



Thomas Telford School

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Top Comprehensive School Again!

It is with great pride and pleasure that I am able to write to parents after a most successful year.

For the second year running, Thomas Telford School is the highest scoring comprehensive school in the Shropshire and Wolverhampton area. Out of 4,000 comprehensive schools nationally we are rated thirteenth with our GCSE results.

Every one of our Year 11 students achieved five or more GCSE passes with 85% gaining GCSE/GNVQ equivalent of five or more A*-C grades. I am confident that next year we can sustain and marginally improve these very high standards at GCSE examination performance.



Mr Michael Wakeford, Chairman of the Governors, presents Sarah Elliott with her Record of Achievement at the Year 11 Achievement Evening held in November

The students, staff and parents deserve great credit for all their hard work and support.

Special thanks go to members of the local community and industry who contribute so willingly towards the learning opportunities of the students here. It is no accident that over 400 companies collaborate and liaise to support the educational achievements of our children.

We have also improved in the Key Stage 3 National Curriculum Tests (SATs) for the fourth year in succession. Our Year 9 students excelled themselves by achieving passes at Level 5 and above of 89% in English, 92% in Mathematics and a massive 96% in Science. Our combined average score was 92.3%. Set against the national average of 58.6%, these results will place us amongst the top schools nationally.

Academically, as each year passes, we go from strength to strength and I am deeply grateful to everyone who works to support the students. Well done!!

Kevin Satchwell December 1997

Celebrating the Achiev

Achievement Evening July 1997

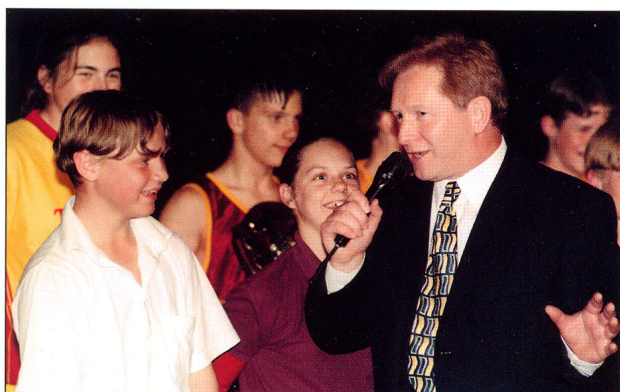
Mr David Tate, The Master of The Mercers' Company and Sir John Banham, Chairman of Tarmac PLC, were Guests of Honour at the Sixth Annual Achievement Evening held in July.

The evening celebrated the academic, sporting and performing arts successes of the School. Over 100 students were rewarded for their progress and achievement over the past academic year. The audience of prize winners, their parents, governors and sponsors from local business and industry saw video highlights of School events and were entertained by performances from musicians, singers and dancers.

Sir John Banham stressed the importance of high quality education in the face of increasing economic competition from Far Eastern countries such as Korea, India and China. He said that he was most impressed by what he had seen and heard at Thomas Telford School and added that: "Students are receiving a world class education here. We've seen the future and it works".



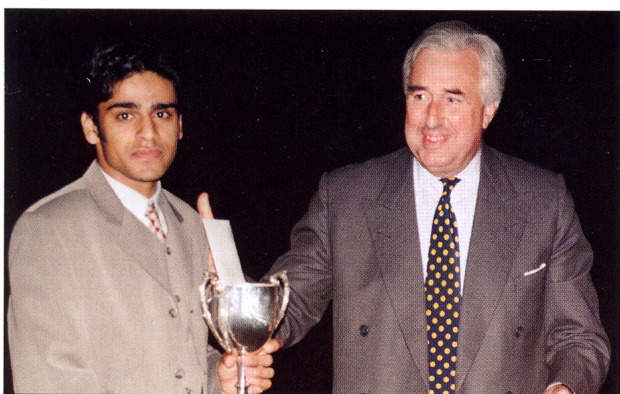
Sir John Banham, Chairman of Tarmac PLC and Mr David Tate, Master of the Mercers' Company with prize winning students from left to right: Joanne Bell, Joseph Shaffery, Justine Goh, Katherine Henrys, Hannah Williams and Richard Conti



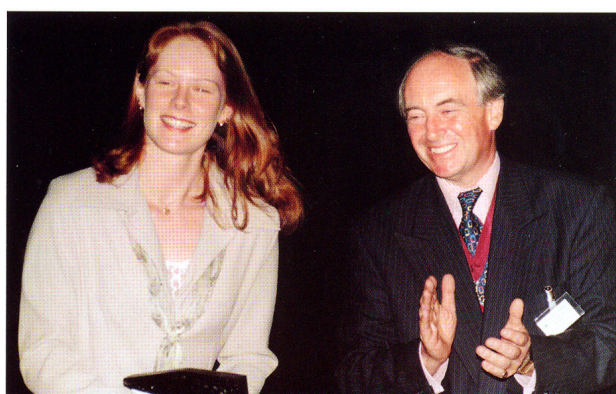
Headmaster, Mr Kevin Satchwell, paid tribute to the outstanding personal and team performances of our sportsmen and women. Pictured talking with Mr Satchwell are Matthew Rutter and Gemma Williams



