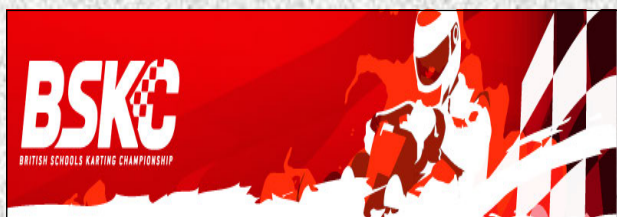




Many of us are looking forward to a fortnight's break after a particularly harsh winter. However our students in Years 11, 12 and 13 cannot afford such luxury, revision programmes should be in place to ensure the best possible preparation for next term's examinations. Much of education involves 'delayed gratification', a component of emotional intelligence considered essential for success in life. The rewards awaiting the diligent are: a long carefree holiday in the summer, a joyful day in August when exam results are published and, of course, good exam results to support Sixth Form/University entry and subsequently rewarding careers.

I Kellie



KARTING

The School entered five teams in the Gloucester round of the British Schools Karting Championships. Two of the teams finished first and second and thus qualified for the South West final. The School "C" team (Jack Panton, Edward Nemes, Luke Burford) performed well against a very competitive field to finish eighth. Our "A" team (Mark Eynot, Matthew Dobson, Patrick Sekinger) fared even better to achieve third position and hence they have qualified for the National Final. Thank you to Mr. Gowler for his time in organising and accompanying the teams.

I Kellie



GLOUCESTERSHIRE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The School's nominated charity last term was the Gloucestershire Community Foundation. We were pleased to welcome Simon Preston, Chairman of the Foundation, to a School assembly to receive a cheque for £500. He then explained something of the work of the Foundation in supporting groups working with those needing help in the county.

We are indebted to The Lord's Taverners for their generous donation of cricket equipment (bag, bats, gloves, balls, pads) which will enable more students to take part in and enjoy the game.



Call Parents

We have successfully implemented the 'Call Parent' system and will now be using this to communicate with parents on a range of issues.

Thank you to everyone who has sent in their mobile numbers and email addresses. If you have changed your details please let us have the updated information as soon as possible. In addition, if you have not sent in your details yet, could you please do so at your earliest convenience.

S Bloodworth - Bursar

NewsREEL



Tory Talks Taxation to Tommy's

Richard Graham, prospective Conservative candidate for Gloucester, and Richard Hammond, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, visited us to talk to Sixth Form Economics students. Richard Graham spoke first about local issues, quizzing students on their views on how to improve local services. Students grilled him on local budget cuts affecting health services and voiced their concerns over public sector job losses. Richard Hammond spoke for a short while about the main problems facing the economy and how they planned to cut the government debt and budget deficit, though he conceded that there was disagreement among professional economists about the best way to solve the budget crisis.

At the end of the discussion some students had the chance to speak individually and raise further queries. A wide range of areas were discussed, for instance, proportional representation, the university places crisis, an elected House of Lords and social mobility.

David Yates and Alexander Latter



History Trip – The Holocaust Exhibition, Imperial War Museum, London



I was feeling slightly apprehensive on the morning of this trip, as I did not know what to expect. I was not of course expecting the exhibition to be enjoyable as such; interesting and engaging, almost certainly, but the exhibition is not designed to be uplifting. Asking Mr Daniell about the trip he echoed my thoughts, 'humbling' was his description. Having been around the exhibition I can only agree with Mr Daniell's opinion. The first half of the exhibition was dedicated to the build up to the Holocaust and the Nazi's racial and social views. This is only a preview to the shocks in the second half. To quote the Imperial War Museum Website 'The silence and intensity of emotion only deepens as you go further into the exhibition'. This was shown in the audio guide that we listened to, the originally passive voices on the other end of the headphones gradually becoming more empathetic. The atrocities that faced the Jews in Eastern Europe in this time are truly incomprehensible. Millions were killed, and the exhibition lays the facts down bare before you to make of it what you will. It puts all current problems into perspective, and was definitely something that I will not forget. Humbling; indisputably.

