



Half the school is now on Study Leave and Years 11 and 12 are already in the midst of external examinations. Years 7 to 10 remain, with end-of-year examinations looming for Years 7 to 9. By the end of Year 13 U.K. students have spent the equivalent of almost a whole academic year being examined. In no other country do young people take so many examinations, at a cost to schools of £700 million each year, with external examination costs now second only to staffing costs for secondary schools. Examination success results from knowing the subject AND good examination technique: our students have plenty of practice in taking exams, under formal arrangements, which they invariably regard as having been helpful when they come to 'the real thing'.

## PROSPECTUS

We have commissioned Jon Willcocks Associates to undertake the photography and design for our new School Prospectus. He and his photographer have been taking photographs around school and even at The Lakeside when our Year 7s were there in March. Their challenge is to try to capture a feel of the diverse range of activities, the vibrant extra-curricular programme and study which comprise life at Rich's. We shall, of course, request parental permission before using photographs which feature pupils in the prospectus.

I Kellie

## HOUSE EVENTS

Several House Competitions have been completed this term. Westgate won Senior House Badminton, Basketball, Junior Soccer and Senior Soccer; Northgate won Junior Cross Country; Eastgate won Senior Cross Country; Southgate won Senior Rugby. After seventeen House events, with six to complete, holders Westgate are half a point ahead of Southgate, with Eastgate close behind and Northgate currently trailing.

I Kellie

## Bob's Babes



In June, ten members of the STRS teaching and support staff will be taking part in the Race for Life to raise money for Cancer Research UK in memory of Bob Burns, our former bursar. 'Bob's Babes' will be running, jogging or walking (which seems the most likely for some!) at the event on 27th June 2010 in Gloucester and hope to raise at least £1000 between us. If you'd like to sponsor 'Bob's Babes', you can do so online with a credit or debit card at

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



or there will be a sponsor sheet at reception if you prefer. It's all in a really great cause and we'd be so grateful for any amount you are able to give.

Thank you in anticipation,

Mrs Banks, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Forward, Mrs Hanson, Mrs Jones, Mrs Kellaway, Mrs O'Leary, Miss Prinsep, Mrs Ryder and Miss Adamson

# NewsREEL

## END OF TERM



We were pleased to welcome David Bird to our final assembly, with many thanks to Cheltenham Town FC for arranging this. David is a midfield player for Cheltenham, their supporters' Player of the Year for the past two seasons. David presented House Cups and Colours for soccer, rugby, cross country, table tennis, hockey and badminton. In an assembly this term further Colours were awarded for netball, basketball, music and drama.



I Kellie

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Very well done to:



Liam Jenkins (9R) who was selected for the Welsh Exiles for their Under 14 rugby match against North Wales at Newtown;



James Parker-Mowbray (10S) who has progressed from Great Britain Junior (Under 16) to GB Youth (Under 19) selection, he will sail in the French National Championships in the 420 class (two-man, three sails);



Julianne Courtice (13G) who represented England at a European squash tournament in Vienna in March;



George Schreuder, Alex Stewart and Alex Wakeley-Jones (all 10R) who have gained places on the *Marine Technology* Smallpeice Trust course at the University of Strathclyde, from today for five days.

I Kellie

## USE OF FACILITIES

The School's sports facilities are well used by local groups outside school hours, allowing the wider community to utilise our pool, sports hall, etc, whilst generating additional income for the school. The credit for how well this has worked must go to our Sports Centre Manager, Tony Barton.

Mr. Barton has now taken on the wider role of maximising the use of all School facilities, as our Commercial Operations Manager. It makes no sense for schools to be shut from 5.00 p.m., all week-end and through holidays when community groups could make good use of them. Mr. Barton has considerable commercial and business experience, he is a Fellow of the Institute of Sales and Marketing Management, so he is the ideal person to develop this aspect of our development. He can be contacted on Gloucester 01452 338439.

I Kellie

## IMPROVEMENTS

Two exciting building projects are moving from the planning stage to contracts being given to builders. We shall have a new Food Technology room which will be built beside the Veale Language Centre. This is the result of a £300,000 grant from the Government. The new building should be completed by October half-term.

We also look forward to improving our Dining Area. We were successful in a bid for funding from the Government: if we can raise £60,000, they will match this funding. The result will be an extension to the Dining Area, refurbishment, new tables and chairs and improved facilities for our catering staff. At long last we shall see our dining room become more spacious and airy, in time for the start of the new school year this September. We are indebted to our Parents' Association which is working hard to enable us to achieve our half of the funding. Please support the P.A. in its efforts, they have already staged a successful Spring Fayre, they have a 'Buy a Brick' scheme – details of forthcoming events and how you can help are on their website, [www.strs-pa.org.uk](http://www.strs-pa.org.uk).

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## SIXTH FORM

Abigail Ackerman (13R) wrote, produced and directed the musical *Six Thousand Pounds*, based on the life of Sir Thomas Rich, performed in the Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> May. Abi had already received School Colours for her contributions to both Music and Drama. For this hugely impressive achievement Abi was awarded Honours.

Abi submitted the musical as an 'extended project' to the examination board AQA. Other Year 13 students have also completed extended projects this year, with the following titles: An investigation into the impact of the Reign of Terror, 1793-4, upon the French people; To what extent are villages on the Gloucestershire/Worcestershire border suburbanised?; A comparison of minimally invasive with open surgery; Musical compositions reflecting research into Romani and Latin composition; An investigation into the economic impact of the Tewkesbury floods of 2007; *Six Thousand Pounds*, a musical about the life of Sir Thomas Rich; Can a children's book be transformed into an art object?



