



# Thomas Telford School

## Newsletter

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### Top Honours All Round!

2001 marked the Tenth Anniversary of Thomas Telford School and it proved to be a remarkable year with honours all round!

In February an outstanding Ofsted report showed the highest standards of teaching ever recorded by HM Inspectors of Schools with Ofsted's description of the School as a place "where teachers and students share a love of learning."

In June, students, staff and Governors were delighted when it was announced in The Queen's Birthday Honours List that the Headmaster was to receive a Knighthood for his services to education. The first hint of this news came at the regular staff briefing session on Friday afternoon when Sir Kevin thanked staff for their hard work and support and suggested that it might just be worth keeping an eye on the media on Saturday.



*"Arise Sir Kevin" - The Investiture in December*



*Students celebrate Charter Mark (l-r):  
Shyam Vadukul, Chantelle Holt,  
Charlotte Maddocks, Matthew Wood*

Every student received a letter from the Headmaster on the morning of the announcement saying: "Everyone at TTS is part of this honour and I am most grateful to you all." Chairman of Governors, Mr Roy Harrison, commented: "The Governing Board sees the Headmaster's award not only as a recognition of Sir Kevin's remarkable ability, commitment and enthusiasm but also as an endorsement of the educational philosophy at Thomas Telford School."

July saw the best ever Year 9 SAT results with 98% of the students achieving Level 5 and above, whilst in August, A Level/GNVQ results were the best to date. The GCSE results again broke national records when every student achieved at least **nine** GCSE passes at the higher grades. Amongst some outstanding personal results, Hannah Isaacs achieved 9A\* and 3A passes while Tim Furness gained 6A\* and 3As.

Then in November, the School was singled out for praise by Estelle Morris, the Secretary of State for Education and Skills, when the Secondary School Performance Tables showed that Thomas Telford School was one of only two comprehensive schools with a 100% GCSE pass rate at A\*-C.

Finally, in December, came the news that the School had been awarded a Charter Mark for the third time, signifying Government approval for the very high quality services provided for students, parents and the wider community. Following a rigorous assessment by a Cabinet Office team, the School was highly praised for its achievements, in particular, the commitment towards continuous improvement and the culture of care and respect amongst staff and students.



# Achievement Evening July 2001



*Mr Anthony Hodson, the Master of The Mercers' Company was Guest of Honour at the Tenth Annual Achievement Presentation Evening held in July. He is pictured with outstanding students (l-r): Jordan Sidaway (Mawdsley Award for Outstanding Student of the Year), Victoria Wylde (Emma Shaw Memorial Award for Personality of the Year), Ricky Balshaw (Award for Exceptional Achievement), Jonathan Stokes (Mawdsley Award for Outstanding Student of the Year), Joseph Shaffery (Laing Award for Contribution to School and Community), Philip Nicholls (Award for Exceptional Achievement), Carys Jones (Williams Award for Community Service), Chantelle Holt (Headmaster's Award) and Lucy Hyde (Key Stage 3 Student of the Year)*



*Victoria Mantle (Jaguar Award for Manufacturing) and James Mantle (Key Stage 4 Award for Progress in English Literature)*



*Holly Smith (David Gribble Plate for Hospitality and Catering)*



*Robert Mason (Stephen Murray Award for International Understanding) and Kim Rowley (Wedgwood Award for Ceramics)*



*Sarah Banbury (GKN Award for Technology)*



*Mr Nigel Talbot-Rice, Director of the Misys Charitable Foundation, presents Simon Clayton with a Misys Foundation Scholarship. Simon is now studying for a BSc in Simulation and Virtual Reality at Staffordshire University*



# Barclays Bank Funds Partnership



*Ms Libby Rowles from Barclays in Telford presents a certificate to Sir Kevin Satchwell and Mr John Gould, Headmaster of Donnington Wood CE Junior School, watched by Sixth Form students James Hickens (l) and Nicholas Lue (r) and pupils from Donnington Wood (l-r) Ann Jakeways, Ginny Watson and Victor Verster*

Earlier in the year, Donnington Wood Church of England Junior School and Thomas Telford School shared a Barclays New Futures Award of £3,000 which helped to fund a project in which TTS Sixth Form students taught Information Technology skills to Year 6 children from the Junior School. The youngsters learned how to use new computer packages and by the end of the eight week programme they had completed a project of hyperlinked pages based on the theme "All About Me."

