



# SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL

Oakleaze, Gloucester

## From the Headmaster

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As the end of another hugely busy half-term draws to a close, the main purpose of this email is to wish all members of our school community a well-earned half-term break.

However, I would like to draw parents' attention to a member of brief points at this juncture, if I may. Last week, the Department for Education officially released their analysis of the 2023 exam results; we are proud that our school's Progress 8 score has been confirmed as +0.83 which places us in the top 3% of schools nationally (for progress at GCSE). A good number of other local schools also performed extremely well which is pleasing to see.

### Charity Rugby Match

Tickets are on sale now for our 1st XV Charity Rugby Match against Cheltenham College at Kingsholm Stadium on 16 November. I know the players would appreciate as many supporters as possible on the big night; tickets are £5 and funds raised go to the National Star College. Kick-off is at 7.30pm. You can buy tickets at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheltenham-college](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cheltenham-college).

### Free Exhibition

The Museum of Gloucester's current exhibition, *Buttons, Badges and Blazers*, features some interesting items from our own archives including the Bluecoat uniform, worn by the Bluecoat Boy at Speech Night, some of the silver medallions worn by pupils in the 1800s and a small selection of photographs. The exhibition tells the social history of the Gloucester city through textiles, tracing the progress of society across gender, politics and wealth. Prominent pieces on display include iconic pieces such as 16th-century judicial robes, robes worn by the first female magistrate as well as uniforms of police officers, prison wardens, water bailiffs and midwives. The exhibition also includes school uniforms, offering a glimpse into the city's educational legacy, as well as scout ensembles that reflect the vibrancy of Gloucester's youth organisations. The exhibition is free and runs until 7 January.

[www.museumofgloucester.co.uk/events/buttons-badges-blazers](http://www.museumofgloucester.co.uk/events/buttons-badges-blazers)

### Winter Weather

As we move into winter and the inclement weather sets in, it is important to note that your child will be outside at some points during the school day. It is therefore strongly recommended that they have a warm coat with them. A reminder that the school uniform still applies and 'hoodies' and other leisure wear should not be worn underneath pupils' blazers – I highly recommend the purchase of a V-necked black, navy or grey jumper.

### Term Dates

We return for the second half of the Autumn Term on Monday 6 November.

I wish you all a relaxing half-term break.

Matthew Morgan  
HEADMASTER

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