Luke Andrew 11B

PANewsREEL



Calling all parents - we are holding a Spring Fayre on May 8th at STRS as part of this year's challenge to provide funding to help towards the extension of the dining room.

We need to enlist the immediate help of all businesses for the afternoon of Saturday 8th May 2pm to 5pm. You might know a person or corporate brand representative that would like to promote their business, skill or stock to a receptive audience!

The Spring Fayre is open to parents, pupils, family and friends and we need you to attend in order to make the event a success. For a small entrance fee you will see a variety of professional stalls and in addition there will be a few fun STRS dedicated stalls for children and adults alike to enjoy.

More details to follow as soon as the stall holders are confirmed.

To reserve a stall, please contact Judith Clay-Davies johnandjudith@blueyonder.co.uk including brief details of the exhibitor and what experience or product you can offer. Space is on a first come, first served basis!

Thanks for your support and we look forward to seeing you on the 8th May.

Katie Panton
Chair STRS PA

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM

Not sure what to do with your old school uniform?
Why not donate it to the school Nearly Uniform Sales?

The next sale is on **Saturday 8th May** at the Spring Fayre from **2.00pm to 5.00pm**.

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 help you.

If you have any items you wish to donate they can be left with Mrs Brown, 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, rugby shirts, rugby socks & shorts, senior and junior ties, cricket whites, rugby boots, scarves and wraps.

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



YOGA AND RELAXATION

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- ☞ Allow at least two hours after a large meal before class
- ☞ Wear loose, comfortable clothing
- ☞ Bring a blanket to keep warm whilst lying down during relaxation
- ☞ Discuss any medical problems with your tutor

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Chess Team Report

The Rich's School chess team competes in the North Gloucestershire Chess League, being one of only 2 schools to have the talent to be able to take on adult chess clubs such as Gloucester City and Cheltenham Musketeers. Matches take place in the evening with the Rich's team usually made up of one teacher and 4 pupils. So far this season we have played 10 matches, winning 2 and drawing one. This places us just off the bottom of the league, but with 5 matches to go before the end of the season we are hopeful of a mid table position.

High points of the season have been 2 victories against Gloucester Chess Club, and a draw against Edwardians (St Edwards School pupils & parents, the only other school team). Encouraging individual performances have come from Tyler Wing (13C – 4 wins & 1 draw from 9 games) and Tom Hopes (13H – 3 wins from 6 games). This year a number of younger players, notably Sam King & George Dickinson (8R) and Chris Burns (7T), have made regular team appearances and have played with maturity and some success.

Thanks go to Mr Stewart, Mr Fowler & Mr Swann who have helped me in the running of the chess club and the school team.

Mr Robson

Swimming Gala - Y7

On Wednesday 17th March Usman Ashgar in 7T attended a Swimming Gala for students with physical disabilities. He enjoyed the afternoon competing well in both the back and front crawl competitions. This event was used to identify students with potential talent. The assessors have asked to come into school to see him participate in other sports as they were able to see his ability.

R Cooper



Usman Ashgar - 7T

Double Gloucester Rugby Boost

On Sunday 21st March 2010 I was chosen to be a mascot for Gloucester Rugby's LV = Cup Final match against Northampton at Sixways, the rugby ground for Worcester Warriors. On the day I got a tour of the changing rooms and then waited for the players to come out of the changing rooms. When they got out of the changing rooms it was very noisy because all the players were getting each other psyched up for the game. When I ran out onto the pitch the atmosphere was amazing. Overall it was a great day. The overall score on the day was 30-24 to Northampton

I also did a photo shoot at Tesco with Gloucester players Luke Narroway and Greg Somerville for Tesco who are sponsoring CLIC Sargent, who are the charity that look after me when I am in hospital.