The Sixth Form students gained qualifications and some of the Key Skills required by the new, broader Sixth Form study programme.

The Barclays New Futures Scheme enables students to support others within their local community whilst at the same time improving their own key skills and achievements in citizenship education.

## Sweet Charity

New York in the 1960s was brought to life when the musical 'Sweet Charity' became the School's tenth annual show.

'Sweet Charity' is a tender, consistently funny story about the misadventures of a guillible but guileless 'lady of the night' who always gives her heart and her earnings to the wrong man. 'Hey Big Spender', an all-time classic show stopper, is just one of the many terrific songs in the show which had the audience shouting for more!



*Sweet Charity*

The lead role was shared by three students who each brought very different qualities to the part. "Sophie Hall, Brigid McCamphill and Amy Law were all superb as Charity", commented Mr Dara Carroll, Deputy Head (Performing Arts). "There are not many shows where the lead role is a female character so it was an excellent chance for the girls to show off their skills. The whole cast worked very hard and trained for months to increase their stamina to cope with the demands of this production."

## Britain's Brainiest Kids

Year 8 student Matthew Wood reached the semi finals of ITV's 'Britain's Brainiest Kids' during the Summer. Matthew was one of around 1200 initial applicants and, having successfully completed the first qualifying round, he was invited to London for the day to take part in further tests.

Matthew reached the last 24 but did not make the final 12 for the television programme although he was spotted on TV in a background feature about the making of the quiz show. Matthew said: "It was great fun and even though I did not get to the final, we had an excellent all expenses-paid day in London!"



## Celebration Vacation



*Squad members, staff and dads at the celebration dinner in an Italian Restaurant in Penrith*

During the Easter holidays, members of the Year 11 Football squad spent a week at Oasis, the Lake District holiday centre, to celebrate five years together as a team. The boys were accompanied by their team manager, Mr Maher, and teachers Mr Wilderspin and Mr Bisp. Three fathers also joined the group. The team played two friendly matches against local schools and spent the rest of their time in an activity filled programme which included volleyball, basketball, badminton and a host of other sports. The students broke their return journey in Liverpool where they spent an exhilarating few hours being coached by experts at the Liverpool Football Academy. Their holiday was crowned by a visit to Anfield, the home of Liverpool Football Club.

Mr Maher said: "They have been a smashing bunch of lads with a tremendous team spirit and over the past five years, we have had a great time together. We have even won some football matches! One of the dads who came with us, Mr Furness, very kindly provided a special football strip for all the tour members and we were delighted by his generous gesture."

Squad members presented their manager with a memento - an England shirt and a match ball signed by all of them! Team Captain, Liam Hennessy said: "The trip was brilliant and rounded off five fantastic years that we will never forget."

## Flying High

Sixth Form student Andrew Moon was one of six runners up for the National Vocational Achievement Award at the Edexcel Achievement in Education Awards 2001. Andrew's computer skills were tested to the full in his role as manager of a project team which designed a website for the West Midlands Consortium. This project was part of Andrew's Advanced GNVQ in ICT for which he received a Distinction.

Andrew also achieved success in a completely different field when he became one of the youngest people in the country to qualify for a full private pilot's licence. He said: "I was absolutely delighted when the examiner told me that I had passed. I haven't even got a driving licence yet!"

Andrew is currently spending a gap year at Wolverhampton Business Airport where he has a job as a part time firefighter and air traffic controller. He hopes to study Air Transport Management at university.

In the meantime, Andrew is also heavily involved in the world of computer flight simulation programmes. He writes programme reviews for specialist magazines and is the Flight Simulator Community Leader on the MSN Zone.