I Kellie

## MEDICAL SCHOOL CALLING

This looks to be a vintage year for entries into medical school. It is notoriously difficult to obtain a place at a university medical school, only those with the very best GCSE and AS grades, the highest predictions for A-Level plus significant voluntary experience in medical-related fields stand any chance of perhaps receiving an offer. This year seven Richians have managed this feat: Ibrahim Ahmed, Ben Dingle and Rebecca Gaston have unconditional offers, based on their A-Level results from last year and, in our current Year 13, the following have received offers: Iain Murphy, James Ruffle, Daniel Wignall and Christopher Smith. Very well done to all seven.



## YOGA AND RELAXATION

Stretch and relax to aid physical and mental wellbeing

Mixed ability classes – new students welcome

**Fridays 6 -7.00pm**  
**Sir Thomas Rich's Sports Centre**  
**01452 338439**

£4.00 per session  
 No need to book – just come along and join in!

- ☞ 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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# PA News REEL

## STRS PA Spring Fayre



Thank you from the PA for all your support for the Spring Fayre which was held, on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May. We had nearly 30 commercial stalls selling a myriad of wares, Stalls run by the Parents Association and a wide array of fun events, resulting in an afternoon that was hugely enjoyable.

Despite the inclement weather we had a great turn out and raised over **£1,200** which is great, a step closer to achieving our 2010 challenge of £38,000 to help with the extension and refurbishment of the school dining room.

We had a bumper crop of donations for the PA stalls – thank you for the cakes, raffle prizes, sweets, tombola prizes and bottles you donated; your generosity as always was greatly appreciated.

We also launched our 'Buy a Brick scheme' at the Fayre. This will create a fantastic opportunity for you to be part of a permanent feature at STRS. More details on the scheme will follow so please keep an eye on the website for details.

Katie Panton  
Chair STRS PA

### New Rugby Shirts Available To Order Now

By popular demand we are now stocking a new-style reversible rugby shirt which may be worn for games lessons. It is made of polyester, lightweight, quick to dry and a lot cheaper than the existing shirt at £16.00 for the 30"-32", all other sizes being £19.00.

All new Year 7s starting in September have been offered this shirt and we can now take orders from existing pupils. You may of course continue wearing the traditional style shirt if you prefer and these will still be available until our current stock runs out.

An example of the new style shirt will be on display in the school foyer from the beginning of June. An order form is enclosed with this NewsReel. Please complete and return your order form with payment to the School Secretary by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Your shirt will be ready for collection from 1.00-2.00 pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Please order now if you wish to take delivery before the middle of September. After the initial orders have been met the shirts will be part of our uniform stock items.

If you have any queries regarding this or any other uniform matters please e-mail Denise Sheldon – [sheldons@gloucester39.freemove.co.uk](mailto:sheldons@gloucester39.freemove.co.uk)

# NewsREEL



## British Schools Karting Championships 2010

The 2010 season has had its ups and downs, especially with the recent bad weather and the events being rescheduled many times. Rich's entered the championship with five teams which were determined by pupils' performance in the practice evening.

The semi final evening went by faster than the practice, a lot faster with Mark Eynott producing a lap of 22.67 seconds - the fastest time on the night. Throughout the evening the marshal had to stop the races many times due to some racers getting more than a touch of *road rage*. Even though there were a lot of dirty tactics in use most of our drivers did not suffer and only few places were dropped if at all.

Tommies A and C teams went through to the regional finals at M4 Karting at Hullavington, Tommies C team in first place scoring very highly with a ten point gap between them and Tommies A.

Our sixth form competitors hope to continue racing in the British University Karting Championships in the future whilst the schools younger racers would like to continue racing for the school as long as they can. Whether you are a serious racer or you just race for fun I would urge any pupil to take part in this exciting event next year.

By Adam Williams 11B

Of the five STR teams which entered the Gloucester round of the British Schools Karting Championships, two qualified for the South West final, and one (Mark Eynot, Matthew Dobson, Patrick Sekinger) won through to the National Final. This was held at the Daytona Racetrack in Milton Keynes. The team finished 22<sup>nd</sup> out of the top 34 teams in the country, which included an exceptional race from Mark Eynot who drove from 11<sup>th</sup> to win the final race. Thank you to Mr. Gowler for his time in organising and accompanying the teams.

D. Gowler.

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## UK Mathematics Trust Team Maths Challenge



Sir Thomas Rich's joined with 1300 other schools in entering a team into the UKMT team competition for pupils in years 8 & 9. Our regional heat was at Wycliffe College on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March where we competed against 30 schools from Gloucestershire and Worcestershire.

The Rich's team, selected after a qualifying competition in school for our brightest young mathematicians, comprised Ben Smith (9R), Zakee Ulhaq (9B), Luke Jackson (8S) and Sam King (8R).

The day long competition involved 4 rounds of problems. The puzzles required great mathematical agility combined with excellent numeracy skills as well as the ability to think logically and laterally. Most of the events were conducted in pairs, some needing quick thinking

and calculation as the team raced to answer problems as rapidly as possible while others needed the ability to tackle problems not usually seen in a maths classroom. The relay round even required some running!

The Rich's team performed very well in 2 of the rounds, and recorded one of the highest scores of any school in the final round, but 2 weaker rounds left us outside the top few places. The competition was won by King's Worcester.

Below are a few of the questions from the competition:

A runner completed 2 laps of a track. On the first lap she jogged at 3mph and on the second she ran at 6mph. What was her average speed over the 2 laps?

$101 - 102 = 1$  Wrong! Correct this equation by moving one digit.

What is the unit's digit of  $13^{10}$  ?

To find out the answers see Mr Robson (by the way the answer to q1 is not 4.5mph).

Mr Robson

## Chess Team Report

The school chess team competes in the North Gloucestershire adult chess league. We are one of only 2 school based teams in the league (the other being St Edward's, Cheltenham).

