



I wish all staff and students a relaxing and enjoyable break. My thanks to the staff who are leaving us, several have served Rich's with distinction for many years. Whether we return in September as an academy is in the lap of the Government. We shall welcome several new staff, 115 new Year 7 boys, an unknown number of new Year 12 students and, at long last, a larger, brighter dining area. However, at Sir Thomas Rich's we are well used to accommodating change whilst maintaining the unrelenting pursuit of excellence.

ACADEMY STATUS

Following the Governors' decision to convert to academy status we have formally applied to the Department for Education. The DfE suggests that schools which applied by 30th June (as we did) should become academies on 1st September. This seems to be an extremely tight timescale but we shall see. Academy status will bring with it some additional freedoms, the most attractive being the freedom to spend our funding to provide the best possible education for Sir Thomas Rich's students, rather than the Local Authority withholding a significant amount and spending it on our behalf. We would continue to be a Grammar School, we would retain our three specialisms, and we would continue to work with other schools to provide support where we can.

Bob's Babes



We all completed this on Sunday 27th June - one of the hottest days of the year. Congratulations to the 5 who ran and finished the 5k course inside a single lesson, and to the 5 walkers who took a double!

Adding up all the sponsorship we've got on websites and on sheets, we have raised over £1000 which was our target, so our thanks go to everyone who has given so generously and say that the website should be live until mid-August if anyone else would like to contribute.

<http://www.raceforlifespansome.org/bobsbabes>

Thank you

M Adamson



Head's News

STAFF CHANGES

We bid farewell to the following members of staff for whom today is their final day at Sir Thomas Rich's, with many thanks for their contributions over the years: Mr. Fowler, Head of Maths; Mr. Hale, Maths; Mrs. Earl, Head of French; Mrs. Joshua, French; Mr. Pickard, English; Mrs. O'Leary, English; Mr. Bowie, Biology; Mr. Wainwright, Games; Mr. Crowford and Mr. Marks, Cover/P.E.; Mrs. Brown, School Secretary. Many of these colleagues are very long-serving e.g. Mr. Bowie started teaching at Rich's in 1981, Mrs. Brown has been School Secretary since 1983. We wish them well in their retirement or, in the case of Mr. Marks and Mr. Crowford, at the other end of their careers, their teacher training.

We look forward to welcoming next term: Mr. Jobson, Head of Maths (from Cotswold School); Ms. Shaw, Maths (Whitecross School, Lydney); Mrs. Thomas, French (starting her teaching with us); Ms. Law, English (Churchdown School); Mrs. Waterson, Biology (Graveney School, Tooting); Ms. Francey, Geography (starting her teaching career); Mr. Windsor and Mr. Faux, who will provide our teaching cover; Mrs. Bain, School Secretary.

Several staff have gained promotions within school and we wish them well with their new responsibilities: Ms. Brake, Head of our Modern Foreign Languages Faculty (in addition to Head of Year 12); Mr. Johnson, Head of ICT; Mrs. Jones, Head of Performing Arts; Mrs. Banks, Head of Sixth Form General Studies; Mr. Barton, Commercial Operations Manager; Mr. Hopton, Network Manager.

PARENTS' SURVEY

Thank you to the 239 parents who completed our parents' survey questionnaires just before Easter. This equates to a 29.9% response rate, disappointing but if parents had concerns perhaps there would have been more completed questionnaires so I interpret this positively. The questionnaires were sent to a market research firm who compiled a detailed summary report. The overall school performance score was 91% which they rate as excellent. Among the parents whose children were in Year 8 and above 19% said the school had improved over the last year while 1% thought it had worsened. Of parents of new pupils 1% felt the school had not lived up to expectations while 37% said it was better than they had expected.

The following subjects were rated as *excellent* (80%+), in order: economics, psychology, Spanish, physics, geography, German, business studies, mathematics, French. All other subjects were rated as *good* (70%+) except music (69%) and drama (63%).

In general issues, the following were rated *excellent*, in order: teaching quality, caring teachers, school discipline, school security, happiness of child, levels of homework, developing potential, developing moral values, community spirit, availability of resources, exam results, school facilities, control of bullying, developing confidence, school communication. Other aspects were *good*: choice of subjects, truancy control, computer access, social health education, careers advice.

Additional criteria were also measured, these were rated *excellent* (in order): marking work, school management, listening to parents, listening to students, treating students fairly, handling complaints, tailoring workload to child's needs, ensuring students do their best, written reports, explaining to parents how to help, extra-curricular. The other criteria were rated as *good*: transfer from previous school, rewarding achievement, racial harmony, special needs.

Head's News

Congratulations....

Well done to:

Hasan Khan (9S) who won the silver medal in the lightweight division at the Welsh Tae-Kwon-Do Championships in Cardiff;

George Schreuder, Alex Stewart and Alex Wakeley-Jones (all 10R) who gained places on the four-day Smallpeice Trust Marine Technology course at Strathclyde University three weeks ago;

Arron Pearce (10S) who has broken fifteen county longbow archery records this year.



SUMMER SHIRT

The school is introducing an optional short sleeved shirt or blouse embroidered with the school crest next year. They can be worn all year, as any other shirt, but during the Summer Term pupils will be allowed to wear them without a tie and blazer. The intention is that it will allow pupils to dress appropriately for the weather throughout the Summer Term, whilst remaining smart and identifiable as Sir Thomas Rich's students. They will be available to all Years, including the Sixth Form. Enclosed with this Newsreel is an order form, which can also be downloaded from the school website. As this is a new item of made-to-order uniform we must have your orders by 17th September to guarantee delivery in time for the Summer Term.

VOUCHERS

Our thanks to the parents and pupils who brought in their Sainsbury's vouchers. We amassed over 12,000 which enabled us to order a top quality table tennis table, which would otherwise have cost almost £500.

Many thanks!

WATER FOUNTAINS & STATIONERY SHOP

Students at School Council meetings suggested they would like more water fountains and somewhere to buy stationery. Many thanks to our Parents' Association who kindly granted £1,500 to enable the installation of two water fountains, one by the Veale Centre and the other by the Music Centre.

