate a school travel plan.

Considering the social and emotional aspects of learning has also been a whole school initiative, but Matthew and Edmund have been integral to the strategy meetings that have arisen from the findings of an initial whole school survey. From discussions with the boys they thoroughly enjoyed the celebration day, where they got to present their achievements and impressed the assessors with their communication skills and depth of understanding. They particularly enjoyed the buffet lunch which wasn't quite so healthy after three servings!

The boys have yet to break the good news to Deputy Head; Mr Morgan that there is now an award for Healthy School PLUS Status.

S L James





Charlie Symes and Oliver Booth both completed the high paced 10k race with over one-hundred and eight runners. Both boys finished with competitive times of 0.50.45 and 0.45.48 respectively. Well Done!!

THE HAUNTED CABIN AT A PICTURE HOUSE NEAR YOU



The newly refurbished and re-opened Picturedrome Theatre in Gloucester is proud to present the STRS production of The Haunted Cabin. The play was first performed on the 12th and 13th March this year, and will now commence a full week's run this coming June in the 1920's Art Deco theatre. The play, written by Mr. Lynch and directed my Mr. Lynch and Mr. Crumblehulme, is set inside an abandoned log cabin on an isolated mountain peak, far removed from the comforts of civilization. When a group of mountain hikers seek refuge from a terrible storm in the cabin all is not as it seems. Strange noises and ghostly apparitions plague the stranded inhabitants who desperately seek a rational explanation. With no signs of the storm relenting, the paranormal activity intensifying and their access routes cut off, the group must decide whether to risk the perils of the mountain side, or else become the new eternal residents of the haunted cabin.

The Haunted Cabin is showing at the Picturedrome Theatre, Barton Street, Gloucester from Tuesday 23rd to Friday 26th of June inclusive. The play starts at 7:30pm on each of the nights, with tickets priced at £6.00 available from the Gloucester Tourist Information Office or from Mr. Crumblehulme and Mr. Lynch directly. Tickets will also be available on the door for each of the performances, subject to availability. For further information please visit www.hauntedcabin.co.uk.As this is the schoofs first step into a professional theatre, the entire cast and crew would welcome as much support as you can offer. We look forward to seeing you there.



SUMMER TERM IN D&T

The examination students have now completed all 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 visited on 13th May, to moderate the students' practical and folder work. We wish the students well with their revision and preparation for the final written exams and we look forward to the students receiving the grades their efforts deserve this summer.



This year's applicants attended their formal interviews in April. They had to take with them a portfolio of their 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 COMPTERS FOR SCHOOLS

The vouchers for the eighteenth year of the Tesco Schools and Clubs scheme for 2009 will be issued until 7th June 2009. We have already collected over five thousand 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.

Fancy Dress



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TABLE TENNIS



Citizen/Echo's 2009 Pride of Gloucestershire Community Awards

Ruth Morley (U6) has reached the last five in the finals of the Citizen/Echo's 2009 Pride of Gloucestershire Community Awards in the Young Community Hero category for her voluntary work with Rainbows (Girlguiding's youngest members aged 5 and 6 years), for helping out with various youth clubs in Matson, for her Wednesday afternoons at Milestones helping out with special needs students (which was arranged through school), for her cello and trombone playing in various orchestras including church and youth orchestras, for learning to ring the church bells in Barnwood in such a short time and for her volunteering to help run children's activities at different festivals during the summer holidays. The winners will be announced on June 19th during a celebration meal held at Gloucester Rugby club. Ruth is also eligible to win the Readers Choice award if you vote for her at www.thisisgloucestershire.co.uk/pride

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM

I L Kellie

Du, Hector Palmer and Sufyan Ghanti. The "C" team, mostly Y10 boys, finished eighth in Division five: they were well led by Liam Foylan (who won twenty of his fifty-one

NEXT SALE:

Sat 4th July 2009 10:00 - 12:00

(New Year 7 meeting for parents/pupils)

Since September 2008 we have donated the sum of £430 to the School P.A.

Please note we have white long and short sleeved shirts for sale at around 50p each.

Thank you.

especially to all our helpers and parents who support us.

If you would like to sell or donate any item/s of clothing, please send them to the School Secretary, Mrs Brown.

Sales slips are available from the School Office and on the web site.

