

Sir Thomas Rich's Newsletter

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FAREWELL FROM HEADMASTER

I shall miss Sir Thomas Rich's, I have had a marvellous 25 years here, 19 as Headmaster. There have been many high points during that time, including being amongst the first schools in the country to be awarded Beacon School status, Language College status, then a second specialism (Science College) and a third (Leading Edge). We endured the trials and tribulations of Ofsted inspections, our only concern was whether the inspectors would have long enough to get a feel for what we do – they did and every time we were judged to be outstanding. Our facilities have improved, with the addition of a Music Centre, Sports Hall and Language Centre. The move to Academy status has brought tremendous benefits, notably in capital investment. I am delighted that we shall soon have a Sixth Form Centre.



I have been superbly supported by colleagues. I am grateful to the School's Governing Body, which has been led by Miss Wilton who has been Chairman throughout my time as Headmaster. She has been a tremendous support to me and I am indebted to her. My Senior Management Team has shared the load of leading the School, I am grateful to my Deputy Headmasters and Bursars who have worked well together sharing a common goal of achieving excellence.

It is my view that Sir Thomas Rich's has never delivered a better education, however that might be judged. Not only in those aspects which can be measured: examination results, added value, quality of teaching, breadth of curriculum – but the equally important elements which cannot be weighed: student happiness, relationships, vitality of extra-curricular life, pride in belonging, development of confidence, moral purpose.

I don't feel I could have worked at a better school. There is something unique about Rich's, I am proud to have been part of this wonderful community. But the years pass and it is time to hand over the reins. I know that Mr Morgan will be an excellent successor, I wish him well. I am sure that he will derive as much satisfaction from the post as I have and that he will take Rich's and Richians to ever more success.

I Kellie

SENIOR PREFECTS

Congratulations to the following members of Year 12 who have been appointed as Observators for 2013/14. This is a traditional position at Sir Thomas Rich's. Observators are in charge of teams of Prefects, they have a key role in helping to ensure the School operates smoothly:

Bethan Clements-Hunt, Alec Fullerton, Bethany Hewitt, George Hopes, Edmund Jones, Charlotte Leatherby, Matthew Lee, Rebecca Maddern, Hannah Saunders, Shreya Saxena, Steven Tatlow, Joshua Vallender.

We also have two School Captains who act as ambassadors for Sir Thomas Rich's throughout the year. This is the highest honour the School can bestow upon a student. For 2013/14 our School Captains will be Obai Afifi and Rachel Hamilton.

Very well done to all those students. They have shown initiative, reliability, organisation and they command the respect of students and staff.



STAFF CHANGES

As usual over the summer there will be some changes of personnel. I am grateful for the contributions of those staff who will be leaving us and I am sure that those who will be joining us will soon settle and enhance the education we offer.

Farewell – the following staff will be moving to pastures new:

Mr Kellie (Headmaster), Mr Lockey (Head of Art/Head of Y13), Mr Reid (History), Mr Pack (Geography) and Mr Barton (Commercial Operations Manager) are retiring. Miss Adamson (Maths) and Mr Leeson (Head of Spanish) are each moving to Bristol Free School. Mr Woolf (Biology) is to take up a post at Gloucester Academy; Mr Fowkes (Business Studies) is moving to Beaufort Community School and Mr Holmes (cover supervisor) is to start a PGCE course at Plymouth University. During the course of next year Mrs Brown (Geography, Head of Year 8) will take maternity leave.

Welcome – the following will join our teaching staff in September:

Miss Atkins (completed her PGCE at Bristol University)	Religious Studies
Miss Bale (PGCE at Newcastle University)	Geography
Mrs Harris (Rednock School)	Geography
Dr Livesey (Churchdown School)	Maths
Mr O'Neil (completed his teacher training with us)	P.E./Games
Mr O'Neill (Iceni Academy, Norfolk)	Head of Art
Mr Polgrean (Cirencester Deer Park School)	Biology
Mr Reece (Beaufort School)	Head of Spanish
Mr Tomlinson and Mr Angell joined us as Cover Supervisors this term, Mr Hughes will be our Third Cover Supervisor from September.	

Internal Promotions – the following staff will take on new or additional responsibilities from September:

Mr Morgan, Deputy Headmaster	Headmaster
Miss Brake, Head of Languages/Head of Y12	Assistant Headteacher (Learning & Teaching)
Mr Daniell, Head of Y7, Head of History/Politics	Key Stage 3 Manager
Mrs Hansen, Assistant SENCO	Head of History/Politics
Mr Lynch, Head of Performing Arts	Head of Y13
Mrs Glover, Head of Religious Studies	Head of Y12
Mrs Manning, Business Studies	Assistant Head of Y13
Mrs Banks, Head of Business Studies/Economics	Assistant Head of Y12
Miss Stroud, Biology	Head of Year 8

CONGRATULATIONS

Michael Ashworth (9B) and Robert Ashworth (7B) have been selected to represent England in an international chess tournament, the Glorney Cup, in Cardiff later this month. The competition is contested annually between England, Ireland, Scotland & Wales. Michael will take part in the Under 14 section, Robert in the Under 12.

OPEN WEEK

We held our first ever Open Week earlier this month, primarily to allow Year 5 boys and their parents to look around Sir Thomas Rich's prior to making decisions about secondary school application next term. Almost 300 families visited, spread evenly over the week, so it was a very successful week. Thanks go to the many Year 7 and Year 12 students who acted as Guides.

Our Sixth Form Induction Week was held at the same time. Our New Year 7 Induction Day was on the Thursday of that week, the same day as our Sports Evening. So School was busier than normal but it was good to welcome lots of visitors.

ATTENDANCE

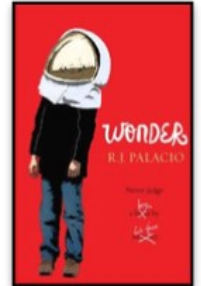
We are proud of our students' attendance record which is consistently the best of all schools in Gloucestershire. Well done in particular to those students who have managed 100% attendance. This term 210 students have managed full attendance without missing a single session. And 72 students achieved 100% attendance throughout the 2012/13 school year, quite an achievement. Each of these students has received a certificate of recognition today.

I Kellie

BLUECOAT BEST BOOK AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

After months of reading and voting, pupils have chosen *Wonder* and *Theodore Boone* as the joint winners of our first Bluecoat Best Book Award. *Pigeon English* by Stephen Kelman came a very close third.

Wonder by R.J. Palacio is a thought-provoking read delving into the life of a 10 year old boy who has a deformed face. It follows his first year in mainstream school and the obstacles he must overcome.



Theodore Boone by John Grisham is this bestselling author's first novel for teenagers and features thirteen- year- old wannabe lawyer Theo. It's a thrilling courtroom whodunit in fine Grisham style.

Pupils chose their favourite book from a shortlist of six provided by Waterstone's Gloucester. A panel of nine Year 8 boys promoted the books within school. Their efforts put all six shortlisted titles in the top 15 most borrowed library books this year.