Members of the Key Stage 3 executive council, with the help of Heads of Year, are running a Stationery Shop from Mr Morgan's Office at break times. Form representatives went with their Heads of Year and Mr. Morgan to purchase pens, pencils, rulers and much more to sell in the shop. Already they have had to re-stock - compasses and protractors have been particularly popular. One happy customer said "if you forget your pencil case - you don't need to worry any more, you can go to the shop and get a biro for 10p." The Stationery Shop is open every break time to all members of the school. A full list of items on sale is displayed in Form rooms.

I Kellie

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PA News REEL



Dear Parent

The PA is in the middle of a series of fundraising campaigns and hence lots of information has been included in your end of year envelope.

It's all part of our pledge to raise £30,000 towards the extension and refurbishment of the dining room. The pledge is ambitious so we've worked hard to come up with fundraising ideas that are fun, memorable and easy to support.

Please take a few minutes to see how you can join in and help us, without you we won't succeed!

- Buy a brick for your son or daughter to become part of the 'Wall of Richians'
 - Get a group of friends together and come and have fun at our Quiz & Pudding Night on the 15th October
 - Join the 100 club – for only £3 a month investment you could win up to £50 a month!
 - Make a pledge, or if you've already done so, please consider increasing your pledge to the STRS Gifting Scheme
- Put the Christmas Fayre (4th Dec) and Valentines Ball (12th Feb 2011) into your diary

Anything you can do to help, however small, WILL make a difference and we're counting on you to help reach our target!. All the information and forms you need are in your envelope and on the PA page of the STRS website. www.strs-pa.org.uk

Thank you for your time

Kristie Poulton

PA NewsREEL

PA Officers

The Parents' Association committee has the following positions of office: Chair, President (Headmaster), Staff Member (Deputy Head), Vice Chair, Treasurer and Minutes Secretary.

Our current Treasurer and Minutes Secretary are stepping down in October and we are now inviting interest from PA members and other parents to take on either of the roles.

Nominations should be made to Katie Panton (chair) katie.panton@pfizer.com by the 1st October in time for the AGM on the 6th October.

The PA is aware that most of us have busy and demanding jobs and that taking on additional responsibility such as this may seem impractical. In reality it's wholly achievable, so please consider whether your skills lend themselves to taking on either role as both are vital to the running of the PA.

The current incumbents (Alan and Debbie) will provide a comprehensive handover.

Refreshments

The PA refreshments rota at STRS has been brilliantly (and tirelessly) run by Vivian Austin and Janet Swift - many of you will have met them at the numerous events that they've catered for.

Having taken responsibility for the rota for a number of years, Vivian and Janet have decided to stand down this summer and a new organiser has come forward. The PA is indebted to Vivian and Janet for their contribution and we want to take the opportunity to thank them very much for all of their hard work.

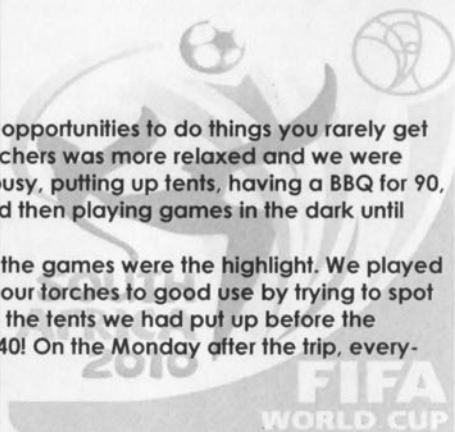
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Year 7 World Cup Camp

I found this trip very interesting as it gave me opportunities to do things you rarely get to do in school. Your relationship with the teachers was more relaxed and we were given more freedom than usual. It was very busy, putting up tents, having a BBQ for 90, watching England's first World Cup match and then playing games in the dark until midnight.

The match was very atmospheric, but for me the games were the highlight. We played adaptations of all sorts of games, and then put our torches to good use by trying to spot people in the dark. We finally went to bed (in the tents we had put up before the match) at around 12 o'clock. I woke up at 2.40! On the Monday after the trip, everyone seemed a lot quieter than usual.

Daniel Taylor 7B



Pond and Wildlife Area



Many pupils have enjoyed dipping in our pond this summer and found many fascinating species. They have demonstrated that this is a very healthy pond with a wide selection of creatures and they have benefitted from the hard work that went on last year to improve the area. We are grateful to the PA and all those parents, pupils and staff who worked on this project. We are hoping to have another workday in the autumn to carry out a few more changes and will be looking for more volunteers next term.

S Chapman

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Year 10 Slimbridge Trip

"During our biology trip to Slimbridge in June, we had opportunities of do many different things: we inspected the pondlife, looked at pitfall traps, and used quadrants in a transect to study changes in plant populations and learnt how to test water for nitrogen, oxygen and how to find its pH. We also had time to walk around the site, watch the birds and find out about endangered species".

Henry Fidler, 10S

"The activities listed by Henry allowed us to excel in several areas of biology and ecology, such as analysing water quality using indicator species. Furthermore, the trip offered the opportunity for skills taught theoretically during lessons to be applied in a practical scenario – this helped in the demonstration of the connection between scientific theory and practice."

Isaac Leaver, 10S

"I believe that the trip has helped me understand how analytical skills are vital in Biology. I enjoyed all the activities especially the pond dipping. I was also impressed by the variety of wildlife on show".

Jack Cribben, 10S

Dr Who and the Portaloo

The appearance of a portaloo on the stage of Sir Thomas Rich's is not an every day occurrence—but it was soon made clear to our prospective year 7's on their induction day on Thursday 8th July that Doctor Who had simply exchanged the traditional Tardis for a more up to date and ubiquitous version—a portaloo.

Doctor Who and The Portaloo was an amusing pastiche of a Doctor Who episode written by year 10 GCSE Drama student David Murray (who also took on the part of The Doctor) and performed by Mrs Brookes GCSE drama group. The performances were excellent considering the grup had only a fortnight in which to rehearse and had only been able to rehearse in the hall for an hour beforehand. Special mention must go to Sebastian Harker who played the part of a dizzy blonde to perfection; his comic timing was awesome! Also to Freddie Morrish (7T) who agreed to impersonate a year 6 and be 'eaten' by some very scary looking aliens. However this was a true ensemble production and provided evidence of the wealth of Dramatic talent present in Tommies students.

Congratulations to all who took part.

