

Sir Thomas Rich's Newsletter

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"I am pleased that the School quickly settled back into routines at the start of the new academic year. This is always a very busy half-term, with Speech Day quickly followed by our Open Days and Open Evening. In the middle of our Open Days we received news of the award of Academy status, with three days' notice! We were, of course, well prepared and we look forward to benefiting from the advantages offered by being an Academy."

I Kellie

ACADEMY STATUS

We arrived at school on Friday 1st October somehow expecting things to have changed, as we embarked upon our new life as an Academy. Reassuringly everything carried on as normal! In many ways it is our intention not to change, we hope that Academy funding will cushion us against forthcoming public spending savings so that we can continue to provide the breadth of curriculum and current class sizes which might otherwise be under threat. If the cuts are not severe then we shall be able to enhance our facilities and education resources. My thanks to those colleagues and Governors who worked hard through the summer holidays to complete all the background work required for the Academy application process.

OPEN DAYS

Thank you to the many students who helped during our Open Days and gave of their time for our Open Evening. They were excellent ambassadors for Sir Thomas Rich's, many visitors commented upon how impressive they were. As ever we were very busy, 528 families visited altogether. Developments this year included a new School Prospectus together with an Information booklet, we had previously produced ours in-house but this year we used a professional photographer and designer. We also showed a DVD at the Open Evening, produced by Mr. Morgan and featuring staff and pupils.

SPEECH DAY

We were delighted to welcome Ian Simmons as our Guest of Honour to Speech Day. A local boy, he came to Rich's in 1967 from a working class background, but he paid tribute to his teachers at Rich's who inspired him to apply to Oxford University, where he subsequently attained a first class Honours degree. His career with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office has

SUMMER SHIRTS

A good number of parents have placed orders with our Parents' Association for the new summer shirts. These will be available from March. They will be optional in the summer term when they can be worn without a tie. We hope they will be popular and allow our pupils to be comfortable whilst remaining smart. They will be optional in 2012 too then we shall decide whether they should be compulsory.

NESTLÉ TOKENS

We are collecting Nestlé Box Tops for Books tokens. There is a collection box in the entrance foyer. The tokens are on the top of Nestlé cereal boxes. Each year the money raised goes to improving our library provision.

taken him to British Embassies around the world. He presented over a hundred prizes during the evening as we celebrated some of the achievements of the previous year.



Future Chef 2011 Competition



Early evenings at the beginning of October saw the food tech room busy staging the STRS school heats of Springboard UK's Future Chef 2011 Cooking Competition. Enticing aromas drifted from the food tech room as nine boys from years 9 & 10 demonstrated their culinary skills, in creating flavoursome dishes to impress a panel of judges in this the first stage of the annual national cooking competition for 12-16 year olds.

The competition required the boys to produce a hot wholesome main course meal for two people at a cost of under £4. They were to be judged not only on the dish's composition, flavour and taste but the menu balance, their workmanship, creativity and presentation. All nine boys impressed with their skills and understanding of processes and nutrition. Dishes ranged from the tried and tested favourites to some adventurous excursions into flavour and style. Josh Hudson's family recipe for spaghetti Bolognese packed great flavours while the Creaminess and texture

of Jack Panton's risotto was just perfect.

However the competition was not just about the flavours and textures of the dishes but the range of processes and skills demonstrated during the 1 hour cooking period. The two boys that excelled most in both areas were heat winner Andrew Gayler with his "Chick 'n Cheese 'n Chive" dish and runner-up Ieuan Lavender with his "Stuffed Sweet Chilli Peppers". Andrew will now go forward to represent the school at the Local Finals in November at the Gloucestershire College's Renaissance Restaurant in Cheltenham. We wish him good luck and success.

I would also like to thank my fellow judges Mrs L Phillips and Mrs C Brown for their valuable contributions in the difficult task of assessing the competitors' performances and reviewing their wonderful dishes.

