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## NEW STAFF

We welcomed two new members to our support staff at the start of this term. Mrs Walker is on Reception on Thursdays and Fridays and assisting with administration on other days. Mr Taylor has joined our site team, helping to maintain the buildings and grounds.

## HOUSE EVENTS

The House competition is warming up. Northgate made a strong start last term in defence of the Cock House Trophy but Westgate have had a successful half-term and taken the lead. The Junior Swimming Gala was close-run, with three Houses in contention until the final race: Westgate edged ahead from E, S and N. Junior Basketball was won by Northgate, who won both Years 8 & 9, Southgate (who won Year 10) came second followed by W and E. Southgate won the House General Knowledge Quiz from N, W and E.



The big House event was House Music, it is one of four inter-House competitions which is awarded double points because of the large numbers of students involved. Entrants performed in front of a Year 9 audience. There were twenty performances, from Juniors then Senior solos and ensembles to an open event for each House. The quality of music was exceptional, across a wide range of styles. Westgate triumphed overall, from E, N and S.



The current standings in the Cock House competition are Westgate (25 points) lead from N (22), E (19) and S (14).

## HEADSHIP

The process of finding a new Headteacher for September is progressing. The post was advertised nationally and the Governors have long-listed their preferred candidates. They will review references and invite a short-list for interviews on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February. So, all being well, my successor should be known by the end of our first week back after half-term.

## OXBRIDGE

Congratulations to the following Year 13 students who have successfully negotiated the rigorous challenge of applying to Oxford and Cambridge Universities. They have received the following offers:

Rishi Mouland - Mathematics, St John's College, Cambridge  
Edward Burgess - Natural Sciences, Downing College, Cambridge  
William Whichelo-Geeson - Human, Social & Political Sciences, King's College, Cambridge  
James Stokes - Archaeology & Anthropology. Open Offer, Oxford

I L Kellie

## PHILOSOPHY AND ETHICS CONFERENCE

On a bitterly cold Thursday our A-level philosophy and ethics students went to the annual Gloucestershire schools sixth form conference at Cheltenham Ladies College. The subject of this year's conference was free will and determinism, and whether or not human beings, as a species, truly have free will to do as we wish, or if all of our life has been pre-determined.

The first speaker, who gave his take on the view of free will, was Professor James Garvey – an American philosopher based in Britain. Professor Garvey presented his argument in a clear manner, relating it to many philosophers that we have studied at both AS and A2. Furthermore, Garvey related his argument to neuroscience and it was of the general consensus that his argument was a very strong one, with Professor Garvey himself winning over many Tommies students with his relaxed style of presentation.

After Professor Garvey's presentation, there was a fifteen-minute break. This gave all of our students opportunity not only for refreshment, but also for reflection on a very good presentation. Philosophical discussion was, naturally, ripe among our students, with a healthy debate on neuroscience in relation to free will among a small group.

The second speaker was Professor John Cottingham. Cottingham is Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at the University of Reading and a Professorial Research Fellow at Heythrop College, University of London. His argument was entitled 'Ultimate Responsibility for our actions and belief in God.' Professor Cottingham gave a more traditional approach in his argument, giving traditional Christian beliefs, whilst also exploring the views of more recent philosophers such as Kant and Descartes.

During the A2 lunch session, selected students were chosen to attend a master class with one of the speakers. The students from Tommies found this "an excellent opportunity to question the speakers in a more close-up, intimate manner."

After lunch, A2 students attended a session by an OCR examiner on how to improve ourselves in the exam (what to write, what not to write, how to structure answers, etc.). For all of us, this was extremely useful because the transition from AS to A2 is a big leap, owing to the different exam structures.

The final session of the day was a debating session with both Professor Garvey and Professor Cottingham being questioned by all the students. One of our AS students, Dan Morrissey, asked the panel to what extent are there degrees of free will and do some people have more free will than others. This was an interesting and hard question to answer, with the panel hedging away from the actual question itself – a common theme that all of us noticed when discussing the conference the next day in class.

Overall, the conference was an excellent chance for all of us to get the perspective of modern day philosophers, on the subject of free will. The topics chosen were both relevant and informative to AS and A2 exams, addressing specific examined topics whilst giving all students the chance to hear from internationally renowned academics.

