



## From the Headteacher - Friday 5 September 2025

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Dear Parents

As we begin the new academic year, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new Year 7 and Year 12 students, as well as to all our returning pupils. I am also looking forward to meeting many of our new parents at the Year 12 Meet the Tutors and Information Evening on Thursday 11 September, and at the informal Year 7 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 17 September. Further details will be shared soon by the relevant Key Stage team, if not already.

Throughout the year, I will aim to send an email update to parents every two weeks, with occasional extra messages if anything urgent or important arises. Key information from the Senior Leadership Team, Heads of Year and staff will also be sent via email throughout the year to keep you up to date with school matters.

Our latest school news can also be found on our school website and on our social media channels:

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

### **Welcoming New Staff**

It is a pleasure to welcome our new staff to the School this term. Miss Lloyd and Mrs Loram join us as our maternity cover teachers of History and Psychology, respectively, and Miss Brumpton joins us as our new teacher of Science. We also have two new Heads of Department joining the staff team: Mrs Cawley as Head of English and Mr Jones-Parry as Head of Physics. Mr Hunter, Mr Hardy and Mr Maggs join us as Cover Supervisors and Sports Coaches, along with Mrs Dempsey as Pastoral Administration Assistant. We very much look forward to working with our new colleagues this year.

### **GCSE and A Level Results**

This year, I am delighted to report that we celebrated record GCSE results, with 57% of all entries achieving grades 8 and 9, and over three-quarters of grades (78%) at grade 7 and above. These are amongst our best ever results at GCSE. My congratulations to all our Year 11 pupils, the majority of whom have returned to us for Year 12 this week.

Our A Level results were also excellent, with the number of A\*-B grades increasing once again to 83%, with 48% of grades at A\*/A – an exceptional set of results. The hard work, determination and resilience shown by our Year 13 students have truly paid off, and it has been a pleasure to witness their excitement for the next steps in their careers.

It goes without saying that these results are also a testament to the hard work and support of our dedicated subject teachers and pastoral staff who have taught and supported our pupils to give their best performance in these examinations.

### **Pastoral Care and Safeguarding**

Safeguarding and the well-being of students remain at the heart of everything we do at Sir Thomas Rich's (STRS). Your child's Form Tutor is the first point of contact for day-to-day issues, and you can also contact the relevant Head of Year at any time.

Contact details for staff, including Form Tutors, Heads of Year, Heads of Department and the Safeguarding Team are available at: [www.strschool.co.uk/about/staff](http://www.strschool.co.uk/about/staff). Additionally, you can contact the school by telephoning our Reception team on 01452 338400 or emailing [info@strs.org.uk](mailto:info@strs.org.uk). We also have the email address [DSL@strs.org.uk](mailto:DSL@strs.org.uk), which you can use at any time should you have concerns about safeguarding or extremism.

### **Supporting the School**

At STRS, we are proud to offer our pupils a diverse range of opportunities which go well beyond the classroom. From educational trips across all year groups to an extensive extracurricular programme, these experiences play a key role in enriching life at Rich's. Much of what we are able to offer is made possible thanks to the generous support of our wider community – including, of course, our Parent Teacher and Friends' Association (PTFA). Many of our valued supporters are alumni or parents of both current and former students, who wish to give back in a meaningful way.

If you are interested in finding out more about supporting the School, please find below the link to our Regular Giving page. Our Development and Commercial Director, Mrs Lynn, would also be very pleased to hear from you on [vn@strs.org.uk](mailto:vn@strs.org.uk).

## [Regular Giving](#)

### **School Sport Booklet**

Sport is an important aspect of life at STRS, and new parents to the School may find our booklet on arrangements for training and fixtures useful. If you have any questions, please do feel free to contact Mr Williams, Director of Sport, on [rgw@strs.org.uk](mailto:rgw@strs.org.uk).

### [School Sport Guide \(PDF\)](#)

### **Rugby Dinner – 80 Years of Rugby at STRS**

Join us on Saturday 21 March 2026 for a celebration of 80 years of Rugby at STRS, comprising a day of alumni touch- and contact-rugby matches, culminating with a celebratory black-tie dinner in the evening featuring live music.

Parents, friends of the school and alumni are all warmly invited to attend, and tickets are available to buy [online now](#).

Please contact Director of Sport, Mr Williams, if you would like more information about getting a team together, [rgw@strs.org.uk](mailto:rgw@strs.org.uk), or contact Development and Commercial Director, Mrs Lynn, for further information about the event, [vl@strs.org.uk](mailto:vl@strs.org.uk).

### **Autumn Term Key Dates**

Our reminder that our main school calendar can be accessed via our website:

### [What's On • Sir Thomas Rich's School](#)

A list of key dates for the Autumn is also listed below:

Thursday 11 September    Year 12 Meet the Tutors Evening

Wednesday 17 September    Year 7 Informal Parents' Evening

Thursday 25 September    GCSE Information Evening

Thursday 3 October    Prize Giving, Main Hall, 6.00pm (invitation event)

Wednesday 22 October    End of half term (school day finishes at 3.20pm)

Monday 3 November    Start of second half of term

Friday 28 November    INSET day

Monday 1 December    INSET day

Thursday 4 December    Jazz Night, Main Hall, 6.00pm

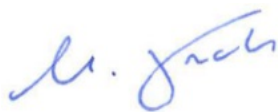
Wednesday 17 December    Carol Service, Holy Trinity Church, 6.00pm

Thursday 18 December    End of Autumn Term (school day finishes at 3.20pm)

### **Lost Property**

Finally, a polite appeal to ensure that all items of personal property are clearly labelled with your son or daughter's name. Every year, many expensive items such as shoes, trainers and coats are often left in the changing rooms and classrooms after lessons, much to the frustration of parents. Labelling everything from uniform to water bottles and pencil cases really helps staff reduce the amount of lost property. Unlabelled items are placed in the lost property cupboard and, after a month, are donated to charity if unclaimed.

My best wishes for an enjoyable weekend, and I look forward to continuing to work together to make this another successful year for the School.



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