The team is usually made up of one (or two) member of staff with 4 (or 3) pupils. This year regular players have included Tyler Wing and Tom Hopes (Yr 13), Ed Burgess (10R) and Sam King and George Dickinson (both 8R). The younger players have performed creditably, gained in experience, played some tough and long games (some lasting 2 ½ hours) and have achieved some notable successes.

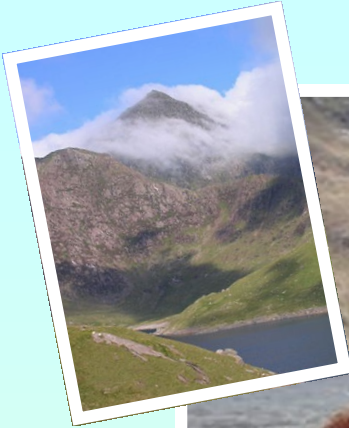
We have had a tough season this year winning 2 and drawing 2 of our 14 matches. Highlights include two fine wins against Gloucester Chess Club (3<sup>rd</sup> team) and draws against St Edward's and British Energy (2<sup>nd</sup> team). Congratulations go to Tyler who has the best performance from a pupil this year with 5 wins and a draw from his 13 games.

The team looks forward to next season where the experience gained this year, together with the promise of a very strong player joining us in September, gives us hope for the future.

Mr Robson

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## Y13 North Wales Field Course



From the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup> of March the Upper Sixth geography students embarked on a field trip to Snowdonia in north Wales. The main aim of the trip was to gain a wider understanding of the processes occurring within glacial landscapes. Our base camp for the three nights was a youth hostel located in Llanberis not far from Mount Snowdon, and we were lucky enough to have no other groups staying so those late night class room sessions didn't disturb any other people! The food was very hearty and calorie- packed which is exactly what the geographers needed after the long days out.

On the first day of travelling we encountered the different "zones" of Snowdonia's glacial landscape and drew the first of our many field sketches. We then arrived at the hostel and unpacked our bags, followed by dinner, giving just enough time to have a field work lesson lasting until 9.30pm (which happened every night).

Throughout the next few days we encountered many glacial landforms such as arêtes, moraines, cirques, Snowdon's pyramidal peak, roche moutonnées, and many more. Seeing these landforms in front of our eyes instead of the 2D text book diagrams, we were able to grasp the concepts of the glacial processes far more easily. We walked through the Nant Ffrancon Valley; a dramatic glacial trough carved out by a glacier in the Devensian Ice age, over 14,000 years ago. Here, we drew sketches of the rock step, roche moutonnée, protalus rampart, to name but a few. We also trekked up to the Cwm Idwall cirque to view the impressive cirque lake before heading back to the minibus for our packed lunch.

Two of the major excursions that we undertook included the visit to the Dinorwig Pumped Storage Hydro-Electric power station constructed inside "Electric Mountain" where we had a tour and a talk about how the cirque lake and ribbon lake combined to produce the electricity needed to prevent blackouts in the country during peak demand (eg Eastenders tea breaks). We were also lucky enough to have a train ride on the Ffestiniog Railway, one of Wales' most important tourist attractions, which was originally opened in 1836 for the transport of slate from the mines at Blaenau Ffestiniog to the port of Porthmadog.

Adam Gouha and Hannah Gornall



# NewsREEL

## Göttingen - Joint German Exchange with Denmark Road High School



*"It was really good fun for everyone and it was a great learning opportunity" Sam Collins 10B*

Against the odds, this year's Joint German Exchange with Denmark Road High School for Girls was a resounding success. Twenty year 10 boys took part and our visit to Göttingen once again proved itself to be an invaluable and memorable experience. The boys flew from Birmingham to Hannover in March and enjoyed spending a week with their German exchange partners. In this time, they were welcomed by the mayor of Göttingen at the Town Hall, took part in a town trail to discover more about Göttingen itself and there were day excursions to Hannover Zoo and Berlin. They also had the opportunity to attend lessons with partners in the school. The boys really got on well with their partners and were very much looking forward to the return trip in April. Unfortunately disaster struck and the German travel plans were abruptly halted by the arrival of the volcanic ash cloud. Thankfully, once the danger passed, the German party were able to reschedule quickly and arrived the following Sunday. During their stay they enjoyed visits to Oxford and London. The annual exchange barn dance, which is always a highlight on the itinerary, was once again a successful and enjoyable evening. I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank all involved in the exchange for their support and flexibility.