Kelsey De Maria







## POLITICS TRIP REVIEW

We left for London at about 9.00am. After a fairly swift minibus journey and tube ride, we were in the centre of the capital. After taking a small tour of the historic buildings and monuments around Westminster, we finally entered Parliament. We first congregated in the centre of the Houses with our tour guide; the same place where many political correspondents report on the daily occurrences. There we were briefed about what we were about to do, and quizzed about the structure of the government in the UK.

We started our tour by entering the Lords. It was a vast place, although smaller than it appeared on the TV. Opposite the Queen's huge golden throne, they were reviewing a bill from the Commons about child abuse. After watching proceedings for a while, we moved on to the Commons where they were discussing the succession bill. It was fairly quiet and not as rowdy as we'd hoped, but it was still quite surreal watching it right in front of us. Also, a disinterested Nick Clegg playing on his phone on the front bench made for good viewing entertainment.

After leaving the Commons, we finished off with a quick round up of the rest of the Parliamentary buildings, during which we were provided with one of the gems of the trip. Upon turning to leave, we all watched in disbelief as Mr Pitel went over to a news crew and asked them when the broadcast was going out, only to be met by the response: "this is going out live". It's safe to say our tour guide wasn't as amused as we were. We finished off our time in Parliament with a workshop, in which we were able to meet and talk with Richard Graham, the MP for Gloucester.

What I enjoyed most about this trip was the fact that there wasn't any note taking or writing. It was purely a relaxing trip to put into perspective what we'd been learning in the classroom, and I thoroughly enjoyed it. Despite bouts of heavy snow, most of us managed to finish off the day with a nice curry in the Balti Hut. All in all, a very good trip.

Obai Afifi



## WHY STUDY LANGUAGES?

A TALK FOR YEAR 9 STUDENTS

BY

**Andrew Stead, University of West of England**



It is the time of year when Year 9 students face an important decision with regard to their future- the choice of their GCSE subjects. These subjects will have implications for the direction of their future-their A level subjects, their University degree and their future careers.

Britain has a poor record in terms of language learning skills and we lag far behind our European competitors. In fact, we are at the bottom of the European league table- 28 / 28. Yet 94% of the world doesn't speak English as a native language, 71% doesn't speak English at all. As economies become more global, travel for work and pleasure more extensive, the need to learn languages has never been more urgent.

In order to address this problem the government has funded the project "Routes into Languages". Ambassadors from Universities come into schools to talk to students about "Why study languages". On this occasion, we were pleased to welcome Andrew Stead from the University of the West of England. He gave a very thorough presentation on why languages are so important, from job opportunities to the simple enjoyment of speaking a foreign language. The comments from pupils are indicative of the success of the talk:

*The talk really opened my eyes to how useful languages can be and how many opportunities they can bring.*

*I thought Andy was very funny and engaging, so I enjoyed it. It also informed me of all the exciting things that taking a language can lead to.*

*He showed the importance of learning languages. Some of the facts he showed were very interesting and not what I expected. It highlighted how the world is changing.*

*Andy was a very interesting speaker and there were some very interesting facts. I hadn't realized the importance of languages until then.*

## THE LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT AND ITS LINKS WITH GLOUCESTER HOSPITAL

This year has seen a continuation of our work at the Children's Centre at Gloucester Hospital. A small group of "A" level linguists has been devoting Wednesday afternoons to teaching languages at the centre. They are supported by the Children's Centre team, led by Mrs C. Herrick.

Children spending time in hospital very much benefit from the stimulation of learning a language and particularly appreciate the contact with our students. A recent Ofsted awarded the centre the accolade of "outstanding" and highlighted the links with the community as a particular strength.

However, the benefit is not all one-sided. Our students develop many social skills, dealing with sick children of all abilities and working alongside the staff.

This year we have been particularly pleased with the work of Amber Dougall, Saffron Dougall and Hannah Johnson who have excelled in putting the children at ease and encouraging them with their Spanish.

*"They have excellent people skills, patients warm to them, they are able to draw out the most reticent, show initiative and are always punctual."* - Children's Centre.