## National Award for Technology Teacher

The Design and Technology Association (DATA), the professional association of technology teachers, named Miss Justine Owen as the Best Newcomer of the Year to the Profession. A delighted Miss Owen received her award from James Dyson, famous inventor of the bagless vacuum cleaner, and HM Chief Inspector of Schools, Mike Thompson, at a presentation dinner in London.

Mr Mark Hudson, Head of Technology, commented: "We are delighted that Miss Owen's talent for teaching has been recognised in this way."



*Miss Owen pictured at the Award Dinner*



# Winter Olympic Stars of the Future???



*Some members of the ski party with their instructor at the top of the Olympic Blue & Red Runs*

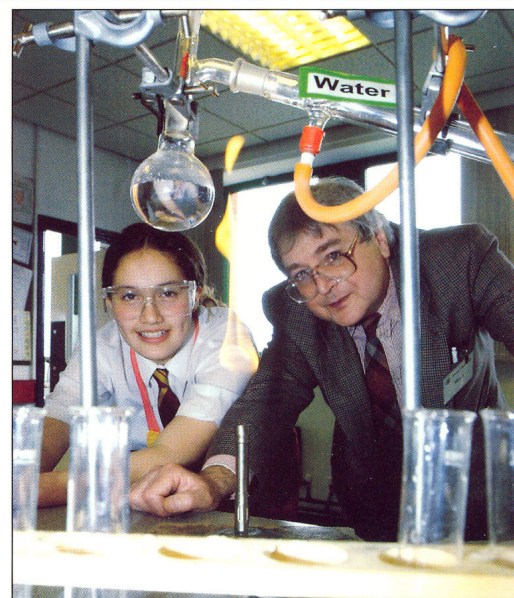
Could there be a skiing champion in the making amongst the students who spent a week in Austria at Easter? Miss Hinton reports: "Most of the party were beginners and we spent many happy hours at local ski centres in Madeley and Tamworth learning to stay upright before we actually set off for Axamer Lizum. I was amazed - by the end of the week, we were racing down Olympic red and blue runs and having a wonderful time. After skiing, we had an enjoyable programme including a visit to the cinema, bowling, shopping, karaoke and a disco."

## Top Scientist visits School

One of the country's foremost scientists, Professor Richard Catlow, visited the School last March to give a lecture to A Level students on computational chemistry.

Professor Catlow is a member of the Royal Institution of Great Britain, the Director of the Davy Faraday Research Laboratory and the Wolfson Professor of Natural Philosophy. The Royal Institution was founded in 1799 and has had a profound effect on scientific research and education since that time. Its members have included Sir Humphrey Davy who, as well as inventing the famous miners safety lamp which bears his name, also made many important chemical discoveries; Michael Faraday who discovered electro-magnetism and Sir Ernest Rutherford who is regarded as the father of atomic science.

Professor Catlow also performed the opening ceremony for the School's Science Open Evening which provided an opportunity for parents to see what goes on in a Science lesson in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.



*Professor Catlow with student, Jennifer Allen  
(Photo courtesy of the Shropshire Star)*

## Local Bank Sponsors Basketball Kit

The local branch of HSBC has provided the PE Department with new kit for the Basketball teams. Ms Liz Mottram, from HSBC's Telford branch, who presented the School with a cheque for £350, was thanked by girls from last year's Under 19 team. The girls had an excellent season - they were Shropshire County finalists and also reached the last sixteen in the national competition.

Finance Director, Mr Steve Turton, commented: "We are very grateful for the support of HSBC and other local organisations who are kind enough to help us to provide kit for our teams".



*Ms Liz Mottram presents Mr Turton with a cheque watched by some members of the Under 19 Basketball squad (l-r): Justine Goh, Sandra Bartlett, Vicki Cornish, Sara Banbury, Joanne Leeming, Rebecca Brown and Hasina Mansurali*



## Top Prize for Business Brains



*Nakash Hussain (Accounts Manager) and Matthew Jenkins (Managing Director) of 24:7 Entertainment with their award in the Jockeys' Weighing Room at Cheltenham Racecourse*

A team of eleven Sixth Form Business students scooped the top prize in a Business Incentive Scheme competition run by children's charity Barnardo's, in association with Friends Provident. The Finals Event, which was attended by schools from across the Midlands, Wales and South West, was held in the Gold Cup Suite at Cheltenham Racecourse.

