



Headmaster's Letter

5th June 2026

Dear parents/carers and students,

Pianothon – 15–16 June (Live Streamed)

Our Pianothon fundraising event, which aims to raise funds for a second-hand grand piano and additional musical instruments, is now scheduled for 15th - 16th of June. We have already received some generous donations through our new fundraising platform, Give as You Live, and I would like to thank everyone who has contributed so far.

My particular thanks go to Mr Slemensek, our Graduate Musician in Residence, for his outstanding organisation of this event. Further details on how you can support this important fundraising initiative can be found later in this newsletter.

Academic Studies and Examinations

A Level and GCSE examinations continued this week for students in Years 11 and 13. I hope that all examinations are progressing well and that students feel their hard work and preparation are paying off.

Internal end-of-year assessments are also continuing across the school, alongside the ongoing delivery of our curriculum. Parents and carers who would like to learn more about what is taught in each subject, our curriculum vision, and our approach to teaching and learning are encouraged to visit the curriculum section of our website.



"We are an outstanding co-educational grammar school which places the child at the heart of all that we do..."



Careers Education

I was delighted to learn from our Careers Leader, Mr Germaine, that the school's careers education and guidance programme has been successfully reaccredited by the Careers Mark Company following an external audit conducted at the end of last term.

This achievement reflects the dedication of Mr Germaine, our staff, and our valued external partners in providing students with a high-quality, future-focused careers programme. The programme supports students at every stage of their educational journey and helps prepare them for their future pathways beyond school.

As part of this programme, Year 12 students continue to benefit from weekly Careers Insight talks and will undertake a week of work experience later this term. Year 10 students will also have the opportunity to participate in work experience placements next week or, alternatively, engage in online careers learning activities directed by Mr Germaine.

Personal Development

Our Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants have continued to enjoy their practice expeditions, with many spending time canoeing on the River Wye this week. These experiences provide valuable opportunities to develop resilience, teamwork and independence while creating lasting memories.

Sporting Futures activities have continued in both cricket and tennis, and many students are looking forward to this evening's annual Sports Awards Evening, which celebrates both individual and team achievements throughout the academic year. My thanks go to the PE Department for organising this important event.

Congratulations also to our Cheerleading Team on their recent success over the half-term break. My thanks to Mrs Crozier for her commitment and support in enabling students to participate and achieve so successfully.

Staffing News

On Thursday, we welcomed a number of new colleagues to school for our New Staff Induction Day. It was a pleasure to meet them and introduce them to our school community. I will provide a full update on staff appointments and departures in a future newsletter.

Finally, congratulations to Miss Leask, who married her partner, Beth, over the half-term break in a

wonderful ceremony. I am sure the entire school community will join me in wishing them both every happiness for their future together.

With my continued best wishes,



Nicholas Dyer
Headmaster

Dates For Your Diary

5th June	Sports Award Evening
10th - 12th June	Y10 Work experience
15th / 16th June	Geography Trip Forest of Dean
16th June	Matilda Bristol Hippodrome
16th June	Surf Camp
19th June	Alice in Wonderland St Mary De Crypt 7pm
22nd June	Hamilton Live Stream 3.40pm
22nd June	Summer School 8.35am
23rd June	Summer School 8.35am
26th June	Y11 Prom Hatherley Manor - from 7pm
26th June	Y12 Team Building Day
29th June	Founders' Day Gloucester Cathedral 7.15pm
30th June	CSPTA Committee Meeting S1 6.30pm
1st July	Y7 and 8 Showcase Concert 6pm
2nd July	Y13 Leavers Meal 7-9pm
4th July	Cabaret Night 6.45pm
6th July	Post 18 University and Employment Workshops 6 - 7:30pm
8th July	Girls into Electronics University of Bath
8th July	Term 6 Ends 3.15pm

Head Girl Ella's community work highlighted

On Wednesday prior to half term, our head girl Ella (year 12) had the opportunity to visit a primary school to discuss with their pupils the ongoing conflict in Israel and Palestine. During this experience, Ella spoke with year 4 and year 6 pupils about the humanitarian impact of war, with a particular focus on the importance of compassion and understanding, which included some links to the Catholic social teachings that are taught in the primary school Ella visited. Ella is also planning a fundraising - "22 Miles for 22,000 Children" - which aims to support the children who have lost their lives as a result of the conflict, with the 22 miles symbolising the 22,000 children who have died. Well done to Ella on her commitment to education, to humanitarianism and to raising awareness of important social issues such as this.

Sports Day Results & Information

Thank you to everyone who made sports day such a success this year. We were blessed with perfect conditions to compete and spectate and the athletes represented their houses well. We started with an opening ceremony proudly using our new house flags. Thank you to Mr Whitaker and his music team for providing the marching band.

