



Sir Thomas Rich's Newsletter

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I cannot believe that another academic year has come to an end. In many ways, it seems only a few weeks since we said goodbye to staff and students at the end of last academic year and yet we appear to be doing the same again. I wish to pay tribute to all my colleagues and to all our pupils who have worked hard this year and supported me personally in my first year of Headship. A tribute to the teachers who are leaving us today will be included in the Autumn newsletter. I wish them well in their pursuits, whether that is in the field of education or as they seek new challenges in work or retirement. I would not normally mention any by name but it would be wrong if I did not acknowledge the huge support I have received from Mike Seales as he retires from Deputy Headship at Rich's. He has been a tremendous colleague offering me care, guidance, wisdom and friendship not only as a new Headmaster, but also when I arrived as a new Deputy seven years ago. We will all miss his sage words and experienced perspective coupled with the importance of the pragmatic that I am sure has more to do with the his North East upbringing rather than his training as an Economist.

I know that the rest of this newsletter will give you a strong sense of what we are trying to offer and achieve at Sir Thomas Rich's: we aim to help students develop self-discipline and resilience, a passion for learning and enquiring and creative minds. This can only be achieved if we have high standards in work, behaviour and where a wide range of extra-curricular activities are pursued by many.

Next year, we shall continue to ensure that we build upon our achievements. We aim to review our Key Stage 5 Curriculum offer in light of changes to AS and A Levels and publish our decision by January 2015. We will also review the timings of Parents' Evenings, Order reports, full reports and internal examinations in order to ensure that they offer the best possible support to our pupils.

We hope to continue to develop independent learning capacities in all students and improve the quality of differentiation and increase the amount of challenge in lessons. Indeed, as we constantly seek to raise standards, we shall endeavour to improve the quality of marking and feedback as well as develop a whole school approach to correcting spelling, punctuation and grammar. We will continue to improve careers information, education and guidance as well as seize the opportunity provided by a new sixth form centre to ensure that individual support for sixth form pupils is enhanced and attainment at AS and A2 is strengthened.

So, with the new term beginning on Wednesday 3rd September, I hope everyone in our school community has a safe, relaxing and rejuvenating summer holiday.

M Morgan

COTSWOLD HUMANIST SOCIETY

Congratulations to David Brierley (13 G) who won the first prize in the Cotswold Humanist Society's essay writing competition. His title was: 'I'm an atheist and a militant atheist when religion starts impacting on legislation' (Actor Daniel Ratcliffe). David impressed the judges with his persuasive argument and thoughtful evaluation. They said: "We were impressed by the quality of entries and a majority judged the essay submitted by David Brierley of Sir Thomas Rich's to be a clear winner. David used a breadth of evidence and marshalled his arguments with both clarity and force. He came to the conclusion that Daniel Ratcliffe's stance is correct – 'when religious groups try to change the legal system to reflect their own views, then, within moral law, it is the right of atheists to become militant in their own aims.'" David was awarded with £100 in book tokens which will be useful for him in his future studies. The RE department also received a book token to the value of £50 along with a number of books on the subjects of Humanism and Atheism. The prizes were handed over to Mr Morgan in an informal presentation at Shire Hall.

D Glover



BLUECOAT BEST BOOK WINNER ANNOUNCED

After months of reading and voting, pupils have selected *Boy Nobody* by Adam Zadoff as this year's winner of the school's own book award, Bluecoat Best Book.

A panel of Year 9 boys read their way through thirty new titles and selected the best for the shortlist. They handed the reins to the Year 8 panel who promoted the books to other pupils. Their efforts resulted in the shortlisted titles being borrowed from the library a staggering 209 times in the past three months.

The panel says, "Boy Nobody is the story of an assassin. However, he is no ordinary assassin; he is a boy aged 16. His life revolves around his work. He kills his target and moves out, no remorse. His next mission is a new place with a new identity. This is how his life carries on. This time the mission is different, the time is shorter and the target is harder to kill and he has fallen for his mark. Will he kill the father of the person that he loves? The memories are surfacing and Boy Nobody is about to find out who he is..."

In joint second place were crime action story *The Hit* by Melvin Burgess and satirical comedy *The Humans* by Matt Haig.



(Oppy Wood by John Nash, image courtesy of the Imperial War Museum.)

PUPILS' ARTWORK NEEDED

Artwork on the theme of the First World War is needed for a major exhibition in school. The exhibition will be a reflective event to commemorate former pupils and teachers who died in the Great War. All artists will receive merits and there will be a £25 voucher for the most moving piece. Details are available from Mrs Sargeant in the library.

R Sargeant



Sir Thomas Rich's Parents' Association Uniform Shop & Nearly New Uniform



OPENING HOURS

August/September/October 2014

Thu 21 August
10.00pm-12.00noon - Hall
STRS Sixth form students only

Sat 30 August
10.00am-11am - Hall
Sixth form girls surnames A-M

11.00am-12noon - Hall
Sixth form girls surnames N-Z

Sat 30 August
1.00pm-3.00pm - Shop
Tue 2 September
12.00pm-2.00pm - Hall
External sixth form boys

2.00pm-3.30pm - Shop

Weds 17 September
3.00pm-4.00pm - Shop

Weds 1 October
3.00pm-4.00pm - Shop

Weds 15 October
3.00pm-4.00pm - Shop

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PRICE LIST

	Range of sizes	Price
STRS Uniform		
Blazers (Junior)	28-52" chest	£46-£63
Blazers (Sixth Form)	32-54" chest	£40-£55
Ties (Junior & Senior)		£5
Boys short-sleeved STRS shirts	13-17" collar	£8-£10
Junior Scarf		£9
Senior Wrap/Scarf		£21

Games Kit		
STRS Games Shirt (reversible)	30/32-50/52" chest	£18-£22
STRS Games Socks	Medium/Large	£5
Navy Rugby Shorts Y7-9	26-38/40" waist	£6.50-£8
White Rugby Shorts Y10-11	26-38/40" waist	£6.50-£8
White Gym Shorts	26-38/40" waist	£4-£5
Gym T-shirts (house colour trim)	26-46/48" chest	£5-£8
Swim shorts	26/28-38/40" waist	£8-£10
6 th Form Games Kit	t-shirt	26-46/48" chest £7.50
	Shorts	26-38/40" waist £6
	Skort (girls)	26-38/40" waist £10.50-£13
6 th Form Games "Hoodie"	Available to order	£18

Other Uniform Items		
Boys black school trousers: variety of lengths	23-44" waist	£11.50-£15.50
6 th Form Girls blouses (no crest) – sleeves: short/3 quarter/long	26-46/48" chest	£10-£14 Pack of 2
6 th Form Girls school skirts – various lengths (navy/black/grey)	23-44" waist	£8-£11

Please note some items/sizes are only available to order and are not kept in stock.



Y7 CATHEDRAL VISIT

MEDIEVAL FOOD

The medieval food workshop told us about all the different foods and spices you could find in England and the different food they would eat. In medieval times most families ate pottage, this was a soup made up of different types of vegetables and herbs, if it was a meat day it would also contain meat. We got to look at different spices that would have been around back then they included, peppercorn, long pepper, mace, ginger and poor man's ginger. In medieval times people thought that a green vegetable had to be completely boiled until it was safe to eat. Medieval pies were said to be made of meat and vegetables but you could not be so sure. At the end, we were given a piece of Medieval-style bread that I thought tasted quite yummy.

Abdullah Vaid

MONASTICISM

The talk was interesting and we all learnt lots of new facts like what the monks bald patch on their heads symbolised. Firstly, we were told about the jobs and purpose of a monk, like how they prayed 8 times a day and even followed over 70 strict rules. In addition, we learnt background information about the abbey before it became the cathedral like where the monks prayed, washed and studied.

Finally, we looked at the role of monks. The most important being fighting evil, studying and a job like farming or cooking. It was an enjoyable experience and one that I loved.

Jacob Hardy

MONASTIC PLAINCHANT

One of the things we covered was medieval music, focusing especially on sacred music. We compared how music was written then to nowadays. We had a go at performing a piece that would of been sung by monks . This music would have been unaccompanied. We practised chanting in time with each other to create a churchy harmonic effect. Overall this was a very enjoyable for me and for every else. It was a great and informative experience .

Ewan Avery

ARCHERY

We learnt all about longbows and crossbow, as well as different types of arrows. Moreover, there was demonstration of the longbow and crossbow in action.

We learnt about the reload times of both weapons and about how crossbowmen protected themselves. We were shown the many arrows used for different things, such as the flaming arrow, for burning buildings and the barbed arrow for killing animals. We learnt about battles in which the longbow was used and the crossbow. Overall, the archery activity was very informative and fun for us all .

Harry Pettit

MEDIEVAL MEASUREMENTS

The medieval people used measurements that used the body parts to get them right.

CUBITS: a cubit is from the elbow right down to the fingertips and was one of the largest body part measurements. FOOT: this measurement was from the end of the big toe to the back of the heel. SPAN: a span is from the thumb to the little finger. You would stretch your hand out as far as you could to get the measurement right/correct. PALM: it is the width across your hand when it is closed together (the fingers) from edge to edge.

THUMB: it is the width across your thumb and the smallest of the body measurements, and is used for measuring small bricks or other things.

I found it interesting how they invented measuring systems before the invention of standardised measurements.

Henry James

MEDICINE

My favourite subject on this trip was the subject on medieval medicine. Although quite gruesome in language and description, it was a truly memorable experience. The subject had a storyline about a soldier who had a fractured arm in 2 places, and had internal bleeding. The volunteer taking the subject was very informative and I discovered new information on the subject, and about the period of time. He told us what necessary things must be done to help the patient, and what would happen if left to fix itself – often ending in death.

Jimmy Wills

BLISTS HILL YEAR 8 HISTORY TRIP

On Monday 7th July 2014 the whole of Year 8 set off to Blists Hill in Shropshire to experience what life was like during the Industrial Revolution for people of all classes. Blists Hill is a recreation of a Victorian town which includes lots of working Victorian shops and exhibitions.

During the visit, we experienced the life of different classes throughout the Victorian era. We got to watch the people at work and go into their houses to see their living conditions, and compare them to today's. One thing that shocked me most was the squatter's cottage. This was a very small house that had two rooms and up to 9 people would live in, it had many dangers such as gas lamps and rusty metal. In those days they had no tetanus cure.

We also got to visit some Victorian workplaces such as the blacksmith; he had no protective clothing or safety equipment, so if he did have an accident there would be no way of stopping or preventing it. Such workplaces showed us how today is so safe and that we have a very luxurious lifestyle, because most people (including children) would have to work 12 hour shifts to pay for their food and rent of the property. Working a 12 hour shift has a major impact on how much you concentrate, and in the last two hours of the shift is when most accidents happened because their concentration levels were low and jobs in those days were very labour intensive, hence the tiredness of the employee.