The students set up and ran a company called 24:7 Entertainment which organised a fund raising event, held at the Moat House Hotel. The evening included an 'Auction of Promises' as well as an auction of memorabilia kindly donated by local companies. For the 'Auction of Promises', 24:7 Entertainment persuaded TTS staff to provide a wonderful array of promises, including a day's fishing with Mr Maher, electric guitar lessons with Mr Boyle, several meals cooked by various teachers (and a Master Chef contestant!) and many others. The evening made a profit of £2,600 which was donated to Barnardo's.

Mr Nigel Veal of Friends Provident said: "I was particularly impressed with the groundwork that the Thomas Telford School team put into researching supply and demand before setting up their entertainment business."

## Ria's Medal

Ria Johnson is the latest winner of the Sir William Siemens Medal which is awarded annually for outstanding accomplishment in Advanced Level Physics. Ria achieved maximum marks in her coursework and a Grade A in Physics in the summer.

Ria, who is now studying Physics and Astrophysics at Birmingham University, is the first female student to win the award.

A spokesman for Siemens VDO Automotives said: "We would like to congratulate Ria on her excellent achievements and wish her every success for the future."



*Ria Johnson with her Sir William Siemens Medal (photo courtesy of the Shropshire Star)*

## On Trial at Shrewsbury Crown Court



*Barristers for the day (l-r): Stephanie Prince and Emma Alsop*

Year 10 students took part in a Mock Trial competition at Shrewsbury Crown Court in November, involving teams from nine Shropshire Schools. The students took on the roles of barristers, witnesses, court officials, jurors and press reporters with each team taking part in two trials, once for the prosecution and once for the defence.

Mr Paul Williams, Deputy Head (Humanities), said: "This is the first time that our students have taken part and they won both their cases. They did not finish in the top three but they acquitted themselves very well!"



# Challenging Days for Volunteers



*The TTS Volunteers pictured before the start of the Two Counties Challenge (l-r): Matthew Taylor, Simon Reeves, Jonathan Gribble, Michael Southall, Russell Jones, Chris Mahoney, Peter Sinnott, Samantha Hopkins, Stacey Cross, Sarah Gatford and Hannah Howells*

Eleven intrepid Sixth Form students took part in the Two Counties Challenge Cup, organised by the Light Infantry at Nesscliffe Training Camp near Shrewsbury. Teams from schools in Herefordshire and Shropshire undertook eight challenges, involving, amongst other things, an assault course, 50 ft climbing wall, orienteering, an electronic simulated rifle range and paint ball shooting. Mr Malcolm Scotto, Senior Industrial Consultant, said: "Jonathan Gribble produced a scratch team of volunteers for this competition and they shaped up really well, supporting each other through some very challenging activities."

## Maths Wizards

Thirty-five Year 7 and 8 students took part in the annual UK Junior Mathematical Challenge earlier this year and twenty-six of them were awarded prizes! Six students achieved the Gold standard, including Sam Harrow who was in Year 7 at the time. There were twelve Silver and eight Bronze awards. Leanne Mason produced the best result of all Thomas Telford School's entrants.

Mr David Berry, Deputy Head in charge of Mathematics said: "The UK Junior Mathematical Challenge stimulates and encourages able students and our young students enjoy the challenge posed by the mathematical problems." Mr Berry added: "I would like to congratulate all those students who took part in the Challenge this year and in particular, Sam Harrow. It is a terrific achievement for a Year 7 student to achieve a Gold Award."

