



## FOUNDER'S FORTNIGHT 2025

Dear Parents and Students

Founder's Fortnight begins here at STRS next Monday (10 March) and runs for two weeks. This is where we, as a whole school, recognise the generosity of Sir Thomas Rich in giving the sum of £6000 in his Will to set up our school, providing an education for 20 poor boys from Gloucester.

During Founder's Fortnight, each tutor group in Year 7 to Year 12 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 £3.30 per student, 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. When conditions allow, we hope that this exchange programme can resume again in future.

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

Advance notice

- **Free Dress Day - Friday 21 March**
  - **cost: £2** - participation voluntary

Many thanks for your help and cooperation.

Kind regards

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PMM Link Coordinator

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