R Sargeant



Y7 MEDIEVAL DAY AT GLOUCESTER CATHEDRAL

On Monday June 17th, 110 boys from Year 7 took part in Gloucester Cathedral's Medieval day, participating in seven 30 minute workshops relating to Medieval life. They sat in the choir stalls before visiting the cloisters, imagining they were the Benedictine monks who built the abbey 900 years ago. A lay clerk then introduced them to medieval plainchant which they learnt to sing in the Lady Chapel. The barber surgeon revolted them with his cures for medieval ailments with a particularly unpleasant cure for constipation. Inevitably the most popular sessions were the two interactive workshops relating to armour and weaponry. An excellent day which was over in a flash.

N Pitel





SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH NAVIGATION PRACTICE AND PRACTICE EXPEDITION

Wednesday, May half term holiday, proved to be an ideal day for practising micro navigation on featureless and largely invisible moorland in the Black Mountains.

By chance, two large army encampments had been set up in the same location with warning signs indicating "Troops Marching". However, they were more inclined to ask *our* students for directions and estimated distances when they emerged from time to time through the mists and low cloud.

The two teams successfully navigated their way to the midday meeting place at the Chartists caves. Some students investigated further into the caves but were turned back by signs warning them not to disturb the bats. The mists lifted conveniently for the afternoon session and the students were able to use macro navigation, such as "that blue minibus", to successfully return to base.

On Saturday 6th July the two teams met at Chepstow Comprehensive school for the start of their three day, two night practice expedition up the Wye Valley. In temperatures nearing 30 deg C and with extremely heavy rucksacks weighing up to 19kg they successfully negotiated their routes first to Tintern Old Station on the Saturday night and then, via further climbs and an even hotter day, to Christchurch, near Coleford.

Mr Buttle took over the arduous task of providing water and sitting in the sunshine early on the Monday morning and the groups successfully navigated their way to the finish at Goodrich Cross.

They will now complete their Assessed Expedition on the first weekend in September hiking from Hay on Wye to Crickhowell via the beautiful but steep Ochen Valley.

All sixty Year 10 students and four Year 12 girls have now successfully completed their Bronze Assessed Expedition. On 17th September they and the Silver Award students will present their Purpose work to their assessors and fellow students and will then be in a position to receive their Bronze and Silver Awards as soon as all activities are signed off.

S James



HEALTHY SCHOOLS AND HEALTHY EATING

As many of you would have noticed this year, the school has undergone much change, and the same can be said for our canteen. Next year the canteen will be run by the school rather than the company AIP, who cater for us at the moment. Switching over is a long and arduous process. To aid the process, Mrs James has called for a few meetings with pupils interested in having a voice. Next term they will be forming a working party for the canteen. This will allow pupils' opinions to be heard better and, hopefully the canteen to be a more pleasing place for pupils and staff. From the meetings already I can assure you that the new canteen setup maintains the previous canteen's strengths and seeks to address its weaknesses.

We are delighted to have Teresa Stone, current catering manager, taking charge of our new canteen. There are also plans to change the payment system to possible on-line payments, details still have to be worked out for this. We are also delighted to announce that on Friday 28th June we were invited to the Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning conference at Kingsholm Stadium to receive our Healthy School's Status for 2013-2016. I felt immensely proud to collect the award, with Edmund Jones of Year 12, on behalf of the school. We were just one of seven in the County to renew our status.

However, our work is not done and we are looking forward to the challenges and rewards of being a self-catering school.

George Abrutat 8S

Edmund Jones, who has also participated in the meetings so far, joined George to receive the award on behalf on the school. This was particularly gratifying as Edmund was one of three boys involved in the original application for Healthy Schools Status under Mrs McRitchie in 2009. The GHLL team were very pleased to meet him again. They tell me he has grown into a delightful young man.

We will be setting up a working party open to interested students and school council representatives in September. Year 8 were particularly well represented at the original meeting. Well done to them. It is hoped that there will be good representation from all Year groups in September.



S James





GERMAN EXCHANGE VISIT TO GÖTTINGEN – JUNE 2013

In this its 35th year, our exchange with the Otto Hahn Gymnasium in Göttingen has not lost any of its attraction and our return visit to Germany could not have been more successful. With lovely summer weather and plenty of social occasions, cultural experiences and, of course, ample opportunities to splash around in the numerous open-air swimming pools, 21 Year 10 boys enjoyed every minute of it.

Our intensive programme for the week included being welcomed by the Mayor, discovering the delights of the vibrant university city of Göttingen, trips to Berlin and Hanover, a visit to the Borderland Museum and some time in our exchange school.

For the pupils the exchange always offers so many opportunities, not only to put into practice their knowledge of German, but also to experience German culture, history and hospitality first hand.



Despite being tested by the extreme temperatures (between 25 and 37 degrees) this year, our boys behaved impeccably and proved to be outstanding ambassadors for Sir Thomas Rich's School and their country and I want to thank them personally for being such a great group to take to Germany.

B Testoni-Rankin

Comments from pupils about their families and free time:

"Today I went to Hildesheim and we did wild water kayaking for 6 hours, which was extremely challenging but fantastic. I only fell into the water once! In the evening we had a barbeque which was really tasty; I have had lots of 'Bratwurst' and chicken!" (James Henderson 10R)

"The families were all very welcoming and extremely helpful. They were very supportive and helped to improve our German and almost all of them spoke English too so when you were stuck they could help you. I never once felt uncomfortable or pressured. My partner's mum didn't speak any English which was very testing but the families were all supportive encouraging, and very hospitable!" (Oliver Pearce 10S)

"My exchange family was extremely friendly and welcoming and their house was very big and modern. My bedroom was amazing!" (Dylan Parry 10S)

About the day trip to Berlin:

"My favourite part of the trip was the day trip to Germany's capital, Berlin. After a long train journey, we had a guided walking tour around the city, seeing multiple sites- the Brandenburg Gate, the Reichstag, Berlin Cathedral and the Holocaust Memorial. Following the tour, we had an hour's free time shopping to discover more." (George Edwards 10S)

"Berlin was amazing; it is such a vibrant city with old and new history to look at; beautiful with lots of culture. I love Berlin, but I am not a 'Berliner' (German word for doughnut!)" (George Moran 10T)

About the day trip to Hanover:

"Today we went to Hanover Zoo with our exchange partners. It was a brilliant day and I saw a polar bear for the first time. Afterwards we had some free time in Hanover. We found a music shop and I got to play the guitar. Then suddenly there was a lightning storm. It was quite extraordinary!" (Callum Anderson 10S)

The trip to the Borderland Museum:

"On Wednesday we went to the Borderland Museum. It turned out to be the hottest day in the last two years; it was 37 degrees. Our German tour guide spoke perfect English, because he had studied in Oxford. We saw the former border between East and West Germany and even had the chance to climb an old East German watchtower.