\* Congratulations to 3 students who won prizes in the Young Foundry Engineers Society competition: Simon Goode (1st Prize in the A Level category), David Bradley (2nd Prize) and Faye Giles (2nd Prize at GCSE level). \*



*Sam Harrow and Leanne Mason  
(photo courtesy of the Shropshire Star)*

## World Class Players



*Elliott Bennett lifting the winning team's Trophy  
(photo courtesy of Mr Glyn Harding, Wolves Academy)*

Elliott Bennett, Ross Draper, Lee Collins and Jewade Graham are four TTS students who play for the Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Academy. They were part of the Under 12 team who won the Shizouka World Junior Football Tournament held in Japan during the Summer. The Wolves team represented the UK against teams from Australia, USA, Brazil, China, Thailand and Japan. Wolves won the final after a penalty shoot-out in a match against China, held at the new World Cup Ecopa stadium.

Academy Director, Chris Evans, said: "To win the tournament in front of 5,000 people was tremendous but then to have your team captain, Elliott Bennett, acclaimed as player of the tournament was truly the icing on the cake."



# TTS Sports Round

## Football

### Under 14 Girls



*Under 14 CTC/Sports Colleges Champions*

*Back Row (l-r): Vicky Thompson, Jenny Rogers, Sian Rowles, Finola Corley, Naomi Isaacs, Alex Waldron, Stacey Nevin*  
*Front Row (l-r): Chetna Vadukul, Katie Evans, Jenny Postle, Claire France, Samantha Brown*

The team had an excellent season, winning the CTC/Sports Colleges championship. The squad travelled to Oxford and Bristol in earlier rounds, winning both games comfortably. The semi-final was a much tougher game but the team overcame Kingshurst CTC 3-2 in an exciting game with Katie Evans making some outstanding saves in goal. The final against St Edmond's School from Norfolk was again a close match but with a magnificent team effort and brilliant finishing from Claire France, TTS won 3-2.

### Under 12 Boys



*CTC/Sports Colleges and Wagon Wheels 5-a-side Regional Champions*

*Back Row (l-r): Ashley Strange, Michael Boden, George Udall, Paul Herrington, Jack Fletcher, Jack Warburton*  
*Front Row (l-r): Ross Draper, Elliott Bennett, Lee Collins, Alex Nolan, Nader Morsy*

The team won the CTC/Sports Colleges championships following matches against schools from Cheltenham, Birmingham, London, Manchester and Leicester. In the final, they beat Lancaster School from Leicester 3-0 with goals from Elliott Bennett, Ross Draper and Daniel Preston.

This rounded off a superb first season for a very talented set of boys who, earlier in the year, had also won the Wagon Wheels 5-a-side regional championships.

### Under 15 Girls

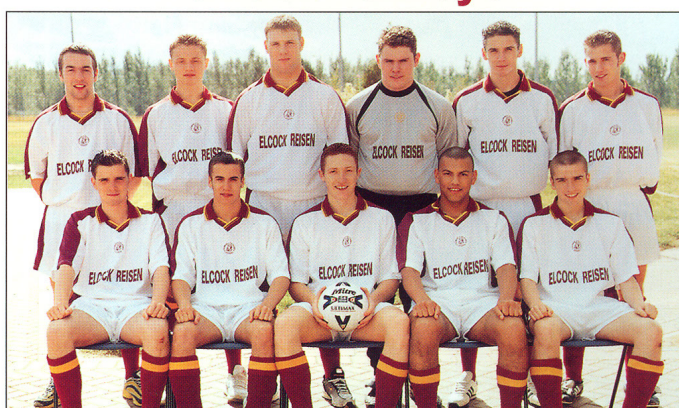


*Under 15 County Champions.*

*Back row (l-r): Samantha Brown, Alex Waldron, Chetna Vadukul, Claire France, Finola Corley, Kim Atkinson, Katie Evans, Jenny Postle, Stacey Nevin*  
*Front row (l-r): Laura Watton, Amber Quick, Eleanor Ralph, Anna Perks, Leanne Jones, Naomi Isaacs*

The Under 15 Girls won the County Championship progressing easily through the early rounds. However, the final was a close fought encounter against a strong team from Meole Brace. Though goalless, the first half was dominated by TTS. During the second half, TTS took the lead twice with goals from Laura Watton and Anna Perks, on each occasion Meole Brace equalised. With extra time looming, Amber Quick scored an excellent goal from 25 yards with only seconds of normal time remaining.

