



# Thomas Telford School

## Newsletter

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### Sporting Heroes!



*The successful football teams*

2002 was a fantastic year for the sportsmen and women at Thomas Telford School with competitions won at local, county, regional and national level in a wide variety of sports.

However, the boys and girls football teams deserve a special mention. They won seven County championships with terrific performances from the Under 16 Girls who reached the national quarter finals and from the Under 19 Boys who were national semi finalists.

Sir Kevin said: "Imagine my astonishment when I returned to School after Easter to find a brand new minibus parked outside the main entrance with 'Thomas Telford School' painted on the sides and the delighted PE staff waiting to break the good news." This superb prize was won by the Year 7 Girls when they became Wagon Wheels 5-a-side National Champions in a hard fought contest at the JJB Stadium in Wigan. Charmaine

Bailey, Zoe Pritchard, Charlotte Corbett, Emma Davies, Laura Grainger, Jessica McNulty, Aisha Wills and Jodie Goodall were the heroes who brought us our first national title. In a nailbiting final, Charmaine scored the winning goal just 30 seconds before the final whistle and Zoe was named Player of the Tournament!

You will find details of the other sporting successes on pages 12-16.

### GCSE Heroes!

For the third year running, every Year 11 student achieved the equivalent of five or more passes at the higher grades A\*-C in their GCSE examinations in the Summer. As a result of this outstanding achievement, Thomas Telford School has again been named the top performing comprehensive school in England in the Government's Secondary School Performance Tables published in January. Sir Kevin commented: "I am absolutely delighted for the students. Their hard work and determination has brought them justly deserved rewards. I believe that the fact that we have sustained this 100% success rate over three years shows that the rich mix of academic and vocational courses offered at the School for the last ten years acts as a spur to motivate students of all abilities."



# Musicians' Tour de France

Concert Band Manager, Mr Myles Payne, writes:

Two fabulous concerts, two gruelling rehearsals, trips to Honfleur, Deauville and Disneyland, an afternoon bowling, the Pegasus Bridge, discos, awards, crazy golf, Propcycle and pool.....and all in just five wonderful, exhausting, exhilarating days in France.

The School Concert Band is moving from strength to strength and the hard work and commitment of the students made performing an hour-long concert abroad a possibility for the first time in our history.



*The Concert at L'Eglise St Aubin sur Mer*

Could there be a better day trip than to Disneyland? Catch a runaway train in Frontierland, be propelled backwards through the ancient Temple of Peril with Indiana Jones, or move into the future as you descend Spacemountain at speed. Everyone managed their favourite rides at least twice and still had time to watch the carnival parade.

The second concert at L'Eglise St Aubin Sur Mer was the highlight of the visit. As we approached the small village, we could see the church standing proudly, towering over the stone houses that formed this historic community. We all felt extremely privileged to have the chance to perform in such a beautiful setting. Anna Dickenson introduced the concert in French to great applause from the 70 strong audience. Our programme included Glenn Miller's 'In The Mood', Grease, Miss Saigon and a choral section that ranged from gospel to Twentieth Century sacred music. The performance was foot-tappingly good with the energy and excitement of all those taking part enthusiastically communicated to the audience. We even received a standing ovation!

The importance of a trip like this should not be underestimated. We have all noticed significant improvements in the Concert Band's standard over the last year and this trip has gone a long way to solidifying this achievement. The staff would like to thank the students for a wonderful tour.

## Lucky Seven Strike Gold



*Star winner Jamie Leadbetter with (l-r): Karl Jackson, Kimberley Martin, Hannah Taylor, Samuel Harrow, Bethany Parker and Claire Millward*

Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 students who successfully completed the Annual UK Junior Mathematical Challenge set by the University of Leeds.

Seven students achieved the Gold standard and one of them, Jamie Leadbetter (Year 8), was the first TTS student to make it through to the second round.

The five other Year 8 students who won Gold were Sam Harrow, Hannah Taylor, Kimberley Martin, Bethany Parker and Claire Millward. Year 7 student Karl Jackson, was also a Gold winner.

Amongst the forty-one students who took part, there were also twelve Silver and eight Bronze Award winners.

Mathematics teacher, Mrs Paula Rose, who organised the Challenge at TTS, said: "Congratulations to all the students who took part. Although Jamie did not win a special prize he did do particularly well to reach the second stage of the competition. Of 206,000 entrants nationally, only just over 1000 progressed to this final round!"



# The Queen's Golden Jubilee Baton Relay

The Queen's Jubilee Baton came to Telford in July on the Shropshire leg of its 59,000 mile journey across the Commonwealth. The epic Baton relay visited 23 Commonwealth countries and was carried by 5,000 runners.

Four people connected with the School were chosen to carry the Baton on the last Friday of term – Day 44 of the Baton's 50 day journey to Manchester for the start of the Commonwealth Games. Students Melissa Wolfe and Henry Goh, Assistant Director ITT/PE teacher Mr Mike Douch and ex-student Dan Mackriell carried the Baton at various stages during the day.