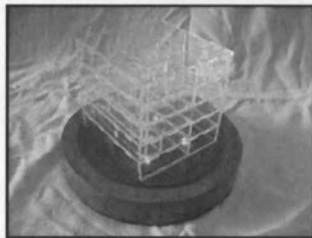
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D&T NewsREEL

Summer Time in D+T - S James & S Hancock

The exams are over and all the coursework has been moderated. We now wait for the wheels of the examination boards to turn and process all the marks and information. We wait with some trepidation, but look forward to the results in August. We wish all the students a happy and relaxing summer, we look forward to seeing those who will return in September and wish those going off to college or to employment good luck.



The year 12 students have begun their A2 projects and year 10 students have begun their GCSE "controlled assessments". Early indications suggest some interesting and innovative project work again this year. The quality and standard of the early work completed is excellent, they have all shown themselves to be capable students and we look forward to another successful year.



Arkwright Scholarships



Another outstanding achievement! Frank Nation has been awarded an Arkwright Scholarship, commencing in September 2010. He has been selected to receive this award after successfully passing the Arkwright Aptitude paper, demonstrating flair and originality in solving Engineering Design problems and presenting his GCSE work to an interview panel. The selection process culminated with an interview, team exercises and a tour of the engineering facilities at Bath University. In "Normal" economic circumstances, we would have had two successful candidates, but due to the financial pressures on companies they have also "tightened their belts" and as a result, reduced their sponsorship budgets. Subsequently, Chris Perkins is on the "Reserve List" and if more sponsorship monies become available over the summer period, he will also gain a scholarship. This is a fantastic achievement, well done to both students

Tesco Computers for Schools 2010

THANK YOU!!!

The vouchers for the 19th year of the Tesco computers for schools scheme have now been counted, packed and dispatched. We collected 12,054 vouchers, which we have "banked". We would like to thank everyone who donated vouchers, enabling us to reach such a magnificent total and a special thank you to all those who helped count and pack, especially Barbara!!!



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Year 8 Science and Technology Visit to Alton Towers.

The Design & Technology visit to Alton Towers has now become established as an annual event. It takes in mechanisms, speed, structures, materials and design as well as energy transfer: "Do you travel faster at the front of the car or the back?"



"On the 9th of June, the majority of the year went on an educational trip to Alton towers theme park. While the rest who decided not to go, enjoyed school.

We left at 8.30 and arrived at about 11:00. When we arrived, we made our way to the entrance, where we got together. We were handed booklets which consisted of a few questions linked to forces and mechanisms, which we had been learning about during lessons. These booklets were filled in as the day went on.

When we were all together, we were registered. We then got into groups of 2-6. When we were 'released' people darted in all directions, eager to experience the rides.

My group relied on Charlie Ros, who had been to the theme park previously, and knew all the good rides, and how to get to them. My group went on: Rita, Oblivion, Nemesis and air- Which were all incredible- From oblivion's vertical drop, to Rita's 'Blast off' start. The day was a total success.

Sadly, at 3:00 it was time to go. As we were leaving I chomped down the rest of my hotdog- Which was later brought back up on the journey home. After I was sick, Kieran Flannery commented: 'Well Will, think about it this way, that was twice the flavour and zero the calories!'

On the whole, the day was a total success and thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was a great day full of education and fun experiences."

Will Rees 8R

Year 12 Cheltenham Museum/Art Gallery Visit

On Tuesday 29th of June, the year 12 Design and technology group visited the Cheltenham Art museum to learn more about the contemporary arts movement. The day started with an introduction to the exhibit in one of the museum's many floors, where we were given a brief talk on 19th-20th century artistic designs and themes as well as an explanation of how the artist William Morris went against the traditional ideals of the time by creating naturalist, handmade pieces with his own simple patterns. This was in contrast to the cluttered, mass produced and poor quality Victorian styles that were emerging as a result of the industrial revolution. The trip round the exhibit gave us an insight into the different styles of design and manufacture that were used in that era and we were surprised at the level of quality and workmanship that went into some of the pieces. Once we had explored the different items in the exhibit, we were given activities that helped us to understand design elements such as which materials and techniques were used, and why. There were also some interesting materials used. We saw ceramic crockery that had been embossed with copper and in stark contrast, saucers made from metal with a pearlescent sheen. We had an in-depth talk on many of the pieces including a piano designed by C.R. Ashbee that had been ornately decorated with a poem about the composer Beethoven. Although Ashbee had the piano made for his wife Janet, who loved music, she had to wait two years before she got this wedding present! The staff were very helpful and provided us with good information as well as letting us see other items in more detail such as the exquisite writing desk. Overall the trip was a success, leaving the group with a helpful insight into the traditional design characteristics of that era as well as knowledge about the independent designs of Morris that are still popular today.

Fred Lewis + Kieron Husain

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CHELTENHAM GCHQ GREEN WEEK

On Wednesday 23rd June 2010, 11 students from 4 different year groups travelled to GCHQ via Minibus to give a presentation regarding various environmental issues as part of GCHQ's "Green Week". The students from Year 7-10 spoke on several topics, ranging from our own school pond to global deforestation.

Jack Abbey, Alexander Hampton-Foyne, Macauley James and Tyler Wells from year eight gave a detailed presentation on the Eco-Schools Initiative. They covered many issues relating to it, including Sir Thomas Rich's Green Initiative Group and their visit to the climate change conference in London last year. The group also explained STRS's aim to achieve the Eco-Schools "Bronze School Status".

The next group was composed of three year nine students; Edward Brooking, Benjamin Evans and Jacob Stephenson. They told the audience about sustainability in the modern world. Their presentation

focused mainly on 'E-Waste' – Electronic waste generated from discarded electronic devices such as computers, phones, televisions and radios. The group also showed a letter written from the point of view of a man from 2070. This showed how a world with limited water supplies could spell the end of humanity as we know it.

The third group was comprised of a year seven student – Mark Thiselton, and two year 10 students, Toby Churchley and James Stokes. This presentation mainly focused on the destruction of the Rainforests. It included many shocking facts and figures – around half of all rainforest has been destroyed as a result of human activity in the last 200 years and 80% of the rainforest in Nigeria has been cut down by oil companies like BP.