Rebecca Martin, FAST Award for Health and Social Care, was presented with her Award by Mr Hunt, Managing Director of FAST



Sir John Banham congratulates Jagdish Uppal, winner of the Soper Award for Mathematics



Mr David Tate congratulates Melanie Baggott, winner of the Telford and Shropshire Conferences Award for Tourism

Achievements of our Students

Year 11 Achievement Evening November 1997

An evening of celebration was held to mark the excellent GCSE results achieved by Year 11 students in the summer. The students all received their Records of Achievement from Mr Michael Wakeford, Clerk to The Mercers' Company and now Chairman of the Governors. Mr Wakeford also presented awards to "The Class of '97" in recognition of their success in individual subjects as well as sporting achievements and exceptional attendance.

There were many fine performances in the GCSE examinations but several students were singled out for special awards. Donna Wilkinson, Dawn Fowler, Sarah Elliott and Kelly Vaughan were named as Outstanding Students of the Year and David Kane who achieved the best GCSE results overall received the Tarmac PLC Award for Outstanding Student of the Year.

Mr Satchwell told the students: "You have blossomed into fine young adults in whom I have every confidence. I know that you will serve as shining examples of what can be achieved given the right opportunities."



Some of the members of the Class of '97 in celebratory mood - (l to r): Katy Holbrook, Jenna Ridgway (John Birkett Award for Dance), Stacey Weaver (Wilde Award for Business Education), Donna Wilkinson (Tarmac Construction Award for Physical Education and Outstanding Student of the Year) and Zoleka Lokat (Jim Cook Award for Drama)



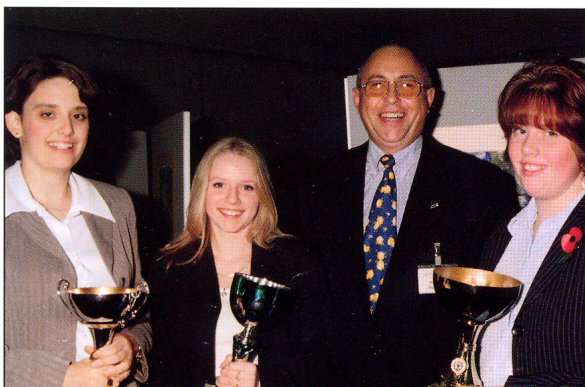
David Kane, Tarmac PLC Outstanding Student of the Year, and Sarah Elliott, one of the Outstanding Students of the Year, share a joke with Mr Michael Wakeford, Chairman of the Governors



Andrew Dalton who achieved nine A-C grades at GCSE



An Outstanding Student of the Year Kelly Vaughan who also won an Electronics Award and an Award for Sporting Excellence



Mr Stephen Murray, Deputy Head, with prizewinners (l to r) Emily Crump (Ron Tupper Award for Geography), Tracey Phipps (Parents Advisory Council Award for Religious Education) and Sharon Jones (History Award)

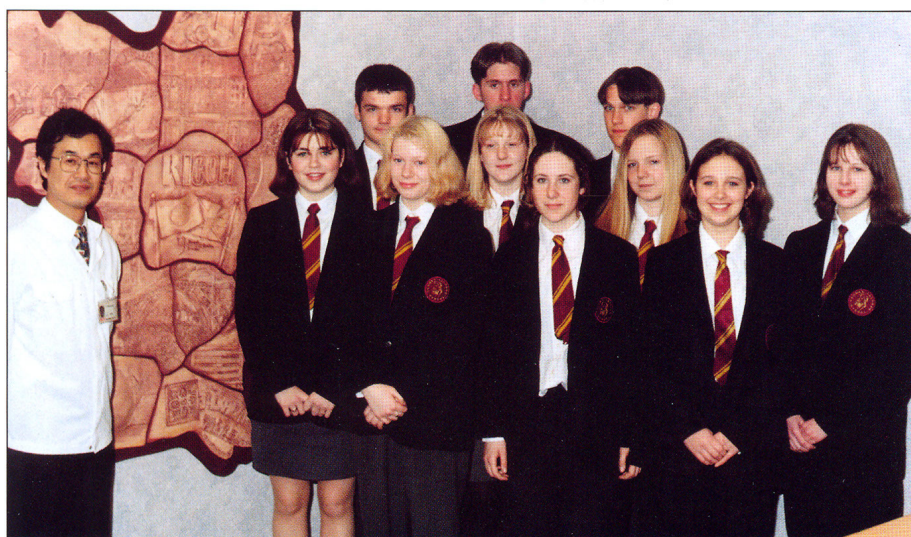


Jennie Mason who achieved ten GCSE/GNVQ equivalent A-C grades



Michael Foyle who achieved ten A*-C grades at GCSE

Art in the Community



Mr Matsuura from Ricoh with students (from left to right) Stacey Weaver, Daniel Powell, Katy Holbrook, Douglas Smith, Charlotte Lane, Katy Thornton, Duncan Richards, Joanne Hughes, Leanne Phillips and Lorna McLaughlin