P Brown

44th Gloucester (STRS) Explorer Scout Unit



Following the departure of several of the older members to their chosen universities, the unit numbers had fallen back to around 6 members at the beginning of the

term. The unit however has been very active during September and October with a full programme of activities. We joined other Explorers from all around the county at the "Beast of the Forest" weekend camp near Coleford in the Royal Forest of Dean. Opportunities to try out all sorts of activities were on offer from rifle shooting, biking, abseiling and climbing, to backwoods cooking, archery and circus skills. On the Sunday water activities – canoeing, kayaking and raft building – filled the time! Evenings were spent mixing with the other county

Explorers, making new friends, sharing campfire food and camaraderie. The following Sunday was spent enjoying the glorious Gloucestershire countryside in and around Stroud as we put our best feet forward on the Five Valleys Walk, an annual 21 mile "stroll" up and down the five main Stroud valleys, raising funds for the Meningitis Trust. The weather however did not remain so kind for the next weekend's event – the Dragon Boat Races at South Cerney Water Park. We contributed to the 16-man crew on one of the Scout boats. It was good fun though – even when battling against the strong head wind which at times blew a couple of the competing boats right off course. Friday evening is our main meeting night when activities are kept a little closer to home. We've had a BBQ, tried our hands at some basic backwoods crafts and last week 5 of the unit enjoyed a focused and at times humorous (thanks Chris for the comedy wall impacts!) at LaserTag.

So if there's anyone in years 9 to 13 who fancies joining this select band of "active adventurers" make yourself known to Chris Sullivan (115) and Hugo Chapple (11T) and get yourself along to the Scout Hut on a Friday evening. See you there!



Would you like the chance to win £50, £30 or £20 each month and at the same time support the fund raising efforts of the Parents Association?

The 100 club is open to all parents and friends of the school.

Just £3 a month, payable by standing order, will buy your own personal number in the draw – you can have as many entries as you like (£6 for two numbers, £9 for three etc).

Every month a three numbers are drawn from a hat and the lucky winners receive a cheque by post.

Sound like fun? It's easy to join...

- Download the 100 Club standing order mandate from the PA pages of the STRS website
- Complete and return the mandate to the school - clearly marked 'STRS Parents Association – 100 Club'.
- We will confirm receipt of your entry and allocate your personal number(s).
- Cross your fingers and keep an eye on your post...

Good Luck!

Please call Angela Humphries on 01452 372741 or e-mail angehu73@yahoo.co.uk if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support.

The 'Wall of Richians' is making good progress and we hope to create the first panels of bricks by the end of the year.

We would love to make this a really spectacular display in the newly extended and refurbished dining room. So if you would like to have a permanent reminder of your son / daughter's time at Tommies please go to the PA website, download the order form and choose your brick. Alternatively if you have a brother, husband, sister, cousin (the list is endless) who attended STRS why not buy them a brick as a Christmas present. It would be personal, original and something special.

The sale of bricks has been extended until the end of 2010 so please take advantage of this fantastic scheme.



NEARLY NEW UNIFORM

The next sale of Nearly New uniform will be on **Saturday 4th December** from 1.00pm at the Christmas Fayre.

We will be selling blazers, shirts, trousers, rugby kit, jumpers, PE whites, cricket kit and assorted footwear - all at very reasonable prices.

If you wish to donate an item, please send it in to the School Secretary.

If you need an item before the sale, please contact Julie Goble on 01452 612043 and she will try to help you.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Parents Association Refreshment Rota

We are looking for volunteers to provide refreshments at various functions throughout the school year. This may be to provide tea & coffee to teachers during parents' consultation evenings or to provide refreshments for visiting rugby teams or to sell refreshments at school concerts or events.

The commitment is usually for one event per term (3 per year). If you are able to help, please use the form below to provide us with your details.

If you are already on the rota, but your details have changed, please also use the form to let us know the changes.

New Volunteer/Updated details (delete as necessary)

Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss) _____

Address _____

Pupil Name & Class _____

Home Telephone _____

Mobile Telephone _____

E-mail address _____

Functions are normally on weekday evenings, weekday afternoons or Saturdays. Please let us know if there are any times when you would be **unable** to volunteer.

Please return to the Refreshment Committee, c/o the School Secretary.



European Day of Languages



The European Day of Languages provided the school with a wonderful opportunity to showcase the talents of staff and pupils. This was a celebration not of European languages but of the diverse languages spoken within Europe. Pupils from years 7 and 8 had the opportunity to learn basic phrases in a number of different languages - Croatian, Arabic, Hindi, Mandarin Chinese, Japanese, Urdu, Bengali, Dutch, Welsh, Indonesian and Italian were all on offer and it was mostly our own pupils and teachers who provided the expertise.