J Hansen



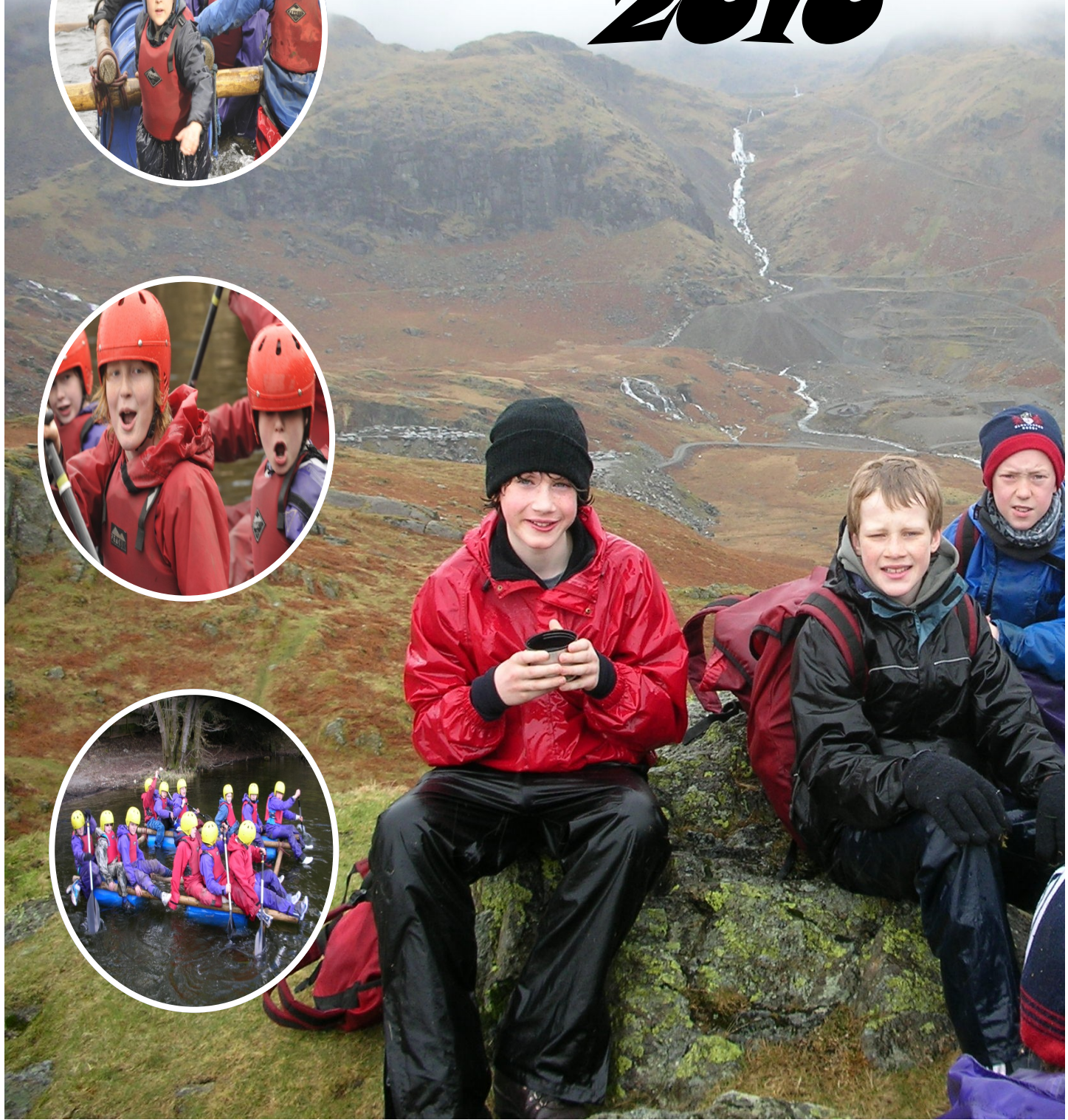
*"We've all become better friends and have made lots of new friends for life too. We'll definitely be staying in touch!" James Selley 10B*

*"a lot of people gained a lot of new skills. The barn dance was also great fun!" Rishi Moulard 10B*

*"it was very entertaining especially Berlin which was fascinating despite the bad weather " George Davies 10B*

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## Lakeside 2010



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"Just before the Easter Holidays, we visited the Lake District. We spent five days there and I thoroughly enjoyed them.

I enjoyed staying in a lodge with boys from other forms because we could make friends with people outside of our form.

I think that the best activity we did in the Lake District was the King Swing. In this, you were strapped to a harness and dropped from quite a big height and swung through the air. I also enjoyed the rock climbing and abseiling. We were taken to a rock face and were allowed to climb and abseil. All of the activities were very good and I enjoyed them all."

Kieran Tompkins 7T

"The trip to Lakeside is one of the memorable trips for me. It was a week full of fun and excitement. We did lots of excellent activities. Many people got to try new activities. Some of the activities were scary. My favourite activity was the king swing as it was very thrilling and fantastic. Although the weather was not as good as I thought it would be. It rained most of the time during our one week stay. During the week I got to know many boys from other forms. Overall it was a fantastic week away from home."

Hiran Kannan 7S

"The highlight of the year, for me, would have to be Lakeside. I enjoyed meeting new people (many of which are now good friends) and the fantastic activities, organized by the extremely helpful staff. Of these activities my favourite was the king swing – you're raised high in the air on a system of ropes before plunging back to earth with a thrilling swoop, as the name suggest it's basically a giant swing.

I also really enjoyed the meals; they were tasty, hot and healthy-perfect after the strenuous activities: particularly the mountain day."

Rob Webster 7B

"There were lots of high-adrenalin activities at the YMCA Lakeside Centre, from canoeing to orienteering and nightline (a blindfolded obstacle course).

My favourite activities were runway, a long zip wire and raft building, making them out of air-filled barrels, logs and ropes. The best 'once in a lifetime' experience was the mountain walk, where my group reached 6000m.

When we got home, we were exhausted, but happy!"

Matt Dunn 7T

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## Spanish Play

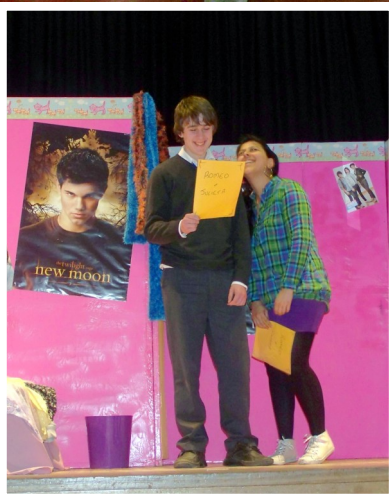
### "Mi padre no me entiende"



At the end of March Sir Thomas Rich's was once more able to offer students of Spanish the opportunity to watch a first class performance of a Spanish play by the Onatti Theatre Company. "Mi padre no me entiende" did not fail to impress.