It was very interesting, but too hot!" (Will Park 10R)

"Today we went to the Borderland Museum, where we learnt about East and West Germany. It was very interesting, but exhausting again because of the heat. In the evening we went bowling with some of the exchange group, that was great fun!" (Filip Ilic, 10R)

Our last day:

"This is the last day in Göttingen and we accompanied our partners into lessons. I went to Russian and Maths. The Maths teacher was a bit strange! In the afternoon, the parents had organised some games and we had a barbeque. The boys played football or rugby. It was a great evening and I am sad now that the week in Germany is over! (George Moran 10T)

"This is my last day and I had a fantastic day again. We took part in our exchange partner's lessons and it was very interesting. Then I went into town to do some shopping. In the afternoon we had the goodbye barbeque and it was very funny, because some of us got prizes; I was 'Herr Vernünftig' ('Mr Sensible'), because I didn't get sunburned." (Philip Haynes 10S)

Pupils' comments:

"I think I am like everyone else in saying that this exchange was phenomenal – I was certainly not alone in wanting to stay an extra week." (George Moran 10T)

"This exchange was amazing and I have never had a better week in my life, that's all I need to say!" (Julian Richardson 10S)

"I would love to go back to Germany again. This exchange was brilliant!" (Justin Choo 10S)



GLOBE THEATRE TRIP

On Thursday, twenty-eight Year ten boys went to Shakespeare's Globe in London to watch *The Tempest*, one of Shakespeare's later plays. In hot June weather, but standing within the shade of the roof, the boys were treated to a show full of dramatic tension, intrigue, sorcery and romance. Highlights included Roger Allam as Prospero, and Colin Morgan (TV's *Merlin*) as Ariel, who appeared as a stilt-wearing Harpy complete with ten-foot wings.

The interpretation was full of humour and some hilarious moments, whilst still discussing the nature of power and status.

R Parker



MFL - BRISTOL UNIVERSITY

This year the Languages Department has linked with the School of Education at Bristol University to provide training for a Modern Language student teacher. The partnership has been of mutual benefit and we were very pleased to receive an invitation to a Year 12 Enrichment Day at the University. The student teachers put together an interesting programme to engage and inspire.

The French groups looked at French music in different eras, at French comics to see how the language is used for comic effect and were involved in creating their own drama sketches. Spanish groups studied the genre of Spanish horror films, used art, poetry and music to explore passionate themes within the Hispanic world and designed their own survival guide for Spanish immigrants in an English city.

It was an enriching day, providing many opportunities to work in the foreign language alongside students from other schools.

J Hewett

The Language Enrichment Day organised by the School of Education at Bristol University was an excellent experience. Not only did it develop and improve our linguistic skills, but it gave us an insight into what University life would be like, if we chose to study a language at university. As we entered the conference room at the start of the day, we soon realised that almost

all of the Tommies students would be completely separated and placed with pupils from other schools. However we quickly found that this was not a problem. All of the other students were friendly and enthusiastic about their chosen language.

In my first session of the day, my group and I were given the exciting task of creating and filming a scene from a Spanish horror film. With my own sudden spark of genius we decided to use lifts in the university to film a scene where zombies crowded around me, while I screamed out in horror. Unfortunately the video was cut short when a member of the cleaning staff decided to join us at the bottom of the lift, however we still managed to gain a comfortable second place overall.

After getting a quick bite to eat at lunch we returned for our last session of the day in which we re-enacted a Spanish reality TV show. Our group used the popular 'Jeremy Kyle' model to work from with me ending the program shouting "Se acabó" (It's over) to my temporary Spanish girlfriend.

Overall the experience was certainly one worth having. I now know that University life studying a language is not all textbooks and verb tables and that the people who choose to take languages are an enthusiastic and exciting group of people.

Steve Tatlow 12B



KARTING REPORT

The BSKC Final 2013, held this year at Whilton Mill in Northampton on the 16th June, didn't go as planned for the 3 boys from Sir Thomas Rich's School. Having thought the new rules for this year's competition would play into their favour, it turned out to be their major downfall with the event being more competitive than ever before. Saturday practice showed promising things for the 3 Gloucestershire boys, being fastest in their session despite having a few incidents among themselves at different points.

Sunday morning came and the practice sessions started, with Patrick Sekinger (17) dropping from 4th to 10th, Adam Thrall (18) dropping from 6th to 11th, and Mark Eynott (16) having kart failure. Frustration set in and the boys used their sense to radically change tactic for the first 3 races.

Thrall took the wheel for race 1, putting in a great effort against a high quality field to finish 9th from 4th. It was a close race with a little bit of 'rubbing', with 4th to 11th covered by only a second or two. Eynott was up next starting 6th, initially getting into 3rd before being taken out by a rival he had known for many years, resulting in a 9th place finish. Sekinger finished their first batch of races having a rather dramatic race starting 7th and finishing 12th.

David Gowler, teacher at STRS took part in a teachers race during the lunch break and had an outstanding practice and race, making some wild overtakes and setting some very respectable lap times!

Sekinger, Thrall and Eynott suited up for the last 3 races

of the day, starting 14th, 14th and 16th respectively. Realising they had to go all or nothing to salvage any respectable result from a bad start to the day showed a new side to the 3 young racers.

Sekinger made ground at the start of his last race for Rich's Racing being able to battle with the front runners, but a close pack and some aggressive driving led to him falling places and finishing a respectable 12th in a race he could only describe as 'fun'.

With black clouds closing in Thrall was hoping for rain during his race, but it just didn't come in time. After having a bad start and falling to the back of the field after the start, he climbed his way back up the field with a few breath taking moves and close battles to finish 12th, unfortunately in a schools competition weight being a huge factor went against Thrall who could not climb any higher.

The rain now started falling for Eynott in the last race of the day, with a delayed start making the track greasy and unpredictable. He climbed to 8th in the first corner before coming off the track and falling to the back of the grid again.

However the conditions worked in Eynott's favour, and his kart control and past experience enabled him to crawl back through the field picking off a handful of drivers per lap, as well as a little bit more 'rubbing' than Thrall in the race 1. Half way into the race he was in 2nd place, and



made a heroic move that nearly finished his race to take the lead of the race, and pull away from the rest of the field to take a win for the trio. An amazing way to end 4 years of racing together.

'It has been an amazing experience to race with these boys for the past 4 years and we have come a long way together and will not only miss the championship but my team and the 'different' method of team management by Mr Gowler' 'It was fantastic to end the era with a win' said Eynott. 'The BSKC is a great way to bring people together from all over the country that share common interests. It's been an unforgettable experience'. Mark is going to do A-Levels at Hartpury College, and hoping to compete in Club 100 with both Adam and Pat next year.

'The weekend could have been wetter, but I couldn't have done it with three nicer guys, yes three, many thanks to big Dave!' said Thrall. 'The racing is at the highest standard, and it's affordable' Adam is going to Warwick University and is hoping to compete in both Club 100 and the BUKC (British Universities Karting Championship).