There were a few main highlights for me and others, one of these highlights was probably the squatters cottage as this was quite amazing to think that 9 people could squeeze into a room that had to be their kitchen, living quarters, and their dining and storage room, for all of the food that was needed to buy for the 9 people. Families were large because of the money needed to keep the family going, so children worked from as young as 7.

Another highlight for me was watching the blacksmith and comparing the work and living conditions of the Victorian era to those of today.

I also think that everybody enjoyed the sweet shop and also the traditional fish and chips shop! It was nice to see a lighter side of Victorian life.

Despite the delays there and back this trip was definitely worthwhile; it really gave us a clear insight into the lives of Victorian families, and it was interesting as it was fun and interactive.

Guy Floyd 8S

Y10 SLIMBRIDGE

We visited Slimbridge on Tuesday 8th July and completed a range of ecology activities as part of our IGCSE Biology course. These included pond dipping to look at indicator species for pollution and quadrating to study grazed and ungrazed areas of grassland. We also had a chance to walk around the grounds in small groups looking at the birds whilst researching food chains. Overall, it was a very enjoyable experience. Highlights included catching fish, watching water scorpions fight and seeing fellow students chased by geese! Despite a poor forecast for the day the weather was warm apart from a sudden heavy downpour just before we went home.



Louis Dable, Alvie Haque and Luke Ritter

THE Y8 G&T DAY 'CRISIS POINT'

40 of our talented Year 8 Geographers were invited to take part in an EU Simulation game called 'Crisis Point'. The games required students to assume a number of aliases during the day and to respond to information, in the form of news reports and publications, to decide how to react to a breakout of a deadly illness in Europe.

The day required students to work as part of different teams, developing their understanding of National and European politics, to decide the most effective solution to the disease. It required problem solving, teamwork, analysis and presentation skills.

This year, the two groups developed very different solutions, one on education and the other, a proposal that all EU citizens should wear HASMAT suits to prevent the spread of the virus. The latter team were voted winners, although this was a difficult decision to make. It was great to work with the students on this project and all had a great day.

Abi Harris

During the day there were 4 main stages:

- Role play as a citizen
- Role play as an MP
- Presentation preparation
- Presentation

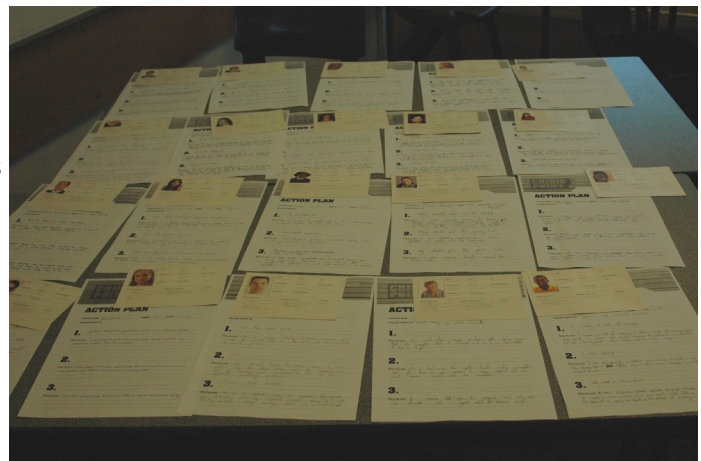
The day started off when we were given an identity card for who we would be. We were then told about a deadly outbreak of 'Extra Drug Resistant Tuberculosis' (XDR – TB). We were given newspaper cut-outs about the outbreak and told to arrange them according to age and income. We also wrote an action plan from our character's point of view regarding which cut-outs we chose as the best.

We then moved on to being members of parliament, where we needed to prepare a pitch for our idea to combat the XDR – TB. We were given sectors to work in (mine communication) and a resource pack containing the information needed to make a pitch. We then presented these and voted for the favourite. The favourite was communication. We were also given groups of parliament and had a vote for which one we should choose as regards to the 5 Ps (pricing, policing, punishment etc.)

We finally pulled together as a class, and because the favourite pitch was communication, that is what our class pitch for the XDR – TB would be based on, to combat the other classes. We had our base, we had our 5 Ps and we had an idea. Gradually we developed a pitch with great potential, but we sadly lost when put against the other team.

Overall, it was a great day and everyone enjoyed it, I know that I did!

Jake Butler



POET'S VISIT

On the 25th June some Year 10 students were visited by Cliff Yates, a published poet. We attended workshops in groups of *ten*, in which Cliff shared some poems and experiences from his life, before he guided us in writing some poems of our own. The first task was to write a poem based on the title *When We Got There*. We were allowed to write whatever we wanted, but we were not permitted to use rhyme. The lack of rules allowed us to think more creatively and it was easier to find the right words. It also broke down some of our preconceptions about what a poem should be, and made for ten completely different pieces, set in locations ranging from a derelict shack to a new house.

For the second task, we were asked to write a collection of memories on separate lines, each starting with "*I remember...*" We then shared some of these memories with each other, which was quite an entertaining experience! Cliff then gave us a sheet of extracts taken from letters home which had been written by soldiers during the First World War. We were told to select quotations from these letters, which would be inserted between our memories exactly as they were written. The idea was to create an obvious contrast between what we had written and what the young soldiers had written in both writing style and content. I thought this was very effective and quite moving as the soldiers were not much older than us.

Overall the workshop was very enjoyable. Cliff was an honest and approachable man with many stories to tell, and made it easy for us to write poetry, something that I previously was not keen on. My highlight was writing the poem entitled *When We Got There*, as I enjoyed the freedom we were given to write the poem, and enjoyed hearing the differing results that were produced. I would like to thank Mrs Spilsbury for organising the event, and Cliff Yates for running the workshop.

Joe Grey 10B

Kidnapped

*I remember always wanting to break a bone.
I remember standing on the prongs of an open ring binder.
I remember when Seb threw up all down the stairs.
I am very sorry for what I done when I was at home.
I remember thinking I was going to get kidnapped by an elderly couple in France.
I think they were all getting fed up with it.
I remember moving house in 2006 and crying all day at school.
Weird sort of Xmas Eve this.
I remember being adamant that the plane was going to crash when there was nothing wrong.
I remember the wasp's nest in France that the gardener set fire to and urinated on.
Hoping you are in the best of health as I am myself.*

Italics are extracts of letters home from the Great War by Stephen Brown, Private Stanley Terry and Lieutenant Ellis.

Joe Grey

When We Got There

*When we got there,
The wind was blowing,
The trees swaying to the sound,
The door creaked open,
Revealing the shelter inside.*

*The rain pattered on the fragile roof,
The windows tapped to a rhythm,
The walls stood solid,
Protecting the contents within.*

*The sky was a grim grey,
Darkening the Earth below,
Shadows were silhouettes,
Vivid against the featureless moor.*

Joe Grey



GERMAN WORK EXPERIENCE

During February half-term, six AS German students travelled to Aachen in order to take part in a work experience programme. The placements ranged from working in shops to kindergartens and required us to regularly utilise our knowledge of the German language whilst assisting customers or conversing with colleagues. Not only was this a fantastic opportunity to improve our linguistic skills, but the trip also provided an insight into independent life as young adults and was a thoroughly rewarding experience.

Comments from students

"Not only did the trip make us closer as a German group, but it also significantly improved our German and enabled us to experience a different culture with people our age. We gained a lot from the experience, not only academically, but also socially and I would recommend it to anyone taking a language at A Level."

Poppy Watson

"Our week in Germany was a perfect way of combining a new experience in the workplace with the opportunity to greatly improve our German in the only way I think you can truly get a grasp of it- in the country. Not only did we learn a lot, but staying in a youth hostel with fifty other A Level German students proved to make the trip hugely enjoyable. Safe to say, none of us wanted to go home!"

Megan Williams

"The work experience trip to Aachen was overall thoroughly enjoyable and educational. Not only were we immersed in the language at work, but we had time to socialise and take in the culture in the evenings. At my placement in a music shop I was able to get to know my colleagues quite well. This was great as it enabled me to learn more about the Aachen and its culture."

Samuel King

"I really enjoyed the work experience trip. My work placement was very enjoyable with my main tasks including stacking shelves, talking to customers and sorting stock from the stock room. I liked the work placement because my colleagues were very encouraging and treated me well. There were six of us working in the department store and the days were made better when other members of the work experience group came to help me because of a lack of work in their departments. I was really glad I had the opportunity to go on this trip because it gave me the chance to improve my German speaking skills and meet new people."

Oliver Horrell

"My work experience in Aachen was very memorable. I was fortunate enough to meet so many people from whom I could learn something, but at the same time have a lot of fun! It is a great way to practise your

German and gain work-related skills that will be very useful in life. Overall, I had a fantastic week full of laughter, which also helped our class bond and we have become such good friends!"

Yoanna Adaneva

"Our week in Aachen was an incredibly valuable experience which I am glad I had the opportunity to take part in. By

surrounding ourselves in a completely German environment our linguistic skills have benefitted greatly and it has also provided me with greater motivation to learn the language now I have seen first-hand how useful it is. Perhaps the lesser noted aspect of the trip was the social element of it, which I found to be equally rewarding in the sense that it has brought our German class closer together and helped us to gain a flavour of what life is like as independent adults."

Harkeerit Kalsi







RIBADESELLA

On Saturday 5 July, 39 students from Year 9 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 variety 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 we were very impressed with the progress they made during the visit. I would like to say thank-you to all of the boys, parents and staff who made this visit possible.

T Reece



UCAS APPLICATION TALK



The UCAS application talk was particularly useful as it clearly indicated the dos and don'ts of what our personal statements should include and the style of writing we should try to avoid in order for the professors to be impressed and become interested in us. It also pointed out that more than seventy percent of the content should relate back to the subject or course chosen as it is vital to catch people's attention. The ABC method of how to set each paragraph was also a great tip as people can follow it and form a really well written statement. The speaker himself was very enthusiastic and made the talk very interesting with a bit of humour on the side which is always well received. Overall, it was very useful and I would definitely recommend it to the Year 12 next year as it will help them greatly.

Yoanna Adaneva 12B

GAP FORCE TALK



My view that taking a gap year was not for me quickly changed within the first fifteen minutes. The presentation was very persuasive. The Gap Force organisation which provides opportunities to travel to South Africa, Fiji, Thailand, Australia and China showed the many choices we have. The presentation showed just how fun it is and how beneficial the experience could be to every student. A gap year can really make you stand out and could help those who are still uncertain about their career path. It is definitely an opportunity I am now willing to explore further so the talk was definitely persuasive and useful.