Ricoh

As part of their GCSE coursework, a group of Year 11 ceramics students have undertaken a project on behalf of Telford-based company Ricoh UK Products Ltd.

Parent of a pupil at TTS, Ricoh Public Relations Officer, Mrs Christine Petrovic, had been very impressed by the ceramic "map" of Telford in the School's reception area and she commissioned a similar map for Ricoh's factory. Two groups of students worked on separate designs and Mrs Petrovic selected the most appropriate finished piece. Each student had responsibility for designing and making individual pieces of the giant ceramic jigsaw and the teams worked together to produce a visually unified whole reflecting many of Telford's most notable features.

EDS

EDS (Electronic Data Systems) Ltd is a large company, employing some 2,000 people, with premises in the centre of Telford. EDS commissioned the School to design and produce two projects for their smartly refurbished reception area at Boyd House.

Sixth Form GNVQ students took charge of both projects. One was to produce a large ceramics piece reflecting the diverse nature of EDS and the other was to design a huge reproduction of the EDS logo to be made from computer and other electronics components.

The students were fortunate enough to receive advice from a ceramics graduate, Mr Simon Wilkes, who had offered his services free to the School in order to gain some teaching experience.

St Georges Park Care Centre

This recently built centre is a 19 bed unit for elderly mentally ill patients. Students were asked to design and paint murals along the corridors, recreating images of the residents' childhoods.

Two GNVQ Art & Design students, Scott Paterson and Paul Wilcox enthusiastically seized upon this opportunity to undertake a project that would not only be a useful social service but would also support their GNVQ course. The students negotiated the brief with staff at the centre and approached DIY outlets for donations of paint. B & Q were particularly helpful in offering free materials.

Throughout the three week project, the students worked professionally and conscientiously and the Centre Managers were delighted with the end results.



The attractive ceramic plaque made for Electronic Data Systems Ltd

Fiddler on the Roof



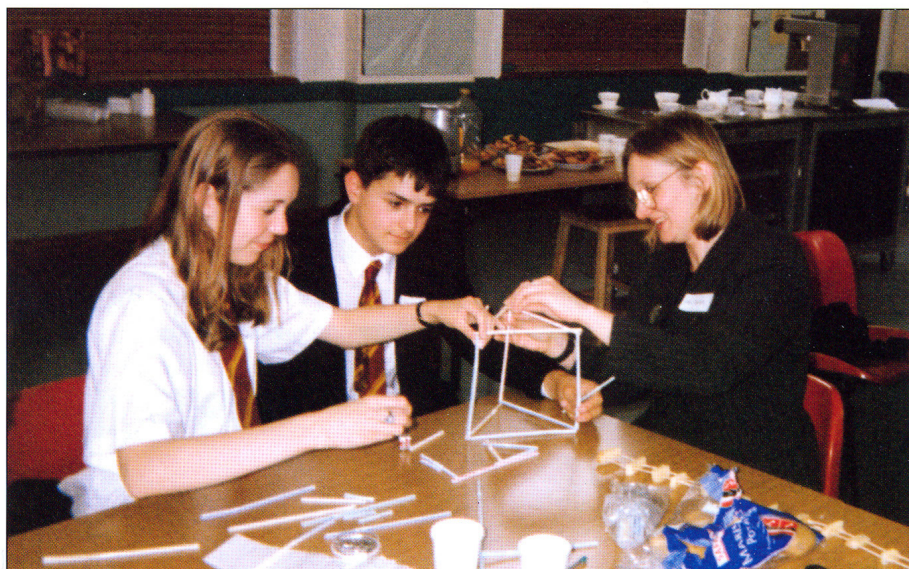
Members of the cast (from left to right): Matthew Rozier, Aaron Foster, Carl Morris and Chris Brown

Once again, Thomas Telford School's annual production was hailed as a tremendous success by everyone lucky enough to acquire a ticket. Although "Fiddler on the Roof" was not as familiar to students as our previous musicals, there was fierce competition for the roles and, as rehearsals progressed, anticipation of another excellent production encouraged ticket sales to the extent that seats were even sold for the dress rehearsal!! Matthew Rozier's performance in the main "Topol" role was truly outstanding and he was given superb support by a highly talented and professional cast who worked with tremendous energy and enthusiasm.