Alex Bayliss - 7T



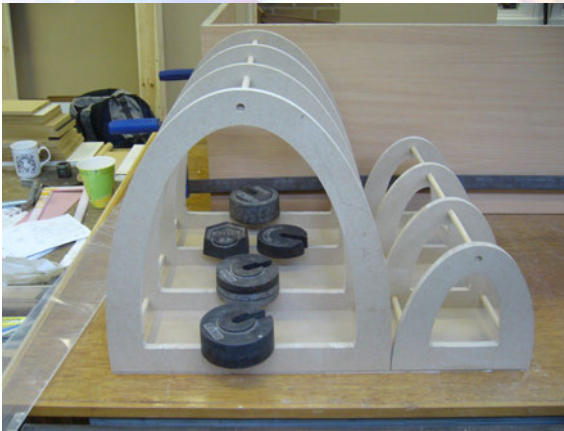
Alex with Greg Somerville & Luke Narroway

D&T News REEL

Under pressure!

As the end of term approaches, the examination students are working hard under pressure, to ensure that they get their course work projects completed. Most of the projects are nearing completion, but will require careful finishing if they are to achieve all the marks their efforts deserve. We would like to thank all those students [and parents] who have shown great commitment and determination to produce the quality work for which the school has a justly proud reputation. We look forward to these students receiving the grades their efforts deserve this summer.

Good Luck!



Arkwright Scholarship

Congratulations to Frank Nation and Chris Perkins who have successfully passed the first "Exam" stage of their applications for Arkwright Scholarships 2010. Frank and Chris have now been invited for interview at Bath University on 8th April. Good Luck to them both!

Tesco Computers for Schools 2010

The 19th year of the Tesco computers for schools scheme for 2010 is now well under way. We have started off very well with 392 vouchers collected in the first two weeks. 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.



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Origin of International Mother Tongue Day.

The origin of International Mother Tongue Day lies in the aftermath of the bloody partition of India and Pakistan in 1947. The nation now known as Bangladesh was East Pakistan after the partition. Even though over half of Pakistan's 69 million inhabitants lived in East Pakistan, the country was largely ruled from West Pakistan's central government. In 1948 the central government declared Urdu as the nation's only official language. This meant Bengali, the native language of over 90% of the people of East Pakistan (and thus one of the most spoken languages in the world) could not be taught in school or used in government affairs. The change also threatened to make the majority of educated people of East Pakistan essentially 'illiterate' and unable to participate in government or hold national posts. This understandably outraged the East Pakistanis, and a Bengali Language Movement formed.

In February 1952 Dhaka University planned mass protest demonstrations, but the central government imposed a ban on all public assemblies in the city of Dhaka. On February 21 students held the protest anyway.



University of Dhaka demonstrators, Feb. 22, 1952

Police attacked the students with batons. Students fought back, throwing bricks at the police, who responded with tear gas and gunfire. Several students were killed. The outcry over the police attacks led to more demonstrations and violence over the following days. On February 22 police attacked a mourning rally, presumably for violating the ban on assemblies.

After two more years of protest Pakistan passed a resolution accepting Bengali as a national language of Pakistan along with Urdu, and the anniversary of the first martyrs was adopted by UNESCO as International Mother Language Day in 1999.

International Mother Language Day 21st February



UNESCO proclaimed 21st February an International Mother Language Day in 1999 and ever since there have been annual celebrations on this day to raise awareness of the importance of cultural and linguistic diversity and multilingual education. As indigenous languages die out, ancient cultures disappear. In February the death of Boa Sr, the last speaker of the ancient tribal language, Bo, in the Andaman Islands, made headline news.



"Language is the soul of a nation... Do you want to make a people disappear? Destroy its language."

Jules-Paul Tardivel, 1880

J Hewett

Celebrations at Widden Primary School

It was a privilege to be invited to Widden Primary School and to join in the celebration of International Mother Language Day with the Bengali Community. Children performed poems and songs in their native Bangla and colourful pictures, painted by the children, were on display.

These pictures symbolised aspects of life in Bangladesh and the struggle to preserve the Bengali language. It was in honour of this struggle that inspired International Mother Language Day.

STRS has supported the learning of Bengali for a number of years and regular classes now take place every Saturday morning. This year will see the first cohort sit their A2 examinations, having already successfully completed GCSE and AS. We are delighted to be able to support the Bengali community.