Yoanna Adaneva 12B

HELEN MCCARTAN FROM GAPFORCE INSPIRES STUDENTS

The talk about gap years was very beneficial in highlighting the potential advantages of a gap year, from more personal gains such as social benefits, like meeting new friends, to more educational benefits such as learning about other cultures. The main body of the talk was about a gap year organisation company, Gapforce, which is a UK based company which organises trips abroad to many exotic countries like Thailand, Borneo, Fiji, Nepal and Belize. The opportunities available in these destinations are broad and diverse, and cater to most, for example thrill seekers could go on a six day trek in rural Belize or animal lovers could be part of a conservation project in Fiji. This information was displayed through videos. The talk was very useful in opening my eyes to the benefits of a gap year, and that there are vast community projects such as teaching in a less traditional way and working in an orphanage that I otherwise wouldn't have considered. The speaker expressed that the main advantage of doing a gap year with an organisation such as Gapforce was that they offer structure to the trip, which would be very daunting if left to you to decipher. All projects are also risk assessed to make the trip as safe as possible so you can enjoy the gap year experience knowing you are in safe hands.

The talk was very eye opening in identifying what a company such as Gap Force can offer. They can organise a gap year trip for you with structure yet with a lot of down time for you to discover your destination yourself. From a trip abroad, you can immerse yourself in the culture of the country and learn about the "real world" in a way that the traditional tourist wouldn't. Although gap years can be expensive, the life experience gained can outweigh these costs greatly. Since this talk, my view of gap years has changed slightly, and I now see this as an option to gain some work experience in a more hands-on way.

Georgia Newton 12B

INSPIRING LAWYERS

Tom Grogan shares his experiences...

On Tuesday 1st July Tom Grogan, who left our school five years ago, agreed to come back and talk to us about studying law at university and opportunities after university. He started by telling us about his path into a career in law. Tom took a gap year away from education before starting his law degree at Lancaster University. At the end of three years of studying at university he achieved a 1st Class Honours. With this outstanding result he was given a trainee contract by one of the top firms in England. After detailing his route into a trainee contract, Tom listed and briefly explained all the compulsory components of a qualifying law degree (QLD), and gave indication of what different universities offer as the optional modules. This gave us a real insight into what a law degree is like.

One of the crucial pieces of advice Tom gave us was to seek any legal related work experience, because this would promote you as a candidate to universities. Furthermore, Tom emphasised the need to do well in all exams in the first year at university, and not to "slack-off". This is because the only evidence to show your ability in law to a firm offering an internship, in the second year of your degree, will be your first year's results. This was particularly useful, because I didn't know this prior to the talk. Additionally, Tom said that the ratio between people who did law at university and the people who did the conversion course was 50:50 on the trainee programme. Moreover, he said that neither routes were preferred by firms, which was encouraging.

Steve Webley prepares prospective students for the tough Law application process....

On Tuesday 8th July, Steve Webley, Admissions Manager at Birmingham University, came in to talk about the law course at Birmingham and the LNAT (law national aptitude test). Many joint honours courses are offered at Birmingham. For example, there are courses such as: Law with French, law with Business, and law with criminology. The diverse range of courses offered is appealing because each joint honours course was targeted at a particular part of law and would help, arguably, more so than a single honours law degree. For instance, LLB international law and globalisation really helps set up an undergraduate to become a commercial/corporate lawyer.

This advice for the LNAT was invaluable. We were given the format of the LNAT, of which I had no prior knowledge. In addition, he explained how the essay we would write in the exam has to be concise, well-formatted, spelt correctly, and that the arguments within the essay are argued well. Furthermore, he said that there wasn't a specific score given for the essay. However, each candidate receives a score for their multiple choice questions. But high scores are not required; in fact 50% would be a good result and would be accepted by many universities. This means the test is hard; I must start practising soon! The admissions officer also placed considerable emphasis on the timing of the test, and suggested we should take at least 10 minutes planning before starting the essay.

Finally, I would like to thank Mrs Banks for organising these two very useful and interesting talks.

Alex Walker





Former Head masters of Sir Thomas Rich's school Mr Jarvis, Mr Holdaway, Mr Stocks, Mr Kellie pose with the Mayor, Dr Giddings and the current head master Mr Morgan.



50th ANNIVERSARY

On the 14th May 1964 Sir Thomas Rich's School moved from its Barton Street site in the City Centre to its present home here in Longlevens. This historic move was celebrated in a variety of ways.

Firstly on Tuesday 13th May the whole of Year 7 followed the Founder's Trail in the City Centre, guided by Alan Pilbeam who taught at both locations. Then on the morning of the 14th, Old Richians who were involved in the move were invited to school, along with their families, for coffee, guided tours and lunch. In the afternoon they were joined by the whole of Years 7-10, the brass band and school choir at the Cathedral for a wonderful commemorative service in which Old Richian, Mr Phillip Giddings gave a most engaging address.

C D A Carter

THE TATE MODERN ART TRIP

On 14th February, 54 GCSE and A level artists braved the rain and made a visit to the Tate Modern Art Gallery, London. The young artists, who are embarking on their exam project and final outcomes, had the opportunity to investigate and respond to diversity of art work in one of the best galleries in the world. The Tate's vast collection of art ranges from the year 1500 to the present day, with a mixture of British and international Art. There are 70,000 artworks by over 3,000 artists and the collection grows every year.

It was very encouraging to see our students embrace the collection and indeed ask "What is Art?" Students came away from the day with a heightened awareness of contextual links and were able to form opinions as critical thinkers, confident in their ability to analyse and respond to both traditional and modern art. A Year 10 student referred to the gallery as inspirational.

The Art Department are very much looking forward to seeing the positive impact the gallery will have on our students work.

B J O' Neill & M Cormack- Hicks

The museum showed a vast display of pieces from contemporary to classical. Providing students with countless opportunities to draw their own interpretations from first hand observations. An important process in creative thinking as you can analyse the piece, while also sampling the potential techniques on display. My favourite pieces were very modern in style. These interested me the most as they were innovative and pushed the boundaries on their usually very simple premise.

I believe that the trip was a great opportunity for the class to experiment with new ideas and to get the building blocks for the next year ahead.

Philomena Wilkinson

HOLY TRINITY ART PROJECT:



Sir Thomas Rich's, along with other local schools, was recently asked to produce a large scale painting, depicting the 1960s. The final outcome will act as part of a time line for the 80th Anniversary at the Holy Trinity Church.

The painting will be displayed for a period of time in both the Church and the Church Hall. On Saturday 27th September, Bishop Michael will conduct a walk of witness around Longlevens. The completed timeline will play a role in the ceremony.

Rufus Elsey (8T) was selected to produce the art work. Rufus felt that, "the project was very challenging and enjoyable." As a starting point, he researched key events from the decade, enabling him to select a range of suitable imagery that could be used to explore composition and scale. After experimenting with a range of materials, he decided to use a mixed media approach enabling him to incorporate a variety of textures, layers and surface patterns. The completed outcome most certainly exceeded all expectations and represents the decade in an exciting manner. Well done Rufus on all your hard work!

B J O' Neill & M Cormack- Hicks



A LEVEL EXHIBITION

The 2014 A Level Art Exhibition proved to be a great success. It helped showcase the exciting work produced by our sixth form students and acknowledge their creative journey to date.

The private view was both a wonderful and busy evening, which enabled students, family members and staff to celebrate the broad range of artwork produced throughout the year.

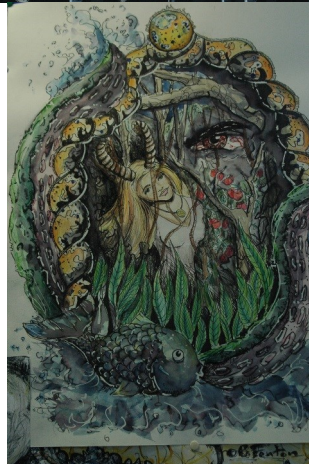
The exhibition was displayed for a week and was used to help influence younger groups in the lead up to their summer Art exam. Many students commended the variety of work, creative risk taking and effort employed by our sixth form students. The exhibition was referred to as an "inspirational springboard."

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The exhibition displayed the work of art students, including my coursework and examination unit. The main focus of my coursework was Architecture, which I observed during our residential to St Ives and Polish Architecture. Doing so enabled me to create an interesting contrast in my investigations. The title for my examination unit was 'Magical World'. I worked around Greek, Nordic and Slavic mythology developing my own creatures and trying to create a narrative and a story behind my compositions.

Throughout the year, I developed my technical abilities and pushed myself further as an artist by experimenting with a range of new media. I wanted to learn from the great artists of the Renaissance movement and incorporate modern elements to create much more expressive pieces using mark making techniques and clearly visible brush strokes. In doing so I was able to grow and develop my own unique style.