The Council of Europe declared 26th September as the European Day of Languages in 2001 to promote the learning of foreign languages. Success has followed success and it is now celebrated in 45 countries. The day aims to diversify the range of languages learned in order to increase plurilingualism and intercultural understanding and to promote the rich linguistic and cultural diversity in Europe.

The success of the day was due entirely to the good will and support of the school and local community. It was a pleasure to watch our non-language teaching staff in action and to see the Sixth Form pupils engage so well with younger members of the school. However, special credit must be given to those pupils who so expertly took on the role of teacher!

Teachers:

Welsh: Mr R. Williams, Mr R. Davies, Mr S.Pack
 Indonesian: Mr J. Buttle
 Hindi: Mr R. Birkett
 Mandarin Chinese: Mr R. Brookin
 Japanese: Mrs C. Trapp (visiting teacher)
 Italian: Robert Clark 12R and Enzo di Vita 9T
 Croatian: Filip Ilic 8R
 Dutch: Anna Jollans 12T
 Urdu: Saba Amjad and Fauzia Qureshi (Urdu Schol)
 Arabic: Abdel-Rahman Afifi 13R and Obai Afifi 10S
 Bengali: Shaiek Ahmed 11S

J Hewett

International Day at the Milestone School, July 2010

The World Cup was over and England was still licking its wounds after the humiliation of their woeful defeat against Germany and early exit from the games.

However, the Milestone School with the help of some STRS year 10 pupils was to stage its own mini version. The participating countries were France, Italy, England, Spain, Brazil and Germany. The morning was spent learning a little about the countries, their culture and their language. Year 10 pupils had prepared presentations on the countries and supported the Milestone pupils throughout the morning with their activities. Heavy rainfall at lunchtime posed a threat to the planned penalty shoot out between the countries but thankfully the skies cleared and the pupils thronged to the pitch for the most exciting part of the day. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and pleasure of the pupils as they competed on more or less equal terms with STRS pupils.

No victory for England on this occasion either but no humiliation either. The day went to Italy!

I am very grateful to the year 10 boys who represented the school so well and also to Mrs J Hanson for her support. Some comments from the boys sum up the success of the day.

Fantastic!

Great experience!

Opened my eyes to the disabilities out there!

Changed our perspectives towards people less fortunate than ourselves.

It was an enjoyable experience working and helping people less fortunate than ourselves.

Changed my view of the world and education available in this country.

The experience was both elucidating and enjoyable. It demonstrated well the truth that even those with certain conditions can still enjoy a full, exciting and diverse life.



J Hewett



Göttingen Exchange 2010/11

Last term, for the second time this year, we took a group of year 10 pupils to Göttingen to participate in our long running exchange with the Otto-Hahn Gymnasium. 20 boys, and 17 girls from the High school travelled to Germany to stay with their exchange partners and their families. Our pupils once again received a very warm welcome from the entire school, temporarily becoming members of their host families, bravely tasting a range of German food and enjoyed the golden summery weather. The official programme included:

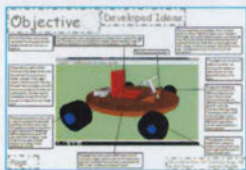
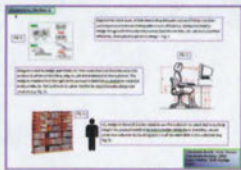
- a reception with the Mayor of Göttingen;
- an exciting excursion to the zoo and city of Hannover;
- a visit to the German capital, Berlin;
- learning about the German separation and unification in the "Grenzland" museum.

In their private time, our pupils and their exchange partners went to the cinema, shopping, bowling and swimming in Göttingen's fantastic spa pool "Eiswiese". Although everybody returned very tired, this was once again a truly successful trip and we are all now looking forward to the second leg of the exchange in April when we will be able to welcome the German party to Gloucester.

B Testoni-Ranken



AUTUMN TIME IN D&T by Sarah James & Steve Hancock



The examination students are working hard on their coursework projects. Most of the essential research, development, modelling and planning is completed during this term. This design work is essential, as it will ensure that the manufacturing [which the students start at Christmas] progresses smoothly, and hence the students hopefully gain maximum marks.

