



Year 7 - End of Year Email

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.

Sports Evening

On Thursday 2 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. Notable achievement of the evening was Tiwa Adekola (7R) breaking the Year 7 School record in High Jump with a height of 1.45m and also breaking the Year 7 Long Jump record with a distance of 4.83m. The previous Long Jump record had been held by R Boseley since 1966! It was a competitive battle between Westgate and Southgate in the 4 x 400m relay, with Westgate victorious, and in the 4 x 100m relay, Eastgate were triumphant.

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

Cricket

The U12A cricket team won the Gloucestershire County Cup Final away at The Crypt Grammar School on Monday 6 June. Our U12s scored 153 for 4 from their 20 overs and bowled Crypt out for 81 runs. They will now progress into The David English U13 National Cup next season. Many congratulations to all pupils involved.]

Basketball

The U12 basketball team continued their Junior NBA competition this term, topping the Gloucester Schools group and progressing to the West-Midlands playoffs as the top seed. They won their first playoff game and had a bye through the second round to be invited to the finals day at Worcester University. The team beat Thomas Adams in the Western Conference Finals to progress to the NBA Finals against Holly Lodge. The team fought bravely in the finals against a talented Holly Lodge team and finished in second place. The whole basketball squad has shown a huge amount of promise this year, and I look forward to seeing what they can do next year in the Year 8 junior NBA competition.

Tommy's Award

Pupils in Year 7 have been participating in the Tommy's Award Bronze this academic year. I am pleased to announce that there are 80 successful participants. They were awarded their badges and certificates in an assembly on Tuesday 14 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.

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.

Celebration Trip (Aztec Adventure)

Pupils in Year 7 had a fantastic time cooling off at Aztec Adventure Water Park near Bromsgrove a few weeks ago. It was a brilliant way to celebrate the end of their first year as Richians! Everyone had great fun enjoying the activities, while staff ensured pupils stayed safe, hydrated and protected in the sunshine throughout the day. This was a lovely way to celebrate a successful Year 7.

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

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

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 2026

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 Mrs Rigby-Smith, supported by Mr Daniell (Assistant Headteacher i/c Key Stages 3 and 4).

The form tutors for Year 8 in 2026-2027 are also listed below:

- 8S Mrs Khoker and Mr Deacon – V3 – (Northgate)
- 8T Miss Bond – Q2 – (Southgate)
- 8R Mr Hinton and Mrs Roberts – Q1 – (Eastgate)
- 8B Mr Reece – V5 – (Westgate)
- 8C Mrs Ormston – F8 – (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

Zak Hinds (Head of Year 7)

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

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