



# Thomas Telford School

## Newsletter

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### Kids in the Kitchen

Patshull Park Head Chef, Fidel Ebanks, visited the School in October to pass on some of his culinary skills to our students. One hundred chefs from restaurants throughout the country visited their local schools to take part in a scheme called 'Kids in the Kitchen', launched to help students develop an appreciation of food and its preparation.

The students worked to produce, among other things, garnished flowers out of tomato skins, carrots and marzipan.

Food Technology teacher, Lynn Deller, said "It was a most rewarding day. The students greatly appreciated the opportunity to work alongside such a distinguished chef and share in his culinary expertise".

Year 8 student Ben Bailey said "He was very funny and gave us lots of useful tips on presentation. He also gave me the recipe for his excellent chicken and mushroom soup".



*Simon Jones serves up a sample of his work to Fidel Ebanks*

### Ministerial Visit



*Education Minister Eric Forth MP discusses the results of an experiment with Year 8 Student Dilpreet Grewal*

Education Minister, Eric Forth MP, visited the School on the morning of Friday 11 November 1994. He was given a tour of the School accompanied by students and a number of the School Governors including Chairman designate, Neville Soper, and Mrs Jo Davis.

During the morning Mr Forth also spoke at the Affiliated Heads Conference which had been organised by the City Technology Colleges Trust and was being held at the Moat House in Telford.

The theme of the Conference was Ensuring and Communicating Quality: A Technology Focus'. It was attended by over 200 delegates from all over the country, representing a wide range of educational institutions who have established strong links with the growing City Technology College movement. Speakers included John Sutton, General Secretary of the Secondary Heads Association and Sir Cyril Taylor, Chairman of the CTC Trust who spoke on 'Raising Standards in our Schools'.

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# School Leavers

The Governing Board of Thomas Telford School  
send their congratulations and best wishes to our 76 Sixth Form School leavers

Their current destinations are as follows:

Christabel Ashdown	Shrewsbury College Foundation Course Business	Deborah Kent	Cheltenham + Gloucester University BA in Design Technology in Fashion
Paul Austin	Aberystwyth University BSc Computer Science	Julie Kerrigan	Bolton Institute Foundation Course Textiles, deferred one year
Thomas Bayliss	Leeds University BA in Management Studies	Tamina Khan	Southampton University HND in Business and Finance
Darrell Biddulph	Shrewsbury College Foundation Course in Art & Design	Jenny Kiernan	University of Wales at Bangor B Eng Computer Systems Engineering
Amanda Bissekier	Southampton Institute of HE BA Business/German	Emma King	Trinity College Carmarthen BA in Sports Studies
Karen Booth	Employment - Food Service Thomas Telford School	Louise Langford	University of Wolverhampton BA in Sports Studies
Catherine Bowater	Bolton Institute of Higher Education BSc in Textiles Technology	Marie Leadbetter	University of Central Lancashire BSc in Social Sciences
Claire Bowater	Bolton Institute of Higher Education BSc in Textiles Technology	Christopher Mann	Employment - Quasar - Wellington
Alison Brigg	Lancaster University BSc in Biological Science	Julie Marriott	University of Wolverhampton BA in Sports Studies
Nigel Brown	Staffordshire University B Eng Computer Aided Engineering	Holly Marshall	Employment - Trustee Savings Bank, Telford
Suzy Brumhill	Cardiff University BA in Sports and Human Movement Studies	Daniel Massey	Employment Army or Police- awaiting acceptance
Lee Buckley	Reading University BSc Mathematics & Physics	Cerys McClean	Cheltenham + Gloucester University B.A in Design Technology in Fashion
Geoffrey Butler	Harlow College Foundation Course in Art	Michael Mercer	University of Wolverhampton BSc Computer Science
James Christian	University of Wolverhampton BSc Environmental Science	Fiona Morris	University of Wolverhampton BEd Science/Primary
Tessa Cox	Employment - Trainee Manager for Banks Brewery	Sean Murphy	Royal Air Force
Rajbinder Dhessi	University of Wolverhampton BA in Accounting & Finance	Sarah O'Neill	Employment - Park House Hotel, Shifnal
Kathryn Dixon	Southampton University BSc Environmental Engineering	David Onions	Aberystwyth University BSc Mathematics
Victoria Dixon	Shrewsbury College Foundation Course in Art & Design	Claire Pritchard	De Montfort University Leicester BA Hons in 3D Design
Deborah Dodds	Employment - Perkins Engines, Shrewsbury	Julia Poonka	Wulfrun College Wolverhampton Psychology + Sociology A-Levels
Simon Dowell	Birmingham University BA in Hospitality Management	Kathryn Purslow	Hertfordshire University BA in Degree in Travel and Tourism
Stuart Elcocks	Shrewsbury College Foundation Course in Art & Design	Francis Regan	Leeds Metropolitan University HND in Hotel and Institutional Management
Dawn Fletcher	Birmingham University B Eng Materials Engineering	Heidi Reynolds	University of Wolverhampton BA in Sports Studies
Steven Fletcher	Employment - Allied Insurance, Shrewsbury	Joanne Riley	Charlotte Mason College Lancaster BA Art/Technology
Amanda Free	University of Wolverhampton BA Sports/Leisure Management	Sonia Roberts	University of Central England BA in Library and Information Studies
Nicholas Garvey	Plymouth University BSc in Engineering	James Shaw	Teeside University BA in Media Studies
David Godfrey	Birmingham University BSc Sports Science + Recreational Studies	Christine Small	Nottingham University BSc in Chemical Engineering
Nicholas Goodricke	Surrey University B Eng Material Science	Timothy Smallman	Deferred University Place Temporary Laboratory Work
Anthony Goulds	University of Wolverhampton HND in Computing	Sarah Smyth	Employment - UCI Cinema Telford, HNC Course in Leisure Studies
Meredith Green	University of Wolverhampton BA in Sports Studies	Nicola Snookes	Employment - Royal Bank of Scotland
Bethany Harris	Bath University BSc Business Administration	Darren Steel	Birmingham University B Eng in Chemical Engineering
Mark Hillman	Cardiff University BSc in Banking Administration	Simon Taylor	IMI Marston Engineering Apprenticeship
Andrew Howard	Employment Temp. Agency	Nichola Thomas	Nottingham University HND Catering and Institutional Management
Lynda Howard	Salford University HND in Hotel and Catering	Deborah Van Beek	John Moores University Liverpool BA in Visual Studies
Alexander James	Bristol University BSc in Chemistry with Environmental Science	Faye Warrilow	Employment at Windsor Life Insurance - Telford
Ian Jones	University of Wolverhampton BA in Sports Studies	Daniel Wilder	Salford University HND in Leisure Management
Kevin Jones	Employment - Office Admin Hoechst, Telford	Matthew Williamson	Coventry University B Eng Hons in Automotive Engineering
Rachel Jones	University of Wolverhampton BSc in Biomedical Science deferred one year	Donna-Mia Yarnell	Birmingham and Solihull College of Nursing and Midwifery
Robert Karpenko	Harper Adams BSc in Agriculture, Food Marketing, Business Studies	Alan Zawadowski	University of Wolverhampton HND in Building Studies