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Work Experience in Aachen – Germany

During February half-term eight of the y12 German class went to Aachen for a week's work experience in Germany. The group really enjoyed their educational and personal experience. After all, they all spoke between 6 and 8 hours solid German each day (what more would a teacher want!) and were looked after well by the group organiser. This is what they said about the trip:

"I thoroughly enjoyed my work experience, working in a cake shop, as it helped me to develop my understanding of German language and culture. Going during 'Karneval' allowed us to sample a fantastic German celebration that none of us will forget. I feel confident for my exams and would seriously recommend the experience to anyone studying a foreign language." *Dale Lewis.*

"I worked in a supermarket from Monday to Friday. I had to work long hours, but I enjoyed talking to my colleagues and some of the tasks were fun, for example building a tower of baked bean tins (although I dropped two on my first day). I learnt a lot of German and met some people whom I will stay in touch with." *George Eden*

"I was working in a gift shop called Nanu-Nana. I was involved in general retail tasks like helping to organise stock and helping, and talking to, customers. My German vastly improved by working eight hours a day and speaking solely German to my employer and customers. Altogether, it was a difficult challenge but very worthwhile and the social activities were also great." *Abdu Afifi*

"The German work experience was a great challenge, not only speaking German on a constant day to day basis, but living for a week in a foreign country. I can say at the end of it, that I am much more confident in my German speaking ability, something which will hold me in good stead for my exams." *Will Lee*

"When I joined the school in Year 7, I never envisioned that 5 years later I would be in a hotel full of strangers, in Germany, with only my German-speaking skills to help me survive. But now, five years later, I can proudly say that I have been, and it was one of the best experiences of my life thus far. I ate lots of



amazingly tasty food: sausages, doughnuts and almost any other pastry you can imagine were present, ready to be eaten – which I certainly did, and in no small quantities".

Oliver Stockley

"I spent the week working in a German solicitors which tested my German ability greatly and allowed me to pick up new vocabulary for future use. Whilst working I was asked to read current case files, ready for multiple trips to the court to observe trials. On the Monday, I was able to see a piece of German culture I never thought I would 'Karneval'; people in large parade floats throwing sweets into the crowd and viewers in fancy dress holding out umbrellas in an effort to catch as many as they can. Overall, the trip was great not only for the work but the experiences that will never be forgotten".

Callum Bridgmount-John

"During my week of work experience I worked at Aachen Tierpark. Not only was it an extremely enjoyable trip on a social front but it was also incredibly beneficial for my German education. Working alone in a foreign country helped me with my confidence and independence." *Anwen Carter*

B Testoni-Ranken

Two host families required 4th – 7th May

In May we shall be receiving a visit from our Comenius partners in Spain and Belgium. The Belgian school intends to bring 2 boys, aged 13 and 16, and it is their wish to stay with an English family. Daytime activities will be organised for the boys.

In return we can offer the opportunity of a reciprocal visit to Belgium cost free. If you are able to help, please contact:

Mrs J. Hewett: 01452 338405 or e-mail jackyhewett@strs.org.uk

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FOUNDERS WEEK 8TH - 12TH MARCH 2010

In his will of 16 May 1666, Sir Thomas Rich bequeathed £6,000 to establish *an hospital for ever* for twenty poor boys. In commemoration of his philanthropy we raise funds each year in Founder's Week to pay for the education of twenty poor girls at PMM School in Jinja, Uganda. Shown here are some of the brave, or exhibitionist, students and staff who entered into the spirit of Fancy Dress Day, just one of many successful fund-raising events held during the week.



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The Spring Concert on March 25th was a great success, featuring a wide range of music – from Jazz to Classical to salsa and rock. One new departure was the inclusion of all the winners of the recent House Music competition categories.

My thanks go to all who took part and particularly to the staff and teachers who have given up their time to run music groups or have taught, coaxed and encouraged pupils to play solo .

J Thompson

Gloucestershire Youth Orchestra



Old Richian, Andy Prouse, the Orchestral Manager of Gloucestershire Youth Orchestra invited me to join the orchestra for a performance in Circencester Parish Church on 18th March 2010.

I was happy to help and at the rehearsal I was delighted to see Tommies well represented in the orchestra: French Horn: Jim Neate, Edward Watson; Flute/Piccolo: Julianne Courtice; Violin: Nicholas Thompson; Viola: Abigail Ackerman.