The final presentation, delivered by Year 10 pupils Hugo Chapple and Akshay Patel, focused on the pond at STRS. They talked about the history of the pond, being dug in 1973 in memorial of Mr G R Sheard. However, it soon became derelict and overgrown. In 1997 the pond was renovated and now serves a useful purpose, both for wildlife habitation and the education of students.

Overall the 45 minute presentation was a success and was met with enthusiasm and interest from the audience of GCHQ staff and we hope to be invited to the GCHQ Green Week again next year.

James Stokes and Toby Churchley,

10R.



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Courses

Interested in Science and Maths but don't know which course to do?

Here is one pupil's first advice for any pupils out there who are still in a conundrum.....

"Headstart is a great way to find out if an engineering degree is for you and meet new friends. With real lectures and the chance to have one to one conversations with the lecturers and admissions tutors, I found it to be a brilliant opportunity for anyone considering engineering to gain information that's tough to get anywhere else. Headstart sets you apart, can justify why you did or did not choose engineering, and could give you a great conversation starter in an interview. Picking the wrong course at University is (I would guess) simply the worst feeling, and any opportunity presented to you to avoid it, should be grabbed with both hands. Headstart is one of those."

Many Thanks,

Arun Ulahannan (12R)



science and engineering
experience courses

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM

The next sale is on Friday 10th September from 3.30pm to 4.30pm

**Thank you for your support this year – we raised over £350
which went to the Dining Room Refurbishment Project**

If you can't make the sale, require an item in a hurry or would like to help, please contact Julie Goble on 01452 612043 who will try to assist you.

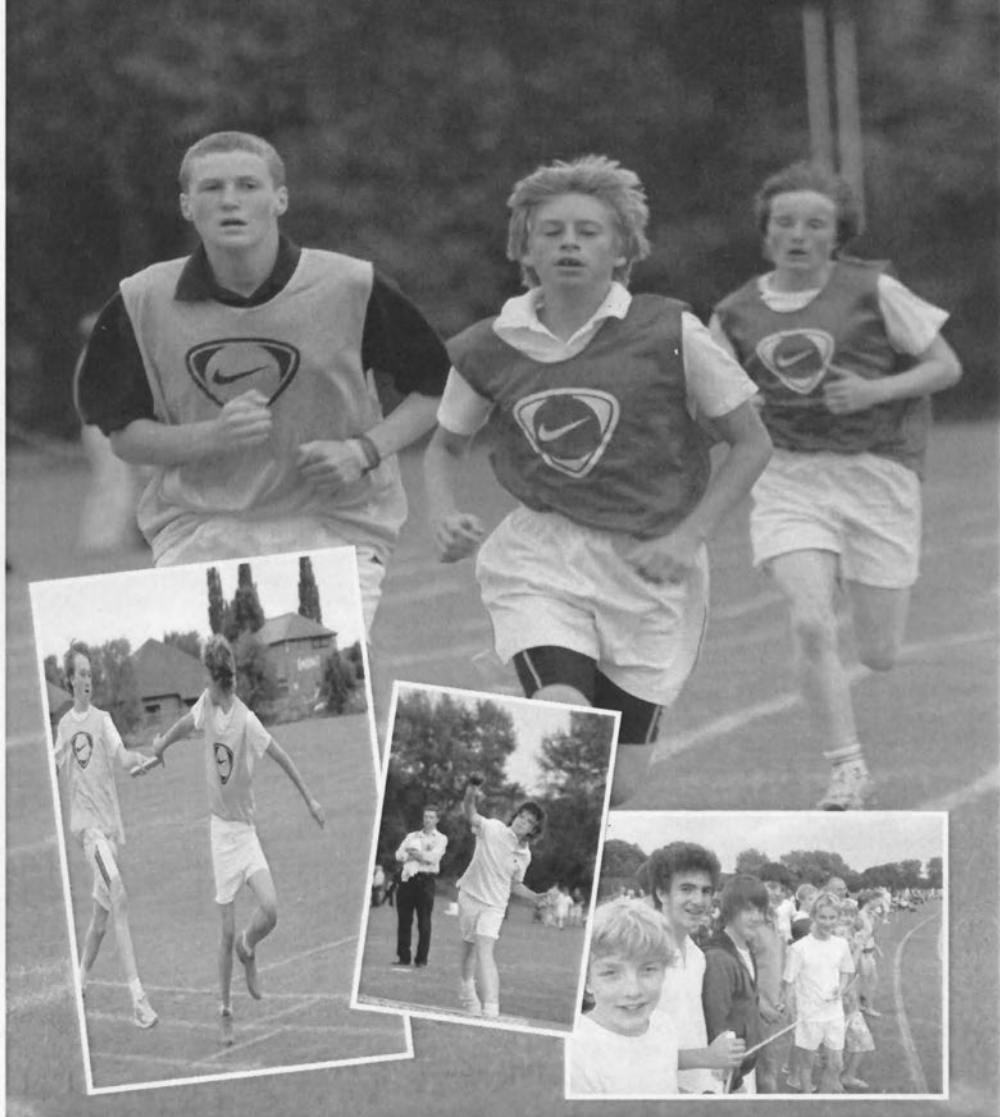
If you have any items you wish to donate they can be left with the School Secretary, labelled 'for school fund'. If you wish to sell your items please fill out the official sales slip, attach it to the item/s and give it to the School Secretary.

We take 25% commission which goes to the school funds.

We sell blazers, gym kit, rugby shirts, rugby socks & shorts, senior and junior ties, cricket whites, rugby boots, scarves and wraps.

We currently have a shortage of Southgate Rugby Shirts, Rugby Socks and School Ties – donations of these items would be most welcome.

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Comenius Project:

Responsible use of the new technologies

June 17 – 19 Project meeting in Arlon, Belgium

Partner schools: Institut Cardijn Lorraine Arlon, Belgium
and IES Reyes Católicos, Ejea de los Caballeros, Spain

I am not sure what expectations we had of Belgium as we embarked on our journey. Flat, boring, monochrome are adjectives which sprang to mind. Does anyone ever stop in Belgium? Why? What are the Belgians famous for? However, during a project designed to promote European harmony negative thoughts about our host country have no place. It was important to keep an open mind.

