



Year 8 End of Term Update

Dear Parents

As we approach the end of the academic year, we wanted to get in touch to update you after an action-packed Summer Term.

Buddens Residential

In the heart of the historic and beautiful Isle of Purbeck and Jurassic Coast, Year 8 enjoyed camping and a multitude of adventure activities such as raft building and rock climbing. This gave the students the opportunity to display their leadership skills, teamwork, resilience and passion. School staff were told several times by instructors how impressed they were by the pupils' behaviour around the site and during activities.

Sports Evening

On Thursday 4 July, we enjoyed our annual Sports Evening. Sports Evening is an eagerly anticipated event that brings together the entire school community to celebrate athleticism, teamwork, and healthy competition. It serves as a platform for students to showcase their sporting talents and engage in friendly rivalry.

There were many examples of camaraderie among students creating a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere. One standout performance came from Harry Overthrow from Newgate who won the 3000m in 11 minutes 33 seconds breaking the previous record by 22 seconds. Congratulations to Southgate for winning overall.

We would like to congratulate and thank all pupils who put themselves forward to participate in Sports Evening.

Summer Concert

On Wednesday 10 July it was wonderful to see so many students from across the year groups showcasing the wealth of talent we have at STRS. It was pleasing to see several old Richian's and members of our school community come along to perform or watch the concert.

The concert included a wide range of music from the String Group, Guitar Ensemble, Brass Group, Wind Band, Orchestra, Choir and Chamber Choir. The music department paid tribute to the Headmaster, Mr Morgan for all he has done to promote and support music over his last 17 years at STRS, including his work directing the brass group and wind band. Highlights included Ying Tai- Yilmaz's wonderful performance of a Chopin Mazurka and our grand finale, the STRS mass ensemble and choir performing a medley of music from 'Les Miserables'.

Tommy's Award

Pupils in Year 8 have now completed their second year participating in the Tommy's Award; there were over 20 successful participants achieving the Silver Award. Pupils were awarded with their badges and certificates in an assembly on Monday 15 July. The Tommy's Award is unique to our school and recognises pupil achievements in areas which go beyond the classroom, such as leadership, service to the School, creativity and participation in extracurricular activities. Although some pupils may not have achieved Tommy's Award Silver this academic year, it does not take away from the impressive achievements of so many members of Year 8. In Year 9 all pupils restart the process for Tommy's Award Gold.

Wellbeing

Whilst we hope that your son will enjoy the long summer break, we would like to remind you that support for their wellbeing remains available should it be required during the holidays. Please find below the contact details for TIC+ and the Young Minds Matter (YMM) team who will be available to offer confidential advice and support:

- TIC+ chat - www.ticplus.org.uk

- YMM chat - 07480 635723

Last Day of Term and Coaches

Please find below a summary of the timings for the last day of term (Thursday):

8.30am – Registration

9.00am – 12.25pm - Normal lessons periods 1-3

12.30pm – Registration / Form Time

12.45pm – Pupils Depart

The information on bus departure times for Thursday 18 July are also listed below:

12.45pm - KB Swindon x 2 and KB Bristol

12.50pm - Marchants M12/13/14

13.00pm - Bennetts (DR1 – DR8)

September 2024

Looking ahead to September, a reminder that your son's first day of the Autumn term will be Friday 6 September.

Your son's Head of Year next year will be Mr Hinds, supported by Mr Daniell (Assistant Headteacher i/c Key Stages 3 and 4) and Miss Tapscott (Deputy Headteacher).

The form tutors for Year 9 in 2024-2025 are also listed below:

9S Miss Jauncey – B1 – (Northgate)

9T Mr Beauchamp – G1 – (Southgate)

9R Mr Tuck – V9 – (Eastgate)

9B Mr Parker – Q3 – (Westgate)

9C Mr Kendry – Q4 – (Newgate)

Your son's timetable for next academic year will be issued on the first day in September, when it will also be available for you to view on Parent Gateway.

It just leaves us to say that we hope that you and your son have a relaxing, safe, and enjoyable summer holiday.

Best wishes

Mrs Chloe Rigby-Smith (Head of Year 8)

Mr Peter Daniell (Assistant Headteacher – Head of Key Stages 3 and 4)

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