Construction Conundrum

What can you make with (a) 5lbs of potatoes, (b) a box of cocktail sticks, (c) a pack of straws and (d) an Oxo cube? The answer for (a) and (b) is a bridge and the answer for (c) and (d) is a tower strong enough to balance an Oxo cube!! This was the task for four Year 9 students - Jonathan Stokes, Andrew Keeney-Wilson, Jennifer Read and Caroline Richards. Together with Business Teacher Miss Beth Roberts and Ms Clare Simcock, a Senior Secretary from Tarmac, they entered the Challenge sponsored by Telford Business and Education Partnership.

Miss Roberts commented: "Although our team didn't win, they thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and learned a great deal about problem solving, communication skills and the importance of team work."



Jennifer Read and Jonathan Stokes building a tower of straws with Miss Bethan Roberts

Congratulations to

.....Thomas Telford School Receptionists Mrs Joan Plant and Mrs Barbara Patten who have been awarded Pitman's Diplomas in Professional Reception and Telephone Skills.

.....Nursery Staff, Mrs Tesni Allday and Mrs Marie Fowler who have passed their minibus driving test, their Food and Hygiene Certificate and their First Aid at Work Certificate.

Roman Holiday

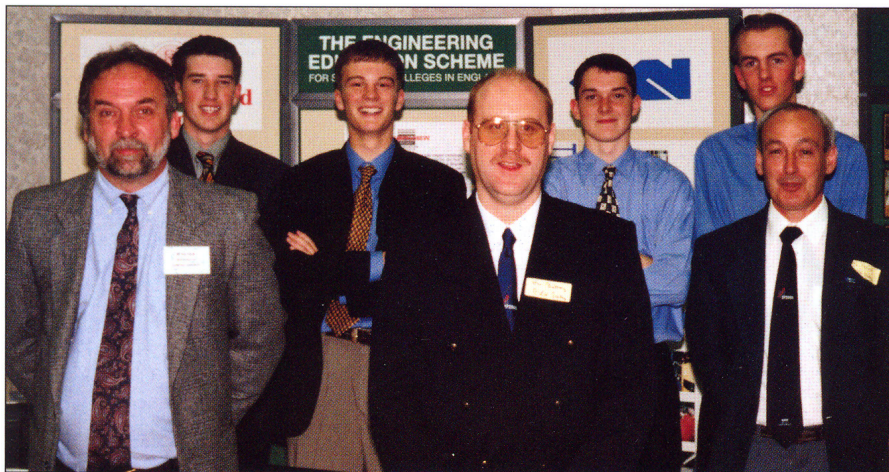
Following their successful visit to Israel two years ago, the intrepid Humanities team took the Road to Rome over the May half term. A party of 48 Year 9 students and five staff spent two days in Rome and then three days in Sorrento.

Year 9 student, Craig Guest, noted: "Although this was very much a working holiday (we were provided with work sheets to complete every evening), we had a fantastic time.

In Rome we visited all the famous historic sites including the Colosseum, the Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps and spent a day touring the Vatican City, St Peter's and the Sistine Chapel.

From our base in Sorrento we visited Pompeii and Vesuvius. We spent two glorious days relaxing, one day around the hotel pool and then on the final day we went by boat to Capri."

GKN Engineering Project



Pictured at the Exhibition (l to r): Mr Ray Davis (Operations Manager GKN), Anthony O'Connor, Michael Brookfield, Mr Dave Buttery (GKN), Craig Jones, David Burgess and Mr Bill Carline (GKN)

Sixth form students took part recently in a project sponsored by GKN and organised by the West Midlands Region of the Engineering Education Scheme.

The students, Michael Brookfield, David Burgess, Edward Hole, Craig Jones and Anthony O'Connor undertook a project with GKN Sankey Ltd to devise a system to collect ejected Ford Mondeo chassis parts for quality assessment. They were advised by engineers from Birmingham University and Thomas Telford School teachers, Messrs Mark Hudson, Jonathan Boyle and Rod Hughes.

Mr Hudson commented: "This project has been excellent experience for the students. The university involvement combined with working alongside engineers at GKN has given them a broad view of engineering as a career. The outcome was both dynamic and functional; a full size version of the system is under construction at GKN. The students and engineers have produced a real solution to a real problem. Congratulations to all concerned."

Ballet Workshop

Professional dancer, Gareth Griffiths, from Ballet Rambert was in School in May, working with a group of Year 10 GCSE Dance students. Katherine Murray, one of the students commented:

"The evening before the workshop, some of us watched a performance by Ballet Rambert in Birmingham.

