



SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL

Oakleaze, Gloucester

From the Headmaster

I often find myself starting my regular email to parents with the words 'It has been a busy week', and this week really has seen a burst of immense activity – as I write, final rehearsals are taking place for Jazz Night tonight, and Founder's Week fundraising continues apace. There is no doubt that the fantastic win away for the First XV at Warwick School 22-26 last Saturday was a great start to the week. It was also really pleasing to see both the First and Second XV beat Bishop Wordsworth's School on Wednesday.

On Monday morning, I accompanied students from 10C on a 18km walk to raise funds for our link school, PMM in Uganda. Our ongoing commitment to PMM Girls' School reflects the charitable intentions of Sir Thomas Rich in 1666, when he bequeathed his house and a substantial sum of money to educate 20 poor boys from Gloucester. Through our fundraising efforts across the year, we enable 20 girls to stay in school and complete their education by providing a scholarship which pays their school fees. Well done to the boys in 10C for raising an incredible £1593 and well done to everyone who has put so much into fundraising this year.

Emergency Lockdown Practice

This coming Monday morning, all pupils will be briefed about our forthcoming emergency lockdown practice, which takes place on Tuesday. The drill will help to familiarise students and staff with the procedures to follow should the lockdown alarm sound, for example in the event of an intruder or other threat.

In Monday morning registration, students will be played the three types of alarms that our system has, to help everyone recognise the different alarm sounds and understand what they mean. The full lockdown practice takes place on Tuesday morning and staff will guide students through it. While we do not wish to scare pupils, it is important that this drill takes place and we will be asking everyone to keep calm and take the practice seriously.

Lateral Flow Tests

Please do encourage your children to test twice a week. While we seem to be moving into a new phase of the pandemic, we continue to record positive cases in school, and I very much appreciate your support in mitigating the impact. Test kits can be ordered through [Parent Gateway](#).

Sixth Form Prospectus

A reminder for Year 11 that our updated Sixth Form Prospectus is available online at www.strschool.co.uk/sixthform/prospectus.

Finally

It was wonderful to welcome hundreds of prospective students and their parents into the School last night for our Sixth Form Open Evening. Our first live Sixth Form event for two years, it was heartening to see the hall full once again. Our Year 12 and 13 students are wonderful ambassadors for Rich's, and I was extremely proud of the confident way in which they welcomed our guests, guided them around and answered questions about life and study at the School. Last night, School Captain Alex Price ended his address with the phrase "Success is more than just a grade, and Tommy's is more than just a school", a sentiment with which I entirely concur. I wish you a pleasant and relaxing weekend.

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