> For further information please contact

> Bev Hughes on 01242 524344

2nd XI CRICKET

The 2nd XI played three fixtures in the early part of this term, beating both our local rivals King's 2nd XI and the Crypt 2nd XI.



The season opener

was an away match against Rendcomb's first team. Rendcomb batted first scoring one hundred and fortyfour all out. The Rich's attack was lead by E Burge from Y10 who returned figures of two wickets for eighteen runs from eight overs. W Pritchett also Y10, bowled very accurately in the middle of the innings to claim four wickets for eighteen runs. In reply Rich's lost regular wickets, until a late order partnership of sixty-seven between T Tremlett of Y11 and W Pritchett gave the score some respectability. Rich's were bowled out for one hundred and fifteen to lose by twenty-nine runs.

v King's - won by sixty-four runs

The next fixture was away against King's 2nd team. Rich's batted first in a thirty over a side match. Sound responsible batting from all the Rich's batsmen resulted in an impressive score of one hundred for seven. E Burge top scored with thirty-seven including four sixes, with useful contributions from W Pritchett (31) and J Griffiths (Y11, twenty-eight not out), In reply King's scored quickly but lost regular wickets and were bowled out for one hundred and thirty-three. J Griffiths recorded the best figures of three wickets for eight runs. Rich's winning by the comfortable margin of sixtyfour runs.

v Crypt - won by twenty-one runs

The home game against Crypt was also a thirty over per side match. Rich's batted first and enjoyed an opening stand of ninety-three between N Drury (seventy-two: lots of flashy cuts and drives) and Head Boy B Fabbro (eighteen - lots of solid defence), Quick runs then came from J Griffiths (thirty-eight) and T Tremlett (thirty-five not out) and the school closed on one hundred and seventy-nine for four. The Crypt were never in the hunt, and eventually finished on one hundred and fifty-eight for eight. Rich's used nine different bowlers with J Griffiths recording the best figures of three for twenty. Rich's winning by twentyone runs.

I A Robson



1st XI Cricket 2009 WDL 5 3

v Marling - won by 12 runs

The school batted first and found scoring difficult against a good Marling bowling attack. From 19 for 3 after 10 overs the school moved on to 132 for 6 off 30 overs following a solid partnership from C Surman (68) and H Young. Marling started the chase in a lively manner but they could not maintain the challenge

with wickets falling at regular intervals and reached 120 for 9 in their 30 overs. T Pigott 2 for 15 and A Daughtrey 2 for 11, were the pick of the bowlers.

v Pate's - lost by 3 wickets

Having won the toss Tommies batted first and got off to a brisk start. However some tight bowling in the middle section of the innings restricted scoring and put the batsmen under pressure. This slowed the scoring and caused some rash shots to be played and so the school moved on to a final score of 159 for 9 off their 30 overs. S Hathaway 33 N.O. & A Patel 35.

In reply Pate's kept up with the scoring rate in the early part of the innings and looked comfortable. The school took one or two wickets which slowed Pate's down and lifted the bowlers. In this middle part of the innings the school took control, but some easy runs given away kept Pate's in the hunt. The game looked to be going to the final over until some powerful hitting by the Pate's captain secured the win with two overs to ao. Pates finished on 160 for 7, winning by 3 wickets.

v King's - won by 80 runs

The school batted first and from the outset moved along quite nicely. Sensible batting throughout in the face of steady bowling enabled the school to reach 177 for 9 in their 35 overs. B Conway 44 and A Patel 37 were the pick of the batsmen. In reply King's got off to a very confident start with 26 coming from the first 5 overs. However from this point the bowlers took control and wickets tumbled freely. King's were bowled out in the 25th over for 97. D Anderson 3 for 15 and T Piagott 3 for 28 were the pick of the bowlers.

v Crypt - won by 21 runs

The school batted first and on a difficult pitch managed to score 147 for 7 in their 25 overs. O Ellis 38 and Young 33 rescued the innings, coming together at 24 for 3 and putting on a stand of 61 runs for the 4th wicket. In reply Crypt were limited to 126 for 7 with the school winning by 21 runs.

v Wycliffe College - won by 8 wickets

Batting first the school were restricted to 136 all out by some good bowling from Wycliffe. O Ellis 50 and I Burrows 31 were the only batsmen to contribute significantly. In reply Wycliffe scored freely and won the game comfortably. by 8 wickets, scoring 135 for 2.