When he came into School, Gareth Griffiths discussed the performance with us and then taught us a movement phrase from "Moonshine" by Christopher Bruce.

First of all, we learned the basic movements, practising several sequences before piecing them together. We then had to choreograph a motif to fit in at the end of the dance using words from the lyrics of the song.

It was fascinating to see how the dance developed and very interesting to make our own contributions towards it."

Junior Mathematicians Rise to the Challenge

Thomas Telford School students have successfully completed the UK Junior Mathematical Challenge which is held annually throughout the country. Fifty-three Year 7 and 8 students took part in the Challenge and received a total of twelve Bronze, eight Silver and five Gold Certificates.

Of the five students who performed exceptionally well and were awarded Gold Certificates, three are from Year 7 - Joanna Clark, Sandra Millin and Hannah Isaacs. Two Year 8 boys were also awarded Gold Certificates: Bachrun Mason and Joe Noss. Bachrun also received a special certificate for "Best in School".

Mr David Berry, Deputy Head in charge of Mathematics commented: "The aim of the UK Junior Mathematical Challenge is to encourage and stimulate large numbers of able youngsters. The students enjoy taking part in a national event and enjoy the challenge that these mathematical problems pose. I am delighted that so many of our students took part this year and congratulate them all on their achievement."



Top students (left to right) Back Row: Joanna Clark, Hannah Isaacs and Sandra Millin. Front Row: Bachrun Mason and Joe Noss (Photo courtesy of Express & Star)

Flying Visit from British Airways

As part of their Business Education course, Year 8 students studied competition, focussing on the rivalry between airlines.

First Officer Adrian Bagnall from British Airways at Heathrow visited the School and gave the students a presentation on the airline's history and services.

Business teacher, Mrs Julie Wilde, commented: "The students were fascinated by his presentation and asked lots of detailed questions about his experiences as a pilot. I feel that this is an excellent example of how industrial links can serve many purposes, in this case helping the students with their studies whilst developing an awareness of career opportunities."



British Airways First Officer Adrian Bagnall

Climbing High

PGCE Student Technology Teacher, Mr David Lomax, recently took part in the Three Peaks Challenge.

This was a marathon effort which entailed a team of enthusiasts sailing around the British coast. Two members of the team jumped off the boat at various points and raced up and down the three highest peaks in Wales, England and Scotland - Snowdon, Scarfell Pike and Ben Nevis respectively.

Mr Lomax's contribution was to take part in the 32 mile race up and down Scarfell Pike! Mr Lomax commented: "It was a fantastic experience, especially now that the aches and pains have worn off!"

Adding Spice to Science

Earlier this year a group of Sixth Form Biology and Chemistry students spent a few days in Arthog, North West Wales undertaking Ecology fieldwork. They were able to use local resources to complete their coursework as well as having the opportunity to participate in outdoor pursuits.

Students Davinia Boulton, Michaela Baily and Lee Jenks commented: "We were able to put skills taught in class into practice and use them effectively to obtain results that will become part of our A level coursework.

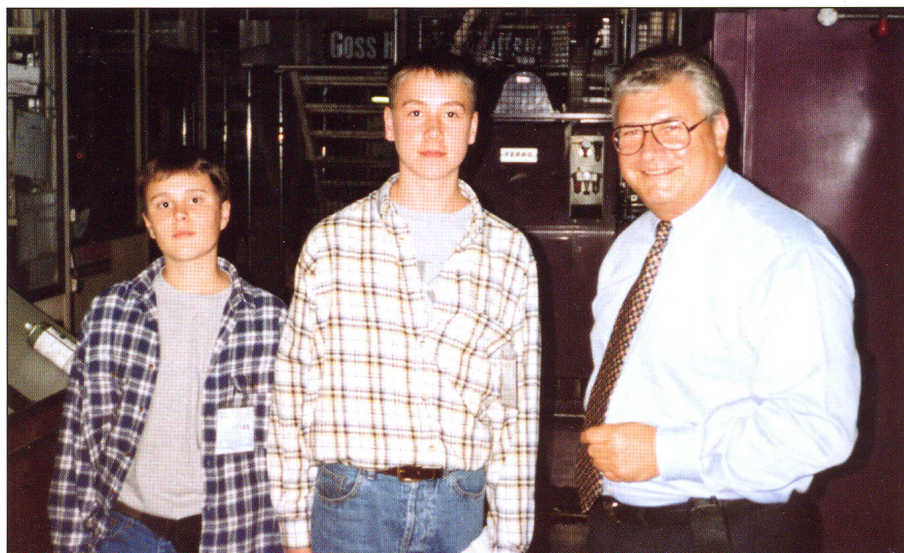
Experiments were carried out on a number of sites. For instance, on the sand dunes we investigated the percentage cover of vegetation and compiled a profile of the dunes using a dinometer.