'Although luck wasn't on our side for the final of BSKC this year, the racing was fantastic and Whilton Mill was an awesome track to race on and marking the end of an era there was very special',

The BSKC has always been a moment in the year that I look forward to and is a fantastic initiative. Karting is a very expensive sport to compete in and both the value-for

-money and stiff competition.' said Sekinger. 'As a team, myself, Mark and Adam have always been extremely competitive both on and off the track, especially when it comes to racing one another which breeds a very positive atmosphere. As individuals we all get along with one another very well meaning that the BSKC competition is enjoyable for us all, both for the love of the sport and the banter that ensues. Although it feels like the end of an era, the memories we have had cannot be erased.' Pat is going to Cardiff University to study Economics and Finance and is also hoping to compete in both Club 100 and the BUKC (British Universities Karting Championship).

A comment from the three boys added 'Finally a big thank you to Mr Gowler and all the parents that have supported us along the way, it would have been impossible to have come this far without your efforts.'

The three boys reached the BSKC national final 3 times in the last 4 years and this time finished a respectable 18th out of the 539 teams which competed in the 2013 season.

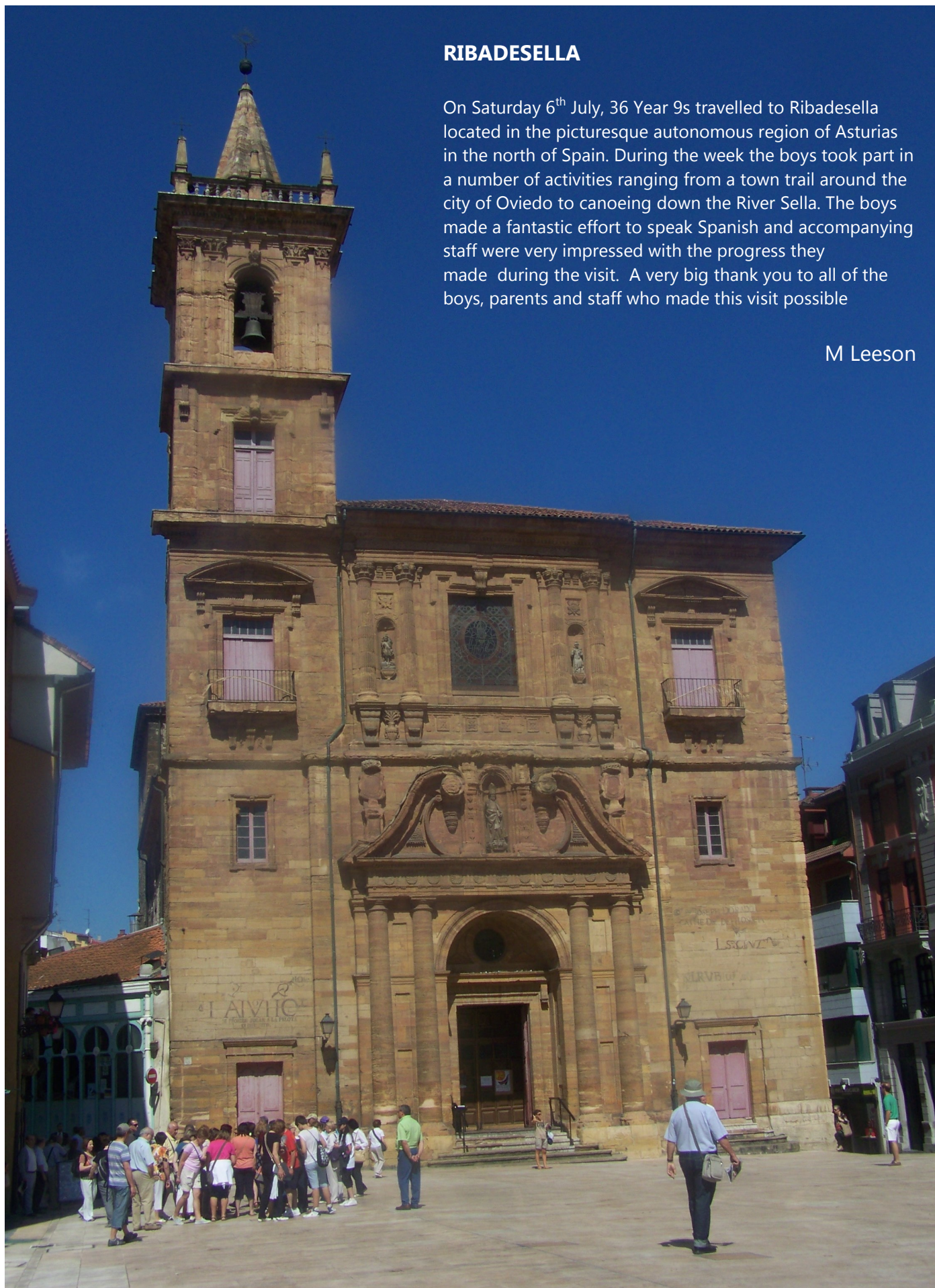
D Gowler



RIBADESELLA

On Saturday 6th July, 36 Year 9s travelled to Ribadesella located in the picturesque autonomous region of Asturias in the north of Spain. During the week the boys took part in a number of activities ranging from a town trail around the city of Oviedo to canoeing down the River Sella. The boys made a fantastic effort to speak Spanish and accompanying staff were very impressed with the progress they made during the visit. A very big thank you to all of the boys, parents and staff who made this visit possible

M Leeson





THE 2ND ANNUAL POLITICS DINNER

On Friday 28th June, 16 Year 13 students joined their teachers Mr Daniell and Mr Pitel in the Balti Hut for a valedictory curry. The event is so popular that four historians asked to become politicians for the evening. Hence we were honoured to welcome the School Captain to our gathering. The restaurant excelled itself producing a wonderful set meal for £12. The Bhindee Bhajee and Tarka Dhal were much enjoyed by all and helped ensure that a warm, convivial evening flew by. It was soon getting dark, and having overeaten, some of the party realised that cycling home has its disadvantages.

N Pitel



TALK BY CLINICAL NEUROPSYCHOLOGIST

Dr Martin Bunnage paused for a moment when it struck him that, during his own time here as a pupil, none of us were even alive! He didn't leave all that long ago, though (1994). After graduating from Tommies, he went to complete a degree in Psychology at the University of Bristol, working his way up to a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology. He now specialises in the fascinating and sometimes misunderstood field of Neuropsychology. It was in this regard that the Psychology Department had been lucky enough for him to offer us all a talk on this area, wetting the appetites of prospective psychology undergraduates, such as myself. His talk also served to provide us with a greater depth of understanding into one of the fastest growing disciplines of therapeutic care. For an hour, Dr Bunnage explained about brain functions and what happens when they go wrong, due to injury or disease. The highly scientific approach to this emphasised that psychology is far from the 'pseudo-science' some people wish to label it as. He then concluded with questions from the floor, in which the Staff seemed just as eager as us to know more about this particular branch of psychology. Overall, it was an excellent opportunity to have had Dr Bunnage come and discuss his knowledge and area of expertise, as well as give advice on applying for a degree in Psychology. We would like to thank Dr Bunnage for giving up his time and the Psychology Department for arranging such an opportunity.