The competition was fierce throughout which showed in the closest final positions of sports day in recent years. The final scores were:

1st Place Cooke 1465

2nd Place Henley 1463

3rd Place Raikes 1337

4th Place Moore 1172

5th Place Waboso 861

We also recognised individuals who scored the most points in each year group. These received the Victor Ludorum Trophy.

- Year 7 Seb, Laurie and Eliza
- Year 8 Michael and Megan
- Year 9 Ollie and Kim
- Year 10 Enrico and Sahara

We also had 3 school records broken.

- Enrico 300m Inter boys new record 36.60 sec
- Erin Long Jump Inter Girls new record 4.90m
- Tabby High Jump Inter girls new record 1.50m

Thank you to everyone who made the day special, especially the PE Department and Mr Higgs for the results.



Cheerleading Team Success!

On Saturday May 30th our competition cheerleading team attended a competition in Worcester, competing in the school's level 1 division.

The students performed incredibly and their routine looked fantastic - they were confident and demonstrated excellent showmanship.

They won their division with a fantastic score and fantastic comments from the judges. We're really proud of all of their hard work and commitment to the team throughout the year.



Musical Theatre cabaret night:

Tickets for our musical theatre cabaret night on Saturday 4th July (7 - 8:30pm) have now gone live!

This event promises to be a fantastic showcase of our student's incredible singing, dancing and acting abilities. The hall will be set up in a 'speak easy' style, with tables and chairs and performers moving throughout the audience- it will be unlike any performance we have run before!

Love musicals? Want to support our students?
Book here:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/114006>



Library Newsletter

Our Carnegie Reading Group, The Crypt Bookworms, met this week to discuss the shortlisted books and decide which title should receive our vote. The discussion was lively, with students speaking passionately about their favourite books and making a strong case for why they felt a particular title deserved to win. We will submit our vote by 9 June, with the overall winner of the Carnegie Medal announced on 19 June.

The Bookworms have also been busy reading and posting reviews on the Carnegie website. Students are encouraged to share both what they enjoyed and what they felt could have been improved, resulting in a wide range of thoughtful and insightful opinions. This week's discussion focused on memorable characters, engaging storylines and, perhaps most importantly, the reminder that you should never judge a book by its cover – a phrase I find myself using regularly!

Young Writers Success! Young Writers was founded in 1991 to inspire and encourage creative writing, giving young people the opportunity to share their voices and imaginations. This year's Stranger Sagas competition invited students to explore the strange and unusual through short stories. The resulting collection features bizarre beginnings, mysterious middles and enigmatic endings, showcasing creativity across a range of genres. Congratulations to the 17 Crypt students whose work has been selected for publication. It is wonderful to see their writing in print, and I hope this achievement encourages them to continue writing, creating and developing their talents. We have two copies of the book available in the library for students to enjoy.

Over the next few weeks, students can look forward to both a George Orwell Quiz and a Hunger Games Quiz. We will also be holding a Library Book Sale on 25 and 26 June. Older fiction titles have been removed from the shelves to make way for new stock, and students will be able to fill a carrier bag with books for just £1. There are some excellent bargains to be found, and we hope many books will find new homes.



Volunteer School Admission Appeal Panel Members Needed

Gloucestershire County Council is currently recruiting volunteer School Admission Appeal Panel Members to support virtual school admission appeals across the county.

Appeal panels play an important role in ensuring that admission appeals are heard fairly, independently and impartially. Panel members come from a wide range of backgrounds and no previous experience is required, as full training and support are provided.

This is an excellent opportunity for those who would like to contribute to the local community and help families through the admissions process. The role may be particularly suited to parents, grandparents, retired professionals and others with an interest in education and public service.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a volunteer panel member, further information and details of how to apply can be found on the Gloucestershire County Council website.

Founders' Day Service Reminder

Further to the letter sent to parents and carers this week, this is a reminder that our annual Founders' Day Service will take place at Gloucester Cathedral on Monday 29 June.