*Henry Goh carries the Baton past cheering students and staff*

The whole School lined the road outside TTS and as the Baton motorcade started to arrive, students and staff responded with delighted cheers when support vehicles, police cars and motorcycle outriders from forces all over the country swept into School with their sirens blaring. But the biggest cheers were saved for Henry Goh as he approached the School proudly carrying the baton aloft. While the 70 strong baton support team recharged their batteries with lunch in the School Restaurant, for some lucky people there was an opportunity to see the Baton close up. Sensors inside the Baton transformed each runner's heartbeat into a dramatic blade of pulsating light. The Baton contained The Queen's message to the Commonwealth nations which Her Majesty read out at the Opening Ceremony of the Games on 25 July.



*BBC Radio Shropshire reporter Hilary McConnell interviews Henry Goh and Melissa Wolfe before the Relay*



*Melissa proudly carries the Baton through Telford on her section of the Relay  
(Photo courtesy of the Shropshire Star)*

## Poetry Prizes

Over the past five years, hundreds of TTS students have been encouraged to enter the annual Young Writers Poetry competition and many have seen their efforts published in an anthology.

This year, for the first time, TTS won some prizes. Year 11 student Elizabeth Rhodes was awarded one of four runner-up prizes for the best poem in the Shropshire edition of '2001: A Poetry Odyssey' and the School received a cheque for £100 as the 'Shropshire school with the most varied range of promising poems.'

## Walsall Academy to Open in September

The new Walsall Academy will open its doors to the first intake of students in September. The School, which is part of the Government's City Academies programme, is sponsored by TTS and The Mercers' Company. It will be organised and run using ideas and methods pioneered at TTS over

the past twelve years. Mrs Jean Hickman, a senior Deputy Head at TTS since 1991, has been appointed Head of the Academy. Joining her in Walsall is Mr Howard Barnes who will be one of the Deputy Heads at the new school. Sir Kevin Satchwell said: "It is excellent news that Mrs Hickman

will be leading the new School. The financial success of our online materials has enabled us to provide sponsorship not only for the Academy but also for over 30 schools seeking specialist status. We are hoping to sponsor a second Academy in Sandwell which will open in 2005."



# A Debating First

If at first you don't succeed ..... for seven years our Sixth Form students have been trying to win the prestigious Brewood Rotary Public Speaking event attended by some of the top schools from and around Wolverhampton.

2002 was the year that Russell Dady, Aparna Ganesh and Matthew Oswin celebrated that success. In competition with St Edmund's, St Peter's, Wolverhampton Grammar and St Dominic's schools, the Thomas Telford team chose some demanding topics. Aparna spoke on Cloning,

Russell on Censorship and Matthew took on the challenge of talking about Change and the Sixth Form Curriculum. Congratulations to all three talented debaters.



*The winning team (l-r): Matthew Oswin, Aparna Ganesh and Russell Dady*

# Oxbridge Hopefuls



*Joanna Clarke, Sarah Philpott and Aparna Ganesh*

Three students have won conditional offers to study at Oxford University in September. Aparna Ganesh and Sarah Philpott have been offered places at St John's College and Joanna Clark has an Open offer.

Each year, students with the potential to achieve the highest A Level grades are offered the opportunity to visit both Oxford and Cambridge Universities before making an application. During a visit to Cambridge in the Spring, the students had the added bonus of being shown around the University by former student Jonathan Stokes, who is currently reading Modern Languages at Robinson College.

# A Taste of University Life

The Year 11 Summer School at the University of Central England in Birmingham gives students a realistic taste of university life. Students spend the week living and working as though they were at university already. They have their own study bedrooms, cook their own food and sample some of the courses available.

In the photograph (right) Emma Millward, Jodie Williams, Tom Guy and Nick Rayney are absorbed in an Education Department project. After watching a 'Bob the Builder' video, they had the task of creating a working model of one of the characters!

\* Congratulations to Sixth Form student Sebastian O'Dell who has been playing Baseball for Great Britain since 1999. He has played for the Junior team in international tournaments in France and Sweden.





# A Marathon Effort

Five TTS teachers were amongst the 32,000 runners who completed the London Marathon in April and raised over £8,000 for the Cerebral Palsy unit at Oswestry Hospital.

Deputy Head Mr Simon Topper and two members of his PE Team, Miss Rachel Owen and Mr Iain Sweeney together with Assistant Head of the Sixth Form, Mr Howard Barnes and Art teacher, Mrs Gill Middlewick, completed the 26.2 mile run in a range of highly respectable times from 3 hours 8 minutes to 4 hours 34 minutes.



*The TTS Marathon Team (l-r): Mr Simon Topper, Mrs Gill Middlewick, Mr Howard Barnes, Miss Rachel Owen and Mr Iain Sweeney*

The runners were sponsored by a wide range of people and organisations which included students, parents, staff and local businesses. Mr Barnes commented: "We had a wonderful response to our request for fund raising. The industrial sponsors included 3663 First for Food Service, Baxters Chartered Accountants, John Birkett Enterprises, TRW Aeronautical Systems, Vending Services (UK) Ltd and Tarmac Ltd. Birmingham Midshires raised £821.11 and the student fundraising activities included a Burns Night, a Talent Contest and a penalty system for Sixth Form students who were caught not wearing their badges!! There was also a competition to guess the total time taken by the TTS marathon team to complete their run." Altogether £7,500 was raised by TTS which, with Birmingham Midshires superb contribution, gave a total of £8,321.11. Mr Barnes added: "Overall 20 Marathon runners supported the Torch Appeal for the cerebral palsy unit at Oswestry raising a magnificent £45,000. I am thrilled that we were able to contribute to the unit as the hospital has treated a number of our students over recent years."