The students this year have chosen a broad range of projects, at GCSE we have students designing projects such as jewellery storage and clocks and AS /A2 level we have students designing tables, waste bins and desks. The students are working well and aiming to improve on the very successful results we achieved last year.

IT IS ROCKET TECHNOLOGY



Following disappointment and frustration in trying to get the F1 challenge competition off the ground 2 years ago, the students concerned rather lost interest in year 9. However, faced with either repay your sponsorship or do something, they have decided to do something.

Following some investigation and hands on experience by the technology teacher to check out the safety and feasibility of such a club we are now ready to get under way. We have the makings of a launch pad, although we may have to weld a plate underneath to prevent scorching of Mr William's rugby pitches. However, we do need any redundant electric drill chucks to complete the launch pad. We would also appreciate any large switches, buzzers and key switches and any cables.

The Year 10 group hope to get underway next half term with some rocket constructions, basic set up and testing of small rockets.

Youth Parliament
MAKING OUR MARK

Last year's Youth Parliament Elections saw us not only as a polling station but as a focus for the elections with four candidates standing. This was a fantastic experience for the candidates and provided some lively and heated debate and real interest by students. However, it did not make for good political calculation by splitting the vote four ways. For a school already disenfranchised by being a relatively small secondary school this was not good news.

This year we also have four candidates: three from Year 11: Isaac Leaver, Rhys Harben and Edwan Shibli and one from Year 8: Mark Thiselton. This year the candidates have agreed to have an internal run off to select a single candidate for the school. It must be made clear that this does not prevent, and we have no authority to prevent, any student standing as a candidate and of course all students will have a free vote. However, we hope that students will support this idea and seek to select the best school candidate to go forward to the regional elections.

Although a small secondary school, our students demonstrate time and again a commitment to extra-curricula activities and an excellent ability to communicate and organise. They have much to offer to the Youth Parliament and should be applauded and actively supported in their aspirations.

I hope students will be encouraged to get behind these candidates and to play a part in at least registering a vote but also in actively canvassing for the chosen candidate. By the time of printing this article, the candidates will have given their address to interested students in a lunchtime event. They will then have taken part in a lunchtime debate both supervised and chaired by Alexander Petersen from Year 13.

In the week after half term all students will be given an opportunity during tutor time, to vote for the candidate of their choice.

Results will be announced in Year assemblies in the following week and we will then, as a school go on to support and canvass for this student.



TOYOTA CHALLENGE TECHNOLOGY CLUB

Two teams looking to enter the Toyota Challenge Solar Powered car later this year took part in an internal run off to decide the winning team who would go on to represent the school in the regional finals in February.

Although the year 8 team: the Flying Comets presented a very good team effort in the end they were narrowly defeated by

the year 9 team: Tommy's Trio Plus Joe who had the edge in having a working car on the day,

The year 9 team of Joe Fautley, Alexander Foyn, Macaulay James and Dominic Tutton are now pressing ahead with revised and developed ideas hoping to get their designs and folder accepted to participate in the regional finals in February 2011.

The year 8 boys: Henry Clay-Davies, James Henderson, Tobias Hogg, Andrew Rohling and Lewis Sugden will have an opportunity to try again next year.

In the meantime they and any new, interested students will be invited to a meeting at the start of the new half term to discuss a mutually convenient day for a new Technology Club and decide what they want to do in the club. Notes will be posted in registers early in the first week back and in assemblies

Steve Hancock/Sarah James



GREEN FUTURES CAREERS

On Wednesday 29th September the AS Design & Technology group attended an exhibition and workshop on green initiatives at the Pittville Pump Museum, Cheltenham.

There were many interesting and informative stands from local and national companies who specialise in fields such as renewable energy, recycling and environmentally friendly products such as disposable cutlery made out of potato starch and clear "glasses" made from corn starch.

During the course of the day there were different events happening within the exhibition and we split into four groups and all took part in these. The first was a Dragon's Den style presentation where we students were the "Dragons" and two companies each gave a demonstration of their product, trying to persuade us to invest in them.

The second event was designed to test our knowledge on improving a property, in this case a village hall, to make it more efficient and environmentally friendly. We gave our presentation of our ideas to the energy supplier EON who selected my group as having the winning ideas.

The third event we participated in was a seminar where individuals representing their companies spoke to us about the good work their companies are doing to become more environmentally friendly.