David Brierley, 12G

THE DUX AWARD: VISIT TO OXFORD UNIVERSITY



On 5th June two pupils in Year 9, Sam Churchill and Charlie Noakes, had the opportunity to visit the University of Oxford as part of the 'Dux' Award scheme for academic excellence. The event included a visit to one of Oxford's world-class museums, an experiment in the Department of Materials Science, a college tour and an opportunity to speak to current undergraduates. It was an exciting day and a fantastic occasion to find out more about studying at university. This is what they had to say about their experience:

L Thomas

We came with open minds to the day out, as we didn't really know what to expect, as we have never been to a university before. We arrived at St John's College and on first impressions, the buildings were really old but well kept. The first event was a session at the Pitt Rivers museum. We were given a talk about discovering indigenous people pastimes, just from the objects that they used every day. Then we were given some objects to answer questions on. The answers could be found all around the museum, but they weren't necessarily from the same collection of objects that you were searching for. This was helpful as it taught us that deductions can be made from most things, even if they aren't the first thing you would think of when you have an object to research. Next we had a tasty lunch in Jesus College Hall. This gave us a chance to talk to other pupils and share our experiences. Then, an undergraduate student took us on a walk to the next event at the Materials Science block. There was time to ask him questions, and he gave advice about the fact that universities like you to be interested in a particular area and like to see you working in your own time and doing further reading etc. At the Materials Science lab, we had to make a cell out of metals and chemical papers. We tested voltage and compared the volts in the cell we had. This was interesting as we had more freedom to work it out ourselves, which is more like you would do at university. Finally, we had a Q & A session with students, from questions we noted down earlier. This gave us more insight to the social and academic side of Oxford and the type of things expected from you.

I learnt that rather than a teacher telling you to do your work, the onus is far more on you. This is a good thing as that is what will happen as an adult in a full time job, with no one organising things for you. Another thing that makes you a better student is if you join one or more of the wide range of clubs, from sport to music and debating. What you can get out of Oxford could be equally from your degree and from what else you engage in.

Sam Churchill

I found that the visit was completely unexpected to how I imagined Oxford colleges to be. They were quite normal and the students were very friendly. It was very interesting and a once in a lifetime experience (or maybe not!). My favourite part of the trip was visiting the museum because we did a fun activity, searching the museum for similar items to the ones we had. There were 180,000 different objects so it was very challenging but we did get help from a sheet. We also visited Jesus College where we learnt how good some Oxford colleges really were, with huge libraries, many subjects on offer and good tutors. We then had a fantastic lunch of burgers and chips! The most important thing I gained from the trip was that for A levels you should choose subjects that you thoroughly enjoy, not just because they link to a job you want, as you may get an even better one.

Charlie Noakes

SUMMER TIME IN D&T

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

The Year 12 students have begun their A2 projects and Year 10 students have begun their GCSE "controlled assessments". Early indications suggest some interesting and innovative project work again this year. The quality and standard of the early work completed is excellent, they have all shown themselves to be capable students and we look forward to an even more successful year in 2014.



ARKWRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

Alex Raven has been awarded an Arkwright Scholarship, commencing in September 2013. He was selected to receive this prestigious award after successfully passing the Arkwright Aptitude paper, demonstrating flair and originality in solving Engineering Design problems and presenting his GCSE work to an interview panel. The selection process culminated with an interview, team exercises and a tour of the engineering facilities at Bath University. This is a fantastic achievement, well done Alex.



S James & S Hancock

YEAR 8 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY VISIT TO THORPE PARK.

We set off from school on the annual Science & Technology visit this year in near perfect weather, dry, sunny but not too hot. The journey to London was relatively uneventful [for most of us] and we were soon at the park, where the boys were given final instructions and safety information before they were "set free" to enjoy the day. The day passed all too quickly and it was soon time to return to the coaches.

The boys managed to carry out a number of investigations into the rides and made a valiant effort with their question booklets. Joshua Treharne, Sepehr Amini Raouf and Connor Howley were awarded top prize for their efforts, with an engraved glass.

On Tuesday 4th June, most of Year 8 and several members of staff participated in a Design + Technology trip to Thorpe Park, in Surrey. The idea of the trip was to help us gain a deeper understanding of how the various mechanisms and gears worked and to investigate structures and forces. It would help us to understand how to safely design and build our own rollercoasters.

After a quick register, we were on our way to Thorpe Park (with one stop on the way). As we got nearer the Park, the astonishing heights of the hostile Stealth were visible for miles around.

We arrived at the site and we were set off in groups of three or more, to find out how parts of rollercoasters are connected to each other, and to the ground, in a fun and educational way.

As we were waiting in the queues for the rides, we had a good view of the structures and design of the rides. This would help us to fill in our booklets that we were given to complete during the day. At the end of the booklet there was a page where we had to design our own rollercoaster, using all of the things we had learned during the day. Some of the other questions involved other rides on the Park. The favourite rides seemed to be all of the main rollercoaster Swarm, Stealth, Colossus and Nemesis Inferno. Stealth is considered the scariest of the rollercoasters at Thorpe Park. It accelerates from 0-80mph in under 2 seconds and is launched 205 ft. high. Swarm has speeds of up to 57 mph, and a 127 ft. drop. It can also be experienced backwards. Colossus is the world's first 10-looping rollercoasters and the UK's only quadruple barrel roll! Nemesis Inferno has the power of 4.5 G and it rides into the fiery pit of the volcano!

Everybody involved had a great time on the trip, but it could not have happened without all of the staff who came on the trip. The day really helped and improved our understanding of mechanisms, gears, pulleys and structural design.



B Connoles + L Goscomb 8T

STEM AWARDS

On Tuesday 25th June, the annual STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics] awards were held at GE Aviation at Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham.

Year 12 student George Hopes had entered two of his projects into the Design and Manufacturing sections of the awards competition. His Design project for an air cooling unit was highly commended, but his steam engine manufacturing project [see below] won third place in the overall competition.

The judges were very impressed by the level of accuracy and precision, the range of techniques used and the determination shown to overcome manufacturing issues. Many people at the event commented on how his engineering project had almost become a piece of art and were astonished to learn that it actually worked, when they watched a video clip of it in action. Well done George!



CREO PARAMETRICS 2 TRAINING DAY.

On Monday 24th June, all the Year 10 DT students took part in a full day's training in our new 3D design software called Creo Parametrics 2. We are one of the first schools in the country to have this new version of the software and Mr Bob Booth an expert trainer, took us through a range of tasks, building our knowledge, skill and understanding as we worked through the day. The students will need to use these skills when they complete their GCSE design projects later this year.