Gloucestershire Youth Orchestra was formed in 1951 and is the final tier in the progression through Gloucestershire Music's Orchestras and Bands. The orchestra has a busy and demanding concert schedule, performing throughout the County at major venues and festivals. GYO members are committed and enthusiastic musicians, selected by audition. String players and brass players need to be around grade 7 and woodwind players grade 8. Repertoire ranges from Mozart to Peter Maxwell Davies.

The programme for Circencester was ambitious: Symphony No.6 'Pastoral' Beethoven; Pictures at an Exhibition Mussorgsky; 1812 Overture Tchaikovsky.

Under the direction of conductor, Glyn Oxley, the orchestra gave an excellent performance of this challenging programme, which demanded great stamina and musical maturity. It was a pleasure to play alongside such gifted young musicians.



Up and coming Events



Your attention is drawn to forthcoming musical events next term:

- Choral concert given by the Choir and singing students **Weds 28th April 8pm** St John's Northgate Street.
- Musical based on the life of Sir Thomas Rich by Abi Ackerman **Fri 7th May 7.30pm** School Hall.
- Summer Concert **Thurs 15th July 7.30pm** featuring choir, instrumental groups and solos.



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Mr Hearn



Teechers - Edited and directed by Mr. Hearn

With little knowledge of this play, tentative upper school pupils auditioned for various school-life roles. With a competent cast of 30 odd, rehearsals began mid September ready for the scheduled performances in December. However, one way or another, rehearsal turnout was poor and by November, a collective decision to postpone the release of the show was made by the cast and a reluctant director. With several months left to perfect the play, it seemed virtually impossible for anything to go wrong... never tempt fate. With key actors dropping like flies and a certain member of the cast deciding that acting wasn't his idea of fun; it wasn't surprising Mr. Hearn's hair was looking a bit thin. As the inevitable show date loomed, a huge effort to actually learn lines and remember cues was made, and when the first night came, we were nearly ready. Although we had barely had a dress rehearsal, we all came out on the night and performed fairly well, a decent night and a good incentive to try our best for the remaining 2 nights. Bad news fell during the day of the second night, one of the main cast had fallen ill, we needed a replacement and fast, there could be only one. A cheer was sounded at



the end of the second night and we were all fairly relieved that few people had noticed our director Mr. Hearn in drag, playing Mrs. Parry. The last night was close to spectacular, with every line said perfectly and a few slight adjustments some people made by some cast members were amusing, but not too noticeable. It was congratulations to everyone involved, time end effort was put in by everyone, including band and backstage members, and it showed on the nights, well done.


Jonathon Springer

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Badminton Court News

This year we entered teams into all three Gloucestershire leagues at U14, U16 & U19 levels.

Both the U14 & U16 league competitions were restructured to feed the County winners into the Badminton England National Schools Competition. This returned the format of the fixtures to gender specific competition, with teams of only 4 instead of the previous 'merit league' format of six per team. STRS decided to therefore enter an "A" & "B" team at both competition levels.

We were the only school to do this and with both our "A" & "B" teams being placed in the same divisions, this made organising fixtures against other schools a little awkward and meant our "A" team had to play our "B" team in an official league match. This made team selection a little interesting at times, especially as the decision to make the U16 "A" team a Year 11 team and the U16 "B" team a Year 10 team, probably weakened the chances of either beating stronger sides in their division.

However as things turned out, we found our opposition in the Gloucester & Stroud divisions of the league few and far to come by as several schools dropped out of the competition once the season was underway. In fact in the U16 competition only Crypt and ourselves remained – a most unsatisfactory situation which the organisers need to address before next season.

The U19 competition continued to be run on the 'merit league' format meaning mixed teams of six. There being no Badminton England National Schools competition for U19 level the pinnacle would be Gloucestershire County Champions.

U19 Gloucestershire Badminton League

Freddie Speed and Amit Patel, our regular 1 & 2 players, found opposition a lot tougher than in last year's U16 competition, with several county squad players and one of national calibre lining up against us. We won by comfortable margins the fixtures against Cheltenham Ladies College (8-1) and Bredon (6-3) but succumbed to Pates (2-7) and KLB (3-6).