Well the north was certainly uninteresting but the south, reminiscent of Gloucestershire with its green hills, woodlands and valleys, was a delightful contrast. This was the first evidence of a north/ south divide of which we were to become increasingly aware. Technical problems causing a delay to our arrival were brushed aside with the quip "It happens all the time! In Brussels they don't worry about us in the South". A relaxed atmosphere characterised the visit and as well as working on the project we were able to visit some interesting places.

Arlon itself is a small quiet town – except on the day we visited when students celebrated in jubilant mood the end of their examinations. Situated in Wallonia, the official language is French although the local dialect is a variant of the German language. It is one of the oldest towns in Belgium, originally a Roman settlement lying at the crossroads of trade routes between France, Germany and Belgium.

The impressive and affluent city of Luxembourg was only a short distance away. Set in green river valleys, over a hundred bridges cross the city, providing links between the historical and modern sections, Luxembourg, as well as being the nucleus of a united Europe, is an important commercial centre. An afternoon spent exploring this fascinating city could only whet the appetite to see more of its buildings and learn more about its history and culture.

The final day gave us the opportunity to visit Orval Abbey. This beautiful and ancient Cistercian monastery is not only well-known for its history and spiritual life but also its local production of beer!

So at the end of the visit I asked the Belgians, what are you famous for? The answer was beer, one different beer for each day of the year. Naturally this answer came from a man! In my experience Belgian chocolates cannot be surpassed and the interesting mix of cultures and languages made this small country well worth a visit.

I am indebted to Mr Crumblehulme for his dedication to the project, his support on the visit and his considerable help as Spanish interpreter.

J. Hewett



LanguageNewsREEL

Talk to Lower Sixth Linguists, 21st June, 2010

It was a pleasure to welcome to the school once again Chris Hughes MBE from GCHQ to speak to our year 12 linguists. They will have sat their AS language examinations and hopefully will be feeling proud of their achievements. As well as the satisfaction of mastering a language, the pleasure of being able to communicate with native speakers, the insight gained into a country's history and culture, linguists are far more employable. This was the message which Chris gave to our pupils. As a speaker of 16 foreign languages one could not help but be in awe of his achievements and his obvious passion for language learning.



It was interesting to hear about the role linguists fulfil at GCHQ- the interception of foreign electronic signals, transcription and translation of messages. Terrorism, serious crime, drugs, supporting the military are all areas in which GCHQ is involved. The job of a GCHQ linguist is challenging. As well as fluency GCHQ linguists need to be familiar with current affairs, the culture, jargon, place names, acronyms, slang, even bad language.

Which languages does GCHQ require?-languages from the Middle and Far East and from Africa are particularly sought after. Spanish and Russian are also needed as well as combinations of western and eastern languages. However, pupils studying French and German at school should not be deterred from considering a career with GCHQ. The ability to learn a language is the most important factor as GCHQ will train linguists in the languages they need.

I am sure the talk will have motivated our linguists to take their language learning to a new dimension. Our many thanks to Chris for his inspirational talk.

J. Hewett

SEARCH FOR A FAMILY.....

...We are looking for a family to host our French and German Foreign Language Assistants, Flora and Franzisca, from Saturday 25th September until they find suitable rented accommodation in the area.

If you can help please contact Miss Brake
on 01452 338 400 ext 236.

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Sir Thomas Rich's School Cricket Club Season 2010

During the 2010 cricket season, since 19th April, Sir Thomas Rich's School Cricket Club has played a total of 85 fixtures against other schools. These fixtures have ranged from limited 20 over games after school during week days to 'split 70 over', 35 over and timed games on Saturday afternoons and early evenings. As we go to print, the School has won 43 games, drawn 7 games and lost 35, with some of those defeats suffered in very close circumstances by 'B' teams playing against other School 'A' XI's in the Gloucester City League.

Senior Cricket

The 1st and 2nd XI's season has already been reported. It has been hugely affected by GCSE, AS and A2 examinations but overall it has been quite successful. The highlights were the 1sts victory against King's Gloucester, Crypt, Marling Grammar and Wycliffe College; and the 2nds victories against King's Gloucester, Crypt and Pates Grammar.

The u15's

The u15 A team has a lot of potential, however, on balance, this was a disappointing season, illuminated by some special moments. In the field, the team made significant progress. They learnt to bowl to one side of the wicket allowing the captain to set fields accordingly. This placed pressure on opposing sides who often found it hard to accumulate runs. The fielding was tight and aggressive at times, though inconsistent. The best bowler was Oliver Goldsmith but he was rarely able to bowl due to a succession of injuries. He was supported well by James Selley and Michael Horwood who both bowled tightly. The batting was brittle throughout. Only one batsman scored a fifty and it was unusual for two players to build a partnership. There were several highlights: a last wicket, unbroken partnership of 63 between Alex James and Hector Palmer, which doubled our score against Dean Close. Victories against Cleeve School and Chipping Campden set up a Gloucestershire County Cup Quarter Final versus Pates Grammar School. Tommies managed to defeat Pates last year in the u14 County Cup semi final but this year Pates took revenge winning by 25 runs. Tommies u15 A's did record a victory over Wycliffe College with Ashley Houlton taking 6 wickets, having attended sensibly with Oliver in a partnership of 80 runs to rescue the team.

However, defeats to Cheltenham College, Dean Close, King's Gloucester and RGS Worcester show there is still work to do. However, Oliver Goldsmith's 102 not out and his partnership of 160 with Mike Horwood in defeat versus The King's School, Gloucester, shows the ability and potential this year group possess.

STR U15 B TEAM - GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY CUP QUARTER FINALISTS.

The U15 B team has had a fragmented but successful season. They lost narrowly in a close game to Dean Close u15 B's at the start of the season, but then went on to record an excellent victory against Beaufort A team in the Gloucester City League. With Central Technology College unable to field a team and St Peters content with qualifying as runners up, Tommies reached the semi final without having to play another game. In the Gloucester City Semi Final, the u15 B's performed well against Brockworth School A team, scoring 123 runs, with Oliver Plant hitting 42 not out. Tommies then bowled Brockworth out for 84 to win by 39 runs. In the Gloucester City Final Tommies u15 B team were not strong enough to defeat Crypt u15 A team and finished as runners up.

GLOUCESTER CITY LEAGUE FINALISTS.