The School's main sponsors Tarmac PLC and The Mercers' Company of the City of London recognise the outstanding progress made by our students and the positive influence of the parents and teachers

## Well done! We are very proud of you

### A Message From The Head

It seems a very short while since we opened and we now have 850 students on roll at Thomas Telford School. The intake in September 1995 will mean that we are full with over 1000 students attending. By 1997 our Sixth Form will grow from 160 to 350 providing about 1200 students on roll overall.

I am most pleased that we have maintained an excellent examinations performance for the second year in succession and again all of our leavers have secured places in Higher Education (78.9%) or employment (21.1%).

It is therefore with confidence that we are taking GCSE Courses for the first time. This confidence is enhanced because I am able to rely upon the excellent leadership of my eight Deputy Heads all with proven records in examination work.

I firmly believe that we have "a winning formula".

### Uniform Exchange Update

The School Uniform Exchange Shop will be open on the first Tuesday of every month in the Atrium from 3.30 to 4.30 pm. They have a selection of School jumpers, trousers, blazers and various items of PE kit, but would welcome more items for sale which would be sold on your behalf less a 10% commission going to the School Advisory Council. Items for sale, clearly marked with the student's name, teaching group and price, can be given to Mrs Wilde in LB3 every Monday between 8 to 8.30 am or by contacting Mrs Young on 0952 617232 or Mrs Shaw on 0952 596629.

Shop opening times - Dec 6, Jan 10, Feb 7, March 7, April 4, May 9 and June 6.

### Dates For Your Diary

Carol Service 19 December  
Carol Service 21 December  
1995 Spring Term 3 January to 13 April  
(Half Term 20 to 24 of February)

### Advisory Council News

In what is becoming a bit of a tradition, it falls upon me, once again, to welcome on behalf of the Advisory Council, all newcomers to the School. We wish you all a long and happy association with us.

The Advisory Council Social Development Committee has a full agenda of events to be held, details of which will be announced in the near future. Should you have any ideas for possible social events, please contact us via the School office.

We have recently organised a School Lottery with the draw taking place shortly before Christmas. Tickets are available from students or the School office, please support this fund raising effort.

I look forward to meeting many of you at some of our forthcoming events.

Denise Adams





## Film Debut for Laura



*Rising Star Laura Cannon*

Sixth Form Performing Arts student, Laura Cannon, was recently chosen from over 1200 hopefuls to appear in the Merchant Ivory film, 'The Feast of July'. As a photo double for Schindler's List star, Embeth Davidtz, she has spent the last three months on location around the British Isles and has already been offered auditions for a forthcoming version of Jayne Eyre.

Laura said "the opportunities at Thomas Telford School have given me the confidence I need to participate in such a competitive profession".