S James & S Hancock

YEAR 12 D + T NUCLEAR POWER STATION VISIT

On 11th July, we set off to visit Hinkley Point nuclear power station in Somerset. We started the day with a brief introduction at the EDF energy visitor centre about how nuclear power is generated and used around the country and then discussed how the power station will benefit the local area. We then drove to the power plant itself and experienced the stringent security measures that had to be in place. After being given a safety talk about which buttons not to press we visited the control room simulator where we saw just how well trained the engineers needed to be in order to monitor the power plant. Once we had left the training department, we proceeded to be kitted out in helmets and high visibility jackets and went to the turbine hall where we saw how the electricity was generated, the sheer quantity of pipes, cables and wires was overwhelming! In order to see how the turbines were powered we stood in the viewing gallery overlooking a 10 story high reactor that they had, along with a 20m refuelling rig! Upon leaving the stifling heat of the plant, we saw the enormous transformer that distributed the electricity across the country. Overall, it was a thoroughly enjoyable trip!

Luke Ridal







STRS CRICKET 2013 REPORT

In total, this season the School has played 89 games of cricket.

I would like to thank all the staff that have helped with School cricket so far this year. I am enormously grateful for all your hard work with nets, fielding sessions and umpiring games on Saturdays. I am sure all the boys appreciate the time and effort you spend for their benefit. I would also like to thank the parents from the School PA for all their help with some fantastic cricket teas. Thank you all very much!

R G Williams

SENIOR CRICKET

Crypt: STRS 126 – 7 (25 overs), Crypt 127 – 2 (20.3 overs). Lost by 8 wickets.

Pate's: STRS 101 ao (23.2 overs, Jack Panton 36 not out), Pate's 104 – 5 (22 overs, Oli Goldsmith 3 for 7). Lost by 5 wickets.

Wycliffe College: Wycliffe 216 – 3 (30 overs), STRS 98 ao (24.4 overs). Lost by 115 runs.

Queen Elizabeth Hospital School: STRS 119 ao (34 overs), QEH 123 – 8 (27 overs, O Goldsmith 3 for 26, Mike Horwood 3 for 28). Lost by 2 wickets.

Beaufort: STRS 151 – 9 (20 overs, Oli Young 48 not out), Beaufort 36 – 1 (5.2 overs). Match abandoned due to rain.

Dean Close: Dean Close 200 – 8 (30 overs), STRS 73 ao (28.2 overs). Lost by 127 runs.

Bristol Grammar School: BGS 175 – 9 (35 overs), STRS 100 ao (25.1 overs). Lost by 75 runs.

It has been a difficult season for the 1st XI. The redevelopment of the cricket square on the school field meant that all but one of our fixtures had to be played away from home. Examinations have also hindered player availability. Hopefully, next year will see an improvement to our playing and practice facilities which will give a focus and a sense of togetherness to the senior cricketers in the school.

The 1st XI this season has shown reasonable form while in the field. The bowling has been consistent and strong, and we have taken our catches well. However, the STRS batting on many occasions has been brittle. Too many aggressive shots have been played too early in the innings, perhaps too much IPL cricket has been on our screens this spring!

The highlight of the year was reducing QEH to 19 for 6, with Oli Goldsmith and Mike Horwood taking 3 wickets each. Defending a low total of only 119, an unlikely victory for Rich's was there for the taking. However, QEH rallied with a 50 from their number 7, and won a tight match by 2 wickets.

I A Robson

JUNIOR CRICKET

U15

**U15 A team - Played 10 won 9 lost 1
Gloucestershire County Cup Semi-Finalists &
Gloucester City Champions**

The results speak for themselves. This very powerful team has enjoyed a very successful season. The highlight of the season was a first ever victory at RGS Worcester. Playing on their magnificent main ground and missing three players, including the skipper, we held RGS to 82 for 8 in a 25 over game. Peter Carter removed batsmen two, four (a first eleven player who scored 112 the week before) and five with a hat trick, all bowled by booming inswingers. Meanwhile, at the other end Sam Rideout was getting turn and lift on a hard dry wicket. Mr Carter arrived with ten overs to go and saw Joel Price, Matt Cox (both borrowed from Year 9) and then his namesake knock off the runs to seal a six wicket win. Notable wins were also achieved against King's, Dean Close and Pate's. The team finished the season in convincing style by winning the **Gloucester City cup** convincingly, by 53 runs, against a useful Severn Vale side

The team's batting was very powerful. Skipper Toby Hiram scored 207 runs in five innings (out only twice). Kieran Tompkins was not far behind on 199, at an average of 27. Apart from giving away too many wides, the bowling was tight with leg spinner Sam Rideout leading the way with 20 wickets for 157 runs. The rest of the wickets were shared equally among the main bowlers, James Field, Adam Kiely, Alex Roper and Peter Carter who all bowled economically limiting the opposition to modest totals. Sam was supported by excellent keeping behind the stumps by Jack Tyrer who also scored a vital 49 against Pate's when much of the rest of the side had an off day.

Toby Hiram led the side intelligently but the team was captained in his absence by Peter Carter and Kieran Tompkins who also impressed.

The only disappointment of the season was when a weakened side lost the county cup semi-final to Marling by two runs, a game they should have won. However, this wonderful group of students were a pleasure to coach. Endlessly enthusiastic, well-mannered in the field, they listened to advice, applied it to their cricket and enjoyed their success-a very talented and charming team.

N Pitel

U15 B team – Played: 3. W – 2 L – 1.

The team had a short but successful season with two wins from the three games played. Wins came against Churchdown 'A' team in the City League and Dean Close. Jacob Hayward was the stand out player, impressing with a score of 49 not out against Dean Close. A good season and well done to all who played.

N O'Neil

U14

U14 A's Won 7 Abandoned 2 Lost 6 (tour results not included)

Gloucestershire County Cup Semi-Finalists & Gloucester City Champions

Despite a seemingly mixed set of results, the U14A's have performed admirably this season, losing out in a few tight contests that, on another day, could have gone their way. Highlights of the season included bowling out a strong Dean Close side with 3 balls remaining to secure a 1 run victory. Following this, a similarly close game against Crypt, bowling them out with 5 balls remaining for a 6 run victory to lift the City Cup. Particularly pleasing was the side's development of tactics in the way they performed in the twenty20 format. Adam Robson (266 runs), Joel Price (222) and Matt Cox (226) scored consistently with the bat, while Kieran Richards (9 wickets), Henry Peach (22) and Matt Munden (12) led the bowling attack superbly. Freddie Gare and Saumil Hiremath should also be commended for showing considerable improvement during the season, which allowed them both to establish themselves as A team players.



U14B's Won 3 Lost 4

A number of players turned out and played for the U14B team this year. While potentially this meant the side was inconsistent in winning matches, it not only shows the strength in depth of cricketers at this age level but also allowed a number of players to improve significantly and make appearances for the A team. The bowling and fielding was of a very high standard all season, however more consistent batting will help this team to be a more successful side. Tom Green, Luke Ritter, Ben Davis, Ethan Best and Louis Yates were near-ever present in the side and performed well throughout the season.

R Davies & L Barns

U13

U13 Cricket Report 2013

U13 A Team P15 W8 L6 ABD 1 Gloucester City Champions

The Year 8 Cricket teams performed strongly in the 2013 season; this success was due to a combination of favourable weather conditions and a large pool of players to select from. Nearly all fixtures were honoured meaning the boys gained much experience as the season progressed.