Highly entertaining the play represented an excellent way of extending the language beyond the classroom. Using language of Key Stage 4, the actors ensured that pupils were able to follow the plot and delivered highly amusing scenarios which had particular appeal to a teenage audience. This was a very worthwhile experience which was much appreciated by the pupils.

J Hewett



*Was romance in the air for the budding actor Craig Pitman ?*

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## COMENIUS PROJECT, 2009 – 2011



Skittles evening



Carmen Choliz looks the professional!



The Belgian contingent



The Spanish teachers with our assistant Fabien Lardet



Professor Choliz and Damien Burton



Visit to Bath

## RESPONSIBLE USE OF THE NEW TECHNOLOGIES



Much progress has been made with the Comenius project which was set up in 2009 with the I.E.S.Reyes Católicos School in Ejea de los Caballeros, Spain and the Institut-Cardijn Lorraine in Arlon, Belgium. Under the guidance of Professor Mariano Chóliz from Valencia university the schools are researching the addiction of pupils to the new technologies. The first meeting took place in Spain in November 2009. Questionnaires were drawn up for use in the three schools during the spring term. A DVD has been produced by the university of Valencia, outlining the risks of addiction and providing indicators of addiction. Mr Crumblehulme, Head of Psychology, has worked with year 12 pupils to deliver the programme to years 7-11.

A second meeting has now taken place at Sir Thomas Rich's and this has enabled the countries to carry out an initial analysis of the results of the surveys. Time was taken out to visit Bath and enjoy an evening playing skittles – all in the interests of friendly international relations. My many thanks to leuan Lavendar (8B) and Mitchell Bevan (10R) and their families for hosting the Belgian pupils.

*Comenius projects are school-based projects funded by the EU with the aim of enhancing the European dimension of school education, in particular by encouraging international cooperation between schools and promoting intercultural awareness and the learning of languages.*

J Hewett

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## 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Tesco Computers for Schools 2010



The vouchers for the 19<sup>th</sup> year of the Tesco Schools and Clubs scheme for 2010 were issued until 9<sup>th</sup> May 2010. We have already collected over 7500 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.

## Arkwright Scholarship

This year's applicants attended their formal interviews at Bath University 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!

## Year 8 Alton Towers Visit



The Technology department are taking 95 year 8 students to Alton Towers on 9<sup>th</sup> June. 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 the students for the "Systems and Control" work that they study in year 9 and support the "Mechanisms" studied in Year 8. We hope it will be a fun as well as an educational day and as successful as last year's visit.

## Year 7+8 Design and Technology Clubs

Following difficulties encountered in getting the F1 cars machined we are now taking up the Toyota challenge that proved successful in earlier years. Two teams in Year 7 and 8 are currently preparing their rival bids to take on the Solar powered challenge. They will present their cars and design folders to an in house team of judges in early July and the winning team will then enter the national competition in September.

Meanwhile a team of Year 9 students are considering their options for a challenge, possibly building a go-cart if they can add to their already successful sponsorship fund.



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## Tommie's Times' spelling champions off to national semi finals!



**Team Members - Justin Choo, Adnaan Shilwala, Toby Hogg, Euan Archer**

THE  TIMES



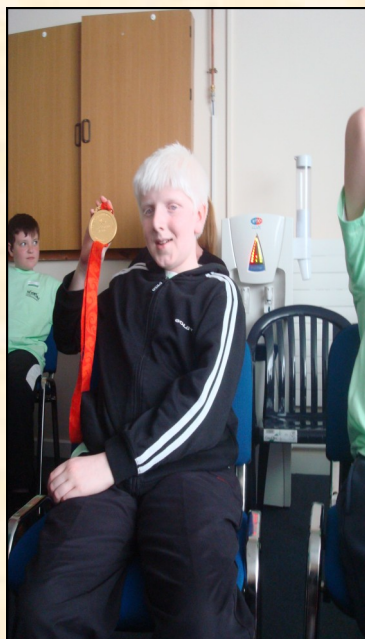
We won a fiercely fought spelling competition against strong opposition, from all over Gloucestershire, to get a place in the semi final in Birmingham. Justin Choo remained incredibly calm as he went head to head for 10 minutes against the player from Crypt to win the extra points that paved our road to victory at this level. **Congratulations boys!**

**Winning Team - Sir Thomas Richs School, Gloucester ,Second Place Team - Beaufort Community School, Tuffley,Third Place Team - Crypt Grammar School, Gloucester**

The winning team from Sir Thomas Richs School showed off its mastery by successfully spelling words such as 'prognosis' and 'pharmacy'. The team said: "We feel really surprised, never thought we'd win something for spelling!"

We wish the team every success at the Semi Final in Birmingham on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

B O'Leary



Usman Asghar of 7T attended a Sports taster Day at the Cheltenham Leisure Centre Monday 17th May 2010.

" I enjoyed the athletics, especially the discuss - and I thought the Judo was exciting.

I even met a gold medallist equestrian Olympian."

U Asghar



## Green Week at GCHQ, Cheltenham

For the past few years GCHQ has been holding an annual "Green Week" to look at ways that their organisation can respond to green issues. This year they have decided that they would like to hear thoughts and ideas of young people

as they are the group of people likely to suffer most from issues of pollution, global warming and dwindling resources. They have therefore invited boys from Sir Thomas Rich's to attend and give their thoughts.

Twelve boys across the years 7 to 10 will attend on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and together provide an hour's talk and presentation about their concerns and what they would like to do towards greening our school and starting on the road to Eco School Status with the bronze award.