# Krystie Shines in TV Documentary

Krystie Maddox-Lue found herself in the limelight in October when BBC2 broadcast a documentary about her. Krystie has a rare genetic disorder called Friedreich's Ataxia which affects her nervous system, causing mobility problems. The film showed how Krystie copes with everyday life

and in a number of interviews during the programme, Krystie's bubbly personality, infectious giggle and positive attitude to her disability shone through.

The BBC documentary team filmed Krystie in School on two occasions and even followed her on an

educational visit to Warwick Castle with her classmates. Krystie said: "I've always dreamed of being on TV so it was magical last year because as well as this BBC documentary, I was on "This Morning" on ITV when they gave my bedroom a complete makeover!"

# Sojourn in Paris

The Sixth Form French group write: "In December we spent four days in Paris to enhance our French speaking and listening skills. We saw many of the famous landmarks - L'Arc de Triomphe, Palais de Versailles, Notre Dame, etc - as well as finding time to shop. We were under strict instructions to complete all our transactions in French both at the Christmas Market and at Galleries Lafayette! We also tasted many delicious dishes from croissants and crepes to tartiflette and raclette. We all thoroughly enjoyed the trip."



*The French Group with Miss Rhodes on the front steps of the Opera*



# Tall Ships Adventure for Nicola and Luke



*Nicola Brady and Luke Staddon  
(photo courtesy of Peter Bentley)*

In September, Sixth Form students Luke Staddon and Nicola Brady set sail from Cardiff aboard the Sail Training Association's 200ft square-rigged brigantine, Stavros S Niarchos, for a nine day voyage across the English Channel to Cherbourg and then up the River Thames. One of the highlights of their adventure came as they sailed up the Thames and Tower Bridge opened to let the ship pass up river towards their final destination, West India Dock.

Nicola said: "It was brilliant. Even though neither of us had any sailing experience, we picked up the ropes very quickly, learning how to set the sails as well as cleaning the ship. We also had a chance to go up the rigging which was a little daunting to begin with but we both loved it in the end. Luke was standing at the highest point of the ship as we sailed through Tower Bridge. There were crowds of people waving and cheering us."

Almost 50 students from all over Britain learned how to sail the ship under the guidance of a professional crew. The voyage was sponsored by HSBC Education Trust.

## Global Education Challenge

Deputy Head, Mr David Berry, is a very busy man. Not only is he teaching students at TTS and writing online learning materials for the TTS courses used by more than 900 schools nationwide, but he has also developed material that is helping to educate young people all over the world!!

Mr Berry has designed 32 weekly challenges for the Global Education Challenge, a website sponsored by HSBC Education Trust. This website ([www.education.hsbc.com](http://www.education.hsbc.com)) is

following the New Zealand boat 'Hexagon', skippered by Graham Dalton, as it competes in the 2002/2003 Around Alone Yacht Race which started from New York in September and circumnavigates the world.

Children from many different countries including America, Australia and New Zealand have registered to use the site which receives around 140,000 hits each day. The challenges, which Mr Berry has designed to National Curriculum standards, are primarily

aimed at young people between the ages of eight and twelve. Children need a variety of skills to complete each section and they can win rewards from the 'Treasure Chest'. They can also follow the progress of the 'Hexagon' and email Graham Dalton.

Mr Berry said: "I saw a TV documentary recently which showed children in a South African township using the Global Education Challenge and it was a fantastic feeling to see how much fun they were having."

## Cultural Exchange

In October, Year 11 and Sixth Form students took part in the first leg of the annual French Exchange in Bellegarde, close to the French/Swiss border. This exchange has now been running for over ten years and the School has established strong links with the town. Each student stays with a host family where they experience French culture and language at first hand. During the stay, students spent a day in the Alps and visited Lyon, France's second city. The older students also completed a three day work placement in Bellegarde. The return leg of the exchange takes place in March when French students visit Telford.



*Sixth Form students meet their Work Placement coordinator in Bellegarde  
before the first session of their three day work experience*



# Students Start with a Splash

Swimming lessons became part of the PE curriculum at the beginning of 2003 when the new swimming pool opened for business.

Sir Kevin said: "I am delighted that we have been able to improve our facilities for the students.

It is due to the financial success of our online courses that the pool has been built and I think it is very important for us to thank those members of staff whose hard work for TTS Online Ltd (the business arm of TTS) has enabled the Governing Board to provide us with this superb pool. Three people in particular have made major

contributions - Mr David Berry, who was responsible for the high quality curriculum content of the online courses; Mr Rob Cullen, the IT Director, whose technological expertise has ensured that schools have been able to access the online courses; and Mr Steve Turton, the Finance Director, whose business skills have ensured the success of the enterprise. Mr Turton has also spent a good deal of his time overseeing this major building project during the past twelve months.