Maciej Kanarkowski



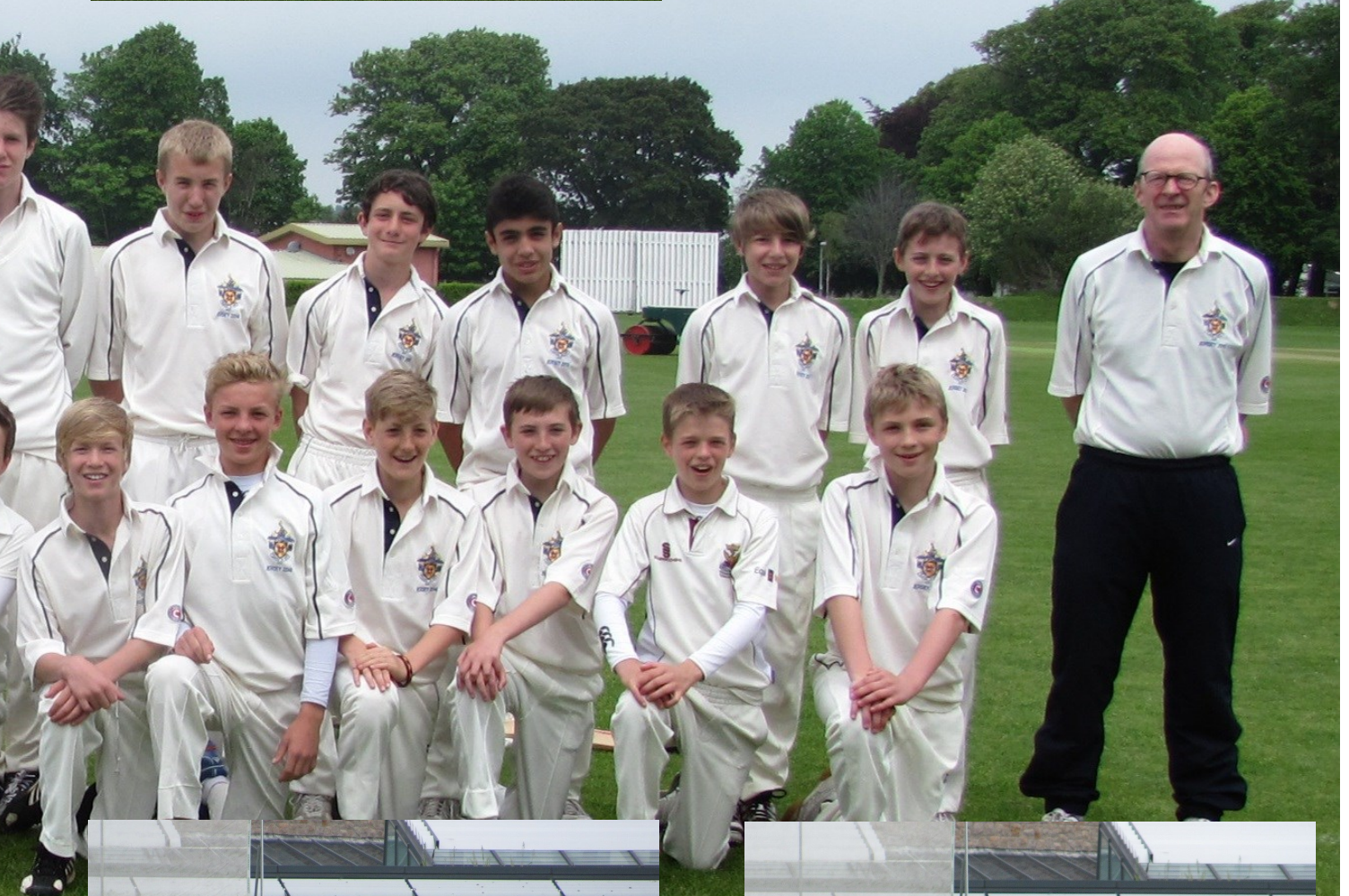
The highlight of a highly enjoyable trip to Jersey occurred on the very last ball of the tour in the Year 8 match against Victoria College. Victoria College had been bowled out for 180. Andy Hunter scored a marvellous 67 in chasing this score so that the school required 7 runs off the last over. With one ball left, three were still required with Liam Richards on strike, having wasted three deliveries with enormous air shots. The team coach was not optimistic. How wrong he was, the final delivery was launched for an enormous six (pictured) to huge celebrations.

This was the only victory of the tour for the two teams but in four of the games our school takes on the island team, quite a challenge. We are looking forward to May 2015 and good training, matches, food and company.

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Jersey Tour 2014



TOMMIES RUGBY 2013-14

1st XV

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The 2013-14 season began in July with the Tour to New Zealand. A narrow 14-12 defeat to Jonah Lomu's old school, Wesley College with tries from Josh Cannon and Dan Scholey, was followed by a stunning victory against the Bay of Plenty Regional side 19-16. A hard fought win against 'Super 8' School, Palmerston North Boys High 22-10 rounded off the tour with tries from Dan Scholey, Liam Jenkins and Harry Johnson.

In the 1st XV's first game back in the UK they played Bishop Wordsworth Grammar School, Salisbury at home before school started in August. They again recorded an excellent 31-5 victory with tries from Dan Scholey, Harry Johnson, Tom Evans, Lee Hathaway and Sam Colbert-Smith.

The 1st XV's next opponents were Bridgend College from Wales who travelled up to Gloucester. Against an aggressive, powerful side, Lee Hathaway's two tries brought Tommies back into the game after Bridgend had built up an early lead. Other tries from Harry Johnson, Sam Underhill and Ross Preedy helped to secure a 41-22 win. Ross Preedy scored 19 points in this game and controlled territory superbly well.

Preedy kicked six conversions and scored another try in Tommies next game against Chosen Hill. At half time the 1st XV were only leading 5-0 but a powerful second half display from Underhill and Zach Robb ensured a comfortable 47-3 win. The other try scorers were Underhill (2), Scholey, Hathaway, Callum Dean and Matt Peters.

In the 1st XV's first home Saturday fixture of the year they completely steamrolled QEH Bristol. In a superb performance, Tommies ripped through QEH's defence at ease and recorded a 53-7 victory. Max Price scored two powerful tries, Preedy, Dean, Hathaway, T Evans and Harry Schofield scored the rest.

The following Saturday saw Tommies travel to Stowe School for the first time in the school's history. In Tommies toughest fixture of the season so far the 1st XV ran out in front of the magnificent architecture of Stowe School onto their immaculate 1st XV pitch. It was like playing rugby in front of Buckingham Palace, and whether that had an effect or not, Stowe took an early lead. A mix up between Underhill and Dom Cain saw one of the Stowe centres kick the ball ahead to score. Then poor tackling from a lineout inside the Tommies 22 saw Stowe score again. At half time two Ross Preedy

penalties was all Tommies had to show, as they were behind 17-6. In the second half, some powerful play from the forwards and kick ahead from Joe Carolan resulted in Preedy scoring in the corner to make it 17-11. Then from a scrum on the half way line, Preedy gave an inside ball to blindside winger Dan Scholey who cut through the Stowe defence, Scholey managed to find centre Josh Vallender in space who managed to shrug off the Stowe full back to score, making the game 18-17 to Tommies. Tommies dominated the next ten minutes, the Tommies forwards started to assert themselves and some powerful running from Underhill, Robb and Price led to Zhen Hussain scoring, 23-17. With time running out Stowe threw everything at the Tommies line; some great defence from all the boys, saw Rich's come away with a very hard fought victory. The only negative from the day was the news that hardworking second row Duncan Lynch would be side-lined for three months with a broken collar bone.

The next game saw Tommies welcome RGS Worcester to Oakleaze on a Wednesday afternoon. Tommies held off some early pressure from RGS and when Underhill bulldozed his way to line, Tommies really started to cut loose. Ross Preedy scored another superb solo try and the forwards started to dominate the breakdown enough for Kit Kirby and Zhen Hussain to crash over for tries. Josh Vallender and the ever present Lee Hathaway rounded off proceedings with a try each to make the final score 38-12.

The first round of the re-named Natwest Cup saw Tommies take on Cleeve School at Oakleaze. The final score was 81-0 in what proved to be a very one-sided game with Tommies scoring 13 tries. The try scorers were Colbert-Smith (2), Lee Hathaway (2), Harry Johnson (2), Tom Evans (2), Zach Robb, Jack Tharm, Josh Vallender, Dom Cain and James Foylan. Again, the only negative from the game was an injury, two minutes after scoring a superb solo try, Dom Cain made yet another fantastic break but as he was tackled, he fell heavily and joined Duncan Lynch with a broken collar bone.

Tommies then took on seven time winners of the Daily Mail Cup, Colston's at Oakleaze. With Lynch and Cain out through injury, Captain Underhill also withdrew with a shoulder problem after playing for Gloucester A team against Sale Sharks and Leicester Tigers. Tommies dominated most of the game but were only one try up at half time, as the Colston's defence worked tirelessly to keep Tommies at bay.

A couple of breaks and an interception saw centre Callum Dean crash over for a hat-trick of tries and Lee Hathaway added to his ever growing list of tries with two himself. Tommies defence was excellent as they prevented Colston's from scoring and recorded a 32-0 victory.

The next game of the season was the toughest so far as Tommies welcomed Monmouth 1st XV to Oakleaze for the first time. Tommies still without Underhill and the other longer term injuries were desperate to record an historic win over Monmouth. Last season, only a spectacular performance from Ollie Young rescued a 33-33 draw in Wales. However, this year's game could not have had a worse start for Tommies as from the kick off Preedy could not gather the ball and Vallenders' eventual clearance ended up in the Monmouth full backs' hands who raced in to score within the first two minutes. Tommies got back on the score sheet with two superbly struck Preedy penalties. Then from a midfield scrum, some lovely decoy running from the backs left Scholey in space who fed Hathaway, who evaded two Monmouth defenders to score an exceptional try. Tommies were put in an even stronger position when from the re-start Monmouth kicked towards the backs, Scholey gathered the ball beat a defender, offloaded to Dean who raced 40 metres before finding Vallender who dived over the line to score. Tommies now led 18-7 but this lead was cut to 18-12 just before half time as Monmouth's superiority in the scrum began to take its toll. Simon Cooley, Will Rees and Obai Afifi were doing everything they could to at least get parity in the scrum but the extra weight of the Monmouth pack started to dominate. In the second half, Tommies were under enormous pressure for the first 25 minutes but their defence held strong. Eventually the Monmouth scrum half sneaked over to make the score 18-17 to Tommies. Tommies attacked Monmouth ferociously from the kick off and they were rewarded with a penalty which Preedy kicked with ease to make the score 21-17. With five minutes to go all Tommies had to do was take the kick off and run down the clock, however Monmouth re-gathered the kick off and after a few penalties, they managed to score a try with the last play of the game. They converted the try to win the game 24-21 and take Tommies 1st XV's home unbeaten record which had lasted for 20 months since 1st February 2012 when the 2011-12 1st XV lost 18-17 to St Joseph's Ipswich in the Daily Mail cup quarter final.

To bounce back from a late defeat in the last play of the game was always going to be difficult but with only a few days rest Tommies travelled to Wycliffe College to play the next round of the Natwest Cup.

There was 10 changes to the side that played Monmouth which shows the strength in depth of the senior sides. In fact 43 boys have played for the 1st XV this season. Tommies had little trouble recording a ten try 68-3 victory at Wycliffe with tries from Jack Tharm (2), Harry Schofield (2), Rory Gunning (2), Euan Whitbourne, Colbert-Smith, Harry Johnson and Ed Nelms. Joe Carolan kicked nine conversions as the game was stopped early.

After half term, the 1st XV got straight back to winning ways with a very confident, powerful performance in the grammar school derby match with Pate's. The forwards were very abrasive, Liam Jenkins and Afifi scrummaged superbly well, Will Rees, Robb, Underhill and Johnson were superb in the loose and Kit Kirby had one of his best games for the 1st XV. This laid an outstanding platform for Carolan and Preedy to control the game; Preedy scored a try along with Tom Evans (2), Colbert-Smith and Hathaway. The only negative was with ten minutes to go Tommies were leading 33-0, but they took their foot off the gas and allowed Pate's back into the game. Pate's scored two late tries to make the final score 33-12.

