



End of year

Dear Parents

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

Sports Evening

On Thursday 2 July, we enjoyed our annual Sports Evening. This 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 pupils to showcase their sporting talents and engage in friendly rivalry.

There were many examples of camaraderie among students, creating a vibrant and inclusive atmosphere. Notable achievements in Year 9 were the two wins for Hritvik Reddy Gunreddy in the 100m and 200m, two wins for Joseph Rackowe in the Javelin and 400m, as well as two wins for Charlie Swift in the 800m and 1500m. Congratulations should also go to all members of Southgate House who were the overall Sports Evening winners. We would like to congratulate and thank all pupils who put themselves forward to participate in Sports Evening.

Cricket

The U14 cricket teams have had a very successful season, culminating in reaching the Final of the U14 Gloucestershire County Cup Final v Cheltenham College. The game is to be played in September at a club ground. We wish them well.

Tommy's Award

Pupils in Year 9 have been participating in the Gold Tommy's Award this academic year. The award becomes more rigorous each year, with increasingly demanding criteria for achieving each facet of the award. I am pleased to announce that 44 pupils have successfully achieved the gold award. The Tommy's Award is unique to our school, and it recognises pupil achievements in areas which go beyond the classroom, such as leadership, service to the School, creativity and participation in extracurricular activities.

Summer Concert

On Thursday 9 July it was wonderful to see so many students from across the year groups showcasing the wealth of talent we have at school. Whilst the event became virtual, we are certain the quality of music played was not lost on the audience. Huge thanks to Mr Hinton for his work creating the recordings and a huge well done to the musicians for playing so beautifully in the warm conditions.

The concert included a wide range of music from the String Group, Jazz Band, Brass Group, Wind Band, Orchestra, Choir, Chamber Choir, and two student bands.

Highlights included Jaithra Nandan Thota, who sang the solo in 'Somewhere Only We Know', and piano solos from Ryan Chan (Fontaine by Hoyo-MiX) and Alec Li (Italian Concerto movt I by J. S. Bach).

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 Young Minds Matter (YMM), who will be available to offer confidential advice and support:

- YMM chat – 07480 635723

We are pleased to share the final edition of our Mental Health and Wellbeing newsletter of the academic year. In this edition, we look at eating and the brain, how to support siblings of neurodivergent children, and our safeguarding bitesize relates to domestic abuse. Please click [here https://strschool.aflip.in/MHWPJuly2026](https://strschool.aflip.in/MHWPJuly2026) to access the newsletter.

Our pupils have benefitted from the many activities and support available to them throughout the year. In this edition of our Inclusion newsletter, we share some of the highlights from the past term.

Please click [here https://strschool.aflip.in/InclusionJuly26](https://strschool.aflip.in/InclusionJuly26) to read what our pupils have been involved in and the support available to your child.

Last Day of Term and Coaches

A reminder that we finish on Friday 17 July at 12.45pm:

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 Friday 17 July are also listed below:

- 12.45pm – Marchants M12,M13,M14 and Cross Street Swindon
- 1.00pm – KB Swindon x 2, KB Bristol
- 1.30pm – Bennetts 1-8 (pupils should wait in allocated C room from 12.45pm)

September 2025

Looking ahead to September, a reminder that your son's first day of the Autumn term will be Friday 4 September.

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

The form tutors for Year 10 in 2026-2027 are also listed below:

- 10S Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Brown – V2 – (Northgate)
- 10T Miss Downes – B3 – (Southgate)
- 10R Mr Moore and Mr Jobson – Q7 – (Eastgate)
- 10B Mrs Violet and Mrs Hayman-Hands – G9 – (Westgate)
- 10C Mr Richardson – G2 – (Newgate)

Your son's timetable for the 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 me to say that I hope that you and your son have a relaxing, safe, and enjoyable summer holiday.

Best wishes,



Nick O'Neil (Head of Year 9)

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