The U13 A team also had a successful season, winning most of their games and showing some excellent skill in particular during their fielding innings. Dan Akiat captained the side and led through example being the best batsman he often scored generously during the batting innings. Other notable players were Luke Mumford the team's best fast bowler, his most noteworthy performance was against Crypt mid-season, scoring a hat trick ball in his bowling spell. Ben Higgs and Blake Mainaring-Taylor showed skill as the team's "spinners". Charlie Mackie, the team's medium paced bowler also performed well as did Izy Neave who was vocal in field and kept spirits high. Jamie Coston showed promise as the A team's new wicket keeper showing improvement with every game. All of the other members Goscomb, Thomas, Jones and Dhilion also contributed well throughout the season.

City Cup A Team Final

The A team showed their true worth in the city cup final held at Kings School Arch Deacon Meadow on a hot, dry July evening against Crypt, a side they had already beaten twice earlier in the season. The pitch was very short and the ball rolled well, any miss-fielded balls meant an easy boundary score. Crypt batted first and with a county player facing were soon 86 for no wickets by the tenth over.

Things were looking bleak for the boys until Mainwaring-Taylor came into bowl and bamboozled the batsmen, wickets soon fell and Crypt finished with a score of 127.

Akiat opened a batting innings and managed to thump an impressive 64 before being caught out on the boundary. Coston, Neave and Dhilion all batted valiantly but the team were only 97 for 3 with 6 overs to go. This left a heavy burden on the shoulders of the next two batsmen McCloskey the team "slogger" and Kamath a player who has captained the B team. Both boys have been on the fringes of the A team squad all season. The pair batted well both communicating effectively and scoring consistently. Kamath played some particularly skilful cricket showing excellent technique, slotting a number of boundaries and winning the game with a boundary four score on the first ball of the final over. Kamath and McCloskey both earned themselves the respect of the team and no doubt secured places in the squad for the next season.

U13 B Team P8 W6 L1 TIED 1

The U13 B team had so many boys wanting to play they had to be rotated round each game, squads of 13 to 14 were common at each fixture. The team had some notable results; they drew with Queen Elizabeth Hospital, lost narrowly to Dean Close School. They went on to beat all the local schools including Churchdown, Beaufort, Crypt, Gloucester Academy and St Peter's to win the City Cup B team league. Some noticeable performances were had by a number of the boys including Ben Nicholls who bowled 4 wickets against QEH. Other boys who showed good all round skill as well as commitment were Sam Huck, Praseed Grover, Michael Gibbs and Rory Anderson to name a few. Ben Sherborne did well to get a wicket on his first ever bowling over for the school, bowling out Beaufort's final batsman to win the game on his first ball! Mr Powell (U13 A & B Coach)



U12

U12 A team P14 W 8 L 6

Gloucester City Finalists

U 12 A's P 16 W 10 L 6

The U-12's had a mixed cricket season with some very convincing wins, but also some close defeats mainly due to frail batting performances.

They dominated the group stage of the City League winning all 6 of their matches including a huge 70 run win over rivals Crypt, thanks in part to a strong batting performance by Ollie Gordon (41*) and Seth Price (39). This was backed up with an excellent bowling performance especially from Rufus and Freddie Elsey who took 3 wickets a piece to ensure the victory. Throughout the season Gordon and Price were outstanding performers with the bat scoring 343 and 283 runs respectively, both consistently scoring strong totals. On the bowling front, the attack was led by the Elsey twins who took 31 wickets between them and they were well supported by Liam Richards and Ollie Gordon who took 15 and 12 wickets respectively.

During the middle part of the season, the boys suffered a number of close defeats to strong sides including; Cokethorpe Witney, QEH Bristol and Chipping Camden. However, they bounced back with an excellent win over King's Gloucester. After being set a target of 182, a strong performance from Gordon (35) and a season best 43 by Freddie Elsey, which included a 6 that had him apologising to his mother for nearly hitting her on the boundary, steered Tommies to victory with 4 overs remaining.

Arguably, the team's best performance came against Pate's in their last Saturday fixture of the season. A mediocre batting performance which saw Tommies post just 96 with a top score by Dan Walker (34*). However, a rousing speech during the interval from Mr Williams saw the boys produce their best fielding performance of the season. Liam Richards powered to his best bowling figures all year and after dismissing Pates' best batsman, Richards ripped through their middle order, all but tying up the game with a match winning 6 wickets for 9 runs, from just 5 overs.

Unfortunately, the season ended with defeat in the City Cup final, in a match that the boys thoroughly deserved to win. They will no doubt go on to win the City Cup as U-13's and have a successful season if they can keep developing their individual batting and bowling skills, as well as continuing to build an excellent team spirit within the field.

P Holmes

U12 B team P6 W4 L2

The U-12 B team has had a mixed but overall successful cricket season. They have won 2 and lost 2 of their matches this season including comprehensive wins over QEH Bristol and Cokethorpe Witney. We have endeavoured to involve as many of the boys as possible in the B team matches and strong performances, notably from James Emmerson, Connor Holland and Daniel Walker have seen them move up into the A team and retain places in the A's throughout the season. Well done to the boys for their hard work in training and matches, which has made coaching the cricket team this season a very enjoyable experience.

R G Williams

ATHLETICS 2013 REPORT

Tommies have had a reasonably successful athletics season.

In the **Grammar School track event** at Blackbridge versus Pate's Grammar and The Crypt Grammar, Julian Richardson, Fred Morrish, Will Staddon, Joe Jollans, Toby Matthews, George Hawthorne all ran particularly well but other runners also pushed themselves hard to earn Tommies points. Tommies were in the lead going into the final 4 x 100m relays but a disqualification in the Year 8 relay led to Pate's overtaking us into overall lead, with Crypt a long way behind in third. Julian Richardson broke the School Year 10 100m record with a time of 10.8 seconds!

In the **Gloucester District athletics Championship**, Tommies retained the Gloucester Boys title for the ninth consecutive year! Will Staddon, Toby Matthews, Julian Richardson, Dom Tutton, Chris Tillott, Will McMahon, Callum Butterworth, Gabriel Chelotti, Ben Cornish, Jasper Greenleaf, Joe Jollans, Henry Clay Davies, Fred Morrish, Peter Carter and Bradley Crossan all qualified to compete for Gloucester in the County Championships.

In the **Gloucester City Grammar School** athletics meeting, Tommies were paired with Ribston Hall and competed against Crypt and the High School. Tommies ran superbly well to defeat Crypt yet again, however Ribston were soundly beaten by the High School, which meant that Crypt and the High School took the trophy.

The biggest disappointment of the season was not qualifying for the Regional Round of the **ESAA Championships** as we have done in previous years. The boys ran well in the middle and long distance events, the sprint events were a little disappointing but it was the field events that let the School down. More practice is required on these events, particularly with the boys who are not specialists in the field.