Tommies next game was a heated encounter away at Hereford Cathedral. Tommies made a powerful start to the game with two superbly taken team tries rounded off by Sam Colbert-Smith both times. Harry Johnson powered over and the ever present Lee Hathaway finished off a fine move in style. Preedy kicked all four conversions but Cathedral were allowed to gain territory and kicked three penalties of their own; the half-time score was 28-9. The second half was a boring, turgid affair with Tommies constantly penalised at ruck and scrum. Cathedral scored with the last play of the game to narrow the margin to 28-16 which did not reflect dominance Tommies had all game.

The next game was the eagerly awaited Natwest Cup Round Four clash away at Dean Close. The Crypt game had to be cancelled due to the Natwest fixture, which was disappointing because victory in that game would have been the tenth consecutive 1st XV victory in the Gloucester grammar school derby. Dean Close had been playing very well all season and they fancied their chances against the local state school. However, after a Dean Close penalty in the first few minutes flew wide of the posts Tommies pack began to dominate the match. Preedy danced over for a superb solo try. The outstanding Obai Afifi crashed over from close range, as did Harry Johnson. Then after three conversions and a Ross Preedy penalty Tommies led 24-0.

Tom Evans was then sin-binned for a dangerous tackle and a minute later, Captain Sam Underhill was also sin-binned leaving Tommies with 13 men just before the interval.

Dean Close quickly capitalised to make the score 24-5 but for the first five minutes of the second half the 13 man Rich's side fought hard, Preedy kicked another penalty and when Evans and Underhill ran back onto the field the score was 27-5 to Tommies. Callum Dean scored a superb individual try but Tommies let Dean Close back into the game was two further unconverted tries of their own. Joe Carolan made sure of the Tommies victory with the last play of the game when he dived over from a 5m scrum to make the final score 39-15. In this game Ross Preedy broke Ollie Young's all time 1st XV points record of 238 and became the all-time Tommies 1st XV top points scorer.

In the Fifth Round of the Natwest Cup Tommies were drawn against Colston's again at Oakleaze. In front of a big home crowd, Tommies started strongly with big carries from Underhill, Robb and Preedy. Lee Hathaway scored two excellent tries. The other try scorers were Tom Evans (2), Callum Dean, Duncan Lynch, Liam Jenkins, Colbert-Smith and Johnson. Preedy kicked eight conversions to break the record for points scored in one season, also previously held by Ollie Young with 166 from the 2011-12 season. The final score against Colston's was an emphatic 61-0 victory for Tommies. The next game was a long away journey to Loughborough Grammar School with a few individuals missing. Peter Carter in Year 11 started at scrum half and Joe Carolan reverted back to outside half in the absence of Preedy. It was not a great performance but Lee Hathaway was in sparkling form, seemingly able to make breaks in the midfield at ease. Sam Colbert-Smith, Steve Evans and Callum Dean benefited from these breaks to score tries. Joe Carolan rounded off the 22-0 win, with a try and conversion of his own.

The following Saturday Tommies were hoping to return to form against the touring King's School from Parramatta, Sydney in preparation for their Natwest Cup last 32 game vs Exeter Chiefs Academy, Bicton College. Against the Australians, Tommies started poorly and conceded a couple of tries early on. The first half was littered with mistakes from both sides and Tommies could not keep the ball long enough to exert any pressure on the King's defence. This changed in the second half as the outstanding Callum Dean and Joe Carolan powered over for tries. Tommies increased the tempo of the game in the last quarter and with five minutes to go Steve Evans finished off a great move to

bring the score to 20-19 to the Australians. Tommies then threw everything at the King's defence. They went phase after phase into the their 22, until replacement prop Zak Underwood finally charged at the line, only for it to be penalised for a double movement in the act of scoring. King's kicked the penalty to touch and the game ended with Tommies suffering only their third defeat of the season.

This was not ideal preparation for the last 32 Natwest Cup tie against Bicton. If Tommies were to win, they would go one stage further than the previous season and earn a re-match with RGS High Wycombe. Bicton ran out of the Old Richians clubhouse in full Exeter Chiefs kit and started strongly scoring a try from a driving lineout in the first five minutes. It was a nervous first half from the Tommies back three as Bicton were able to gain territorial advantage through their kicking game. Then after twenty five minutes, Tommies were able to get an attacking platform in the Bicton half. From a scrum on the right the ball went into the midfield for Callum Dean to sear through the Bicton defence beating two players to score a sensational try. Tommies held a 15-7 lead with 10 minutes to go but the loss of Dean in the second half for the rest of the season with a knee injury and a few missed tackles allowed Bicton to make the score 15-14. Then in the last play a wayward midfield pass enabled Bicton to regain possession. They went through phase after phase until they created an overlap for their winger who beat two players to score and make the final result 19-14. After the Bicton College defeat, Tommies then played Old Swinford Hospital away. Ross Preedy was exceptional scoring 21 points, with two tries, four conversions and a penalty. Lee Hathaway and Harry Johnson also scored tries and Tommies won comfortably 31-10. Fabian Lyn back in team for the first time since New Zealand was also exceptional. Then in the biggest game of the season, the 1st XV played Millfield School away. Without Underhill, Hathaway and Dean, the 1st XV run out onto the Gareth Edwards 1st XV pitch in front of a big crowd but they could not replicate the intensity of the OSH game. Millfield scored a few tries but Tommies fought back into the game, however, they lost 31-6. Due to the games against Warwick and Bishop Vesey's being cancelled due to the weather, the 1st XV's last game came against Solihull School away. The 1st XV had never played Solihull before. Tommies started the game well with a try from Lee Hathaway after a cross field kick by Preedy but Tommies ended up on the wrong side of a few refereeing decisions and were pegged back in the first half.

Sam Underhill was again at his powerful best at the break down, along with Johnson, Robb and second half replacement Lyn. The second half started well for Tommies as some aggressive defence earned them two penalties in their own half which Preedy kicked with ease from around his own 10m line.

Tommies then scored two impressive tries, one from Fabian Lyn and the other from Simon Cooley. Then as Solihull looked to gain a consolation try at the end of the game, Steve Evans intercepted the last pass of the match to run in untouched to make the final score 32-11.

Ross Preedy finished with a total of 215 points and Lee Hathaway scored 17 tries in the season., both single season records. Preedy finished his Tommies career with 317 points and Hathaway finished with 32 tries in total, both all-time records as well.

Player of the Season and Players' Player of the Season was Ross Preedy. Most Improved Player was Callum Dean and Most Promising was James Foylan.

2nd XV

P16 W12 D1 L3

The 2nd XV have had an excellent season this year. With 43 boys having played for the 1st XV it shows the strength in depth of the 2nd XV. They lost narrowly to Long Bay College and Palmerston North but defeated the Bay of Plenty u16's in New Zealand. At home they defeated Bridgend College, Beaufort 1st XV, QEH Bristol, Stowe School, RGS Worcester, Colston's, King Edward's Bath, Loughborough Grammar School, Hereford Cathedral and Old Swinford Hospital twice. They drew 15-15 against Cokethorpe School 1st XV in a game they should have won when they were awarded a penalty in front of the posts with the last play of the game but chose to tap and go! Disappointing results were a 22-20 defeat to Monmouth in similar fashion to the 1sts with Monmouth scoring a try with the last play of the game and Pate's Grammar in a dire 5-0 performance.

The 2nds have been captained superbly by Zak Underwood and in his absence due to injury, Euan Whitbourn.

3rd XV

The 3rd XV defeated Long Bay College 2nd XV in the first game of the New Zealand tour which set the tone for the rest of the games. They defeated Palmerston North but lost heavily to the Bay of Plenty u16B team. They defeated Beaufort School 2nd XV and drew 10-10 with Stowe School. They defeated Cokethorpe School 2nd XV 21-19 and defeated Pate's Grammar 22-8.

U16s

P12 W7 D1 L4

It has been an inconsistent season so far for the u16s, however they have performed better than expected in a number of games. The u16's lost their first game of the season to BHBS 17-5 but bounced back against QEH Bristol with a 19-14 victory. They put in a superb performance against Stowe School at home but lost narrowly 22-14. They then defeated RGS Worcester and KES Bath before drawing 10-10 against Colston's in a game they should have won. They lost to a very good King's Worcester side 34-21 before losing to a powerful Monmouth side 21-7.

They finished the season exceptionally well defeating Old Swinford Hospital 31-5, Loughborough Grammar School 26-17, Northampton School for Boys 26-7 and Bishop Vesey Grammar School 24-6.

Sam Brown, Harvey Ryder, Pete Carter, Joe Kiely and Toby Hiram were exceptional all year.

In the **16 B** teams three games they defeated BHBS but lost heavily to QEH and Stowe.

U15s

P18 W9 D0 L9

The u15s started the season poorly with an inaccurate display against BHBS losing 26-12. They turned this around against QEH winning 59-22, however they were ripped apart in a dreadful performance against an outstanding Stowe side where they lost by 80 points. Since then they have worked hard to improve and went on to record excellent victories against RGS Worcester, King's Worcester and Colston's. They lost a closely fought game away at Monmouth 36-28 but then went on to defeat Old Swinford, Pate's Grammar and Marling comfortably, latterly in their first Natwest game. Unfortunately they then lost due to defensive frailties to Newent in the next round of the Natwest Cup which was a huge disappointment to all involved. After the Newent defeat the u15s finished the season off with wins against Hereford Cathedral and St Peter's Gloucester but lost to Loughborough Grammar and Beechen Cliff. In their last game of the season they led 5-3 against an excellent Northampton School for Boys team, until the last play and ultimately lost the game 8-5. Connor Gresty and Gabe Chelloti were outstanding all season.

The **u15 B** team defeated BHBS, QEH, RGS Worcester, Colston's, Crypt and Old Swinford but lost to Stowe, King's Worcester, Loughborough, Beechen Cliff and Monmouth.

U14s**P20 W15 D0 L5**

The under 14 team showed great depth and a wealth of talent from the start. This is evident in the team steam rolling through the first five opponent schools in the fixture list. Strong victories over QEH Bristol (35-5), Colston's School (46-3) and RGS Worcester (54-0) gave the players a lot of confidence early on. However this confidence did not address a number of flaws in the team's defence which were yet to be exposed by the easy early victories.

On an away visit to Monmouth school all the short comings of the side were highlighted. A real lack of defensive organisation led to a 45-0 thumping on Welsh soil. Although the players were down hearted after this defeat they used it as an incentive to fix their faults. With hard training the team began to display real promise. With a much improved defensive line the boys went on to win the next six fixtures in spectacular fashion. Hard fought but convincing victories over local rivals Crypt (27-5) and Pates (38-19) were testament to this.