U16 Gloucestershire Badminton League

In their only fixture against Crypt, both STRS "A" & "B" suffered heavy match defeats, although individual games were closely fought and scored. The "A" Team went down 1-4 and the "B" Team, while gaining useful match experience, suffered a 0-5 defeat. Given no further league fixtures, the focus for the teams was lost - overall a disappointing outcome.



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U14 Gloucestershire Badminton League

Against Crypt, the "A" team proved overall stronger than the Crypt team and ran out comfortable 5-0 winners. However tables were completely reversed when the Crypt team played our "B" team, who succumbed 0-5. Against Marling the "A" team won convincingly 5-0 with the "B" team narrowly going down 2-3. Their only other fixture against other schools was declared a walkover and with the "A" team expectedly beating the "B" team 5-0, this left the "A" team winners of the Gloucester & Stroud division.

Having won their division, the U14 "A" team took part in the county finals event at Wycliffe school. In the semi-finals an extremely close and well-fought contest against KLB (3-2) took our boys through to an easier final contest against Pates, which they won 5-0.

Congratulations to Kit Kirby, Dan Jones, Michael Lyons, Joe Colonna and Joe Carolan – the "A" team squad, on their county success.

A fortnight after winning the county trophy, the squad were taking part in the Southwest Regional Finals at Exeter University, against the county champions from Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Hampshire and Wiltshire. As in previous years, this proved to be a monumental step-up in standards of play and really exposed the enormous gap in support given at county level between Gloucestershire and its southwest county rivals. The other counties all seem to benefit extensively from funding and expertise provided by Badminton England specifically for schools, which Gloucestershire appears not to be tapping into.

Nevertheless, the day provided great experiences and a golden opportunity for the boys to see and pit themselves against regular county, regional and even junior international players. The final results placed us sixth out of the seven counties. Well done to the squad for reaching this far and all the keen-as-mustard players involved in Junior Badminton at Rich's.

Thanks must also go to Mr Lloyd for his time and devotion to supporting and moving forward this oft-considered "minor" and "part-time" sport, which nevertheless provides an important opportunity and active outlet for boys who are may not be involved in the more mainstream sports.

Junior House Badminton

Following an interesting round of matches, the final results were:

Position	House	Matches		Games		Points	
		Won	Lost	Won	Lost	For	Against
1 st	Eastgate	3	0	24	3	379	270
2 nd	Southgate	2	1	18	9	358	267
3 rd	Northgate	1	2	9	18	261	361
4 th	Westgate	0	3	3	24	230	389

Eastgate's better organisation and strength in depth were the key factors to their eventual success in this competition. Kit Kirby led his side well and only Southgate came close to challenging their position.

Senior House Badminton

At time of writing the senior competition still had to be played.

P Brown

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Gloucester Schools Swimming Championships

On Tuesday 9th March a team of 40 boys and 7 senior girls were entered into the Gloucester Schools Swimming Championships.

The competition was a mix of combined year group races and separate year group relays. The school competed well with all swimmers giving their best. The boys' team, winners for the last three years, were pushed all the way by Newent School but the strength in depth and quality of the school team meant that we always kept in front and indeed finished 70 points ahead to, once again, lift the trophy.

The girls' team also competed well and when combined with the boys ensured that the school came a very creditable 3rd place in the overall standings.

Congratulations must go to all swimmers for their time and commitment and in particular to the year group captains for their organisation both on and before the day.

The following swimmers won their races:

C.Munden	yr 7/8	50m	Butterfly
J.Lee	yr 7/8	50m	Backstroke
W.Park	yr 7/8	50m	Front Crawl
J.Smith	yr 7/8	25m	Front Crawl
J.Harper	yr 7/8	25m	Backstroke
H.Edwards	yr 8	2m	FrontCrawl (restricted)
B.Crossan	yr 7	25m	Front Crawl (restricted)
D.Parry	yr 7	25m	Breast Stroke (restricted)
Medley Relay	Yr 7, 8, 9 and 10		
Freestyle Relay	Yr 8,9 and seniors		

I J Gallagher

TABLE TENNIS

Well done to Dominic James (9T) on his selection to represent Gloucestershire in the English Schools Table Tennis Association's National Individual Championships which will be held in Doncaster.