One of the key speakers was Lord Paul Tyler, a Member of the House of Lords. He gave a very interesting talk on careers relating to the environment and green issues and how these jobs have increased dramatically in the last thirty years.

The most interesting part of the day was viewing the exciting exhibitor's stands in the main foyer and learning about the ambitious and innovative ideas companies have come up with. A couple of my favourites were the VW Blue Motion Polo and the Tata electric car.

Jeremy Boyles 12C





A LEVEL ART TRIP TO LIVERPOOL

The Art Department once again began the year with its now well-established A Level residential visit. This year it was the turn of Liverpool to provide the location and inspiration for the Year 12 and 13 artists, with a combination of gallery visits and sketching opportunities, followed by evening workshops back at the YHA base. With uncanny timing, Mr. Lockey managed to book the trip for the week before the start of the Liverpool Biennial, thereby missing dozens of events and displays. However, the students were not short of things to see and do. They began with a visit to the Tate Liverpool and did some sketching in and around the Albert Docks area, which gave them a good indication of the range and variety of visual images they would encounter on the trip.

The following day was devoted to visiting the two large and imposing cathedrals, one very traditional in design and the other much more unusual and contemporary looking, even though they were built at very similar times in the last century. This was followed by a visit to the Walker Gallery, which contains a host of British paintings and sculptures spanning several centuries, including some excellent examples of Pre-Raphaelite art.

Thursday's main focus was a trip to Crosby Beach, the location of the internationally famous installation by Anthony Gormley called 'Another Place'. This consists of a hundred cast iron figure sculptures placed at intervals along the coastline. Although they began as identical figures, the weather and tides have eroded their surfaces so that they are each now unique. The students could have spent several hours investigating and recording them, unfortunately, although it was dry, there was a very strong wind that made it extremely difficult to stand up straight, let alone do any sketching. (We eventually surrendered to the elements and returned to Liverpool to do some shopping instead).



On the last day, we broke our journey back to Gloucester to visit the Lady Lever Gallery in Port Sunlight, which gave the students their last opportunity to do some critical studies research and complete what had been yet another busy but successful start to the A Level Art courses.

R Lockey

NEWS

We have a busy schedule of concerts, workshops and plays this autumn:

Mrs. C. Brookes and Miss S. Law have started a Junior Drama Club on Wednesday lunchtimes.

In November, Mrs. J. Spilsbury has organised a trip to see the show 'Hairspray' in Bristol.

Chamber Choir under the direction of Mr J Thompson will present a selection of carols at Christmas by Candlelight on December 6. They will also be performing at Milestone School.

Mrs. Spilsbury will be recruiting the make-up crew shortly, for "A Play on Words".

G.C.S.E Music students as well as all of Year 9 will be involved in an African Drumming workshop in December.

We complete the term with the usual carol services at St. John's and St. Catharine's on December 15 and 16.

P Jones

A Play on Words

The senior drama group will be performing a brand new play called *A Play on Words* on Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th and Friday 10th December from 7:30pm in the School hall. The play is a comedy about an amateur dramatics group struggling to rehearse for a badly written production of the life and times of William Wordsworth. Clifford Pratt-Shore's script is failing to inspire his actors, most of whom are too pre-occupied with their own real life dramas. Needless to say the exploits of his cast backstage prove that playing with words can be a foolish endeavour.

Tickets will go on sale at the beginning of December and will be available from reception at a charge of £2.00 for students and concessions, and £4.00 for adults. We hope you will be able to come along to support this play within a play.

M Lynch S Crumblehulme

Donations Request

In an effort to keep costs to a minimum, we are looking for donations of the following items:

- Men- top hats
- cravats
- tailed blazers
- Women- bodices
- corsets
- old dresses
- shawls
- boleros
- Props- canes
- quill, inkpot.

Please leave donations at reception, marked 'Costumes' (The play requires 18th century middle-upper class costumes).

Many thanks

P Jones

Australia Rugby Tour

July - Aug 2011



Australia 2010

Fund raising for the Tour is now well under way.