We also had a great chance to experience the "real outdoors" - rock climbing, walking and sight-seeing on Barmouth slabs and beach."

The Daily Telegraph

Year 10 students Andrew Moon and Andrew Fear spent an interesting day at the Canary Wharf headquarters of The Daily Telegraph. They were VIP guests of Mr Tim Reardon, the Advertising Manager. The visit followed a letter from the students requesting information on newspaper production. Mr Reardon explained the importance of advertising and how the layout of The Telegraph is arranged. The two Andrews then met the Editor, Mr Charles Moore, who explained how they used their computer system to control production of the paper. The students watched the production of the "Appointments" supplement from the design stage to final printing at West Ferry Printers.

Andrew Moon commented: "The whole day was great. I was fascinated to see that the paper is sent via huge fax machines to the printers in London and Manchester."



From left to right: Andrew Fear and Andrew Moon with Mr Mike Appleby of West Ferry Printers

Where Are They Now?

First Reunion

In September, the first social get-together was held for our former Sixth Form students. Over thirty ex-students attended and there was a good deal of enthusiasm from all for future events.

Mr Kevin Satchwell commented: "The Governors feel that it is most important to build a strong Former Students Association so I am particularly pleased that this first event has been so well received."



University Students Sundev Pabla (Loughborough) and Kate Denton (Cardiff) with Mr Phil Lloyd

Australian Adventures

Suzy Brumhill (June 1994) spent a gap year in Australia before going to University of Wales Institute Cardiff to read for a BA in Sport and Human Movement Studies.

In Australia Suzy worked at a prestigious Girls Boarding School in New South Wales. She was employed as an Assistant Teacher in the preparatory department but once the school was aware of her sporting background, she became very involved in the sports department, coaching the netball team, working as a lifeguard and organising a softball team. She also choreographed the school production! During the long school holidays, Suzy travelled around Australia and was so bitten by the travel bug that she has made plans to visit Chile for four weeks at the end of this year.

Suzy says that she is thoroughly enjoying University life in Cardiff and hopes to join the Police Force once she has graduated next year.

Engineering Futures

Matthew Foyle (June 1996) spent the last twelve months working for GKN Sankey Engineering Products. During the year, he completed his A level Design Technology project and attended many training courses provided by the Year in Industry Scheme.

Matthew has been working on the Ford account at GKN Sankey and has been involved in the commercial side of prototype production including customer queries, complaints and corporate events such as the Motor Show.

Matthew hopes to go to Loughborough University to study a degree in Manufacturing Engineering with Management.

Darren Johnson (June 1993) won an engineering apprenticeship with GKN Defence in Hadley, Telford and has spent the last four years combining work and study for a number of qualifications including BTEC Engineering Systems Technician and Mechatronics Design using Autocad.

During his apprenticeship, Darren worked in different departments but will now concentrate on Project Engineering involving him in many different aspects of the industry -problem solving, design and production. As part of his GKN sponsored training, Darren starts a four year part-time BEng (Hons) course in Mechanical Engineering at Stafford University.

News in Brief

Joanne Oliver (June 1995) currently at John Moores University, Liverpool, BA Hons in International Business Studies and Spanish. Film extra on Channel 4's "Hollyoaks".

Kevin Jones (June 1994) - Police Constable in Sussex.

Nathalie Sterling (June 1995) - currently studying for a BSc in Nursing Studies at University of Surrey.

Mark Hillman (June 1994) - received full University Colours for golf while studying at Cardiff University. His team became Welsh University Champions this year. He has recently graduated with a BSc (Hons) in Business Administration.



Mark Hillman

Some of our ex-Sixth Formers have been in touch with us to let us know where they are now and what has been happening to them since they left School. We send our congratulations and best wishes for the future to them all!



University Graduates and now "Workers of the World" (l-r): Sonja Tattershall (Glamorgan & Gwent Health Authority), Andrea Tudor (Zeneca) and Clare Cox (Freepages) with Miss Viv Evans

Graduation News

Chris Care - BSc Hons Chemistry, Cardiff. Now working as a Quality Assurance Analyst for a pharmaceutical company.

Kathryn Dixon - 2.1 BEng Honours Environmental Engineering, University of Southampton.

Emma Leigh - 1st Class BA Honours Degree Business Administration, Westminster University. Harrow Business School Best Student Award. Now trainee Chartered Accountant with Coopers & Lybrand in Reading.

Alexander James - 2.1 BSc Hons Chemistry with Environmental Science from University of Bristol. Finnigan-MAT Prize in final year for outstanding research project.

David Godfrey - 2.2 BSc Hons Sports Science and Recreational Management, University of Birmingham.

Surjit Kooner - 2.1 BSc Hons Economics and Business Management, Brunel University. Now at Arthur Anderson.

