



SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL

Oakleaze, Gloucester

From the Headmaster

Our school week may have been a short one but it's been very busy. I am keen that as many extracurricular activities go ahead as planned in a safe and (where appropriate and possible) socially distanced way; it was good to see students from 7T boarding the minibuses yesterday on their trip to SkillZone in Tuffley to learn about making safer choices in a variety of different scenarios in the home, when travelling and taking part in activities outside school. Do take a look at the [SkillZone](#) website to find out more, as this really is a fantastic resource in the heart of Gloucester.

Sports Contacts

Our Director of Sport, Deputy Headmaster, Chris Carter, has put together a booklet, [attached](#), on sport at the School. The PDF features some useful guidance on COVID-19 protocols for spectators and the training schedule for teams, along with the names and email addresses for the staff in charge of each team. Please do contact Mr Carter should you wish cdac@strs.org.uk



Chamber Concert 18 November

The Music Department is excited to announce the return of our regular chamber concerts, the first of which will take place on Thursday 18 November at 7pm. This free concert will showcase a variety of soloists and smaller ensembles from across the School, playing a diverse range of music. We look forward to welcoming you back to live performances once again. Numbers are limited due to the need to socially distance, so please reserve your free tickets in advance if you would like to attend:

[Book Chamber Concert tickets.](#)

Business Networking Event 10 December

Parents and alumni interested in finding out more about the Rich's Corporate Partnership Programme are warmly invited to our first Business Networking Event on Friday 10 December, 9am-11am. This will be a great opportunity to speak with our current sponsors and partners, as well as to meet some of our entrepreneurial students! If you run your own business or work for a company which may be interested in sponsoring the School, please do join us.

[Register online here.](#)

Forthcoming Events

Some dates for your diary are listed below. The Remembrance Assembly next week will be broadcast live on YouTube from 10.45am. There will be a link on the home page of the School website in order to access this event. Online ticket booking will be available soon for the Variety Show and Carol Concerts. Our intention is that events will go ahead in a safe and socially distanced manner, so we may need to restrict numbers to achieve this.

- 11 Nov Remembrance Service - Virtual
- 18 Nov Chamber Concert (see link above for tickets)
- 1-3 Dec Christmas Variety Show
- 10 Dec Business Networking Event (see link above for tickets)
- 13 Dec Carol Concert - St Catharine's Church, Longlevens
- 16 Dec Carol Concert - Holy Trinity Church, Longlevens

Vaccinations

As per my email earlier this week, all pupils between 12 and 15 years old will be offered the Pfizer vaccine in school on Tuesday 9 November. The vaccine can only be given to children who are 12 years or older on the day of vaccination. The vaccination team are also unable to give the vaccine to any children who have tested positive for

COVID-19 in the previous 28 days of the vaccination date. Please see the link to the letter from Oonagh Wilson who is the COVID Vaccination Programme Lead, Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation trust which contains a further link in order for you to consent to your child being vaccinated: [Covid vaccination offer letter - click here to open](#)

A reminder that there is no pressure or expectation at all from the School for students to be vaccinated; indeed it is very important for the School to remain neutral in this matter, lest parents and students feel swayed to base their view on the School's stance. I can once again assure parents that if a child does not have parental consent and does not want to take the vaccine they will not receive it, and they will of course continue to attend school and participate in activities as usual.

Finally

Today is Bonfire Night, where as a nation we celebrate a failed plot to blow up parliament. Not something we think about a great deal as we watch firework displays, but interestingly up until 1959 it was illegal NOT to celebrate Bonfire Night in Britain. This proved to be a problem during World War I and World War II, when no one was allowed to set off fireworks or light bonfires due to the blackout, and people were forced to celebrate the event indoors. However, if you are enjoying Bonfire Night, whether at an organised display or at home, doing something else or do nothing at all, I wish you all a peaceful and safe weekend.



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