We have already had some generous sponsorship from SEIKO Optical UK and Unilever UK Ltd [Walls] and on the

16th September we held a Four Ball Golf Competition at

Gloucester Golf Club which not only raised the magnificent sum of £1170 for the Tour but also £150 for the local

Childrens' Charity, 'Winston's Wish'. A special thanks must go to Mr Goodman for organising the golf day at Matson

Finally, if you can help with sponsorship or auction lots for the Auction at the Black Tie Dinner please do get in touch.

Coming up later this term.....

- Friday 12th November - Swindon's Greyhound track - Tickets are £5 - will need to organise own transport there. (*Mr Palmer*)
- Sunday 5th December - Disco at Moo Moos Cheltenham - Tickers in advance £4 or £5 on door. (*Ollie Thomas and Tom Walsh*)
- 22nd & 23rd December - Bag Packing days, Sainsburys, Cheltenham - A Donation will go to Cobalt Unit, Cheltenham. (*Mrs Miles*)

Other events.....

Race Night in the Hall - Black Tie Sportsmans' Dinner and Auction - a Car Boot Sale - Bag Packing in Sainsbury's, Gloucester.

C D A Carter

Chess Club

The start-of-season chess competition has now been completed. A total of 25 boys have been playing games during the lunchtime club throughout the first 4 weeks of the term. The boys were split into two groups: 11 boys playing in the year 7 competition and 14 playing in a competition for the rest of the school.

The results were:

Year 7 Competition:

1st Matthew Munden (7R), 2nd Christy Rutland (7R), 3rd William Todd (7T)

Year 8-13 Competition:

1st Michael Ashworth (7B), 2nd George Dickinson (9R), 3rd Craig Munden (9R)

Congratulations to Matthew Munden who won the Year 7 competition with 9 wins from 9 games. You may have noticed that the winner of the Year 8-13 competition was from year 7.

Michael Ashworth represented England Primary Schools last year, and so I thought it would be better if he played games against boys in the older age group. Michael won all his games, so congratulations to him for defeating a number of boys from years 9, 12 and 13. Is the strongest chess player in the school in year 7?

Mr Robson

Joint STRS & HSFG

Auction of Promises *Live Band*

Black Tie

Valentine's Ball

At STRS Hall

12th February 2011

7.30 pm for 8 pm til 1 am

Tickets £40 per person

Includes 3 course meal



Extensive Bar



All profits to school funds

Aegon Team tennis

Following their success in winning the U13 & U15 Gloucestershire Tennis Leagues the teams progressed to the knockout stages.

1st Round of Regional Knockout

U13 Tennis v The Chase School

Won by 6 - 0

S.Tullett	won 6 - 1
C.Bell	won 6 - 1
P.Carter	won 6 - 0
J.Singhera	won 6 - 3

Tullett & Bell	won 6 - 2
Carter & Singhera	won 6 - 1

U15 Tennis v The Chase School

Lost in shoot out 10 - 3 after drawing matches 3 - 3

M.Bennion	won 7 - 5
Z.Hussain	lost 1 - 6
E.King	lost 2 - 6
D.James	won 6 - 3

Bennion & Hussain	lost 6 - 4
King & James	won 7 - 6
Bennion & King	lost 3 - 10

The U13's went through to play Aylesbury Grammar School.

I Gallagher



Cross Country

Sir Thomas Rich's School's Cross Country season got off to a flying start again this year. The season started with some of the more daring runners taking on the Men's Health Survival of the Fittest run in Cardiff on the 3rd of October. This is the second year now boys from the school have tackled the 12km run with an obstacle course every km. All boys managed to conquer the final hurdle, a ten foot wall on the finish line, exhausted, muddy and wet. Adam Jelley even managed to get himself interviewed by a camera crew for his efforts. Josh Wiltshire had the most success finishing second in his wave of runners with a time of 1:20:46. Apparently, the runner who beat Joshua skipped an obstacle, obviously a man sadly lacking in STRS grit!

Sir Thomas Rich's has seen success also this half term in the ESAA Cross Country Cup. The first round of races were held at Bromsgrove School with eight schools competing. STRS took a junior and in intermediate team and both finished overall in second place, securing a position in the next regional round later in the year. The juniors ran particularly well with all boys finishing in the top ten. Chris Tillot finished comfortably in second place with a quick time of 9:57 with Will Staddon making an impressive debut in fifth with a time of 10:04. The intermediate boys team also ran strongly, Alec Fullerton also making his debut finished the longer intermediate course in seventh with a time of 19:21 against some determined Marling and Bromsgrove runners. Cross Country veterans Ryan Hearn and Jamie Harper as well as 800m runner Dominic Tutton, all finished close together in tenth, eleventh and twelfth place with matching times of 19:50 for both Ryan and Jamie and 19:57 for Dominic.

