



SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL

Oakleaze, Gloucester

FOUNDER'S WEEK 2023

Dear Parents and Students,

Next Week (20 to 24 March) is Founder's Week here at STRS. This is where we, as a school, recognise the spirit of Sir Thomas Rich in generously giving the sum of £6000 in his will to set up our school, which originally provided an education for 20 poor boys from Gloucester.

During Founder's Week, each tutor group organises fundraising activities, which directly pay for the sponsorship of 20 poor girls, enabling them to attend PMM School, our link school in Uganda. The cost of this education is approximately £200 per pupil per annum. A relatively small sum for us, this outlay nevertheless represents a considerable expenditure to many Ugandans. We aim to raise just £4.40 per student (including sixth formers), which would entirely cover the sponsorship costs. I must emphasise that this contribution is voluntary. In addition, STRS also supports several other local and national UK charities throughout the year, selected by our Sixth Form body.

Until 2020, small groups of staff and students from STRS regularly visited PMM on a cultural exchange programme, which, among other benefits, enabled us to see that the money we raise is used correctly and wisely. We hope that this exchange programme can resume again in the near future.

Therefore, we would be grateful if you could provide your son or daughter with some spare cash over the next two or three weeks to enable them to participate in Founder's Week activities.

Two key dates that affect all students:

- Free Dress Day - Friday 24th March (cost: £2 - participation voluntary)
- Fancy Dress Day - Friday 31st March (cost: £1 if wearing fancy dress, £1 if wearing free dress - participation voluntary)

Many thanks for your help and cooperation.

Kind Regards,

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