J.Hewett International Co-ordinator





## MEDIEVAL MUSIC

On Friday 25th January Mr. Simon Pickard came to our school to show us examples of music during the medieval times. We learnt about many different instruments from the Hurdy-Gurdy to the Shawm. We were also able to listen to what the instruments sounded like. He was a fantastic musician!

Angelo Thavaratnarajah 7R





## YEAR 8 STUDY SKILLS DAY

All pupils in Year 8 attended a 'Study Skills' day in the hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. The presenter, Eric O'Halloran, was superb and received excellent feedback from the pupils. The course was a fun, engaging workshop style presentation which empowers the students to take more control over their learning. There was particular emphasis on the practical experience of the skills learnt.

The course programme covered;

*The philosophy of memory*

*4 memory techniques for learning facts, details and numbers*

*How to understand your work*

*How to complete mind maps of your work*

Our aim for Year 8 in providing this course was to help pupils take more responsibility for their learning, be inspired by the learning process and realise their potential.

Here are some of the comments from boys in 8T;

*'I really had fun with the study skills day. It was educational and has really benefitted me because it has made it easier to revise'*

Harry James

*'Great fun and helpful for the future'* Marcus Rodriquez

*'I found it really helpful when I revised for my Physics test'*

Michael Gibbs

*'Study skills was very interesting. I was expecting it to be a long and boring lecture, however we were allowed to interact with the tutor and had a really good time'* Ryan Birch

M F Brown











## HOUSE MUSIC 2013

Congratulations to all involved in House Music this year. The quality of the performances was the best to date. It was superb to see the effort that so many pupils had put into it, the range of music and the numbers of pupils participating. It was particularly pleasing that so much singing featured.

Northgate were dominant in the junior categories:

Justin Choo's 1st Movement of Clementi's Piano Sonata in A was fluent with a good even tone across the dynamic range to win the Junior Solo prize.

Julian Richardson, Fred Watson, Oli Pearce, Justin Choo, Philip Haynes gave a confident and bold performance of 'Honey Moon Eyes' by Lost for Words to win the Junior Ensemble prize.

Sam Hau fulfilled expectations to take the Senior Solo prize for Westgate. His mature and stylish interpretation of Liszt's Chapel of William Tell displayed an impressive range of colour on the new Yamaha grand piano.

James Selley Guitar/ Vocals, Rishi Mouland, Keyboard, Ieuan Lavender Drums, George Alsworth Bass, Sam Bussell Guitar, Edmund Jones Saxophone and Erin Brookes Saxophone took the Senior Ensemble prize for Westgate with Bombay Bicycle Club's 'Always like This'.

Toby Churchley Vocals, Oliver Peel Vocals, Charlie Ros Piano, Eleanor Young Flute, George Schreuder Vocals, Anes Green vocals, Rachael Hamilton Vocals, Peter Dorey Vocals, Alex Wakely Jones Vocals + the mass choir of Eastgate were the clear winners with an amazing rendition of 'One Day More' from Les Miserables.

The four Open performances at the end were impressive: they had taken so much organising, they were mini-productions in themselves – and organised and rehearsed by the students, fantastic.

Westgate were the overall winners- well done to James Selley and his team.

P Y Jones









## TOMMIES STUDENTS ENGAGE IN CRIME!?

Last November, the Year 13 Psychology students attended the annual 'Behind Bars' conference at the BAWA centre in Bristol. The day consisted of a range of speakers had all committed different types of crimes and had all spent a varying degree of their life in prison. 'Jim' had been in and out of prison since 18, having spent much of his youth in young offenders' institutes. His crimes all involved burglary, the largest thing being a shed from a local B & Q! There was also 'Brian' who claimed to have been falsely accused of fraud and had spent his few years in prison locked up with a murderer – who was the final speaker. 'Andy' is out on a life license after spending 15 years in prison, due to causing death through grievous bodily harm. Now, a mere speeding ticket is enough to send Andy back to prison.