S James

# SportsNewsREEL

## SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL CRICKET CLUB SEASON 2010

As we go to print, the School has played a total of 31 Cricket fixtures already this year. There have been 15 victories already, with the u15's, u14's and u12's winning their opening rounds in the Gloucestershire County Cup. The School has drawn a total of 4 games and lost 10, 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. Cricket is a sport that takes a lot 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 who give up a great deal of time 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

### THE RESULTS SO FAR .....

#### THE 1<sup>ST</sup> XI - (COACH - I.J. GALLAGHER)

V MARLING GRAMMAR SCHOOL - WON  
V PATES GRAMMAR SCHOOL - LOST  
V THE KINGS SCHOOL, GLOUCESTER - WON  
V DEAN CLOSE SCHOOL - DREW  
V THE CRYPT GRAMMAR SCHOOL - WON  
V WYCLIFFE COLLEGE - WON

#### THE 2<sup>ND</sup> XI - (COACH - I.A. ROBSON)

V MARLING GRAMMAR SCHOOL - CANCELLED  
V PATES GRAMMAR SCHOOL - WON  
V THE KINGS SCHOOL, GLOUCESTER - WON  
V DEAN CLOSE SCHOOL - DREW  
V THE CRYPT GRAMMAR SCHOOL - WON  
V CHELTENHAM COLLEGE (U16) - LOST

#### U15 A'S - (COACH - N.D. PITEL)

V CHELTENHAM COLLEGE - LOST  
V CLEEVE SCHOOL - WON (GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY

CUP ROUND 1)  
V RENDCOMB COLLEGE - LOST  
V CHIPPING CAMDEN SCHOOL - (GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY CUP ROUND 2)  
V DEAN CLOSE SCHOOL - U15 B'S - (COACH - J.O. CROWFORD)

V BEAUFORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL 'A' - WON (GLOUCESTER CITY LEAGUE)  
V DEAN CLOSE SCHOOL - U14 A'S - (COACH - R.M. DAVIES)

V WYCLIFFE COLLEGE - LOST  
V DEAN CLOSE - DREW  
V CHELTENHAM COLLEGE - LOST  
V CLEEVE SCHOOL - WON (GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY CUP ROUND 1)  
V THE BISHOP OF HEREFORD'S BLUECOAT SCHOOL - LOST  
U14 B'S - (COACH - R.G. WILLIAMS)

V WYCLIFFE COLLEGE - LOST  
V DEAN CLOSE - WON  
V BEAUFORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL 'A' - LOST (GLOUCESTER CITY LEAGUE)  
U13 A'S - (COACH - R.G. WILLIAMS)

V MARLING GRAMMAR SCHOOL - CANCELLED  
V ST JOHN'S ON THE HILL PREP SCHOOL, CHEPSTOW - DREW  
V WYCLIFFE COLLEGE - WON  
U13 B'S - (COACH - C.G. POWELL)

V BEAUFORT COMMUNITY SCHOOL 'A' - LOST (GLOUCESTER CITY LEAGUE)  
V WYCLIFFE COLLEGE - DREW  
V CENTRAL TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE 'A' - (GLOUCESTER CITY LEAGUE)  
U12 A'S - (COACH - P. BROWN)

V MARLING GRAMMAR SCHOOL - CANCELLED  
V WYCLIFFE COLLEGE - WON  
V FARMORS SCHOOL, FAIRFORD - WON  
V THE CRYPT GRAMMAR SCHOOL -  
U12 B'S - (COACH - P.D. LLOYD)  
V WYCLIFFE COLLEGE - WON  
V THE CRYPT GRAMMAR SCHOOL -

## SIR THOMAS RICH'S RUGBY CLUB 2009- 2010—FINAL PLAYING STATIS-

| Matches        |                    | Total Points |            |          |           | Scores      |             |            |            |           |          |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| Team Level     | Number of Fixtures | Played       | Won        | Draw     | Lost      | PF          | PA          | Tries      | Cons       | Pens      | Drops    |
| 1stXV          | 20                 | 18           | 12         | 1        | 5         | 437         | 239         | 68         | 35         | 9         | 0        |
| 2ndXV          | 17                 | 15           | 7          | 0        | 8         | 216         | 309         | 36         | 15         | 2         | 0        |
| 3rdXV          | 7                  | 4            | 1          | 0        | 3         | 64          | 92          | 12         | 2          | 0         | 0        |
| U16            | 4                  | 3            | 1          | 0        | 2         | 25          | 79          | 4          | 1          | 1         | 0        |
| U16B           | 1                  | 1            | 0          | 0        | 1         | 0           | 27          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0        |
| U15            | 20                 | 19           | 11         | 0        | 8         | 498         | 336         | 84         | 36         | 2         | 0        |
| U15B           | 14                 | 13           | 5          | 0        | 8         | 288         | 308         | 48         | 21         | 2         | 0        |
| U14            | 22                 | 20           | 15         | 0        | 5         | 303         | 165         | 52         | 17         | 3         | 0        |
| U14B           | 15                 | 14           | 6          | 0        | 8         | 274         | 310         | 48         | 17         | 0         | 0        |
| U14C           | 3                  | 3            | 1          | 0        | 2         | 62          | 108         | 12         | 1          | 0         | 0        |
| U13            | 20                 | 16           | 10         | 1        | 5         | 309         | 237         | 51         | 27         | 0         | 0        |
| U13B           | 19                 | 16           | 9          | 1        | 6         | 272         | 165         | 47         | 17         | 1         | 0        |
| U13C           | 10                 | 7            | 4          | 0        | 3         | 138         | 123         | 24         | 9          | 0         | 0        |
| U13D           | 3                  | 2            | 1          | 0        | 1         | 55          | 83          | 11         | 0          | 0         | 0        |
| U12            | 21                 | 16           | 9          | 0        | 7         | 285         | 191         | 49         | 20         | 0         | 0        |
| U12B           | 19                 | 14           | 10         | 2        | 2         | 339         | 127         | 57         | 27         | 0         | 0        |
| U12C           | 10                 | 8            | 5          | 0        | 3         | 202         | 177         | 34         | 16         | 0         | 0        |
| U12D           | 4                  | 1            | 0          | 0        | 1         | 0           | 60          | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0        |
| <b>Totals:</b> | <b>237</b>         | <b>198</b>   | <b>109</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>83</b> | <b>3886</b> | <b>3359</b> | <b>656</b> | <b>273</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>0</b> |