However there was still evidently work to do to improve the side's capability on the field. A narrow loss against a strong St Peter's School (24-27) and Loughborough School (19-24) showed there was still room for improvement. Again the resilient spirit of this side shone through, the players worked hard off the field, training sometimes 5 days a week to improve their individual and team skills.

The next two fixtures in the EDF County Cup was where the hard work really paid off. An almost flawless performance over County Cup opponents Pates showed an excellent and dogged defensive line. This gave the team a platform to use the pace in the back line to cut through the strong but pressured Pates defence and win a convincing 39-0 in front of an impressed home crowd. The semi-final was a similar story against a skilful Castle School. Even with a lot of decisions going against them the Tommies team went on to win 12-0. This put the boys in the final against Churchdown School at Kingsholm Stadium. The boys put up an impressive display and battled hard however a resilient defence left the boys 3 points short at the final whistle losing 12-15. Although the boys were disappointed with the narrow loss in the County Cup final all the squad members know they have many more successes to come in their school rugby careers. It has been some years since a Year 9 team has come through with droves of talent in both the pack and the back line. With a number of strong prospects coming through the Year 9 B team the squad has depth to go with talent and flair. However the biggest quality the team possesses is their ability to dig in when the going gets tough.

This will ensure they will do well as a squad in the coming year 10 Natwest Cup and future senior Rugby fixture calendar.

The **u14 B** team have also had a good season so far showing there is a lot of strength in depth in this year group. They defeated BHBS, QEH, RGS Worcester, Colston's, Loughborough, Beechen Cliff, Bishop Vesey's, Chosen Hill and Pate's. They drew 12-12 with Old Swinford but lost to Monmouth School, Crypt and St Peter's.

U13s**P22 W9 D0 L13**

The u13s have had a very mixed season. They defeated BHBS, QEH, Cheltenham College, Tewkesbury, Chosen Hill, Hereford Cathedral, Kingswood Bath and Pate's Grammar twice. However, they lost to Dean Close, RGS Worcester, Colston's, King's Worcester, KES Bath Crypt, St Peter's, Loughborough, Beechen Cliff, NSFB and Monmouth.

The **u13 B** team defeated BHBS, QEH, RGS Worcester, Colston's, Monmouth, Tewkesbury, Chosen Hill, Beaufort, Bishop Vesey's and Pate's twice but unfortunately lost to King's Worcester, Cheltenham College, Crypt, St Peter's, Kingswood, Loughborough, Beechen Cliff and KES Bath.

The **u13 C** team lost to BHBS and KES Bath but defeated Cheltenham College, Beaufort and Tewkesbury School.

U12s**P24 W17 D2 L5**

The u12s have started their Tommies rugby career well, with over 70 boys training for the school teams. They lost to Bromsgrove in their first game but after that they went undefeated, recording wins against RGS Worcester, King's Worcester, Colston's, Monmouth, New Hall Chelmsford, Old Swinford Hospital, KES Bath, Tewkesbury, Hereford Cathedral and Beaufort, until they lost a close fought contest versus Kingswood Bath away (21-19). They drew their next fixture vs Loughborough Grammar (15-15) but were back to winning ways against Beechen Cliff, Northampton, Old Swinford and Solihull. Three disappointing defeats to St Peter's, Crypt and Bishop Vesey took the shine off a great season. However, they finished the year off well with wins against Pate's, BHBS, Chosen Hill and KES Stratford.

The **u12 B** team played 22 games and won 19! The only defeat came against Bishop Vesey and they drew against Bromsgrove and Monmouth but some of the wins were against RGS Worcester, King's Worcester, Colston's, KES Bath, New Hall and Loughborough.

The **u12 C** team lost to Beechen Cliff but recorded wins against Bromsgrove, RGS Worcester, Tewkesbury, BHBS, Chosen Hill, KES Stratford and Beaufort.

R Williams

TOMMIES CRICKET 2014 REPORT

In total, this season the School has played 92 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 and benefit from all the time you spend doing this. 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

1st XI

In recent years the 1st XI have struggled a little due to a lack of commitment. However this year this has improved dramatically, boys have organised their revision in advance to make themselves available and, on the whole, commitment has been to the school team rather than to any external clubs. It has been a pleasure to take charge of these young men this season and although there have been a few disappointing results, they have represented the school with pride and they have played some excellent cricket.

Played 10 Won 6 Lost 4 Cancelled 2

V Pate's Grammar School 23/04/14 (20 overs) Won by 24 runs.

In the 1st XI's first game of the season they travelled to Pate's and played on quite a wet, soft early season pitch. Tommies batted first and made a terrible start, Jack Tyrer and Henry Day fell early and Tommies were 2 for 6 after just 3 overs. Fortunately Jack Harris and Captain Jack Panton came in to rescue the situation and put together a decent partnership. When Harris was given out LBW for 24, Toby Hiram continued where he left off and supported Panton who was finally run out for 42. Tommies finished on 123 for 7 after their 20 overs. Pate's appeared to fancy their chances in the run chase but when Day took a wicket in the first over, Tommies were given a boost. Pate's steadied the ship for a few overs and stayed close to the required run rate but wickets began to fall regularly. As the overs progressed it looked less and less likely that they would achieve the required target. They finished on 99 for 10. Oliver Pearce had the best bowling figures with 3 for 17.

V Colston's School 24/04/14 (35 overs) Lost by 50 runs.

After the Pate's game the 1st XI travelled to Colston's the very next day to take on Colston's 1st XI for the first time. Due to A2 mock examinations and AS Biology revision there was five changes from the previous day, Panton, Harris, Hambrey, Mitchell and Foylan were all missing and the 1st XI were made up of 7 Year 11s. Tommies bowled and fielded superbly. Henry Day led the bowling attack, along with Peter Carter and Oliver Pearce taking a wicket each. Toby Hiram had the best bowling figures on the day with 2 for 13 from 6 overs. Colston's finished on 123 for 8 after 35 overs! In reply, Tommies were confident they could achieve such a low total with plenty of overs in hand. In reality the Colston's bowling and fielding was very tight, Tommies' batsmen were unable to move the ball off the square regularly. The top score on the day was Day with 13 and unfortunately Tommies were bowled out for 52.

V King Edward VI School, Stratford 30/04/14 (30 overs) Won by 45 runs.

Against the Stratford Grammar School, Tommies made a reasonable start, Day and Harris opened the batting. They played nicely, adjusted to the pitch and bowling and just when everyone thought they would go on to score well, they both fell for 17. This triggered a collapse, with only Panton, Ed Hambrey and Ieuan Lavender able to move into double figures. Tommies were eventually bowled out for 110. Defending such a low total was always going to be difficult unless Tommies could bowl and field heroically. The fight back began immediately after a good first over from Day, which only went for one run, Sam Mitchell charged in at the other end to bowl a bouncer that cracked off the helmet of Stratford's opener. The next delivery Mitchell knocked over his off stump and went on to terrorise the Stratford batsmen. Mitchell finished the day with the outstanding figures of 7 wickets for 19 runs! KES were bowled out for 65 after just 22 overs!

V QEHS Bristol 03/05/14 (35 overs) Won by 21 runs.

The 1st XI travelled to Bristol on Bank Holiday weekend in May with optimism after the first few games of the season. With the bat, Tommies started very slowly and after Joe Taylor and Panton fell cheaply it looked as though Tommies would finish on a low score again. However, Day held the innings together with an outstanding 68. He was aided by Hiram who chipped in with a very classy 30 not out but due to the early run rate being pedestrian, Tommies finished on 127 after 35 overs with 4 wickets still in hand. Again in order to win

the game Tommies would have to bowl and field well. Day carried on after his excellent batting performance with impressive bowling figures (7 overs, 3 maidens 1 for 8). Harry Howes took 3 wickets for 17 runs, Ed Hambrey took 3 wickets for 19 and James Foylan took 2 wickets as QEH finished on 106 for 9 after 35 overs, 21 runs short.

V St Edward's School, Cheltenham 07/05/14 (20 overs) Won by 6 wickets

St Edward's were put into bat by Captain Jack Panton who won the toss and elected to bowl. It appeared to be the correct decision as Henry Day had ripped through their top order and after 6 overs St Edward's were 23 for 4. However, a few dropped catches in the field released the pressure on the batsmen and the St Ed's number 5 batsmen was allowed to score 53 not out. St Edward's re-grouped and were able to finish their 20 overs on 112 for 7. Henry Day took 4 wickets for 18. Tommies now had a steeper target to chase than they had anticipated after the first few overs. Harris and Day opened the batting but although the St Edward's bowlers were held at bay until the ninth over, they were unable to score at a steady rate. When their wickets fell for 14 and 24 respectively, Tommies were well behind the run rate. Panton came and went for 7 but Lee Hathaway playing in his first game of the season began to take the game to St Ed's. Hathaway hit two sixes in the seventeenth over which enabled Tommies to get back closer to the required run rate. However when Hathaway was bowled for 27, Harry Howes was left responsible for winning the game. In the last over with Howes and Taylor at the crease, Tommies needed 4 runs to win, which Howes managed with 3 balls to spare.

V Wycliffe College 15/05/14 (20 overs) Lost by 7 wickets

Due to clashes with the Year 12 AS exams, the 1st XV travelled to Wycliffe with one Year 11 and 10 Year 13's. Wycliffe won the toss and elected to bowl, so Tommies sent Hiram and Hambrey into bat. They started well and kept the scoreboard ticking over, until Hambrey was bowled for 17. Hiram kept going but just as he looked like putting a big score together, he was run out for 24. Harry Howes came in and added another 31, along with Hathaway who scored 17 but after they were dismissed the rest of the Tommies batting order failed to get into double figures. At the end of the 20 overs Tommies finished 128 for 9. Wycliffe started the chase strongly until one of their opening batsman was bowled by Ross Preedy after 4 overs. Sam Paling and Hiram managed to take another wicket each but Wycliffe kept up with the

run rate throughout.

At the end of the nineteenth over Wycliffe were 124 for 3 and needed just 5 runs to win. Paling bowled the last over and optimism of an unlikely victory was high. Unfortunately, with two balls left Wycliffe hit the winning runs.