After the talks, students then sat in groups and were able to ask each speaker any question they wanted – this led to a heated debate between our students and 'Jim', who stated he felt no remorse for what he had done and may even commit crime in the future. Understandably, our students were outraged at the lack of his moral compass and regaled him their own experiences of theft (as victims!) and how they had been affected by it. However, other speakers gained the sympathy of the students after hearing how they were full of regret at how their actions had affected not only their victims but also their families. They commented on how they had never considered how a crime against one person ends up being against several, due to the lives it affects.

Students not only got to listen to the speakers explain the reasons for their criminal behaviours and of their time in prison, they were also selected to 'fashion' the different types of prison uniforms worn in Category A, B and C prisons. Patrick Sekinger, Jacob Fox and Joshua Clegg were our models for the day! The trip was a success and the students now have a deeper understanding of issues raised in Forensic Psychology having seen it brought to life by meeting everyday criminals.

Steven Crumblehume





## DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD 2013

Training for the Bronze Award expeditions start on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February and for the following three Tuesdays from 3.30-4.45pm. First Aid training will take place for all Year 10 students in two of their PSHE lessons in early June and successful completion of this training will provide students with a Young First Aider certificate from St. John's Ambulance Brigade, and valid for three years.

We now have eight Year 11 students enrolled for the Silver Award and they will undertake their Practice Expedition in the Forest of Dean and Wye Valley over the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> July. Their Assessed Expedition will be the first weekend back in September: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September through to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September and will be between Hay-on-Wye and Crickhowell in the Eastern Brecon Beacons.

Already we have enquiries about progression onto the Gold Award. Two staff are undertaking the necessary training for supervision of this level this half term and we hope that students will be encouraged to enrol for this level in the future.

There will be a parent information evening after the Easter break and before the Practice Expedition. Details will be available in the next newsletter. Meanwhile details and dates of training and expeditions are available on Sharepoint under "Clubs and Societies", DofE, Duke of Edinburgh Award 2013.

Please contact Mrs S. James for any further information in G8 or on [sarahjames@strs.org.uk](mailto:sarahjames@strs.org.uk)



## NEW ZEALAND RUGBY TOUR 2013

On the 20<sup>th</sup> July 53 Y11 and Y12s and 5 staff will leave for Auckland from Heathrow for a 16 day Tour of New Zealand. Fund-raising for the tour is well under way and the next event will be a Barn Dance on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> March starting at 7.30pm in the School Hall. There will be a licensed bar and a raffle with at least 10 prizes and tickets for the event are available from reception. We are going to have an 'American Supper' during the interval – everyone brings food to share! Waiters will serve drinks from the bar [no drinks to be brought into the event please] and a local band, 'The Forest Brown Band' will lead the dancing.

If you would like to join our growing list of Tour Sponsors please get in touch with me. Your business will be mentioned and advertised at future fund-raising events, in our Tour Brochure and your company logos can be printed on items of kit, which will not only be used on Tour but for the whole of next season. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor you can contact me at School on 01452-338435. Your support would be very much appreciated.

C D A Carter

**STRS New Zealand Rugby Tour Fundraising Event**

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# Barn Dance

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**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2013**  
**STRS School Hall - 7:30pm - Late**

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Bar & Raffle

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"American Style Buffet"

(i.e. please can you bring a contribution of food for everyone to share)

Tickets:

Adults £8.00

Children £4.00

Family £20.00

Tickets (2 Adults/2 Children)

Available from Reception



## Y7 SKILLZONE

Following the successful visits of 7S & 7R to the Skillzone last term, 7T and 7B visited the centre this term as part of their PSHE "Keeping Safe" theme.

This time we substituted the "Park" and "Water" scenarios for the "Building Site" and "Shop". The building site was an obvious choice given the students current school experience; building sites can seem like an irresistible playground to young people but the potential dangers are very real and they need to understand and respect barriers.

The shop enabled students to be aware of age limitations on some purchases and why the law seeks to protect young people. It also helped students to become more astute consumers in recognising the need to check their change and the sell by dates of products.