In the **House athletics/Sports Evening** this year Northgate took the title, from Westgate in second, Eastgate in third and Southgate in fourth. Noah Smerdon broke the Year 7 School record for the triple jump, with a distance of 10.56 metres. Julian Richardson was awarded the Walter Rangeley Award for Best Sprinter for the second year running.

R G Williams

ESSA SCHOOLS NATIONAL INTER-DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Matt Munden (9R) and Craig Munden (11R) were both picked to represent team South West at the ESSA Schools National Inter-Divisional Championships in Liverpool. This is a National event, and attracted some of the country's very best swimmers. Each swimmer was competing for a National title and the opportunity to compete for their country in future Schools Internationals and games. It was interesting to compete against different swimmers than in normal National level competitions. In this event, competitors swam in age bands and school years (rather than at age of the date of the gala), which meant in some instances swimmers were at the top of their age band, and in others, they were considerably younger than others.

MATT MUNDEN

Matt travelled all the way to Liverpool to gain experience at the highest level, racing against the fastest Year 9 boys in the country. With an August birthday he was the youngest in his age group. His only event was the 100m Backstroke and he managed a very good swim, achieving a life time best of 1:04.93. This swim earned him a creditable 4th place, just milliseconds outside the medals.



CRAIG MUNDEN:

Craig Munden competed excellently in what was his first taste of competition at this level. This was valuable preparation for his first ASA Nationals later this month. Craig competed in the 400 free and achieved a huge PB and an 8th place finish. The next day, he raced his favoured 100m Fly, where he swam strongly, but agonizingly missed out on a medal, being touched out into 4th place having led for the majority of the race. In the team event, Craig swam the 3rd leg of the 100m Freestyle relay, where the South West team grabbed a bronze medal. He also completed the butterfly leg of the 400m medley relay where the team disappointingly finished 6th. Overall, it was a great experience for the Munden boys, who now turn their attention to the ASA National Championships in Sheffield at the end of July. Craig will compete in the 100m and 200m fly while Matthew will compete in the 100m & 200m backstroke, 100m & 200m fly, 200m & 400m Individual medleys and 200m free. Matthew will also compete in his first Open Water Nationals Championship at Rother Valley Lake just outside Sheffield on 29 July.

AEGON TENNIS 2013 GLOUCESTERSHIRE LEAGUE

After losing the first match to strong St. Peter's teams, the school teams responded well showing good ability and determination in their remaining matches. Both teams had 3 players who can play again next year and so there is much promise in the team tennis. Throughout the season, in both victory and defeat there was much with which to be pleased. From the quality of the tennis played, the commitment to the team, supporting each other through matches and players helping -out when injury or illness struck. All in all this has been a good, if brief, season and all the players deserve credit for their efforts.

U15 team – J.Price, R.Lightowlers, A.Darby & E.Reeves

U13 team – S.Price, C.Holland, & N.Smerdon – supported by B.Rook (v St. Peter's), J.Chantler (v Balcarras and Bournside) & J.Hocking (v Cleeve)

v St.Peter's School

U 15s Lost 2 – 4

U13s Lost 1 – 5

TENNIS

Alongside the League fixtures, the school plays several friendly matches to give other students the opportunity to play and represent the school.

In a mixture of single, but mainly doubles matches, over 40 boys have given their time to play in both the League and friendly fixtures this year.

v Tewkesbury School 15/5/13

A mixed Yr 7 & 8 team of 12 players played a doubles match against a mixed Yr 8 & 9 team away at Tewkesbury.

Yr 8s - Chantler & Cowley, Hall & Costan, Fryer Eccles & Heubner, Gayler & Duncan, Andre

Yr 7s - Englefield & Richards, Gleeson & Gordon, Neveu Butler & Omer, Walker

In all, 16 matches were played with all pairs completing 2 matches with Hall & Costan completing 3 matches each. The result of the match was 10 – 4 to the school.

v Tewkesbury School 23/5/13

A team of 12 Yr 9 & 10 boys competed in a friendly doubles match against a mixed Tewkesbury School team. Of the 15 matches completed the school won 13 and drew one. Well done to the following:

Year 10 - A.Darby, J.Smith, A.Isaac, C.Nichols, S.James, C.Wilce, P.Carter, V.Anand & M.Turner

Year 9 - R.Lightowlers, E.Reeves & D.Ion

v Balcarras School 4/6/13

U15 'B' team Won 4 – 2

The team consisted of: J.Smith, A.Isaac, S.James & C.Nichols

U13 'B' team Drew 3 – 3

The team consisted of: T.Andre, P.Omer & J.Hocking

v Balcarras School 18/6/13

A mixed Yr 7 & 8 team of 12 players played a doubles match at home to Balcarras School.

Yr 8s - Duncan & Dagnall, Hall & Griffin, Amini Raouf & Antonijevic

Yr 7s - Englefield & Richards, Gleeson & Walker, Neveu Butler & Hocking

In all, 14 matches were played with all pairs completing 2 matches with Amini Raouf & Antonijevic and Gleeson & Walker completing 3 matches each.

The result of the match was 10 – 4 to the school.

v Bournside School 4/7/13

A team of 4 Yr 9s & 10s beat Bournside School 6 – 0

The team consisted of: R.Lightowlers, A.Darby, E.Reeves & J.Smith

v Cleeve School 16/7/13

A team of 12 Year 7s competed against 10 Year 7 and 2 Year 8 boys from Cleeve School.

The match was a doubles competition and the school pairings were:

Smerdon & Hunter, Richards & Gordon, Gleeson & Englefield, Walker & Lindgren, Hocking & Neveu Butler and Omer & Floyd.

On a hot afternoon, there were some very competitive matches, with several games going to tie break. In all, 15 matches were played with the school just coming out on top by 11 – 4, with Lindgren & Walker, Omer & Floyd and Hocking & Neveu Butler winning all 3 of their matches.

Well done and thank you to all who have played for the school this year.



I J Gallagher

2013/14

Mon 2 and Tues 3 September	In-Service Days
Wednesday 4 September	Start of term
Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November	Half term holidays
Friday 6 December	In-Service Day
Friday 20 December	Last day of term
Monday 6 January	First day of term
Monday 17 – Friday 21 February	Half-term holidays
Monday 3 March	In-Service Day
Friday 28 March	Last day of term
Tuesday 22 April	First day of term
Monday 5 May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 26 to Friday 30 May	Half-term holidays
Friday 27 June	In-Service Day
Tuesday 22 July	Last day of term

The PA Needs You!

The Parents' Association has always been extremely well supported by the parent body here at Rich's and not only contributes a significant sum of money to School funds year on year, but also provides refreshments at an increasing number of School events. Each year, of course, the Association loses a number of parents as their sons/daughter move on to university or employment, so it's important to recruit new members on a regular basis.

If you would like to join the PA and help to maintain the invaluable service that it provides, please either contact me at school on **01452 338435** or by email: **chriscarter@strs.org.uk**

Please indicate in your email which part of the PA you would like to join either:

- 1] The Fund raising section or
- 2] The Refreshments team

Chris Carter