I Kellie

STRS Cross Country March 2010



Although the main bulk of the season has now passed, STRS has still competed in a number of Cross Country events since January. February saw for the second year running a number of the more daring runners compete in the May Hill Massacre multi terrain race. The race involved over 600 runners and the track was just as muddy and unforgiving as last year. This however did not prevent some stirring performances from a number of pupils. George Rawlings got the best pupil time this year finishing 194th with a time of 1:21:15. Hannah Gornall, one of the schools strongest female runners, did very well finishing 206th with a time of 1:21:57. In February the Scott Aztec Trial Series was held in the Forest of Dean. Only one pupil from the school entered this event, this was George Shreuder who went on to win the event for his age group! March gave STRS more success in the Adams Grammar School Spring Relay held in Sutton Park Birmingham. STRS took two teams with the Intermediate team representing a cross section of years and a senior team consisting of mainly year eleven pupils. Both teams ran hard with the intermediate team finishing an impressive second in their race against some tough competition. Medals were awarded to Kieran Gresty, Patrick Sekinger, Dominic James, Euan Whitbourne and Adam Thrall who all ran a fantastic race. This result showing STRS has talent that can compete against some of the best Cross Country schools in the country.

C G Powell

Hockey Senior Hockey

The Senior hockey team have worked hard in training this year and have worked well as a team. In their fixture versus Pates Grammar School, they were losing 3 – 1 at half time but four second half goals from Chris Turley salvaged the result and Tommies won 5 – 4. Against Newent School, the game was 2 – 2 at half time, and again level with five minutes to go; at 6 – 6, however Newent scored a goal late on to deny Rich's another victory.

A special thank you must go to Mr Parker for all his hard work with training and fixtures, I'm sure the boys appreciate all his efforts. Good luck to the boys in their remaining fixtures.

Rhys Williams

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Basketball

Senior Basketball

The Senior Basketball squad have worked hard this year in training and in matches. They have played well in a number of games; winning 3 games and losing 3 games. The season so far:

STR 25 v 11 Crypt Grammar School

Gloucester College 69 v 33 STR

STR 63 v 33 Newent

Crypt Grammar School 17 v 24 STR

STR 20 v 46 Gloucester College

STR 28 v 56 Cheltenham Bournside

A special thank you must go to Mr Woolf for all his hard work with training and fixtures, I'm sure the boys appreciate all his efforts. Good luck to the boys in their remaining fixtures.

Basketball u14's

After winning the Gloucester District Championships this year, the under 14 Basketball squad represented the school in the County Championships. In a very good attacking performance they outplayed the Stroud Champions, Archway on occasions but their defense was not quite good enough and ultimately Archway eventually won 48 – 24.

Well done to all the boys involved and special mention and thank you must go to Jordan Aylmer (11R) for all his hard work helping to coach the team.

R Williams

Football

Football 2nd XI

Played 5	Goals For 16
Won 3	Goals Against 15
Lost 2	
Drawn 0	

Football u 14's

Played 6	Goals For 28
Won 5	Goals Against 8
Lost 1	
Drawn 0	

Well done to all the boys involved and I am sure they appreciate all the hard work Mr Lloyd has done with them this season.

Fotball u13's

The under 13's have had a mixed season, after defeating Bournside 3 – 2 and Newent 1 -0 and drawing with Beaufort 1 – 1. They then lost heavily to RGS Worcester and Tewkesbury School. Special thanks must go to captain Adam Charman for all his hard work and commitment.

U15 Football Report.

We have enjoyed a good season with a good spread of results. The most notable performance was the 3-1 win over RGS Worcester. The snow unfortunately stopped the early games but we have enjoyed momentum towards the latter half of the fixtures. Stand out players this year have been Captain Peter Haynes, Henry Stanimeros and the rock in defence Elliot King. The team was also lucky enough to have Jed Martin back from injury for the last two games which proved a huge boost – a certain 1st Xi player of the future.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the players for their commitment in giving up their lunchtimes twice a week to train and the parents for supporting us both after school and at weekends. My final thanks goes to Mr Lloyd for arranging the fixture list.