V Rendcomb College 17/05/14 (35 overs) Won by 6 wickets

Again the Year 12 exams affected the side for this fixture which, considering it is on a Saturday, should not have happened. However, a strong Tommies 1st XI bowled first against Rendcomb. Unusually the fielding was poor and the bowling was not at the level expected for 1st XI cricket. Rendcomb scored quickly and although Preedy took an early wicket, two of their batsmen put on a 100 partnership. Towards the end of the Rendcomb innings Tommies appeared to lift themselves and once Pearce and Howes had removed those two batsmen, Rendcomb began to collapse. They finished on 177 for 10 after 34.3 overs – still a tough target to chase. Tommies began the chase with confidence, Hiram played some beautiful strokes down the ground and Hambrey supported him well (although his running between the wickets left room for improvement!) When Hambrey went for 38, Howes came in and scored an invaluable 28 to support Hiram. Panton and Pearce scored quickly but got themselves out for small totals, which left Hiram and Preedy to face the last over knowing there was 4 runs required to win. It was fitting then that after a dot ball, Hiram steadied himself to hit a four the win the game and finish 69 not out.

V Dean Close 14/06/14 (30 overs) Lost by 13 runs.

Against Dean Close, Tommies lost the toss and were asked to bowl. Dean Close started strongly and it took 15 overs before they lost a wicket. Jack Tyrer who moved away from wicket keeper in order to bowl was responsible for a superb run out. Tyrer then bowled the other opening batsman and collected the wicket of their No.3 LBW. When Paling took a superb catch from the bowling of Roper and Rory Payne caught their No.6 batsman from Jack Harris' bowling, Tommies appeared to have slowed Dean Close down. However, they still reached 180 for 5 after 30 overs. In reply Tommies batted well (Hiram 40, Harris 32, Kieran Richards 18*) but were always behind the run rate. They needed 20 from the last over and finished 13 runs short.

V Crypt Grammar School 25/06/14 (25 overs) Lost by 8 runs

Crypt batted well as they started the game and although Tommies took regular wickets an attacking field allowed Crypt to find the boundary at regular intervals. Hiram bowled very well taking 3 wickets for 18 runs, Harris, Howes, Tyrer and Day all took a wicket each. However, Crypt were able to reach 160 for 7 after 25 overs. A number of batsmen got going in the run chase but failed to get a big score. Day scored 30, Tyrer 27, Hiram 27 but this just was not enough. Tommies needed 17 from the last over with Mitchell and Tyrer at the crease but finished just 8 runs short.

V Bristol Grammar School 03/07/14 (25 overs) Won by 57 runs

Corse and Staunton CC kindly allowed us to play the game at their ground. Tyrer who plays club cricket for Corse and Staunton, obviously knew the ground well and put together an excellent partnership with Hiram before he was run out for 43. Hiram was then aided by Harris who took advantage of the short boundary to rattle up 75 runs from 35 deliveries! Hiram also batted superbly scoring 60 before Ieuan Lavender came in to score 12 runs from 5 balls. Tommies recorded a big 215, which would be difficult to chase. Mitchell opened the bowling but after a few wayward deliveries he managed to take an early wicket. BGS managed to put together some nice partnerships but Brijesh Gattapur's bowling performance ripped through their batting line up. He took 4 wickets for 24 runs from 4.3 overs. Matthew Cox in his first game for the 1st XI also took 2 wickets to ensure a comfortable Tommies victory.

V Tommies Staff XI 09/07/14 (20 overs) Won 32 runs

The 1st XI batted first and lost the early wicket of Harry Howes from the bowling of Mr Williams in the second over. Panton came in to score 68, Hambrey scored 32 and Euan Whitbourn scored 39*. The 1st XI scored 176 for 5 after 20 overs. With Mr Gallagher bowling well, taking a wicket and Mr Barns taking 2 wickets. In reply, the Staff only managed 145 for 10 after 19 overs. Top scorers with the bat were Mr Robson with 44 and Mr Gallagher 39. Other notable performances were from Mr Tomlinson who retired early to go to the laundrette, Mr Barns getting a duck and the Headmaster taking over the batting at short notice. Hambrey took 4 wickets for 35 and Sam Paling took 3 for 22.

1st XI Batting Statistics

Name	Total runs	Highest score	Batting Average
Toby Hiram	280	69*	40
Jack Harris	174	75	29
Henry Day	152	68	21.71
Jack Panton	109	42	13.63
Harry Howes	86	31	17.2

1st XI Bowling Statistics

Name	Total wickets	Economy	Bowling Average
Henry Day	9	3.97	16.3
Oliver Pearce	9	4.07	6.78
Sam Mitchell	9	4.48	12.44
Toby Hiram	9	4.58	20.89
Harry Howes	6	4.27	21.34

N O'Neil & R G Williams

JUNIOR CRICKET**U15****U15 A team - Played 10 won 7 lost 2 Abd 1 Gloucestershire County Cup Quarter-Finalists & Gloucester City Champions!**

A very strong top 3 enjoyed a hugely successful season against strong opposition. The batting never failed and there were century partnerships, fifties and the highlight, a century by Matt Cox against Wycliffe College. Joel Price and Adam Robson batted beautifully in support of Matt so that no team managed to bowl us out. The pick of our seam bowlers was Sam Tickle who bowled a disciplined line and length to his field but against the very strongest opposition, our bowling was found wanting with too many short balls. Adam Robson led the team intelligently and won the respect of his peers, no mean feat. A most enjoyable summer.

N D Pitel

U15 B team – Played: 4. W – 1 L – 3.

Gloucester City League 2 Finalists

In numbers, it probably wasn't the best season, but the boys carried an excellent atmosphere and work ethos through all their matches. The majority of the boys had chances to prove themselves in the A team playing in various matches and did extremely well. They were out played in the Final at Kings against Beaufort but gave a valiant effort. I hope that next season the boys can continue working hard and developing as a squad.

D W Tomlinson

U14

U14A Played 12 Won 10 Lost 1 Abandoned 1 Gloucestershire County Cup Semi-Finalists & Gloucester City Finalists! (yet to be played)

The U14 As have had an outstanding season and were very close to remaining unbeaten throughout. Their only loss came in the semi-final of the county cup, where despite posting their lowest score of the season, they bowled exceptionally well to ensure a close game, which was won by Cheltenham College with just 8 balls remaining. The highlight of the season was a 129 run victory over Dean Close in which Dan Akiat hit a remarkable 142 of just 64 balls, as STRS posted 266. Dan has batted incredibly throughout the season scoring 558 runs at an average of 93. He has been ably supported by Oli Thomas (164 runs with 27.3 average), Luke Mumford (194 runs with 24.25 average) Jamie Costan (102 with a 17 average) and Ben Higgs (128 runs with a 16 average). Leading wicket takers Luke Goscombe (15), Blake Mainwaring Taylor (12) and Ben Higgs (11), have been particularly impressive with clever bowling at key times in matches. All the boys who have represented the school this year have made significant contributions and with a City Cup final still to be played, we can look forward to many future success from this talented team.

U14B Played 8 Won 6 Lost 1 Drawn 1 Gloucester City League 2 Winners

The U14B's have also had an excellent season as their results show. A memorable game where Wycliffe needed two runs off the final two overs to ensure victory saw STRS save the match with a dramatic run out on the final ball of the game. The team has been superbly led by captain Mason Antonijevic, while Henry McCloskey has shone with the bat (168 runs at an average of 42) and Ben Nicholls with the ball (10

wickets). It is particularly pleasing to see the number of boys who have represented and performed so admirably for the school this season.

L P Barnes & R M Davies

U13

U13 A Team Played 13 Won 6 Lost 6 Abandoned 1 Gloucestershire County Cup Finalists & Gloucester City Champions!

The U13 Cricket squad have had a very successful season this year, the A team are yet again Under 13 City Cup champions beating Crypt by 6 wickets at Arch Deacon Meadow. The team were also county cup runners up after having a good go at Cheltenham College but found themselves outgunned by a strong batting and bowling side. The A team are also the Gloucestershire 6 a side champions beating St John's on the hill in their final game. Strong performances against some of the bigger schools in the region such as Dean Close and RGSW Worcester unfortunately resulted in losses however the boys showed great spirit and proved that on their day they could have beaten these sides. The A team has been strongly lead by Oliver Gordon who has lead by example with his batting and bowling. Oliver scored 53 runs against Dean Close at the start of the season. He has been supported well with consistent performances from Seth Price who bowled 3 wickets and caught one batsman against Crypt in the city cup final. Both Freddie and Rufus Elsey played well, Andrew Hunter has also emerged as a batsman scoring 60 runs against Victoria College on the Jersey tour. One of the stand out players this year has been Liam Richards who started for the B team and ended up being one of the strike bowlers for the A team. Fergus Jackson also showed skill as a fielder he notably caught out 3 batsmen against Chipping Campden, one in his own bowling over. Along with the rest of the boys this secured solid victories over Crypt, QEH Bristol and King Edwards Stratford. Overall a very successful season with lots to look forward too next year.

U13 B Team Played 6 Won 3 Lost 3

The B team had a similar season to the As in terms of win ratio. They have performed excellently playing, and beating, many schools A teams in the City Cup, defeating St Peters, Severn Vale and QEH Bristol to name a few. Guy Floyd and David Cohen have been successful, Floyd bowled three wickets against Beaufort A team and Cohen played many games for the As including the city cup final. Nolan Shore-price and Harry

Bennett, Jo Hocking, Casper Lingred and Amin Qureshi also have played well, working hard to develop their batting, bowling and fielding skills. In fact there are too many names to mention from such a large squad, other players have impressed who are not named in this report. The squad needs to continue to develop its skills for the next season, in particular in their batting and fielding and they are sure to have greater success in the future.

C G Powell & G S Angell

U12

Under 12 A – PLD: 16 W: 13 L: 2 A: 1

The Under 12 cricket team have had a fine season, recording a series of impressive wins against strong independent school opposition. After a slow start to the season, a cancellation against Colston's and defeat to QEH, the boys have remained undefeated. The team's excellent performances have been characterised by a combination of powerful batting and skilful bowling. Exceptional victories have come against RGS Worcester, Dean Close and Pate's, as well as reaching both the City and Gloucestershire County Cup finals. The County Cup Final pitted Tommies against Farmors from Fairford. After a positive start we lost three quick wickets. Luke Carr stabilised the innings and built an excellent partnership with Zac Castledine. Castledine hit 50 not out and Carr 28 not out, as Tommies posted 136 for 3. Tight and efficient bowling from all the bowlers meant Farmor's were all out for 36. Congratulations to all the boys involved for winning a prestigious trophy. Unfortunately, due to bad weather the City Cup Final versus Crypt has been delayed to September. The team has had a fantastic season captained well by Timmy Niblett and some superb batting performances from Saxon Campbell.

Under 12 B – PLD: 6 W: 5 L: 0 A: 1

The Under 12 B team have had a superb season remaining unbeaten throughout playing in some tough fixtures. The team has beaten Cokethorpe, Crypt and QEH, as well as Dean Close and Tewkesbury. The team has changed personnel on a weekly basis and all the boys have stood up and played their part.