I J Gallagher

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GÖTTINGEN EXCHANGE 2009

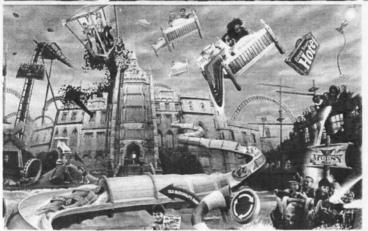
On the last day of the Easter holidays, seventeen Y10 boys from STRS and seventeen girls from HSFG travelled to Göttingen in Germany to meet our partners on the second leg of the exchange. We settled in quite quickly

and our host families were really friendly and glad to have us to stay. Although they could all speak very good English, they always encouraged us to speak in German, which was great. We had an amazing week in Germany with our friends. We went to Hanover and saw the zoo and the town centre and we had plenty of time to discover the shops. Berlin was the absolute highlight. Our Australian tour guide, Gigl, showed us all the sights in the town centre and we discovered lots about German history. After our numerous trips during the day we always looked forward to going back to our partners' houses. They were generally very large and a lot nicer than our own houses. The food in Germany was delicious and every meal was a try at

something new. Also the weather was extremely good and much nicer and hotter than we had hoped for at this time of year. Overall the experience of the exchange was a fantastic one and we hope to keep the friends we made.

Chris Austin/Adam Jelley

MAY 2009 NewsREEL



LOST PROPERTY

Despite the best efforts of our P.E. staff, a number of items of clothing have gone missing from the changing rooms recently. P.E. staff routinely collect in valuables at the start of every Games lesson and boys are assigned areas where they change to help reduce losses. It would be really helpful if parents, particularly of boys in Y7, could ensure their son's clothes were clearly labelled with surgame and initials.

Labels can be purchased from Clipper Woven Labels - details and order forms are on the PA website, www.strs-pa.org.uk, under Name Labels in the left-hand menu.

The Technology department will be taking ninety-two Y8 students to Alton Towers on June 5th. This is a combined Science and Technology day. The pupils will study the design of structures and will carry out investigations into speed and energy transfer through first hand experience on the rides in the park. The experience will also help prepare them for the "Systems and Control" and "Mechanisms" work which they will study in Y9. We hope it will be a fun as well as an educational day and as successful as last year's visit.

Y7 & 8 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY CLUBS

The three 'F1 Challenge' teams are beginning to get to grips with the real challenge of designing, making and testing their cars and have all registered for the regional competition in October/November 2009. The CNC milling machine which is used to manufacture the first test cars that they have designed and modelled, will be in school for the week starting 8th June. The students will then use the virtual and real wind tunnel test to modify and improve the aerodynamics of their cars. STRSstormers team of Y7s will be sending letters to students in their tutor group asking for parental sponsorship. All the groups are actively working towards gaining sponsorship, with some gratifying results in this respect. Meanwhile other individual students are realising their own design ambitions through personal design and make projects with teacher guidance and workshop facilities.



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SUMMER TERM 2009

Mon 8 June Mon 15 June 22 – 25 June Fri 26 June 29 June – 3 July Thu 2 July Fri 17 July A2 examinations start (U6) L6 return to lessons School examinations (Y7-9) INSET Day (no school for pupils) 6th Form Induction Week (Y11) New Y7 Induction Day Sports Evening, 6.30 p.m. End of term, 12.45 p.m.

Thu **20** August Thu **27** August Results Day: AS, A-Level, additional maths Results Day: GCSE

AUTMUN TERM 2009

Thu 3 September
Thu 22 – Fri 30 October
Fri 4 December
Fri 18 December

Term starts, 8.40 a.m.
Half-term holidays
INSET Day (no school for pupils)
End of term, 12.45 p.m.

SPRING TERM 2010

Mon 4 January Mon 15 – Fri 19 February Mon 1 March Thu 1 April Term starts, 8.40 a.m.
Half-term holidays
INSET Day (no school for pupils)
End of term, 12.45 p.m.

SUMMER TERM 2010

Mon 19 April Mon 3 May Mon 31 May – Fri 4 June Fri 2 July Fri 23 July Term starts, 8.40 a.m.
May Day Bank Holiday
Half-term holidays
INSET Day (no school for pupils)
End of term, 12.45 p.m.



PA Car Boot Sales

dates for this year:

June 06, June 20, July 11.

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