*"I thought Skillzone was a very good and enjoyable way to teach 'safety', which most children would think of as boring. It made me realise how dangerous some things can be."*

*"Skillzone was good. Our guide was called Obi and he was cool."*

*"My favourite part was staying safe in the building site as we having building at our school so I know how to stay safe at school."*

*"The alley was smelly and dark, which I thought was quite good and I also liked the burnt room."*

*"I really enjoyed the Skillzone because instead of just hearing what some of those difficult situations were like you actually got to be in them."*

*"...it was quite boring at times as it was very obvious or it was called a hazard when you could avoid it by using common sense."*

*"It was a good experience because it wasn't just listening to people talk and talk. We did fun activities, learning how to deal with real life situations."*

*"I liked the instructor called Dom who was nice to us the **whole** way!"*

*".....I also liked the real life car because I was the driver."*

*"Skillzone was fun and looked very real."*

*"I liked the part where we walked through the alley because it looked real and I got scared."*

S James





## ARKWRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS



Four year 11 Design and Technology students have applied to the Arkwright foundation for sponsorship to help support their A level studies in Design and Technology and ultimately to a future career in engineering. The Arkwright foundation was set up to promote engineering as a career and encourage students to study subjects, which would lead them into such a career. The Arkwright foundation and the sponsorship scheme is supported by many companies such as BAE Systems, The Ford Motor Company, Rolls Royce and more locally, Ultra Electronics. The application process is extremely thorough, as students first have to complete an application form, sit an examination and then attend interview at one of four colleges around the country. If successful the students will receive a sum of money to help support their AS and A2 level studies in school and will be linked to one of the support companies for advice and support. The examination was held in school on the 6<sup>th</sup> February and short listed candidates will be interviewed in March and April. We wish all four students the best of luck!

S Hancock

## TECHNOLOGY CLUB

The deadline for submission to the Toyota Regional Championship is fast approaching. Our teams need to have their portfolios and cars completed and tested ready to send off for Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

However, before that, we need to have a play off between the two Solar Powered cars; only one team can be submitted to the regional challenge. We have two very strong contenders with very different strengths. If only we could morph their talents into one team.

The play off will take place on Monday lunchtime 18<sup>th</sup> February, just after half term. It will be a difficult choice for our judges.

The Picaxe programmable car is now up and running after a few ICT glitches. They are now in a position to experiment with their programming, adding a few inputs and testing their location on the car.

We hope to get a team for both sectors through to the regional competition at least. Their age and inexperience will be taken into account but even so they are up against GCSE students using this as their coursework so the competition is fierce.

We wish them well and I hope we will be able to attend the regionals as participants later this year.

S Hancock & S James







## RUGBY

The frozen ground, snow and waterlogged pitches have had a big effect on the rugby fixtures since Christmas. On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013 the **1<sup>st</sup> XV** put the disappointment of their narrow defeat in the Daily Mail Cup away at RGS High Wycombe behind them with an outstanding performance against Old Swinford Hospital away in the Black Country. With a number of regular players missing, including England U17 Squad member, Sam Underhill, the Ists combined impressive defence with some excellent attacking rugby to beat a powerful Old Swinford XV 49 – 19!

Back row forward Callum Wyman, who has had another impressive season, and Harry Johnson nullified a number of Swinford attacks and turned over a lot of ball, and Ross Preedy had a fine all round game at fly-half scoring 24 points in the process. The 1sts have a very impressive record, having won 17, drawn 1 and lost 1 of their 19 matches and scoring 619 points and conceding just 200 in the process.

Their other games against Solihull School, Bishop Vesey's and Ysgol Gyfun Glantaff were cancelled due to the weather.

The **2<sup>nd</sup> XV** defeated OSH 23-22 in a tremendous performance to round off their season.

The **u16's** drew 7-7 with OSH but defeated Northampton School for Boys 29-0.

The **u15's** defeated NSFB 21-0, but all their other games were cancelled due to the weather. The **u14's** lost to NSFB 29-10 but defeated Balcarras School 43-0 to book themselves a place in the u14 EDF Gloucestershire County Cup quarter final against Dene Magna. The pressure is on the u14's to win the trophy that STRS has won twice in the last three years.

After an outstanding first half performance against an extremely strong NSFB side, it was followed by a disastrous second half in which the **u13's** eventually lost 44-22.

The **u12's** lost to NSFB 22-5 but play in the QEH House 7's and OSH before half term.