Marie Leadbetter - BA Hons Social Policy and Administration, University of Central Lancashire.

Andrea Tudor - 2.1 BA Hons European Business Administration, Wolverhampton University and Dutch HEAO Diploma, Hogeschool, Amsterdam.

Kuldip Clair - 2.2 BSc Banking and Finance, Loughborough University.

Amy Onions - BSc Biology with Management, University of London.

Toni Ellis - 2.1 Hons BEd, De Montfort University. Now teaching PE at Our Lady and St Chad's School in Wolverhampton.

Clare Cox - BA Hons Sociology and Social Policy, Essex University.

Nirinder Purawal - BA Hons Business Studies, University of Birmingham.

Sonja Tattershall - BA Hons Accountancy and Finance, Pontypridd University.

James Christian - 2.2 BA Hons Environmental Science, University of Wolverhampton.

Vicky Dixon - BA Hons Textile and Surface Pattern Design.

Surveying Success!

David Hutton (June 1993) has graduated with a BSc Hons (First Class) in Urban Land Economics from Sheffield Hallam University.

David is now working for the fifth largest firm of Chartered Surveyors in the country - Weatherall, Green and Smith, in Leeds.

David is currently studying to become an Associate Member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

Jumping the Gun!!

Pictured below, experiencing her first parachute jump is Gunner **Esther Lewis (June 1995)**. Esther is a member of the Royal Artillery Territorial Army Regiment and, as well as passing a parachute training course, she spends much of her spare time on manoeuvres with other part time soldiers, both in this country and abroad.

Esther is an undergraduate at Wolverhampton University where she is now half way through a four year degree course in Tourism, Hospitality and Licensed Retail Management and will spend this academic year working in a large Birmingham hotel.



Esther Lewis makes her first parachute jump with a little help from her instructor!

TTS Sports News

1996/97 has been a terrific year for sport at Thomas Telford School and our congratulations go to all participating students. Thanks also to staff and parents for their support throughout the season.

Cricket

The cricket teams had an excellent season with both Year 7 and Year 8 sides reaching the County Cup Finals.

The Under 12s were beaten in their final by Birchfield School but the Under 13 side became County Champions winning against Idsall School, despite losing their top three batsmen for seven runs!

Scott O'Neil and Joe Turner batted very well and Philip Nicholls (2 for 18 from 7 overs) and Chris Armstrong produced some excellent bowling.

Athletics

Thomas Telford School Athletics teams have once again produced some excellent performances in the County Championships. Both the Boys teams became County Champions while the Years 7/8 Girls team were runners-up in their section.

Individual County Champions are listed on the next page.



*Ian Monckton - County Champion 100 & 200m
(photo: Malcolm Couzens, Shropshire Star)*



Under 13 Cricket Team - Shropshire County Champions. From left to right: Back Row - Philip Nicholls, Andrew Cockhill, Joe Turner, Chris Waldron (Capt), Ben Astley, Sumeet Bhardwaj, Matthew Oswin, Mr Satchwell. Front Row - Jamie Ratcliffe, Michael Watton, Adam Fellows, Chris Armstrong, Matthew Rutter, Scott O'Neil, Scott Brown

Students who represented their district, county or country during 1996/97

County Football

U13 James Mackenzie
Chris Waldron
Justine Goh
U14 Robert Edwards
Danielle Petrovic
U16 Rachel Barrow
U19 Simon O'Connor
Gregg Corbett
Ben Graham
Jamie McDowall
Simeon Pattinson

Luke Prescott
Chris Kelly
Matthew Foster
Jonathan Gaze
Stuart Brittle
Alex Johnson
Richard McDonald
Alasdair Fawcett
U16 Jon Woodrow
Ranjit Singh
Baljinder Jagdev

County Basketball

U13 Hannes Niehoegen
U16 Paul Brookes

County Cross Country

Philip Nicholls
Alex Johnson

West Midlands

Orienteering
James Broadhead

District Football

U12 Adam Smith
Greg Burgess
Scott Brown
Liam Hennessy
Ashley Burd
Michael Robbins
U13 Philip Nicholls
James Mackenzie
Chris Waldron
U16 Jon Grainger
U19 Simon O'Connor
Gregg Corbett
Ben Graham
Jamie McDowall
Simeon Pattinson