### Under 19 Boys



*Shropshire Schools & Colleges League Winners*

*Back Row (l-r): Warren Brindley, Matthew Rutter, Chris Waldron, Andrew Farrell, Joe Turner, Graham Whitehouse*  
*Front Row (l-r): Charles Evans, Carl Johnson, Steven White, Jordan Perrin, Phillip Hurdley*

The Sixth Form Boys had an excellent season. They won the Shropshire Schools and Colleges FA League for the first time, winning all seven games – the first time that any school/college in this league has achieved this feat. The team also reached the West Midlands Colleges League Final.

Mr Simon Topper, Deputy Head (PE), commented: "Everyone worked hard for this success but there was an outstanding contribution from Steven White who captained the team superbly."



# 2000-2001 Season

## Football

### Under 16 Girls



*Under 16 Floodlit League Champions*

*Back Row (l-r): Lauren Jones, Jenny Postle, Claire France, Vicki Cornish, Kim Atkinson, Thea Osmund-Smith, Becky Brown, Sam Brown*  
*Front Row (l-r): Eleanor Ralph, Laura Watton, Anna Perks, Leanne Jones, Amber Quick*

The Under 16 Girls became the first champions of the Floodlit League when they beat Adams Wem 2-1 in the Final. Lauren Jones scored both goals, the winner coming in the final minute. This was a new competition in which Schools from Telford and the surrounding districts were invited to take part.

### Under 14 Boys



*Under 14 7-a-side County Champions*

*Back Row (l-r): Luke Matthews, Adam, Welsh, Robert Egginton, Michael Prosser, James Fellows*  
*Front Row (l-r): Andrew Monger, Wayne Davies, Henry Goh, Alex Warburton, Danny Guthrie*

The Under 14 Boys shared the Shropshire 7-a-side County trophy with Charlton School after a very tight final held at Meole Brace. The game finished 1-1 after extra time and 2-2 after a penalty shoot-out so the schools will each hold the trophy for six months!

## Basketball

### Under 15 Girls



*Under 15 County Champions*

*Back Row (l-r): Sara Evans, Thea Osmund-Smith, Kim Atkinson, Charlotte Pinson*  
*Front Row (l-r): Bethan Shaffery, Anna Perks, Eleanor Ralph*

The Under 15 girls had a very successful season, winning the County Cup by 24 points against TTS Under 14 girls! In the National Schools competition, the team came through the West Midlands and Midland rounds but were narrowly beaten by Moulton School from Northampton in the last round.

Coach, Mr Mike Douch, said: "They did very well to reach the last 16 nationally and were expertly led throughout by Anna Perks who is becoming an exceptionally good player."

### Under 13 Boys



*Under 13 County Champions*

*Back Row: (l-r): Chris Freshman, Ben Shaffery, Tom Niblett, Luke Pepper, Jon Houlston*  
*Front Row (l-r): Ashley Furness, Jonathan Edmonds, Lewis Brown*

The Under 13 Boys team won the County Championship in a close final against Ercall Wood with a final score of 36-32 after extra time. There were outstanding performances from Jon Edmonds and Luke Pepper. This is the first time that a TTS Boys team has won a County Championships.

**\*\*Congratulations to Bethan Shaffery who has been selected to play Basketball in the GB Team and to Liam Hennessy and David Tracey who play Hockey for England\*\***



# TTS Sports Round

## Hockey

### Under 16 Boys



*Under 16 County Champions*

*Back Row (l-r): Craig Johnson, Glynne Owen, Lee James, David Tracey, Chris Leech, Alex Herrmann*

*Front Row (l-r): Luke Staddon, Gareth Thomas, Liam Hennessy, Chris Dixon, Jason Harvey*

The Under 16 Boys became the most successful team in the School's history winning the County Cup for the third successive year and completing the amazing record of never being beaten from Year 7 through to Year 11. In the final, the Boys beat Wrekin College 2-0 (the same scoreline as the previous two finals against the same opponents!) with goals from David Tracey and Lee James.