R G Williams



## BASKETBALL

The Senior basketball team has won 4 and lost 2 of their first 6 games of the season. They lost to Marling Grammar School and Wycliffe College in their first two games in the Gloucestershire County Cup. However, they defeated Churchdown School, Gloucestershire College, Crypt Grammar and Chosen Hill School. They are now into the final fours of the Gloucestershire u18 County Cup. Good luck to Mr Woolf and his team!

The u16 and u15 team combined, are quite a young team. They defeated Beaufort School but lost to St Peter's, Churchdown School twice, Crypt Grammar School and Wynstone's School.

The u14's have trained hard this year on Monday lunchtimes. They lost to Pate's Grammar 28-26 in their opening game. They then defeated Beaufort School twice and drew with Severn Vale twice. They reached the Gloucester City Final in which they lost to St Peter's HS. They still have Crypt Grammar School left to play.

The u13's defeated Beaufort School, Wynstone's School, Crypt Grammar School, St Peter's HS and Wynstone's School again to become Gloucester District Champions. In the semi-final of the Gloucestershire County Championships, they defeated All Saints Academy 30-8. In the final against a strong Thomas Keble team Tommies unfortunately lost 53-30 to become County runner's up. They still progress to the regional rounds, where they play the winner of Bishop Wordsworth's Grammar School Salisbury or Bradon Forest School, Swindon.



R G Williams

## NETBALL

This season we have a well-established squad of 29 girls who play against other schools on Wednesday afternoons, and so far this year the teams has won 13 out of the 17 matches. The girls should be pleased with their successes so far this season, particularly bringing home a win against well-established teams such as King's, Tewkesbury and Cleeve School. In addition, the girls have been playing in the Gloucestershire Fun League ([www.netballfunleague.com.uk](http://www.netballfunleague.com.uk)) which runs every Wednesday evening at All Saints Academy in Cheltenham. This has provided the girls with a fantastic opportunity to play a more competitive level of Netball, which has enhanced each of their playing abilities. Emma Nield has proved to be a great asset to both teams achieving 6 Player of the Match awards so far. This fantastic achievement has placed her top of the table within the league. We hope to continue with success throughout the season.

V Nash

## FOOTBALL

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI have lost their first three fixtures – Tewkesbury (3-2), Tewkesbury (2-1) and Cokethorpe (3-2). The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI remain unbeaten in their three games against Tewkesbury and Cokethorpe, defeating Tewkesbury 8-1 in their first game. The u15's and u14's have had their fixtures cancelled due to the weather but the u13's have defeated Beaufort 4-0 and drew with RGS Worcester 4-4.

R G Williams



## HOCKEY NEWS

On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 14 boys ranging from Year 10 to Year 13 travelled to Cheltenham College to play in the U18 County Hockey tournament.

It was the first time that STRS entered a team in the competition, and the squad were looking forward to the challenge of playing some of the best teams in the county. It was a big ask for what is quite a young squad, with 6 matches in one day. In total 2 hours 40 minutes of hockey was played in only five and a half hours.

Captained by Charlie Webster the squad faced the hosts, and one of the best teams in England in the first fixture, going down 6-0 after a spirited battle. The next fixture was against fellow newbie Katherine Lady Berkeley. KLB actually turned out to be the surprise package of the tournament and were too strong for Tommies, gaining a 3-0 victory.

The third match was one the boys were certainly looking forward to as they felt confident the first victory would be achieved. And so it transpired as they recorded a 2-0 victory over King's Gloucester. Benji Grew got the first goal and Andy Gaylor got the second to give them a comfortable victory. Looking to build on this, the next match was against 2011's National Champions Dean Close. The Cheltenham based team, as expected, were too strong but a great second half defensive performance limited them to a 5-0 winning margin.

Tired legs were starting to set in, and against Pate's Grammar not quite enough was found in the attacking part of the pitch to get on the scoresheet, while at the other end one slip in concentration enabled Pate's to win 1-0. Going into the final match against St Edward's the team were set up to go out to win by as many as they could so that a fourth placed finish could be achieved. And so it panned out with probably the best passing display of the day. Dan Ladd ran riot getting on the scoresheet an impressive 5 times, while Benji Grew and Will Byrd also scored one a piece, finishing the game 7-1. That was the biggest win of the day by any team, and a great way to finish the tournament for STRS.