Good performances have come from all the boys involved but Samuel de Burgh – Thomas has been awarded Player of the Season and Mannam Furqan the most improved player award. Well done to all the boys who have contributed to the cricket team this year.

N O'Neil

FOOTBALL 1st & 2ND XI REVIEW

The 1st XI football defeated Tewkesbury, Beaufort and St Peters. They drew against Kings Worcester but lost to Pate's. The season started well for a 2nd XI that proved to be a very strong side, with a convincing 4-0 win against Tewkesbury (who have a specialist football academy set-up). Next came the only loss of the season, a narrow 3-2 against Beaufort – losing a goal in the dying minutes after a hard fought game. Another impressive performance against Cokethorpe, resulting in a 5-0 win, was followed up by wins against local grammar school rivals Crypt and Pates.

The season was somewhat frustrating as some games were lost to waterlogged pitches, whilst others had to be played as a combined 1st / 2nd team at the request of our opponents. The combined 1st / 2nd team went unbeaten during the season and not one of the 2nd team players looked out of place playing at a higher level.

Congratulations go to the boys for a very pleasing season and I look forward to building on this next year.

K Jobson

U18 HOCKEY 2013-14

This year, the school U18 hockey squad went to new heights, by having a full fixture list, and also entering both the indoor, and outdoor national U18 competitions.

This created much excitement, and focus, which the boys used to help win four of the first five fixtures. Unfortunately, the further the squad progressed in the outdoor competition, the more difficult the opposition became, and confidence dropped. This form was then carried into our regular fixture list, with some disappointing displays and results. However, a pleasing final game finished the season on a high. The season statistics read played 11, won 5, lost 6, scored 33, conceded 23.

The indoor regional competition was always going to be a challenge. Competing against hockey powerhouses such as Canford School and Taunton School, this was more about giving the boys the experience of playing against these top hockey schools. A nervous opening game was soon forgotten, and two fine displays followed, meaning the boys travelled home from Wellington in good form.

The outdoor national competition started well. Travelling to Champion School, Northamptonshire, a good solid performance resulted in a 3-0 scoreline. We then progressed to play Rugby School in the second round, on their fantastic facilities. A nervous opening half, was followed by a superb performance, but unfortunately there was too much left to do having been 3-0 down at the interval. However, to lose 4-2 was a good result and showed the boys what they were capable of. This meant progression to the plate competition, where we faced a trip to Wiltshire to play Dauntsey's School. Unfortunately Dauntsey's big match experience proved too much, and the boys exited the national competitions. Given this was the school's first time entering this tournament, we certainly put our name on the map, and gave the boys some fantastic experiences to remember forever.

Highlights of the season have to be the early season victories against Champion School, and Hereford Cathedral, while also finishing on a high by defeating Newent Community School winning 5-1. Some notable individual performances came from Andy Gayler, who scored 10 goals, and Dan Ladd and Henry Edwards each scoring 7 goals. Also strong performances from goalkeeper Dom Alden and defender Chris Tarling should be noted. Thanks to Charlie Webster who led the team this season.

N J Stewart & R C Parker

NETBALL REPORT – SEASON 2013-14

The netball team have made our job very easy this season. There has been excellent commitment from all the girls. We would particularly like to say a huge thank you to both Beth Wash and Beth Hewitt who have shown outstanding commitment during our absence this year. They have worked extremely hard in helping both Miss Wilks and Miss Bale in organising teams each week and putting on training sessions for the girls on a Tuesday after school.

We have solid foundations on which to build next season, with many of the Year 12 girls continuing to play netball in Year 13. Lucy Hepburn and Hannah Arkwright are an excellent shooting duo and I am pleased they are not leaving us quite yet. We also carry through a strong defender Jemima Tayo who has been training with Hucclecote this season and many centre court players with excellent speed and agility.

Both teams have worked hard over the season, bringing home some satisfying results. We have had some fantastic wins against local schools; Newent, Crypt and Severn Vale. We will be sad to say goodbye to our Year 13 players. Thanks to all Year 13s this year for all of their hard work and leading by example on the court. Finally, thank you to Miss Wilks and Miss Bale for their commitment to netball this year.

Vikki Nash

BASKETBALL – SEASON 2013-14

The season has been a steep learning curve for the senior basketball team. After a difficult start, they have worked hard at training to learn new techniques and tactics which have resulted in a good winning run being put together at the end of the season. The highlight of the season came in the last fixture against Wycliffe College, recovering from 10 points down with minutes left in the game and taking the match to overtime with less than a second on the clock. Tommies continued their incredible scoring streak to run out winners by 13 points, to a team they had lost to earlier in the season. With the majority of the team from Year 11 and 12, the team should continue to improve and are hopeful of having a strong season next year. Particular mention should go to Meehad Shahriyar, Ben Mainprize and Harry Thomas, the three Year 13 students who have led the team this year and also to Josh Cannon who finished as top scorer and has had an outstanding season.

L P Barns

AEGON TENNIS 2014

U15 team

The following players represented the school in the League matches:

J.Price, R.Lightowlers, E.Reeves, J.Chantler, T.Lappy & C.Dagnall v St.Peter's 'B' Won 5 – 1

On Tuesday 6th May, the U15 team had their first match of the season away at St Peter's B team. On a blustery evening the team played well and won 5 – 1

v St.Peter's 'A' Lost 1 – 5

On Wednesday 14th May, the school played a very strong St.Peter's 'A' team and despite their best efforts they were unable to trouble the opposition. Only J.Price and R.Lightowlers managed to fight back in the doubles to gain a good win.

v Balcarras School Won 4 - 2

On Tuesday 3rd June the U15s played Balcarras School and in a closely fought match came through to win after a good series in the singles matches.

v Bournside School Lost 1 - 5

On Wednesday 11th June the school played away at Bournside against a young but talented team. In close matches Bournside played well and managed a convincing win.

v Cleeve School Lost 2 – 4

In their final match of the season the U15s played away at Cleeve School and in series of close matches were unable to win the key points to change the results.

U13 Team

The following players represented the school in the League matches:

S.Price, C.Holland, N.Smerdon, T.Gordon & A.Yates

v Crypt School Lost 4 – 2

The school started their league season against Crypt in difficult circumstances losing players to injury and late unavailability. This resulted in playing with only 3 players, hence forfeiting 2 games and everyone else having to play higher opposition. However, the players stuck to the task and won 2 of the matches .

v Cleeve School Won 6 – 0

The school were too powerful for the Cleeve team and all players won their matches comfortably.

V Balcarras School won 5 – 1

The school played well against some determined opposition and both teams can be proud of the quality of tennis played, particularly in the top two matches. However, the strength in depth of the school team proved too much for Balcarras as the school went on to win their last match in a short league season.

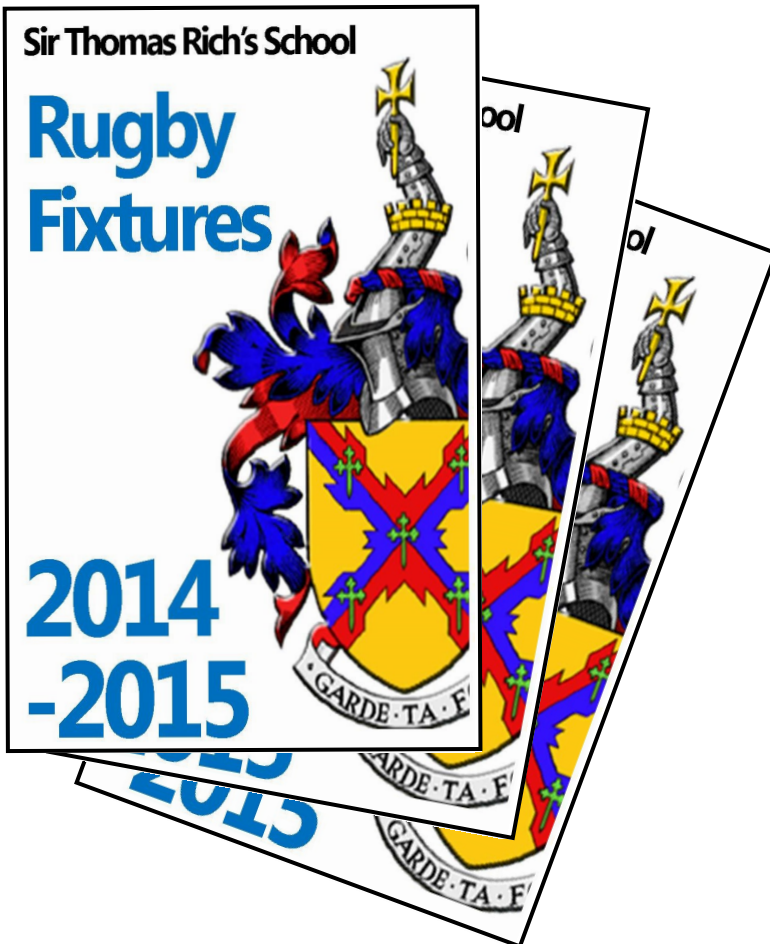
Congratulations to the U13 team who have made it into the next stage of the competition, which will take place in September.

J Gallagher

GLOUCESTER SWIMMING GALA RESULTS

The school entered the boy's competition in the Gloucester Schools Gala on Thursday 13th March. There were many good individual performances but it was the whole team effort that secured the 9th straight victory in a close fought competition with Newent School. The school scored 506 pts to Newent's 465. Well done to all swimmers, but congratulations to the following who won their individual events:

Senior	Samuel Gas-kins		25m	Frontcrawl
Senior	Jordan Lee		25m	Backcrawl
Senior	Joshua Isaac		25m	Breaststroke
Senior	Craig Munden		25m	Butterfly
Senior	Samuel Gas-kins		100m	IM
Senior	Jordan Lee		50m	Backstroke
Senior	Joshua Isaac		50m	Breaststroke
Yr 8	Rufus Elsey		25m	Frontcrawl
Yr 10	Daniel Laken-brink	25m	Frontcrawl	
Yr 8	Ben Gleeson		25m	Backstroke
Yr 10	Daniel Laken-brink	25m	Backcrawl	
Yr 7	Saxon Campbell		25m	Breaststroke
Yr 9	Harvey Youngsmith	25m	Breaststroke	
Yr 10	Joseph Coul-son		25m	Breaststroke
Yr 10	Joseph Jollans		25m	Butterfly
Yr 8	Callum Dick-son		100m	IM
Yr 10	Joseph Grey		50m	Frontcrawl
Yr 10	Matthew Munden	50m	Butterfly	
Yr 8	Callum Dick-son		200m	IM
Yr 10 Matthew Munden		200m	IM	



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