The team was admirably led by Liam Hennessy, who later in the season, was selected for the National Squad.

### Under 14 Boys



*Under 14 County Champions*

*Back Row (l-r): Wayne Davies, Philip Johnson, Sean Huffer, Robert Egginton, Luke Davies, Elliott Charnock, Henry Goh*  
*Front Row (l-r): Daniel Bartlett, Luke Phoenix, Alex Warburton, James Pearce, Sam Tweddle, Jake Holdsworth, Ben Shaffery*

In the County competition, TTS comfortably won their group, beating Meole Brace, Wrekin College and Adams Grammar School. After another relatively straightforward win in the semi-finals, the boys met a much tighter Meole Brace team in the final. It was an exciting match, with a 1-0 lead for TTS just before half time. This lead was consolidated in the second half with a well deserved final score of 3-1, the goals scored by James Pearce (2) and Tom Bailey.

### Under 14 Girls



*Under 14 County Champions.*

*Back Row (l-r): Katie Swain, Sarah Childs, Elizabeth Rhodes, Katie Evans, Naomi Isaacs, Faye Giles, Stephanie Prince*

*Front Row (l-r): Leigh-Anne Thorpe, Chetna Vadukul, Melanie Hill, Stacey Nevin, Rebecca Morris*

In the group stages, the girls made a steady start, drawing with Shrewsbury High B team, then beating The Marches and Sir John Talbot to reach a 3-way final against Bridgnorth Endowed and Shrewsbury A. Bridgnorth beat Shrewsbury 2-0 and TTS drew against Bridgnorth, so TTS needed to beat Shrewsbury by more than a two goal difference to win! In the end, a 2-0 victory over Shrewsbury meant that TTS drew with Bridgnorth and there was then a nail biting penalty competition going to sudden death to find the winner! In the penalty shoot out, Becky Morris scored and Katie Evans saved to win our first County Cup at this level.

## Gymnastics

The girls team became the School's first County Champions in this sport with the team of five competing superbly. There were particularly outstanding performances from Jodie Vaughan and Melissa Wolfe.

It was an excellent reward for all the hard work put in by the team and their coach, parent Mrs Paula Wolfe.



*County Champions*

*Back Row (l-r): Kirsty Ford, Jodie Vaughan, Hannah Wilcox*  
*Front Row (l-r): Emma Alsop, Poppy Jo Morris*



# Up 2000-2001

## Athletics

### Junior/Minor Boys



*Junior/Minor Boys*

*Back Row (l-r): Ross Draper, Anthony Hyett, Ashley Furness, Blair Bowen, Chris Edmonds, Jonathan Edmonds, Ashleigh Pain, Karl Millsom, Tom Leighton,*

*Front Row (l-r): Elliott Bennett, Nader Morsy, Lee Collins, Giles Harvey, Matthew Hammond, Alex Harnett, Joseph Purnell*

### Intermediate Boys



*Intermediate Boys*

*Back Row (l-r): Wayne Davies, Danny Guthrie, James Fellows, Sean Sly, Matthew Baker, James Whittaker, Andrew Monger*

*Front Row (l-r): Michael Prosser, Daniel Bragoli, Adam Welsh, Andrew Blackford, Stuart Wiggin*

The Junior Boys became our most successful team when they finished in second place in the Sportscore Regional Championships at Tipton, having already won the County Cup for the fifth time in six years. At Tipton, the boys recorded our highest ever points total for this age group, only missing out on a place in the national final by four points. There were exceptional performances from Ashleigh Pain (800m), Jonathan Edmonds (javelin) and Chris Edmonds (200m/discus). The Minor Boys produced an outstanding performance to win the CTC Athletics Championships. A win in this tough competition by the youngest group gives every reason to hope that the excellent athletics tradition in the School will continue for many more years. Superb performances were seen from Nader Morsey (800m), Elliott Bennett (100m), Lee Collins (javelin) and Ross Draper (200m). The Intermediate Boys had another successful season, winning the County round of the Sportscore Championships. They also performed exceptionally well in the County Cup, with many of the boys competing in the year above. Congratulations in particular to Andrew Monger who reached the national stages of the Multi Event individual competition.