*Students from 9D enjoy their first swimming lesson*

The construction work included a second dance/drama studio to accommodate the number of students opting for Performing Arts subjects both at GCSE level and in the Sixth Form. It has also proved to be the perfect opportunity to increase the seating capacity of the Theatre which will enable us to meet the demand for tickets for Achievement Evenings and Performing Arts productions."

Exciting news from former student, Aaron Foster. Aaron has been living in New York and working for the prestigious fashion house, Armani, in Manhattan. Aaron, who was a press assistant to Armani's Head of Public Relations, says that he has been having a hard time hiring beautiful models and wining and dining clients to promote the brand name! Aaron has now been offered a full time job by Armani when he graduates from the University of Westminster later this year.

## A Taste of the 'Big Apple'



*All set for a cruise around Manhattan*

Mrs Caroline Crawford writes:

At the beginning of October half term, 35 lucky students flew off to New York for a fabulous five day experience of this vibrant city.

The students took part in dance and drama workshops and went to see two Broadway shows, both based on famous operas, 'Rent' which is based on 'La Boheme' and 'Aida', Elton John's Broadway version of the great Verdi opera.

The highlights of the trip were the fantastic views from the top of the Empire State Building and the Circle Line cruise around the Manhattan skyline.

The visit was originally planned for October 2001 but was postponed following the terrorist attacks of 11 September. The students found their visit to 'Ground Zero' a very moving experience.





# Achievement Evening

Three special evenings were held during 2002 to celebrate

In March, the Year 11 Achievement Evening celebrated the successes of the students who had taken their GCSE examinations in 2001. This Evening had been postponed from the previous November following the tragic death of Michael Joyce in a car accident.

Mr Robbie Robertson, the Chief Executive Officer of Tarmac Group Limited, presented the prizes. Speaking to the students afterwards, he said: "It was a privilege and pleasure to hand over so many certificates and special awards to people who were so confident, so cheerful and so enthusiastic. This enthusiasm and passion for doing the best you can will be very significantly appreciated when you go out into the world."



*Mr Robbie Robertson, Chief Executive of Tarmac Group Limited with Hannah Isaacs, Tarmac Award for the Most Outstanding Student of the Year and Liam Hennessy, Civil Engineering Contractors' Association Midlands Award for Outstanding Progress*

In July, Wing Commander Michael Dudgeon OBE, Master of the Mercers' Company, was Guest of Honour at the Eleventh Annual Achievement Award Presentation Evening. Presenting the prizes on this occasion is the first official duty of the Master's year of office. The outstanding contributions to the life of the School made by Mrs Jane Braganca as the Parent of the Year and Mrs Liz Jones of Pertemps as the Industrialist of the Year were also recognised during the Evening.

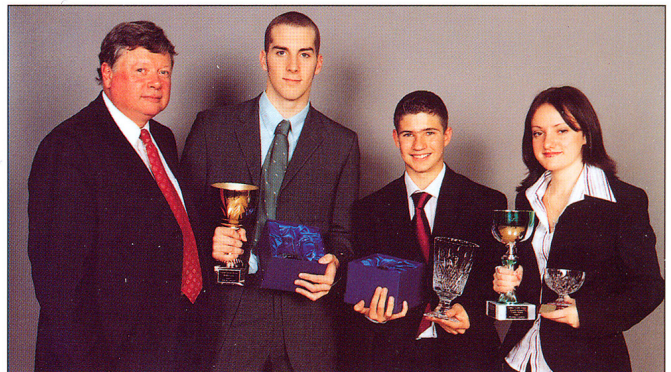
Wing Commander Dudgeon told the audience: "As well as the now widely known academic successes of the School, it is also the less well known achievements in areas such as Sport, Art, Drama, Music and Public Speaking that makes Thomas Telford a really special School."



*Wing Co Michael Dudgeon OBE, Master of The Mercers' Company, with (l-r): Back - Luke Crane, Jenny Chapman, Alex de Rosa (Key Stage 3 Students of the Year), Sandra Millin (Williams Award for Community Service). Middle - Hannah Taylor (Headmaster's Award), Simon Goode (Laing Award for Contribution to School and Community), Bachrun Mason (Mawdsley Award for Outstanding Student of the Year), Jayna Patel (Attendance Award). Front - Melissa Wolfe (Award for Exceptional Achievement), Krystie Maddox-Lue (Emma Shaw Memorial Award for Personality of the Year)*

Finally, in November, the outstanding academic successes of the Year 11 students in their GCSE exams in 2002 were celebrated when Mr Roy Harrison, Chairman of the Governors, presented certificates and prizes to that year group. This was a welcome return visit as Guest of Honour by Mr Harrison who first presented awards in July 1999.

Speaking to the students, Mr Harrison said: "Tonight has been about individual excellence and we have celebrated some wonderful achievements. Tarmac and The Mercers' Company will continue to offer advice and support to the School in a wide variety of ways. We are fully committed to the aims and objectives of the School and we hope to see many of the 'stars' here tonight taking roles in industry and commerce in the future. UK PLC desperately needs your talent!"



