



Year 12 Summer Email

Dear Parents

As we approach the end of the academic year, we wanted to get in touch to update you on what has been a busy but enjoyable year, particularly during the summer term.

Sports Evening

On Thursday 2 July, we enjoyed our Annual Sports Evening. Year 12 had a particularly noteworthy evening with many records being broken, including Jack Hunn in the Senior Boys Discus, and Westgate breaking the record for the Senior Boys 4x100m relay. Isaac Hower received the Senior Boys' Athlete award, winning the 100 and 200m races (breaking the school record in the 200m). Charlotte Buckley received the Senior Girls' Athlete award, having won the 400m and the relay, and come second in the high jump and the 100m. We would like to congratulate and thank all students who put themselves forward to participate in Sports Evening.

Summer Concert

Due to the warm temperatures, on Thursday (9 July), we recorded our virtual Summer Concert. This is not how we wanted to end another fantastic year of STRS music, but we are delighted to be able to share the wonderful music the students have prepared. The Jazz Band, Brass Band and Wind Band performed a mix of popular music, film music and jazz favourites. The Summer Concert showcased the talents of Lily Robinson singing 'Fly Me To The Moon', Rafa Pocha's arrangements of the title themes of 'The Astronauts' and 'Thomas The Tank Engine', and vocal solos from Dan Phillimore singing 'True Colours' and Talia Smith singing 'Don't You Worry 'Bout a Thing'.

Summer Mock Examinations, Predicted Grades and UCAS grades

Congratulations to everyone in Year 12 for the completion of their summer mock examinations. We hope the experience of sitting these has been invaluable to your son or daughter in preparing for next summer's A Level examinations, giving them advice and guidance on specific areas of content or technique to work on next year. We would like to remind parents that your son or daughter's results will now be available on Parent Gateway, as well as an Approach to Learning (ATL) score and both Predicted and UCAS grades.

A reminder that Predicted Grades reflect a realistic view of what your child is likely to achieve by the end of Year 13, based on their current performance, mock results, and outcomes of similar students in previous years. UCAS grades are the grades we are prepared to include in your child's UCAS reference; these are also holistic but may be slightly more aspirational, depending on your child's approach to learning.

Students will be guided to apply to a range of courses, using their UCAS grades for more ambitious choices and their Predicted Grades to ensure secure options. If, on receiving the report, a student is concerned that their UCAS grades do not support their first-choice application, they should speak to the Sixth Form Team before the summer holiday. Where appropriate, we will offer a programme of additional work over the summer and early autumn term to support an improvement. Full engagement with this process will be required for any grade change to be considered.

A final report confirming UCAS grades will be issued in early November.

Higher Education and Careers Planning

A reminder that Year 12 students are due to be on work experience in the week commencing 31 August. We hope they will have a valuable and worthwhile experience. If any student has yet to sort their work experience placement, please encourage them to seek help from Mrs Manning (Head of Careers). There is also an Alumni Careers Day on Friday 11 September for Year 12, which will offer them the opportunity to develop their networks and to meet former students working in a variety of fields. Please can Year 12 students note that this Alumni Day will be a full school day, regardless of whether their timetable would normally allow them to leave early.

Year 12 students have recently had Enrichment sessions with Mrs Morris (Head of Higher Education) about how to write a personal statement for their UCAS application. If your son or daughter is considering applying for Early Entry (Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry and Veterinary courses), they were advised to submit a first draft of one paragraph of their personal statement by the start of the penultimate week of this term. The School's Early Entry deadline for completed UCAS applications is Wednesday 30 September. For Standard Entry students, personal statements can be drafted any time between now and mid-October for feedback from staff. A good time for these students to submit completed UCAS applications is from October to (no later than) the end of November (although they can submit earlier if they wish). This period is a good time for universities to send out offers, and a great time for students to receive offers. The internal deadline for Standard Entry applications is Thursday 26 November.

Inclusion and Wellbeing

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.

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.

Whilst we hope your son or daughter 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 self-referrals to various local organisations that can offer support:

- **Young Minds Matter (YMM)** [Young Minds Matter > CYPS Gloucester Health & Care \(ghc.nhs.uk\)](#)
- **YMM CHAT 07480 635723**
- **Young Glos** [Home | Young Gloucestershire \(youngglos.org.uk\)](#)
- **Let's Talk Well** <https://www.letstalkwell.org.uk/>
- **Brownhill Centre (Gloucestershire Eating Disorder Service)** [Eating Disorders Service Gloucestershire > Glos Health & Care NHS Foundation Trust \(ghc.nhs.uk\)](#)
- **Chat Health (online messaging with school nursing team)** [Home Page - ChatHealth](#)
- **Support finder Onyourmindglos (support finder for under 25s)** [On Your Mind Gloucestershire - children & young people's mental health - NHS \(onyourmindglos.nhs.uk\)](#)
- **NHS Crisis Service – dial 111, available 24/7**

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A reminder that your son or daughter's first day of the Autumn term will be Monday 7 September.

Mr Pilkington-Crowe will continue as your son or daughter's Head of Year in Year 13, supported by Mr Williams (Assistant Headteacher, Head of Key Stage 5).

The form tutors and their form rooms for Year 13 in 2026-2027 are also listed below:

- 13S – Mrs R Foylan, V8
- 13T – Miss K Wilks, Mrs M Ferguson, E2
- 13R – Miss I Brumpton, F1
- 13B – Mr J Buttle, Mrs C Morris, E3
- 13C – Mrs K Loram, Mrs J Manning, E4
- 13H – Mr G Jones-Parry, E1
- 13L – Miss A Grey, Q6
- 13G – Miss R Lloyd, F5
- 13E – Mr D Gowler, Mr D Lewis, V10

It just leaves us to say that we hope that your son or daughter has a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday.

Best wishes

Mr Pilkington-Crowe and Mr Williams

Head of Year 12 and Head of Key Stage 5

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