County Badminton

U13 Vicki Cornish
U16 Matthew Blood
U19 Andrew Babel

National Ice Hockey

U14 Stuart Brittle
U19 Daniel Mackriel

Midlands Ice Hockey

U14 Alex Johnson
Stuart Brittle
U16 Andrew Johnson
Jared Owen
Chris Vaughan

County Swimming

U19 Michelle Woodrow
Shaun Dale
U16 Jon Woodrow

Midlands Volleyball

U14 Joseph Shaffery

County Gymnastics

U13 Gemma Williams

National League Basketball

U19 Matthew Gordon
Paul Reeves

County Cricket

U13 Chris Waldron
Chris Armstrong
U14 Mark O'Connor
U19 Anthony O'Connor

County Representative Athletics

U19 Ben Graham
Ian Taylor
U17 Alexis Hopkins
Chad Smart
U15 Ian Monckton
Craig Guest
Joseph Shaffery
Riccardo Bragoli
Robert Edwards
U13 Gemma Belcher
James Mackenzie
Philip Nicholls

County Squash

Stuart McFarlane
Robert Hayward

Golf

Claire Woodhouse

Judo

Clare Gee

County Netball

U16 Sarah Spode
Laura Benting
U21 Emma Yates

Midlands Hockey

U14 Stuart Brittle
Alex Johnson
Richard McDonald
Alasdair Fawcett

County Hockey

U14 Robert Hayward

Sportsmark Gold Award



Some of our sporting superstars celebrate Sportsmark Gold (left to right):

Back Row: Mr Jim Potter, Craig Guest, Andrew Dowdall, Joseph Shaffery, Danielle Petrovic, James Mackenzie, David Coe, Miss Rachel Caulfield, Jo Wilkinson.

Middle Row: Gemma Williams, Julie Gatford, Philip Nicholls, Miss Jo Slyn, Eleanor McDonald, Vicki Cornish, Christina Brady, Nicola Brady.

Front Row: Sarah Spode, Ian Monckton, Scott Brown, Adam Smith, Robert Edwards, Sharmadean Reid, Justine Goh, Liam Hennessy, Gemma Belcher.

In July TTS was one of only thirty schools across the whole country to be awarded a Sportsmark Gold in recognition of outstanding Physical Education and sports provision after school. The Assessor noted: "The vision and opportunities offered for PE and Sport are wide and thought-provoking" and "Pupils are enthusiastic and achievement is recognised by all and handled well".

Congratulations to...

...Gemma Belcher who is a member of the Shropshire Schools Junior Girls 4x100m relay squad. The team was awarded the prestigious Cavan Cup by the English Schools Athletics Championships for "the most meritorious performance at the English Schools Athletics Championships".

Shropshire County Champions 1996/97

Football	U13 Boys	County Cup Winners
	U19 Boys	County Cup Winners (Last 32 National)
	U13 Girls	County Cup Winners
	U16 Boys	County Cup (Plate) Winners
Hockey	U14 Boys	County Cup Winners
Athletics	Yr 7/8 Boys	County Cup Winners
	Yr 9/10 Boys	County Cup Winners
Cricket	Yr 8 Boys	County Cup Winners

Shropshire County Finalists 1996/97

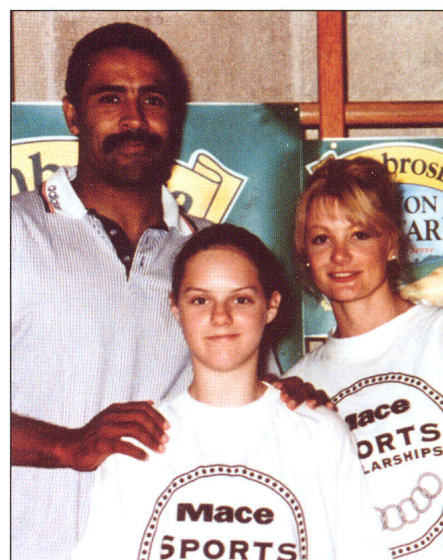
Football	U16 Girls	County Cup Finalists (last 16 National)
	U12 Girls	Telford Schools 5-a-side Finalists
	U19 Boys	West Midlands Colleges Cup Finalists
Athletics	Ye 7/8 Girls	County Runners-up
Cricket	Yr 7 Boys	County Cup Finalists
Gymnastics	U18 Girls	County Silver Medallists
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Athletics	Yr 7/8 Boys	TSB Regional B Champions
Cricket	Yr 8 Boys	last 16 in National Championships

Individual Athletics County Champions

U 19	Ben Graham	Long Jump
U17	Chad Smart	High Jump
U15	Ian Monckton	100 & 200m
	Robert Edwards	Hurdles

Excellent Eton!!

Year 9 student, Gemma Williams, spent part of her summer holidays at Eton College. Gemma was one of twelve young gymnasts chosen from thousands of young people who applied to attend the Gymnastics School of Excellence at Eton. Gemma underwent intensive coaching from former Olympic gymnast Hayley Price and also tried out other sports including canoeing, weight training and self-defence. Gemma said: "It was a once in a lifetime experience that I shall never forget. Just brilliant!"



Gemma Williams with Olympic athletes Daly Thompson and Hayley Price