*Mr Roy Harrison, Chairman of the Governing Board, with (l-r): Jamie Waller (BOSS Award for English Language and Tarmac Group Ltd Award for Most Outstanding Student of the Year), Philip Berry (Barbara Munger Award for Outstanding Attendance and Tarmac Group Ltd Award for Most Outstanding Student of the Year), Melissa Dawes (Civil Engineering Contractors' Association Midlands Award for Outstanding Progress)*



# g Celebrations 2002

celebrate the achievements of students throughout the School



*Susie Barrow  
Jim Cook Award for Drama*



*Shyam Vadukul  
Award for Leisure and Tourism*



*Amy Clarke  
BOSS Award for English*



*Natalie Poole  
Blakedown's Sporting Achievement Award*



*Nakash Hussain  
Misys Charitable Foundation Scholarship*



*The Burnley Twins - Key Stage 4 Awards  
Eleanor (Progress in ICT) and  
James (Achievement in Physics)*



*Michael Aldridge  
Award for Electronics*



*Adam Brittle  
Bernard Dickenson Award for Sporting  
Excellence*



*Bethan Shaffery  
Adrian Watney Award for Music*



## Students Work with GKN



*(l-r): Mr Mark Hudson (Deputy Head) and Mr Ian McGrath (GKN) with students Daniel Duffell, Alan Whitelaw and James Millington*

During the year, two teams of students tested their design technology and engineering skills with projects to provide solutions to improve production and distribution within two GKN companies.

As a part of the annual Engineering Education Scheme, Alan Whitelaw, Daniel Duffell and James Millington worked with Mr Ian McGrath of GKN Wheels to design a cost effective pallet system that would prevent wheels being damaged during transit. The second team of Tim Furness, James Simpson, Chris Watson and Ben Glazebrook worked with Mr Paul Bignell of the Cabs Division to design and prototype devices which would prevent damage to the paint surfaces of tractor cabs during production.

Congratulations to three members of the Design Technology team who have received national recognition for their work.

\*\* Mr Mark Hudson - Design and Technology Association (DATA) Award for Subject Leadership

\*\* Mr Jonathan Boyle - winner of the Subject Teaching in Secondary Schools category in the BECTA ICT in Practice Awards

\*\* Mr Brian Crowder was nominated for the BT Teacher of the Year Award and received a certificate in recognition of his contribution.

## Design Technology Prizes

Innovative and stylish products made by Design Technology students have won prizes in a competition organised by the Institute of Cast Metals Engineers. William Guest won first prize with a magnificent half tonne cast metal garden seat. He designed the cast iron bench ends and made the casting patterns which were then cast by J & J Siddons of West Bromwich. William also received sponsorship from UK Tubes Ltd of Dudley who provided stainless steel slats for the bench.

It took seven volunteers to move the heavyweight seat to its home in the courtyard. Mr Mark Hudson, commented: "William's bench is eye-catching and comfortable and there is no danger of it being stolen – no-one could possibly lift it!"

Leanne Taylor won second prize (Key Stage 3). She designed and made a candle holder as part of the Year 8 Magic Metals module. She made the candle holder from cast aluminium, wrought iron and copper, having produced the aluminium in the School foundry. TTS students scooped another award when Katy Ann Paterson was highly commended for her cast metal clock.

## Arkwright Scholars

Charles Gibbons and Michael Rabey have been awarded Arkwright Scholarships for their Sixth Form studies.

Charles and Michael had to demonstrate flair and originality in solving Engineering Design problems and then present their GCSE work to a panel of interviewers.

They were amongst 503 applicants for the 137 Scholarships which are sponsored by industry and charitable trusts. Mr Lee Balthazor, President of the Royal Aeronautical Society, presented the scholarships at a ceremony held in London in November.

The Arkwright Trust was founded in 1990 to provide financial support for young people during their A Level years, helping with the purchase of materials and books for their Design Technology courses.

Deputy Head/Technology, Mr Mark Hudson, said: "The Scholarships will not only provide Charles and Michael with very welcome financial support but will also enhance their CVs, considerably improving their chances of gaining university places to study Engineering or Design Technology."



*Charles Gibbons receives his award from Mr Lee Balthazor, President of the Royal Aeronautical Society*



## Copacabana



*Enthusiastic cast members sing and dance their hearts out!*

'Copacabana', the 2002 School Production has been described as a combination of 'Feathers, Sequins and Glamour'. We were fortunate to be the first school in the country to tackle what is considered to be a very difficult show when the students recreated the fabulous 'Copacabana Club'. The audience was entertained by Barry Manilow's famous tunes - 'At the Copacabana' and 'Dancing Fool'. An excellent score, lively singing and dancing provided an entertaining evening for all ages.

Director, Mrs Caroline Crawford said: "The whole cast should be congratulated on their wonderful contributions but the true stars of the show were undoubtedly the team who took on the leading roles. The leading lady was shared by three students - Fiona Cooper, Nicky Davies and Lydia Chapman while the male lead alternated between Ian Jeanes and Seth Bailey."