Special mention goes to Richard Bray (Year 10) who made his debut for the school, Chris Tarling who put in six great defensive performances and the STRS player of the tournament Dan Ladd. Hopefully this gives the squad lots of confidence to take into the remainder of the season.

Squad: R Bray, C Tarling, T Murifft, E Quinn-Savory, B Smith, C Webster (Capt), D Ladd, W Byrd, A Gaylor, M Lee, O Gannicliff, E Jones, B Grew, B Andre.

N Stewart

## JUNIOR HOUSE SWIMMING 2013

Well done to all houses, for making the Junior Swimming Competition a real success. All houses were well represented, and three houses were in contention until the final race.

1 <sup>st</sup> Westgate	114pts
2 <sup>nd</sup> Eastgate	112
3 <sup>rd</sup> Southgate	108
4 <sup>th</sup> Northgate	96

### New Records:

Yr 10 Front Crawl x2	J.Smith	E	20.75 secs
Yr 10 Backstroke x 2	A.Jones	W	23.80
Yr 9 Backstroke x 4	M.Munden	E	48.50
Yr 10 Backstroke x 4	A.Jones	W	50.69
Yr 9 Butterfly x2	M.Munden	E	22.60
Yr 8 Freestyle Relay		E	1 min 41.22 secs
Yr 10 Freestyle Relay		E	1 min 29.87 secs
Yr 10 Medley Relay		S	1 min 46.34 secs

I J Gallagher



Following last year's success the  
STRS Music Department proudly  
present their 2<sup>nd</sup> annual



# Jazz Night



**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>  
February 2013**

**7:30pm**



**in the School Hall**

**Doors open at 7:00pm**

**An evening of sophisticated  
live music from the Jazz  
Band with solo performers  
and special guest  
singers.**



**Tickets:**

**Adults - £3.00**

**Students - £2.00**

**Available from Reception**



# TERM DATES

## SPRING TERM

Monday 18 – Friday 22 February  
Monday 25 Feb – Friday 1 March  
Monday 4 – Friday 8 March  
Monday 4 March  
Thursday 14 & Friday 15 March  
Thursday 21 March  
Friday 22 March  
**Monday 25 March – Friday 5 April**

Year 10 examinations  
Founder's Week  
Trial AS examinations (Year 12)  
Year 7 Parents' Consultation Evening, 5.00 pm  
Drama performances (Senior & Junior Drama Clubs)  
Spring Concert, 7.30 pm  
End of Term, 12.45 pm  
**EASTER HOLIDAYS**

## SUMMER TERM

Monday 8 April  
Monday 8 – Friday 12 April  
Friday 3 May  
**Monday 27 – Friday 31 May**  
Tuesday 11 June  
Friday 21 – Thursday 27 June  
**Friday 28 June**  
Monday 1 – Friday 5 July  
Thursday 4 July  
Friday 12 July  
Friday 19 July

Term starts, 8.40 a.m.  
Trial A2 examinations (Year 13)  
Choral Concert, 7.30 pm  
**HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS**  
Year 10 Parents' Consultation Evening, 5.00 pm  
Years 7, 8 & 9 end-of-year examinations  
**In-Service Day, no school for pupils**  
Sixth Form Induction Week (Year 11)  
Sports Evening  
Summer Concert, 7.30 pm  
End of Term, 12.45 pm

AS & A-Level results – Thursday 15 August  
GCSE results – Thursday 22 August

## 2013/14

Mon 2 and Tues 3 September  
Wednesday 4 September  
**Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November**  
Friday 6 December  
Friday 20 December  
Monday 6 January  
**Monday 17 – Friday 21 February**  
Monday 3 March  
Friday 28 March  
Tuesday 22 April  
Monday 5 May  
**Monday 26 to Friday 30 May**  
Friday 27 June  
Tuesday 22 July

In-Service Days  
Start of term  
**HALF TERM HOLIDAYS**  
In-Service Day  
Last day of term  
First day of term  
**HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS**  
In-Service Day  
Last day of term  
First day of term  
May Day Bank Holiday  
**HALF-TERM HOLIDAYS**  
In-Service Day  
Last day of term