## Duke of Edinburgh Award News

The School is happy to announce that having successfully completed the five different sections Louise Pengilly has just been awarded her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. Louise has worked with the Wolverhampton Mencap group for the last eighteen months supporting the groups members helping to organise a range of social activities such as canoeing, hill-walking and archery. Her final task was a 50 mile trek across Dartmoor with five other members of her team.

Louise said, 'I have really enjoyed completing my Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. I feel that the Award has helped me develop as a person although, at times, it has been hard work. But, if you don't mind that and you have a lot of determination, then the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme may be for you.'

## Air Ambulance Fundraiser



*Colin Campbell shows the children the Air Ambulance*

A sponsored walk in the School Gym by the children in the Thomas Telford School Nursery raised £310 for the Shropshire Air Ambulance last month. Tesni, Louise and Marie would like to thank Mr and Mrs Forrester, Mrs Barker, Mr Davies, Mr and Mrs Heaword, Mr and Mrs Sutton and Mrs Pennington for making the event such a success. The cheque was collected by pilot, Colin Campbell and Appeals Officer, Ian Nicholls, on behalf of the Air Ambulance.

## Livex Design Award for James



*James Cunningham receives his award as Mr Wakeford of The Mercers' Company looks on*

Year 8 student, James Cunningham, has won second prize in The Livex Design Award Competition which was sponsored by the Livery Companies of the City of London and the Corporation of London.

James received his award from the Lord Mayor of London in a prestigious event held at the Guild Hall, London, which was attended by the Princess Royal, Princess Anne.

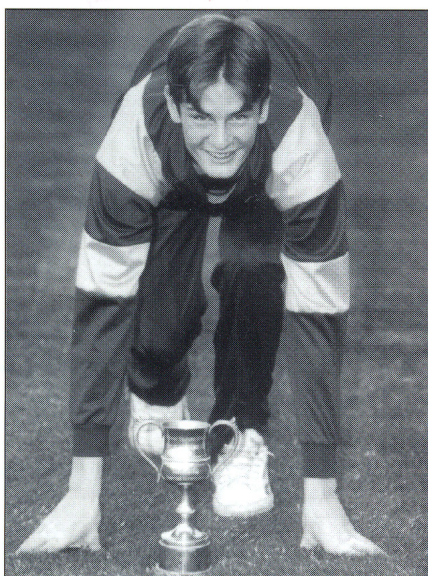
James designed a very stylish and practical bath alarm for blind and visually impaired people. The adjustable alarm sends out a series of bleeps to alert the user when the bath is full.

Technology teacher, Jonathan Boyle said, 'The Livex Competition only takes place every three years with students from all over the country taking part. To be placed second in the section on Technology and Design is a tremendous achievement, we are very proud of him.'





## Top Athlete



*On his marks, Ben with the Blakedown Cup*

Year 10 student, Ben Graham, winner of the Blakedown Cup for the best athlete at Thomas Telford School, recently ranked seventh in the under-15 England pentathlon rankings after just one season in competitive athletics. Ben hopes to emulate this success when he competes at the more demanding octathlon next year.

## Rugby Tourist

David Godfrey, who recently left us to take up a place at Birmingham University to read for a BSc in Sports Science and Recreational Studies, toured Canada as part of the undefeated Midlands U19 squad during the summer vacation.

Not only did David play in all five games, but he scored the opening try against Canada U19's which helped to give the Midlands a well-earned 23-19 point victory over the national side.

We wish him continued success for the future. Well done David!

## Tournament Winners



*Champion line up from left, Paul Brookes, Richard Hall, Ben Graham and Lyndsey Briggs*

The School won the Inter CTC athletics tournament at Corby in July. The students competed as four separate groups from 11 to 15 year olds and were placed in every contest, with 10 individual winners who won 13 different events. Ben Graham scored a treble success coming first in both the long and high jumps and the 400 metres. Richard Hall and Lyndsey Briggs won the 80m hurdles in their age groups and Paul Brookes set a School record in the 100m.

## Netball News

Congratulations to Clair Hatton, Sarah Spode and Rachel Chetwood who have all been selected for the under 14 county netball squad. Their first match will be on 26 November against Greater Manchester and Warwickshire at home, followed by a meeting with Derbyshire and Staffordshire at home on 14 January

## House System

This year at Thomas Telford School we have introduced a house system, managed by Mr Nigel Griffiths, which encourages students to participate in a variety of events throughout the school year. We have held competitions in both Football and Netball, both events were extremely successful. Below is a table of results from the two events.

Football					Netball				
	P	F	A	Pts		P	F	A	Pts
Watt	20	34	28	33	Wedgwood	20	76	40	43
Brunel	20	32	30	32	Stephenson	20	45	44	34
Brindley	20	38	34	31	Brindley	20	35	36	28
Stephenson	20	25	26	29	Arkwright	20	29	42	28
Arkwright	20	27	32	24	Brunel	20	47	52	25
Wedgwood	20	27	33	22	Watt	20	21	38	18

If you require any further details or would like to sponsor any of the forthcoming events please contact Mr Nigel Griffiths at the School.