**\*\*Congratulations to former students David Kane and Leanne Phillips who both graduated with First Class degrees from the University of Liverpool in the Summer. David who studied Mathematics, was also awarded a prize for the best performance in Geometry. Leanne's degree was a Combined Honours in Science. News about other ex- students can be found in the Former Students Newsletter available from the Careers Department.**

## Jubilee Column Project



*Sophie-Ann Bridges (front, left) pictured at the formal hand-over of the Sculpture to the Mayor*

A commemorative column to mark the Queen's Golden Jubilee was designed by students from three local schools, including a group of Year 10 TTS artists.

The students designed panels each representing life in a Commonwealth nation and some students - Kelly-Ann Bridges, Kelly Brown and Virginia Hancock were asked to design larger plaques for the base of the sculpture depicting local traditional industries and the environment.

Art Teacher, Mrs Gill Middlewick, explained: "The panels were made by scratching the designs into special sand blocks. The tiles were then hand cast

## Battle of Hastings

Almost 936 years after one of the most famous battles in our history, Year 7 students gathered on the sports field to reconstruct the events of 1066 when the invading forces from Normandy killed King Harold and conquered the Saxons.

Students from 7 TELF played the parts of Norman soldiers while 7 ORD were the Saxons. They had gone to great lengths to make themselves shields, helmets and weapons of an excellent standard.

For much of the battle, the Saxons held off the Normans by using a shield wall. The fighting was terrific. Finally, by using a cunning plan, [ie the Normans pretended to run away, the Saxons pursued them down from the hill and the Normans turned on them], the Normans overcame the Saxons. Harold was killed - allegedly by an arrow through his eye and William was crowned King of England. The rest, as they say, is History!



*Battle of Hastings 2003*

in iron at the Museum of Steel Sculpture in Ironbridge. It was a rare opportunity to be involved in the design and production of a real sculpture which will remain in situ for ever!"

The sculpture, which is situated in the Town Park, was handed over to the Mayor, Mrs Hilda Rhodes, on behalf of the people of Telford, by EDS, the largest local employer, who provided all the funding for the project. Page 11



# Ricky Balshaw - International Riding Star!



*Ricky Balshaw*

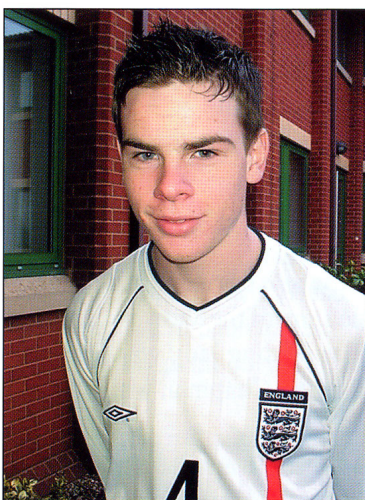
Ricky Balshaw's riding exploits have landed him prizes both in the UK and Europe, competing in international competitions.

Earlier this year, Ricky won first and second prizes at an international competition in Ireland, helping the GB squad into first place in the team competition. He then won second place in the Strongid P dressage competition at Stoneleigh, competing against the best disabled riders in the country. Ricky is also the national KUR RDA dressage to music champion as well as being a medal winner in competitions in Holland and Belgium.

Ricky has set his sights on competing for Great Britain at the Paralympics in Athens in 2004 and, with his pony Rhodes, is currently in training with the GB Equestrian Paralympic Dressage team, known as the 'Paras'!

## Danny's England Call Up

Danny Guthrie played for the England U16 football team when they beat Scotland and Northern Ireland in the Victoria Shield competition in the Autumn. Danny said: "When I first put on the England shirt, it was a very proud moment. It was a great experience to play for my country." Danny is a member of the U17 Liverpool squad. He joined their Academy in August 2000 from Manchester United. Like many lads, Danny's dream is to play Premiership football and to play for England at the senior level. Unlike most lads, Danny's dream looks set to come true! Sir Kevin said: "Danny is a modest, hard working young man and we are delighted by his success."



*Danny Guthrie*

## Skating to Success

Congratulations to Adam Brittle who has been selected to play ice hockey for Great Britain in the World Championships in Romania in February. Adam, who is a star player for Telford Wildfoxes, said: "I am looking forward to doing my best for the Great Britain team. It is a fantastic opportunity."

## Natalie Trains with National Squad

Natalie Poole has taken the first steps towards becoming a national footballer. Natalie, who is 13, was the youngest player to be selected to train with England's Under 15 National Development Squad. Natalie plays for TTS and Shrewsbury Town Under 14 teams and in 2002, helped no less than three TTS teams to County Championship success!