The u14's

The u14 A team have enjoyed a roller coaster of a season! There have been some outstanding performances along the way, particularly the fielding against Victoria College in Jersey and the outstanding victory against the Cotswold school to put us into the county cup final. In the final we were well beaten by an excellent Cheltenham college team, the statistics don't lie - when you set 29 for them to chase - your always going to have an early tea!!!!.

The season for me has been excellent, I have spent a tremendous amount of time with the team both on tour and in school and I have to say they are a pleasure to coach. They have a good work ethic and superb camaraderie. So thank you lads for all your commitment and entertainment!

The final thank you goes to Mr Brown for organising the tour, Qasim for his excellent leadership, and not forgetting the parents, particularly Mr Patterson who scored every game!

Thank you for all your efforts.

Mr Davies.

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STR U14 B TEAM

GLoucestershire County Cup Finalists.

As statistics, their results may not look too impressive but that does not reflect the performances and the improvements shown throughout the season. The u14 B's started the season, with a narrow defeat to Wycliffe College B team. They soon bounced back by defeating Dean Close B's by 9 wickets in an outstanding performance (Duncan Lynch 39 not out and Harry Howes taking 3 wickets for 11 runs from 4.2 overs.) The u14 B's' next opponent was Beaufort A team in the Gloucester City League. Beaufort batted first and scored 97 runs, Ed Hambrey, Gavin Kwok and Charlie Webster all taking two wickets each. Tommies batted well in reply with Harry Howes scoring 25, Craig Turner and Ed Hambrey needed 11 runs to win from the last over but unfortunately finished 7 runs short. In their next game Tommies lost narrowly again to Central A team by 5 runs. Against Crypt A team the u14 B's bowled well to restrict Crypt to 117 for 7 after 20 overs. Jack Rogers was the leading wicket taker with 3 wickets for 14 runs from 4 overs. Unfortunately the Crypt A team bowlers were too strong and Tommies were bowled out for 50 in reply. The u14 B's put in another brave performance against Churchdown A's again in the Gloucester City League. Churchdown scored 124 runs, Ed Hambrey took 4 wickets for 15 runs from 4 overs. In reply Tommies made 85 runs, with George Peach scoring 28, as Rich's lost by 39 runs. In Tommies' last game in the Gloucester City League they faced St Peters A team away. St Peters batted first and scored 98, Josh Thomas took 3 wickets for 16 from 3 overs. In reply, Ed Hambrey retired on 25 and Charlie Webster retired on 27 as Rich's reached St Peters total with ease to win by 4 wickets. Well done to all 22 B team squad members!

The u13's

The u13 A team started the season with an excellent win against Wycliffe College. Tommies successfully bowled Wycliffe out for 40 runs, with Harry Schofield taking 3 wickets. With the Marling Grammar School game cancelled due to the rain, the u13 A's next game was against St John's on the Hill Prep School, Chepstow. In a timed game, St Johns declared at tea with 176 runs scored for 5 wickets down. Benji Grew was the pick of the Tommies bowlers with 2 for 23. The u13 A's batted well in reply, with Henry Day not out on 64, Rich's finished on 140 for 3, to record a well deserved and hard fought draw against a very good side. The u13's then embarked on their tour of Jersey, where they defeated De la Salle School, in their first game.

Will Byrd's outstanding bowling performance of 6 wickets for 18, (which included a hat-trick!!) helped to bowl De la Salle out for 76. Henry Day was the top scorer in reply with 31 not out, as Tommies reached the target after 16 overs. Their second fixture on tour was a 'split 70 over' game against Victoria College. Victoria College batted for 36 overs to record 149 for 5. In reply, Henry Day was again the top scorer with 47 as Tommies scored 138 for 6 from 34 overs, to record a winning draw. In the u13's last game on tour they were defeated by the Jersey Island XI. James Foylan was Tommies top scorer with 48 not out, but STR were bowled out for 108 after 36 overs. The Island quickly reached that total after 22 overs. After the tour, Tommies played Pates Grammar School at home, Pates were bowled out for 55. Tommies chased this total comfortably with Benji Grew 25 not out, to record an 8 wicket victory. The u13's then lost a close affair to The Kings School, Gloucester. Kings scored 183 for 2 wickets, Tommies then scored 141 for 4 in reply, with Henry Day 72 not out, to lose by 42 runs. The u13 A's then played Crypt Grammar School. Tommies batted first to score 143 for 6, with Henry Day scoring 81 not out. Crypt could only manage 85 before being bowled out. Chris Bell took 3 wickets for 16 runs as Tommies won by 59 runs. In the u13 A's final game versus Hereford Cathedral School, Hereford scored 144 runs after 30 overs. Henry Day had the best bowling figures, with 4 wickets for 24 runs. In reply, Tommies reached Hereford's total after 27 overs, with Will Byrd scoring 41, to record a 7 wicket victory.

The u13's

The u13 B's have worked hard in training this year and have shown some improvement. Results have not always gone their way but a number of individuals have performed well and have earned call ups to the A team. In their opening game against Wycliffe College B team, Tommies played very well but unfortunately could not bowl Wycliffe out and therefore the game ended in a draw. Hassan Mehmood and Harsha Anand the stand out players. In the Gloucester City League, Rich's lost to Beaufort A team and Central A team. A victory over St Peters A team in their last group game provided some consolation, with Alex Walker and Luka Renna performing well. In the u13 B's last fixture of the season against Crypt B's, some poor fielding resulted in defeat. However, with more hard work and effort I am sure more results will go their way next year.

R Williams

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STR U12 *County Cup* GLOUCESTER CITY LEAGUE FINALISTS.

Season's Round-up

The U12 "A" team had a very good season that ended with the disappointment of coming out second best in the County Cup Final against Rednock.

On the day, Rednock played the slightly better cricket – their opening bats posting a stand of 77 to set up a total of 116 for 6. The bowling attack lacked its usual incisive punch but we fielded very well indeed to restrict Rednock to under 6 an over on a fast scoring track and quick outfield. It should have been well within our capabilities to overhaul the total.

The loss of early wickets cost us momentum and having to bat more cautiously to preserve wickets, we gradually fell behind the run rate required. Having stabilised the innings though, Sam North and Oli Pearce launched an assault on the Rednock bowlers; probably just an over too late, one felt, as 40 runs were still needed off the last 4 overs.

