



# SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL

Oakleaze, Gloucester

## Pride Month

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Dear Parents

As part of our ongoing commitment to raise awareness of important issues, the School will be participating in a series of activities on **Monday 26 June**, in recognition of June being Pride month.

### **Non-Uniform Day**

Monday 26 June will be a non-uniform day for all year groups. All the funds raised will be split equally between the Basketball tour this summer and the LGBTQ+ Charity GayGlos.

- £1- Pupils wearing Pride Colours specific to their form (pupils will be notified by their form tutor nearer the time.)
- £2- Pupils wearing standard non-uniform

Our LGBTQ+ Group selected this specific charity as a thank you to GayGlos. Every week a member of GayGlos volunteers their time to support pupils and staff involved in the running of the STRS LGBTQ+ group. The group welcomes everyone regardless of identity or orientation giving all pupils a safe space to discuss any LGBTQ+ concerns and/or ask for advice about how to be a good ally by supporting their friends or family members who may identify as LGBTQ+. If your child is interested in attending, we have two groups which run on a weekly basis:

Key Stage 3: Friday Lunchtime 13:30-14:00 (+ drop in and chat) in F1

Key Stage 4 and 5: Tuesday Lunchtime 13:30-14:10 (+ GayGlos in attendance) in F1

### **Pride Ribbons**

As part of our fundraising, Pride ribbons are also on sale for the month of June. If your child would like to show their allyship in this way, please remind them to bring in £1.

### **GayGlos**

GayGlos is a voluntary organisation and registered charity in Gloucestershire (England) providing support services to LGBTQ+ people, their family & friends, and to other organisations.

They were first established in 1989 to provide telephone and face-to-face support; their services began operating the following year, and quickly expanded into Strategic Engagement as well as providing Training & Education Programmes.

For more information please use the following link: [GayGlos](https://www.gayglos.org/)

### **Basketball Tour**

After the suspension of the Basketball Tour due to COVID restrictions, we are excited to be taking players from our U15's and Senior teams to Northern Ireland this summer. With participation in Basketball growing year on year, we hope to establish Basketball Tours as a regular event providing our younger players with something to both aspire to as they move through the School. The focus of the Tour is Basketball development, and all participants will have the opportunity to develop new skills and practise in game situations, with the intent of improving our squad going into the 2023/4 season. Our aim is to ensure that all aspects of our offering remain as accessible as possible to all pupils and as such, contributions from the non-uniform day will go towards subsidising the cost of the tour.

### **Allyship Lecture to Year 10**

Also on Monday 26 June, Year 10 will take part in an Allyship lecture. The session will be led by three facilitators from 'Collective Futures' who will explain the different perspectives from which they approach the topic of LGBTQ+ inclusivity. In addition, they will explore how derogatory phrases can become normalised and the personal impact that this has on individuals. These phrases will be analysed and identified as upholding very specific expectations of gender. The session will equip the students to:

- Be able to identify homophobic phrases and language (especially those that tend to be normalised in everyday slang)
- Be able to recognise the personal impact of this language and behaviour.

We believe that this is a powerful way to enhance our PSHE curriculum and help our students to understand the importance of mutual respect within British society.

For more information on the Collective Futures Project, please use the following link: [The Collective Futures Project](https://www.collectivefuturesproject.org/)

Yours sincerely

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