Congratulations also to these other TTS stars who compete at National level:-

- ★ Bethan Shaffery - Under 19 Beach Volleyball for Great Britain
- ★ Ben Beardsmore - Under 15 Volleyball for England
- ★ Sean and Liam Hennessy (Under 16 and Under 19) Hockey for England
- ★ Sam Hugh - Triathlon
- ★ Nicholas Penfold - Under 13 Roller Hockey for Wales
- ★ Ashleigh Pain and Michael Prosser (Under 15 and Under 17) Athletics for English Schools
- ★ Amy Kempton - Under 21 Ten Pin Bowling for England

## Prize Fighters

Several talented Thomas Telford School students have won medals in National and International Judo competitions held around the UK during the year. Gary Rogers is the Under 15 Welsh Open Champion and Gemma Howell is the English Under 12 Champion.

As a result of their successes in an International Competition held in London in November, Gemma, Ben Lannie, Katie Lannie and Kim Dunning have been called up to represent Great Britain in future competitions. Meanwhile, Kelly Edwards who has only been competing for around 12 months, won a bronze medal in the British Junior Championships.



*Back Row: Ben Lannie and Becky Dunning  
Front Row: Kim Dunning, Katie Lannie,  
Gemma Howell  
(photo courtesy of the Shropshire Star)*



# TTS Sports Review 2001/2002

2001/2002 was a record breaking year for our teams, not only in Football as highlighted on the front page but also in a variety of other sports, reported on the following pages. Mr Simon Topper, Deputy Head/PE commented: "I believe that this Roll of Honour will go down in the School's history books as a truly outstanding achievement and will stand as a target to which future years will aspire. As well as these magnificent winning teams, over 150 students represented their district, county or country in over 20 different sports - congratulations to all the students and staff involved."

<b>Football</b>	Under 13, 14, 15, 16 Girls	Shropshire County Cups	Champions
	Under 13, 15, 19 Boys	Shropshire County Cups	Champions
	Under 12 Girls	Wagon Wheels 5-a-side	National Champions
	Under 12 Boys	Telford 5-a-side	Champions
	Under 13 Girls	7-a-side Predator	Champions
	Under 13 Boys	B & I Midland Cup	Champions
		CTC/Sports Colleges Cup	Champions
	Under 14 Girls	CTC/Sports Colleges Cup	Champions
		Floodlit League Joint	Champions
	Under 14 Boys	County 7-a-side	Champions
	Under 16 Girls	National Cup	1/4 Finalists
	Under 19 Boys	Shropshire League	Winners
		National Cup	Semi Finalists
<b>Hockey</b>	Under 14, 15, 16 Boys	Shropshire County Cups	Champions
	Under 12 Boys	Telford 7-a-side	Joint Winners
<b>Netball</b>	Under 14, 15, 16 Girls	Shropshire County Cups	Champions
	Under 14 Girls	CTC Cup	Champions
<b>Basketball</b>	Under 15 Girls	National Cup	Last 16
	Under 19 Girls	National Cup	Last 16
	Under 14 Boys	Shropshire County Cup & League	Champions
		National Cup	Last 16
<b>Rugby</b>	Under 14 Boys	Telford 7-a-side	Champions
<b>Gymnastics</b>	Boys	Shropshire County Cup Team	Champions
<b>Cross Country</b>	U13 Girls, U15 Boys	Shropshire County Cup Teams	Champions
<b>Athletics</b>	Minor Girls	CTC Cup	Winners
	Junior Girls	CTC Cup	Winners
		Sportscore ESAA County	Champions
	Under 13 Girls	Bayley Mile Team	Champions
	Intermediate Girls	CTC Cup	Winners
		County Cup	Winners
		Sportscore ESAA County	Champions
		Sportscore ESAA Regional B	Winners
	Junior Boys	CTC Cup	Winners
		County Cup	Winners
	Intermediate Boys	CTC Cup	Winners
		County Cup	Winners
		Sportscore ESAA County	Champions
	Overall	CTC Cup	Winners
<b>Cricket</b>	Under 13 Boys	Shropshire County Indoor Cricket	Champions
	Under 15 Boys	Shropshire County Cup	Winners



# TTS Sport 2001/2002- A

## Hockey

### Under 16 County Champions



*Back Row (l-r): James Pearce, Elliott Charnock, Mark Evans, Sean Sly, Matt Giles, Ashley Furness, Adam Brittle*  
*Front Row (l-r): Tom Leighton, James Berry, Sean Hennessy, Phil Berry, James Pirie*

### Under 15 County Champions



*Back row (l-r): Alex Warburton, Wayne Davies, Sam Tweddle, Rob Egginton, Daniel Turner, Ashley Furness*  
*Front row (l-r): Phil Johnston, Henry Goh, James Pearce, Jake Holdsworth, Tom Leighton*

### Under 14 County Champions



*Back Row (l-r): Sean Huffer, Oliver Relph, Ben Shaffery, Luke Crane, Adam Patterson, Ross Sellar, Blair Bowen, Ashley Furness, Dan Bartlett*  
*Front Row (l-r): Chris Freshman, Paul Rich, Mat Hammond, Tom Leighton, Nick Farnell, James Braganca*

### U12 Telford 7-a-Side Winners



*Back Row (l-r): Joshua Davies, Jon Whiting, Ben Pinches, Gareth Ellis, Jamie Smith*  
*Front Row (l-r): Oliver Hill, Adam Brookes, Martin Purcell-Shaw, Tom Nixon, Andy Lambert*