Well done boys!!

C Powell

Rugby Results September/October 2010

1st XV

STRS 1ST XV VS Bishops Vesey Grammar School – WON 20 - 19

STRS 1ST XV VS Chosen Hill – WON 36 – 0

STRS 1ST XV VS Hereford Cathedral – LOST 32- 0

STRS 1ST XV VS RGS Worcester – WON 19 - 10

STRS 1ST XV VS Marling Grammar – WON 8 – 5

STRS 1ST XV VS KES Bath – LOST 12 – 10

2ND XV

STRS 2ND XV were victorious against Hereford Cathedral but suffered defeats from Beaufort 1sts, RGS Worcester, KES Bath, Cheltenham College and Chosen Hill.

3RD XV

STRS 3RD XV have lost narrowly to Beaufort 2nds, Cheltenham College, BHBS 1sts and RGS Worcester .

U15'S

STRS A TEAM - Currently undefeated having scored excellent victories against Cleeve School, BHBS, Beaufort, Newent, RGS Worcester and Churchdown. They are currently in Round 3 of The Daily Mail Cup. Good luck Boys!

STRS B TEAM - Defeated Cleeve, BHBS and RGS Worcester but were defeated by Hereford Cathedral A Team.

U14'S

STRS A TEAM - Are also currently undefeated having scored excellent victories against BHBS, Newent, Old Swinford Hospital, RGS Worcester and Marling Grammar School.

STRS B TEAM - Have defeated BHBS, RGS Worcester and Marling. They drew with Old Swinford Hospital but again they lost to Hereford Cathedral A Team .

U13'S

STRS A TEAM - Lost to BHBS in their first game of the season and they lost last Saturday to Bromsgrove School, but they have recorded wins against Newent, RGS Worcester and Marling Grammar School.

STRS B TEAM – Have defeated BHBS, RGS Worcester, Marling Grammar and recorded an excellent victory over Bromsgrove School. Their only defeat has been against Hereford Cathedral A Team!

STRS C TEAM – Has defeated BHBS and RGS Worcester but they suffered a narrow defeat against Bromsgrove School.

U12's

STRS A TEAM – Have lost their first two games against schools that have played together in prep schools, but performances have been encouraging. They have lost to RGS Worcester and Bromsgrove School. The B and C teams have lost their opening matches but with lots of practice they will improve quickly!

R Williams

ART ACADEMY

EVENTS



SATURDAY CLUB

SCULPTING, PAINTING, PRINTING AND COLLAGE—
PLUS LOADS MORE!

**STARTS SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER
2010**

AT SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL

10am—2pm

For 4-12 year olds

£10 per session including materials!

To book your place contact Adele on 07505 243745
or email artacademyglos@yahoo.co.uk

ART ACADEMY IS HERE!

October half-term at Sir Thomas Rich's



Do you have a creative child?
 Are they always asking to make, paint,
 stick & sculpt?
 Do they love getting messy?
 Are they between 4 & 12 years?.....if
 SO.....

We are an energetic team of artists, qualified in many different fields, all with a huge enthusiasm for bringing out the child's natural creativity and letting their imagination run wild!

At the **ART ACADEMY** your child will be able to discover a wide variety of artists and try their hand at many different media including sculpting, painting, printing and collage—plus loads more!

ALL THIS FROM JUST £12 PER DAY INCLUDING MATERIALS!