### Junior Girls



*Junior Girls County Champions*

*Back Row (l-r): Sian Mytton, Rachel McGovern, Finola Corley, Jenni Burgess, Hayley Vaughan-Smith*

*Front Row (l-r): Joanne Duncan, Kerry-Ann Fanneran, Katie Pinson, Alex Waldron, Natalie Poole*

### Intermediate Girls



*Intermediate Girls Regional Champions*

*Back Row (l-r): Kayleigh Orwin, Claire France, Stephanie Prince, Thea Osmund-Smith, Katie Parr*

*Front Row (l-r): Amber Quick, Anna Perks, Sara Evans, Samantha Forrest*

Both the Junior and Intermediate Girls won the County round of the Sportscore Championships. The Junior Girls qualified for the 'A' final, finishing in an excellent fourth place and the Intermediate Girls qualified for the 'B' final where they were pipped to the post by two points into second place overall. In the County Cup, the Junior Girls became County Champions after an excellent competition which was only decided on an exciting relay performance.

Once again TTS became overall CTC Athletics Champions for the fourth year running. The athletes fought off a strong challenge from Brooke Weston to win by the narrowest of margins.



# Golden Girl



*Gemma Howell*

Year 7 student Gemma Howell is the British Junior Judo Champion. Gemma won in the 40 kilos weight category at the competition held at Crystal Palace in the Autumn. Although Gemma is too young to fight for Great Britain internationally, she has been chosen to train with the British Squad and will begin coaching with them in the first part of 2002.

Gemma said: "I started judo classes about four years ago and really enjoy taking part. I can't believe I've got this far so quickly. When I'm older, I would love to represent the country."

In December, Gemma won another Gold Medal at the Inter Counties championship held in Wolverhampton. Gemma was part of the West Midlands team which also included three other TTS students: Gary Rogers and Ben and Katie Lannie."

## On Track for a Prize

Technology students won first and second prizes in a competition to create a logo for Telford Retail Against Crime (TRAC), a scheme which combats shoplifting, robbery and car crime in the town centre.

Michael Rabey won the first prize of £100 of gift vouchers for his innovative design which has been made into a window sticker for member shops in the TRAC scheme. Jamie Waller and Louise Allington were joint runners-up in the competition. They each won £20 of vouchers.

Town Centre Marketing Manager, Ms Chris Crane, said: "Michael, Jamie and Louise all produced excellent designs for the TRAC scheme. Michael's simplistic and powerful design will be visible around the town centre and will be used in all our exhibitions."



*Pictured at the Awards Presentation (l-r): Jamie Waller, Michael Rabey, PC Adam Ellis-Morgan, Ms Chris Crane and Louise Allington  
(photo courtesy of the Shropshire Star)*

## Hope Rides on Ricky



*Ricky Balshaw on Rufus*

Year 11 student Ricky Balshaw has been chosen to train for the Great Britain Equestrian Dressage team for the Paralympics to be held in Athens in 2004. Ricky is the youngest of eight people nationally who are members of this squad, training regularly with Clive Milkins at the RDA (Riding for the Disabled) centre in Buckingham.

Ricky has already taken part in several competitions around the country, including the National Dressage Championships held at Stoneleigh and last February Ricky travelled to Finland to take part in his first international event. Ricky commented: "It's a great opportunity to compete at this level, especially at my age. I hope to be part of the team that goes to Athens." Mrs Ann Cutcliffe, Chief Selector for the team, said: "Ricky is such an exciting prospect for the future of Paralympic Dressage and seems to relish the hard work that lies ahead. We will all benefit from his wonderful personality and tremendous sense of humour."