## Cricket

### U13 County Indoor Champions



*Back Row (l-r): George Udall, Paul Herrington, Ben Hayes, Lee Collins*  
*Front Row (l-r): Jack Warburton, Ashley Strange, Ross Draper*

### Under 15 County Champions



*Back Row (l-r): Elliott Charnock, John Read, Jack Snape, Rob Egginton, Matthew Foster*  
*Front Row (l-r): Adam Welsh, James Pearce, Alex Warburton*



# Record Breaking Year

## Athletics

### Junior Girls

CTC Cup Winners/ESAA County Champions



Back Row (l-r): Sam Woollett, Anna Clarke, Natalie Poole, Zona Doody, Carly Hodson, Aisha Wills, Charlotte Corbett  
Front Row (l-r): Tori Starkey, Victoria Hargrove, Abi Mears, Natalie Edmonds, Phillipa Stewart

### Intermediate Girls

CTC Cup Winners/County Champions/  
Sportscore ESAA County and  
Regional B Winners



Back Row (l-r): Laura Padmore, Stephanie Prince, Rachel McGovern, Finola Corley, Mel Hill, Claire France  
Front Row (l-r): Kerry Fanneran, Leanne Mason, Jenni Burgess, Jo Duncan, Alex Waldron

### Under 13 Girls

County Cross Country Champions/  
Bayley Mile Champions



Back Row (l-r): Sophie Lunn, Abi Mears, Tori Starkey  
Front Row (l-r): Victoria Hargrove, Gemma Howell

### Junior Boys

CTC Up Winners/County Champions



Back Row (l-r): Ben Pinches, Thomas Bates, Michael Boden, Lee Collins, Ben Sedgley, Chris Glover, William Darley, Thomas Corns, Jamie Finazzi  
Front Row (l-r): Jewade Graham, Rhys Hall, David Tatton, Alex Nolan, Elliott Bennett, Ross Draper, Nader Morsy, Andrew Lambert, Joseph Jobborn

### Intermediate Boys

CTC Cup Winners/County Champions/  
Sportscore ESAA County Champions



Back Row (l-r): Jonathan Edmonds, Ben Lannie, Andrew Monger, James Fellows, Matthew Baker, Jack Snape, Michael Prosser, Chris Edmonds  
Front Row (l-r): Wayne Davies, Adam Welsh, Giles Harvey, Thomas Jobborn, Ashley Furness, Ashleigh Pain

### Under 15 Boys

County Cross Country Champions



(l-r): Sam Hugh, Tom Jobborn, Ashleigh Pain, Tom Leighton, Joseph Jobborn



# Netball

## Under 16 County Champions



*Back Row (l-r): Sam Forrest, Anna Perks, Becky Bullock, Thea Osmund-Smith, Kim Atkinson*  
*Front Row (l-r): Sara Evans, Nicola Forrest, Bethan Shaffery*

## Under 14 CTC Cup Winners



*Back Row (l-r): Alex Waldron, Jenni Burgess, Rachel McGovern, Laura Whiting, Jenny Chapman*  
*Front Row (l-r): Anna Rothery, Leanne Mason, Perdeep Kang*

**\*\*** Congratulations to former student Rob Edwards who is playing Premiership football for Aston Villa. Manager, Graham Taylor, gave Rob his first team debut on Boxing Day when Villa beat Middlesbrough.

## Under 15 County Champions



*Back Row (l-r): Claire France, Stephanie Prince, Laura Padmore, Mel Hill, Liz Inwood*  
*Front Row (l-r): Nicola Wesley, Liz Rhodes, Lisa Savage, Hannah Bennett*

# Basketball

## Under 14 County Champions



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

# Rugby

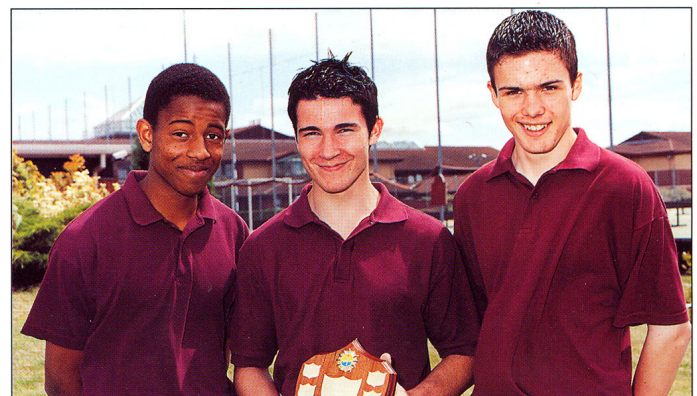
## Under 14 Telford 7-a-Side Champions



*Back Row (l-r): Ashley Furness, Oliver Herrmann, Blair Bowen, Chris Edmonds, Martin Pond, Glyn Evans*  
*Front Row (l-r): Giles Harvey, Paul Rich, Jonathan Edmonds, Alex de Rosa*

# Gymnastics

## Boys County Champions



*(l-r): Richard Brown, John Stamps, Jon Yardley*

[The winning Football teams are featured on front page]