Pricing

Mon-Fri 10.30am-3.30pm = £60 per child including materials

Mon-Fri 9am-3.30pm = £75 per child including materials

Or pick a day to drop in and get creative with a bunch of people who love to do the same thing! (£20 per day)



SIR THOMAS RICH'S SPORTS CENTRE

OAKLEAZE, LONGLEVENS, GLOUCESTER GL2 0LF ☎ 01452



AUTUMN COURSES—2010

COURSE	LEVEL	DATE	TIME	COST/CONTACT
Samurai Martial Arts www.samurai-martialarts.co.uk	All ages	Saturdays Wednesdays	9-2pm 8-9pm	01452 610070 07971 584901
Learn to Skate Sessions (skate hire available)	Families Welcome	Every Saturday	11.30-1pm	For more info call 01452 883688
Drama, Dance & Singing www.thehampsteadfactory.co.uk	4-17yrs	Every Saturday (term-time only)	2-5pm	For more info call 01242 234664
Gloucester Martial Arts School of Excellence	All ages	Every Sunday	10.30-11.30am	07897 849603 01452 543147
Checkers Acro Gym Club	All ages	Every Sunday	9.30-3.30pm	01452 546596
Tae Kwon-Do Tigers www.gloucesterfliers.com	4-12yrs	Every Monday	4.30-5.30pm	07715 953775 07970 886165
Dodgeball www.districtsportschellenham.co.uk	7-11yrs	Mondays 13 Sept - 18 Oct	5.30-6.30pm	To book call 07763 462795
Learn to Dance (Modern Jive) www.jive-easy.co.uk	Adults only	Every Monday	Between 7.30 & 9.30pm	For more info call 07969 186750
Midland Soccer Coaching www.midlandsoccercoaching.co.uk	4-12yrs	Every Tuesday (term-time only)	Between 4.15 & 7.15pm	01527 540425 07962 382460
Severn Roller Torrent www.severnrollertorrent.co.uk	18+ yrs	Every Tuesday	6-7pm	Come along & enjoy the fun
FitTech Total Circuit Training	All levels	Tuesdays Thursdays	7.30-8.30pm 7-8pm	01452 531257
Sarah's Gymnastics	5-12yrs	Wednesdays Fridays	3.45-6pm 4-6.15pm	01452 521132 07940 539688
Circuit Training	Adults	Every Wednesday	6.30-7.30pm	07504 064817

OCTOBER HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES

Midland Soccer Coaching www.midlandsoccercoaching.co.uk	4-12yrs	Mon 25-Wed 27 October	10-3pm	01527 540425 07962 382460
Spy School www.sports-xtra.com	4-11yrs	Mon 25—Fri 29 October	9.30-3.30pm	To book call 07896 537304
Cricket Coaching Clinics	6-13yrs	Thurs 28 & Fri 29 October	10-3pm	£14 per day 01452 338439

CALENDAR

TERM DATES FOR 2010/11

Monday 1 - Friday 5 November
 Wednesday 17 November
 Monday 22 Nov - Thursday 2 Dec
 Friday 3 December
 Saturday 4 December
 Monday 6 December
 Weds 8, Thurs 9 & Fri 10 December
 Monday 13 December
 Weds 15 December
 Thurs 16 December
 Friday 17 December

Year 12 examinations
 e-safety talk, all parents, 7.15 p.m.
 Trial GCSE examinations
INSET Day
 Christmas Fayre, 1.00-3.00 p.m.
 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

Tuesday 3 January
 Thursday 13 January
 Tuesday 18 January
 Thursday 27 January
 Monday 7 - Friday 11 February
 Tuesday 8 February
 Saturday 12 February
 Wednesday 16 February
 Monday 21 - Friday 25 February
 Mon 28 Feb - Friday 4 March
 Monday 7 March
 Monday 14 - Friday 18 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
 Wednesday 11 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

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.
 P.A. Valentine's Ball, 7.30 for 8.00 p.m.
 Year 9 Parents' Evening, 5.00 p.m.
 Half-term holidays
 Year 10 examinations
INSET Day
 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
 Choral Concert, St. John's Church 8.00 p.m.
 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.

New Bus Service

Denwell Mini Coaches Ltd are offering a new bus service from **Swindon, Cricklade and Cirencester** to Sir Thomas Rich's, via Pates, on school days.

Current timetable is:

	OUTWARD	RETURN
Swindon (Groundwell, Arkwright Road)	0705 hrs	1640 hrs
Swindon (ASDA, Thamesdown Drive)	0710 hrs	1645 hrs
Cricklade (Swindon Road Bus Stop)	0725 hrs	1625 hrs
Cirencester (Stratton House Hotel)	735 hrs	1615 hrs
Sir Thomas Rich's School	0830 hrs	1535 hrs

More information is available from Denwell 01452 863377 info@denwell.co.uk, www.denwell.co.uk