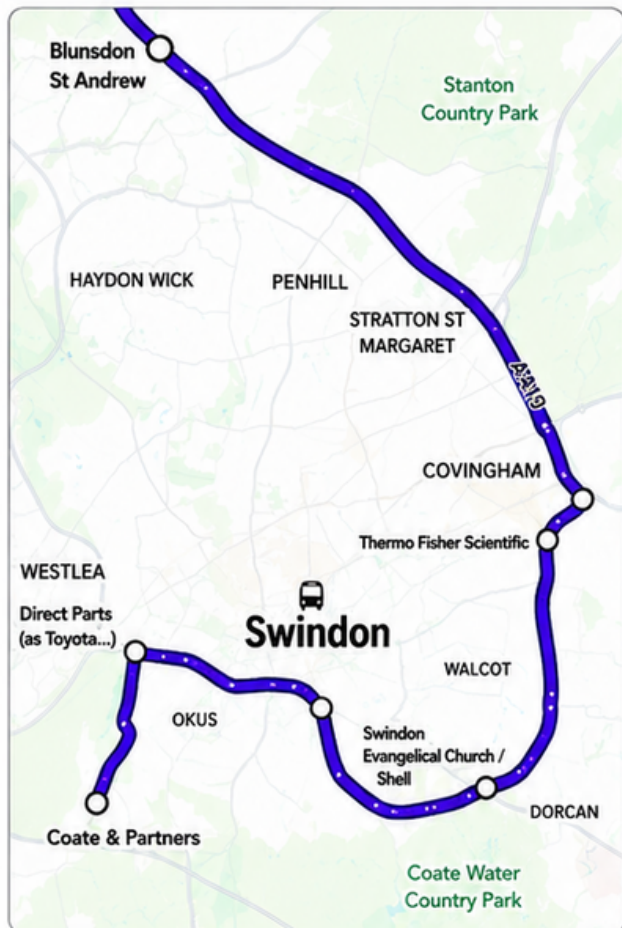
Years 7–10 and Year 12 should attend this important event. Students should arrive by 6.30pm for registration, with the service beginning promptly at 7.15pm. If your child has a good reason why they are unable to attend, please notify the school no later than Monday 22 June using the following form:

<https://forms.gle/yZP9DCBHhGjVYyLVA>

We look forward to welcoming parents, carers and friends of the school to join us for this special occasion. Parents and carers will be admitted from 6.50pm, with unreserved seating available throughout the Cathedral. A retiring collection will be held in support of the Teenage Cancer Trust.



SWINDON TO THE CRYPT SCHOOL & RIBSTON HALL HIGH SCHOOL DAILY SCHOOL BUS SERVICE



INDICATIVE ROUTE & COLLECTION POINTS

- A** WICHELSTOWE (WAITROSE AREA)
Indicative stop
- B** MANNINGTON (CARPHONE WAREHOUSE AREA)
Indicative stop
- C** REGENT CIRCUS (TOWN CENTRE)
Indicative stop
- D** OLD TOWN (DEVIZES ROAD)
Indicative stop
- E** MARLBOROUGH ROAD (LAWN / COATE AREA)
Indicative stop
- F** DORCAN (THERMO FISHER AREA)
Indicative stop
- G** ALDI NORTH LATHAM ROAD / COLD HARBOUR (BLUNSDON AREA)
Indicative stop

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TIMETABLE PUBLISHED IN AUGUST

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- ★ Old Town
- ★ Wroughton
- ★ Dorcan

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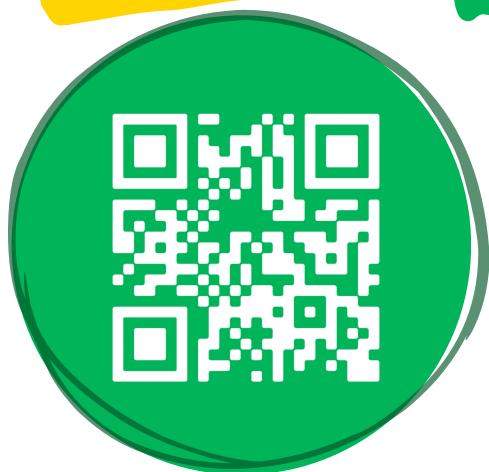


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BETTER BY WATER

COMMUNITY FUN DAY



Join the Canal & River Trust at a free, family-friendly fun day with paddling, music, creative activities, games, and plenty to explore for all ages. Orchard Square, outside the National Waterways Museum Gloucester.

ACTIVITIES

- Paddling, canoeing & kayaking
- Music & dance
- Art & photography
- Family & sports day games
- Play zone
- Community stalls

20 JUNE 2026

12.00pm–5.00pm

Want to be involved? We are looking for local organisations to be part of this community event.

Email tracy.yates@canalrivertrust.org.uk
canalrivertrust.org.uk/gloucester



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Summer Term Parent Support Series

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Free Parent Webinars

Join us and Elevate Education for FREE 60- minute webinars designed to help you support your child's studies at home.

Scan the QR code
to register



In the Summer Term, we'll cover:

- 1. Ask Me Anything (Live Q&A)**
- 28th April @6:00pm (BST)
- 2. How You Can Help Improve Your Child's Memory**
- 12th May @6:00pm (BST)
- 3. How to Help Your Child Alleviate Stress**
- 9th June @6:00pm (BST)
- 4. How to Get (And Keep!) Your Child Motivated**
- 23rd June @6:00pm (BST)
- 5. How You Can Set Your Child Up for Success**
- 7th July @6:00pm (BST)