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## Senior House Badminton 2010 Results

The final positions for the Senior House Badminton Competition are as follows:

|                 | House     | Matches |      | Games |      | Points  |         |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|------|-------|------|---------|---------|
|                 |           | Won     | Lost | Won   | Lost | For     | Against |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Westgate  | 3       | 0    | 21    | 6    | 36<br>5 | 236     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Southgate | 1       | 2    | 14    | 13   | 30<br>4 | 290     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Northgate | 1       | 2    | 10    | 17   | 26<br>9 | 348     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Eastgate  | 1       | 2    | 9     | 18   | 25<br>4 | 318     |

With other House competitions running concurrently, some Houses found it difficult organising six players for each match. This provided opportunities for more to represent their Houses.

Westgate proved the better organised in this respect and they turned out consistently stronger sides across the three matches. Apart from a closely contested and exciting match versus Southgate, they won by significant margins in their other matches.

With Southgate, Eastgate & Northgate all winning 1 match each, it came down to most games won to determine the final rankings.

House points are allocated as follows:

**Westgate 4 pts**  
**Southgate 3 pts**  
**Northgate 2 pts**  
**Eastgate 1 pt**

## School Athletics Summer 2010

The Summer Athletics season has got off to a fantastic start in 2010 with a large number of boys competing in numerous track and field events despite some unpredictable weather. During April boys from year eleven and the sixth form travelled over to Hereford Leisure Centre to compete in an Inter school event against Hereford Sixth Form and Hereford Cathedral School. Boys from our school showed real class competing and winning most of the track and field events of the day resulting in STRS coming first over all in the competition. Impressive performances were seen by Ben Morris running and winning the 100m and 200m and John Taylor and Oliver Johnson winning the High Jump and Long Jump respectively.



During April the school also held its own track event drawing a large number of athletes from Crypt, Pate's and King's schools to compete in a wide range of races. The event went extremely well and was enjoyable for all those that attended. The day was won by Pates school narrowly gaining more overall points than STRS who were a close second, this despite some very impressive performances shown by a number of STRS boys. Charlie Scott showed his skills in winning the year ten 400m with a time of 54.27 seconds. Mark Eynott also displayed his speed in winning the year eight 100m in a time of 12.19 seconds. Also Ryan Hearn won the 800m in the same year group with a time of 2.35 minutes.

During May the Gloucester District trials were held at the Prince of Wales stadium in Cheltenham. After a re-count STRS came out on top winning the day as the highest scoring school. Also a number of talented boys qualified for the County Championships in June competing in track and field events. Charlie Scott again showing talent in running the 100m in 11.41 seconds, Euan Whitbourn ran an impressive 800m in a time of 2.19.89 minutes. Zack Miles, Sam Underhill and Matt Hughes all showed a combination of strength and technique qualifying in the Shot and Discus field events. Other athletes showed skill and determination such as Adam Thrall and Patrick Sekinger to name but two.

The summer season has still a number of upcoming events on the calendar including the ESAA national Athletics competition as well as STRS Sports Day. Pupils this year have taken a much greater interest in Athletics with many pupils now training during dinner times and after school to improve their techniques and personal best scores, it is certain STRS will continue with its success for the rest of 2010.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket 2010

| P | W | L | NR |
|---|---|---|----|
| 6 | 4 | 1 | 1  |

This has been a pleasing season with the squad showing signs of maturing as a cricket team. In all matches under the inspiring leadership of Tom Pigott the school have shown spells of high quality cricket. Further work needs to be done to develop consistency but they can be pleased with their efforts this season. My thanks go to all members of the squad.

### v Marling School

School won the toss and asked Marling to bat.

After some early pressure from the opening bowlers the School lost concentration and allowed Marling to build a good score in the middle stages of the innings. During this period four catches were spilled and frustration set in. A good last 6 overs slowed the scoring and brought the School back into the game as Marling were limited to 153 for 5 of their 30 overs.

In reply the School started quickly but the steady loss of wickets slowed the scoring down and with 10 overs to go the school required 80 runs to win. Fortunately some big overs from Harry Young and Tom Pigott moved the score on and the game was won in the penultimate over.

H.Young 53, T.Pigott 40 not out.

### v Pate's School

Pate's won the toss and opted to bat first.

In the face of some indifferent and inconsistent bowling they moved quite easily to 196 for 5 at the end of their 30 overs.

A.Patel 2 for 35 and T.Burrows 3 for 33 were the pick of the bowlers.

In reply the school never really got going and lost wickets at regular intervals and only some strong hitting from Amit Patel 33 and Tom Burrows 36, supported by Chris Turley 17 not out kept them in the game. However the more disciplined Pate's bowling attack got their reward and ended the School's innings on 180 in the penultimate over.

School lost by 16 runs.

### v King's School

The School won the toss and elected to bat on what looked to be a very good wicket. After the early loss of H.Young, C.Turley (52) and Amit Patel (50) moved the score on quickly and put the School in a good position. However the loss of several quick wickets in the middle order slowed the scoring rate until A.Daughtrey (26) and Matt Adair (18 not out) helped the School to a very respectable 210 all out in their 35 overs.

King's batted sensibly in their run chase and the game was in doubt until the final few overs. However some tight bowling from Tom Pigott, (1 for 21 off 7 overs), and Saul Hathaway (2 for 25 off 7 overs) helped restrict King's to 184 for 9 in their 35 overs.