R M Davies

Netball team report

A team Played - 17

Won - 10	Drew – 2	Lost – 5
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B team Played - 4

Won -2	Drew - 0	Lost – 2
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The results speak for themselves. The netball team have made my job very easy this season. There has been excellent commitment from all the girls. On occasions it has been difficult to select a team as there have been so many keen players from both year groups to choose from. We have solid foundations on which to build next season, with many of the year 12 girls joining netball clubs in their free time. Anwen Carter and Clare Hawksorth are an excellent shooting duo and I am pleased they are not leaving us quite yet. We also carry through a strong defence with Hayley Bartlett and

Lyndsey Coleman working well in the circle together. Hayley did not put her name down for Netball at the start of the year but did not complain when I told her that we needed a very tall person under the post! We are also lucky to have speed and agility in the centre court in place for next year; Jordan Heard, Amy Robertson and Emma Ramstedt have made lots of progress and are very reliable.

I will be sad to say goodbye to my Year 13 players and will miss Julianne Courtice, my captain this season. Thanks to Julianne for all her hard work in organising a team each week and leading by example on the court. Julianne is an exceptional Netball player and will hopefully continue to play, if her Squash Coach allows! There has been a lot of improvement over the two years from Serena Wynter, Poppy Boothroyd, Jenn Stanley, Holly Robertson and Abi Ackerman. I hope that you all join clubs at university and continue to play.

Mrs Brown

This has been a successful year for the netball team. We have won many matches against strong teams with club players including Newent and Tewkesbury school and came second in the area senior netball tournament. Our close knit group of regular players show talent in attack and defence and have improved rapidly this year through commitment to the team. There have been several hard fought matches where the girls have battled through to the end to secure a win. I believe we are more than a match for the rugby team this year and hope to create history with a win in our annual match. This could not have been achieved without the support of Mrs Brown and our much appreciated new kit. "I have loved netball this year, every game has been unique and has been the highlight of my year. We had loads of good experiences and I would encourage the girls at Tommies to partake in netball."

Serena Wynter.—Team Player

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CALENDAR

SUMMER TERM 2010

Monday 19 April	Term starts, 8.40 a.m.
Monday 19 – Friday 23 March	Trial A2 examinations (Year 13)
Wednesday 28 April	Choral Concert, St. John's Northgate, 8.00 p.m.
Monday 3 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 10 May	Year 12 Study Leave commences
Monday 17 May	Year 11 Study Leave commences
Monday 24 May	Year 13 Study Leave commences
<i>Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June</i>	<i>Half-term holidays</i>
Monday 21 June	Year 12 return to lessons
Monday 28 June – Thursday 1 July	School examinations (Years 7-9)
Friday 2 July	INSET Day (no school for pupils)
Monday 5 – Friday 9 July	Sixth Form induction week
Thursday 8 July	Sports Evening, 6.30 p.m.
Tuesday 13 July	Year 10 Parents' Evening, 5.00 pm
Friday 23 July	End of term, 12.45 p.m.
A/AS results issued	Thursday 19 August
GCSE results issued	Tuesday 24 August

TERM DATES FOR 2010/11

Wednesday 1 & Thursday 2 September	INSET Days
Friday 3 September	Term starts, 8.40 a.m.
Monday 25 – Friday 29 October	Half-term holidays
Friday 3 December	INSET Day
Friday 17 December	Term ends, 12.45 p.m.

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Tuesday 3 January	Term starts, 8.40 a.m.
Monday 21 – Friday 25 February	Half-term holidays
Monday 7 March	INSET Day
Friday 8 April	Term ends, 12.45 p.m.
Tuesday 26 April	Term starts, 8.40 a.m.
Monday 2 May	Bank Holiday
Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June	Half-term holidays
Friday 1 July	INSET Day
Friday 22 July	Term ends, 12.45 p.m.

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