Rednock fielded very well in the closing stages and those now-necessary boundaries were just too elusive to the Rich's batting. Even Ben Stratford (16 not out off just 8 balls) could not find the boundary enough to steal victory and we fell short by 7 runs. A shame, for although the team that just about played the better all-round cricket on the day fully deserved their victory, one was left thinking that perhaps the more complete and better team generally had lost out on the opportunity to represent their county next year in the national U13 competition. Nevertheless we wish Rednock well and every success.

As for the rest of the season, the team played extremely well in all departments. Weaker opposition were summarily dismissed, while against the stronger sides we showed great character and depth of cricketing ability in closely fought matches, winning most. It is testimony to the strong "B" team squad that by the end of the season several players found their way into regular "A" team places and this probably helped maintain the success of the "A" team. Mr P Lloyd deserves special mention for his work and encouragement here.

Some outstanding performances included:

Sam Rideout's season haul of 18 wickets, flitting his mesmerising leg-spin - never have I seen the ball turn so much on an artificial pitch, let alone grass;

Oli Pearce's 5 for 12 against Crypt - he is developing into a very good swing bowler;
3 Century partnerships - 145 for the 1st wicket between Jack Tyrer (68ret) & Jacob Hayward (55ret); 119 for the 2nd wicket between Jacob Hayward (56) and Toby Hiram (58); 103 for the 2nd wicket between Jacob Hayward & Toby Hiram (48no);

And finally for his Captaincy & Leadership, Toby Hiram should be commended. He has rotated his bowling well, always tried to give his players match opportunities with bat and ball, given encouragement and set the right example, shown good awareness, is clearly learning from his experiences and is developing an astute cricketing brain.

For the most improved player over the season, it has to be Sam Rideout - he has crafted well his magical leg spin, developing subtle flight and variation. Besides this he has worked hard to improve his batting and fielding, becoming a complete all round cricketer. And he gives his all for the side. I watch his future in the game with great interest.

P Brown



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Finally.....



I know that I have said this many times before but cricket is a sport that takes a great deal of time; however we are very lucky at Tommies that we have a small number of very dedicated staff that are willing to give up their time. I would like to thank the staff involved with the Cricket Club yet again for the huge amount of time and effort they put in at lunchtimes, after school and on Saturdays to make sure the teams play a strong fixture list and are well prepared when they do play. I am sure the boys appreciate all their hard work; it is certainly appreciated by me.

R G Williams

Aegon Team Tennis Gloucestershire league

The School entered both the U13 and the U15 tournaments. In both competitions the school teams played well and were very often too strong for their opponents. All players are to be congratulated for their efforts as in winning all the games they have now qualified for the Regional Knockout Competition which will begin in September.

Sam Tullett of the U13 team deserves a special mention as he did not lose a game in the four sets of singles matches that he played.

v St. Edwards School

<u>U15</u>	Won 4 - 2
<u>U13</u>	Won 5 - 1

v Bournside School

<u>U15</u>	Won 6 - 0
<u>U13</u>	Won 6 - 0

v St. Peter's School

<u>U15</u>	Won 4 - 2
<u>U13</u>	Won 6 - 0

v Balcarras School

<u>U15</u>	Won 6 - 0
<u>U13</u>	Won 6 - 0

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Up and coming Events.

Parents' Valentine's Ball - Spring 2011

The Parents' Associations of STRS and the HSFG are organising a joint Valentine's Ball here at Rich's on Saturday 12th February. Tickets will be available from Mr Carter early next term.



School Uniform-Important Dates

As another academic year ends we are able to breathe a sigh of relief that the Year 7s starting in September have all been kitted out with their new uniforms and the orders for the new sixth formers are ready to go pending their exam results. Thank you to everyone who has helped with uniforms this year and especially to Jan Brown, who we are going to miss so much next year. Happy Retirement, Jan!

We would like to remind parents that the **sixth form orders** should be collected between 10 and 12 on **Thursday 2nd September (Inset Day)**. Please make sure you bring payment with you - cash or cheque (made payable to STRS PA).

If you missed the deadline for ordering a **blazer** for September we still have a limited supply in stock and a member of the Parents' Association will be in school between 12 and 2 on **Thursday 2nd September (Inset Day)** for you to make any last-minute uniform purchases. Please do not get rid of your old blazer before ensuring we have your size in stock.

We have a limited stock left of the **heavy weight rugby shirts** and are offering them at the much-reduced price of £10 each. They can still be worn for games lessons and are ideal for the winter, so are an absolute bargain. They will be on sale on **2nd September** and can also be ordered by emailing Denise Sheldon with the size you require. We will not be ordering any more. First come first served!

We have distributed the **new-style light-weight rugby shirts** to those who pre-ordered. We have a few left in stock which may be purchased on **2nd September** and will have further stock available from mid-September.

The school is introducing an optional **short sleeved shirt or blouse embroidered with the school crest** next year. They can be worn all year, as any other shirt, but during the Summer Term pupils will be allowed to wear them without a tie and blazer. The intention is that it will allow pupils to dress appropriately for the weather throughout the Summer Term, whilst remaining smart and identifiable as Sir Thomas Rich's students. They will be available to all years, including the Sixth Form. Enclosed with this Newsreel is an order form, which can also be downloaded from the school website. As this is a new item of made-to-order uniform we must have your orders **by 17th September** to guarantee delivery in time for the Summer Term.

If you have any queries about the above please email Denise Sheldon - sheldons@gloucester39.freemove.co.uk. Further details concerning uniform are on the Parents' Association pages of the school website under "New Uniform".