The School won by 26 runs.

### v Dean Close

Game abandoned due to rain. No result.

### v Crypt School

Crypt won the toss and elected to bat.

From the outset the school had the Crypt batsmen in trouble and took wickets at regular intervals. The team bowled and fielded well and restricted Crypt to 141 for 6 off their 30 overs.

D.Anderson 2 for 14 off 6 overs was the pick of a good bowling attack.

In reply the school lost the early wicket of H.Young but a 75 run partnership for the second wicket put the school in a strong position. The school were always ahead of the run rate and sensible but aggressive batting helped them to a very good 6 wicket victory.

C.Turley 53, A.Patel 36 and B.Conway 21 n.o.

### v Wycliffe College

Wycliffe won the toss and elected to bowl.

The school got off to a good start and with some aggressive batting throughout the innings they posted a healthy 224 for 7 off their 35 overs..

C.Turley 59, B.Conway 52 & S.Hathaway 50

In reply Wycliffe were restricted, by some tight bowling and good fielding, to 133 all out.

D.Anderson 2 for 20 off 7 overs and T.Pigott 2 for 25 off 7 overs were the pick of the bowlers.

School won by 91 runs

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## Cricket – 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Report

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI squeezed in 5 fixtures in the first couple of weeks of term before the players vacated the cricket field in favour of the examination hall.

There was disappointment on the first Wednesday of term when Marling Grammar failed to field a second XI. An extra net practice was swiftly arranged to fine tune rusty skills.

### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April v Pate's Grammar. Tie.

Pate's batted first on a sunny afternoon. With some powerful hits from one of their early batsmen Pate's progressed to 183 for 8 from their 30 overs. The wickets were shared between Fred Speed, Will McKemey and Jack Griffiths.

In reply, Rich's scored freely with number 3 Jack Griffiths scoring his maiden fifty for the school. With 5 overs to go Rich's needed just 20 to win with 4 wickets in hand and a victory looked assured. However, a sudden collapse left us needing 7 to win of the last over, then 2 to win off the last ball with our last pair at the wicket. A scrambled single left the scores tied on 183.

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April v King's Gloucester.

#### Won by 8 wickets.

King's batted first and had accumulated 130 runs for the loss of 5 wickets from 22 of their 30 overs. Skipper Pritchett turned to part-time medium pacer Liam Foylan and asked him to bowl. Liam took wickets with the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> balls of his first over, and another two with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> deliveries of his second over. Four wickets in four consecutive deliveries – a wonderful spell that not only won the game for us but also resulted in him being presented with the match ball in assembly the following week. King's were bowled out for 142.

In reply the STRS openers scored runs quickly. Tom Walsh hit a rapid 78 with some pleasing pulls and flicks to leg, before Will Pritchett guided the team home with an unbeaten 46. Rich's cruised to 142 for 2 to win comfortably.

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May v Dean Close. Draw.

On a wet Saturday a weakened team travelled to Dean Close. A 20 over game was agreed with the hope of beating the circling black clouds. Dean Close were always in control of the game, scoring 145 and then making life difficult for the Rich's batsmen. However, the heavens opened and the game had to be declared a draw.

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May v Crypt Grammar.

#### Won by 5 wickets.

Crypt batted first and were always struggling against some accurate Rich's bowling. Griffiths took 4 wickets with his leg spin, Peter Reed captured 3 wickets with his seam bowling and 2 fine catches in the field and Speed took another brace. Crypt were dismissed for a disappointing 114.

In reply Pritchett again batted with style, scoring 62 not out. Some of our lower order batters were promoted up the order to gain experience as Rich's were always ahead of the required rate. The school cruised to victory with Speed hitting a mighty 6 to win the match by 5 wickets.

So a short but successful season came to a close on May 5<sup>th</sup>! Two wins against our local rivals, a tie, a draw and a concession. Well played.

## Cricket U-16

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May v Cheltenham College. Lost by 10 wickets.

The U-16 team travelled to Cheltenham College on a damp and overcast afternoon. STRS were asked to bat first in bowler friendly conditions. The new ball seamed and swung and the Rich's top order had no answer to the lateral movement produced by 2 high quality medium/fast bowlers. It was not long before the Rich's batting was in tatters, and we were dismissed for only 51.

In reply, although there was some playing and missing the Rich's bowling was not consistent enough to put pressure on the College batsmen. One chance was missed with a dropped catch before the College gathered the 52 runs needed.

**Mr Robson**

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## TABLE TENNIS

The table tennis season runs from the start of September to Easter. As usual we had four School teams in the Gloucester leagues, the only School represented amongst table tennis clubs. Our A team is composed of adults, It finished third in Division 4. Our B team, captained by Ed Watson (12S) finished just behind in 4<sup>th</sup>, their best ever placing. The B team also won through to the final of the Gloucester Handicap Cup where they lost by the slenderest of margins in an extraordinarily close game. The C team (captain Liam Foylan, 11R) came third in Division 5, just missing promotion. Our D team (captain Bohan Du, 10B) finished sixth in Division 5.

Our most successful players were, in Division 4, Elliot King (10R) who won 36 of his 44 matches, and Ed Watson (33 out of 50). Chris Green managed the second best average of all players in Division 5, losing only 5 of his 51 matches; Sammy Hau (10B) won 31 of 45, Bohan Du won 29 of 44, Liam Foylan won 22 of 51.

I Kellie

## CALENDAR

### SUMMER TERM 2010

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Monday 21 June                   | Year 12 return to lessons               |
| Monday 28 June – Thursday 1 July | School examinations (Years 7-9)         |
| Friday 2 July                    | INSET Day <b>(no school for pupils)</b> |
| 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 p.m.     |
| 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.  |