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CALENDAR**TERM DATES FOR 2010/11**

Wednesday 1 & Thursday 2 September
 Friday 3 September
 Friday 17 September
 Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 September
 Tuesday 28 September
 Thursday 14 October
 Monday 25 – Friday 29 October
 Monday 1 – Friday 5 November
 Monday 22 Nov – Thursday 2 Dec
 Friday 3 December
 Monday 6 December
 Weds 8, Thurs 9 & Fri 10 December
 Monday 13 December
 Weds 15 December
 Thurs 16 December
 Friday 17 December

Tuesday 3 January
 Thursday 13 January
 Tuesday 18 January
 Thursday 27 January
 Monday 7 – Friday 11 February
 Tuesday 8 February
 Wednesday 16 February
 Monday 21 – Friday 25 February
 Mon 28 Feb – Friday 4 March
 Monday 7 March
 Monday 14 March
 Monday 21 – Friday 25 March
 Wednesday 6 April
 Friday 8 April
 Tuesday 26 April
 Tuesday 26 – Friday 29 April
 Monday 2 May
 Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June
 Friday 24 – Thursday 30 June
 Friday 1 July
 Monday 4 – Friday 8 July
 Thursday 7 July
 Tuesday 12 July
 Friday 22 July

INSET Days

Term starts, 8.40 a.m.
 Speech Day, 7.30 p.m.
 Open Days
 Open Evening, 6.00/7.30 p.m.
 Informal Year 7 Parents' Evening
 Half-term holidays
 Year 12 examinations
 Trial GCSE examinations

INSET Day

Christmas by Candlelight, 7.30 p.m.
A Play on Words, school drama, 7.30 pm
 Year 13 Parents' Evening, 5.00 p.m.
 Carol Service, St. Catharine's, 7.30 p.m.
 Carol Service, St. John's, 7.30 p.m.
 Term ends, 12.45 p.m.

2011

Term starts, 8.40 a.m.
 Year 11 Parents' Evening, 5.00 p.m.
 Year 9 Options Evening, 7.00 p.m.
 Sixth Form Open Evening, 7.15 p.m.
 Year 11 work experience week
 Year 8 Parents' Evening, 5.00 p.m.
 Year 9 Parents' Evening, 5.00 p.m.
 Half-term holidays
 Year 10 examinations
 Founder's Week
 Year 7 Parents' Evening, 5.00 p.m.
 Trial AS examinations
 Year 12 Parents' Evening, 5.00 p.m.
 Term ends, 12.45 p.m.
 Term starts, 8.40 a.m.
 Trial A2 examinations
 Bank Holiday
 Half-term holidays
 School examinations (Years 7–9)
INSET Day
 Sixth Form induction week
 Sports Evening, 6.30 p.m.
 Year 10 Parents' Evening, 5.00 p.m.
 Term ends, 12.45 p.m.



Sir Thomas Rich's School Jacket



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YOUTH

S	28"	XL	34"
M	30"	XXL	36"
L	32"		



ADULT

S	38"	XL	47"
M	41"	XXL	50"
L	44"	XXXL	53"

Dear Parents,

The local sports clothing company, 'Raging Bull' has produced a sport/leisure jacket in royal blue on our behalf. A number of pupils have purchased these jackets and another order will be made early in the New Year. Parents are also welcome to buy these reversible jackets for themselves too!

The jacket is reversible converting into a grey fleece if required.

Youth jackets up to chest size 36" = £42.50 and Adult sizes above 36" = £46.50.

If you wish to order a jacket please complete the order form below and return to reception along with your remittance by Friday 10th September 2010.

Mr C D A Carter Deputy Headmaster

RAGING BULL SPORTS/LEISURE JACKET

* CHEQUES MADE PAYABLE TO STRS.

JUNIOR

S	M	L	XL	XXL

ADULT

S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL



CASH	CHQ

Name: _____ Form: _____

Date: _____



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SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES—2010

COURSE	LEVEL	DATE	TIME	COST/CONTACT
Midland Soccer Fun Week www.midlandsoccercoaching.co.uk	4-12yrs	Mon 26—Fri 30 July	10-3pm	01527 540425 07962 382460
SportStars Fun Weeks www.sport-stars.co.uk	4-12yrs	Mon 26—Fri 30 July Mon 9—Fri 13 August Mon 23—Fri 27 August	9am- 3.30pm	For more info call 0845 2413682
American Sports Fun Week Dodgeball, Baseball, Basketball, Frisbee and Flag Football www.districtsportscheltenham.co.uk	5-14yrs	Mon 2—Fri 6 August	9-4pm	To book call 07763 462 795 or email jroberts@districtsports.co.uk
Cricket Coaching Clinics	6-13yrs	Mon 9 & Tues 10 Aug Mon 23 & Tues 24 Aug	10-3pm	£14 per day 01452 338439
Arsenal Soccer Coaching www.playthearsenalway.com/glooucestershire	5-12yrs	Weds 4—Fri 6 August Mon 16—Weds 18 Aug	9-3pm	To book call 07966 402228
Gloucester Rugby Club Summer Camp www.gloucester rugby.co.uk	8-14yrs	Thurs 19 & Fri 20 August	10-3pm	To book call 01452 872286
Sarah's Holiday Gymnastics	5-12yrs	Every Thursday 29 July—26 August	10.30- 11.30am	01452 521132 07940 539688
Fencing Coaching Clinics (Beginners Welcome)	8yrs - adult	Friday 13 August Friday 27 August	10am- 12noon	£7 per session 01452 338439
Dance 4 Fun (coached sessions)	5-12yrs	Monday 2 August Monday 16 August	10-3pm	£12 per day 01452 338439
Spy School www.sports-xtra.com	4-11yrs	Mon 16—Fri 20 August	9.30- 3.30pm	To book call 07896 537304

Mad Science Summer Camp
www.madscience.org/sweng

5-11yrs

Weds 11-Fri 13 August
£20 per day (discounted rate)

9.30-
4.30pm

To book call
0117 951 4172

SUMMER HOLIDAY POOL COURSES

Glos Little Ducklings Swimming Crash Course	4+yrs	Mon 26—Fri 30 July	9am- 10.30am	To book call 01242 693219
Pool Trainer Assessor Course— must be lifeguard qualified (University of Gloucestershire course)	18+yrs	Mon 23—Fri 27 August	9am- 6.30pm	To book call 01242 714815 01242 715241



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Sir Thomas Rich's is a highly successful and flourishing grammar school situated in Longlevens, Gloucester and in close proximity to J11 and J11a of the M5.

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Sir Thomas Rich's now offer these extensive and outstanding facilities (non residential) to suitable groups for teaching, sports, conference, training, special events, presentations, holiday schools, meetings and more, at attractive rates.

Your specific requirements should be addressed directly to
 Tony Barton, Commercial Operations Manager,
 on 01452 338447