



# Thomas Telford School

## Newsletter

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### “99% Superschool”

“99% Superschool” was how Thomas Telford School was described in a headline in one of the national daily newspapers when the GCSE results were announced in August.

There was a terrific buzz in the School on Results Day and the presence of a film crew from Central TV News added to the atmosphere of excitement. It was a tremendous day for our Year 11 students and their families.

99% of our students gained five or more A\*-C grades and in fact 99% of the students obtained between eight and fifteen GCSE's



*Some of the GCSE students celebrate success. Pictured from (l-r) with Mr Satchwell are: Jonathon Caldwell, Victoria Wylde, Jordan Sidaway, Ria Johnson, Sarah Walters, Joseph Shaffery, Matthew Young, Sarah Warren, Karin McDonald and Jonathan Stokes*

Ria Johnson's 14 A grades (10 of them starred!) were amongst the best results in the country and she had a starring role in The Daily Telegraph, Daily Mail and The Mirror!

### Headmaster's Comment

The last academic year was the best in the School's history. SAT results, GCSE, A Level and GNVQ examinations all set new records.

Performing Arts, Outdoor Education, Careers Education and the involvement of industry are of great importance in the life of the School and I hope that you will enjoy reading about some of these aspects in this Newsletter.

The sporting achievements of the students, both in teams and individually, have also been record breaking over the last twelve months and details can be found in the extended sports coverage on Pages 8-12. Even so, there has not been room to mention every team's progress or every student's achievement but our congratulations go to everyone

who has been involved in making this a tremendous year for sport. The Sporting Roll of Honour on the back page provides interesting evidence of the wide variety of sports with which the students are involved.

All the staff at the School work extremely hard and this, together with the support given by parents, ensures that the outcomes for our children are of a high quality and embrace the widest experiences.

Everyone connected with the School should feel a great sense of pride and should celebrate the successes of the students as we should all feel justly proud of their exceptional achievements.

**Kevin Satchwell**

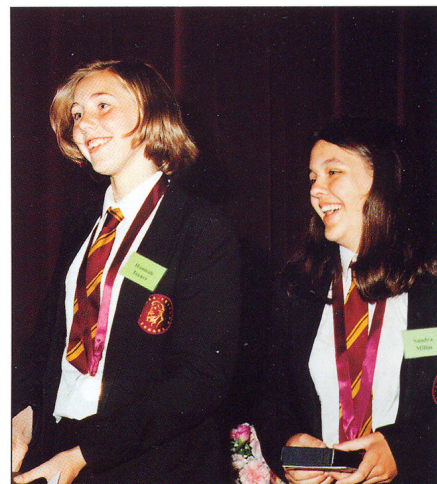
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# Celebrating Success at Achievement Evening



*Guests of Honour, Mr Dick Withers Green, The Master of the Mercers' Company (left) and Mr Roy Harrison, Group Chief Executive, Tarmac PLC pictured with outstanding students (l-r): James Elliott (Laing Award for Contribution to School and Community), Bethan Shaffery (Headmaster's Award), Nicholas Young (Mawdsley Award for Outstanding Student of the Year) and Ricky Balshaw (Emma Shaw Personality of the Year Award)*



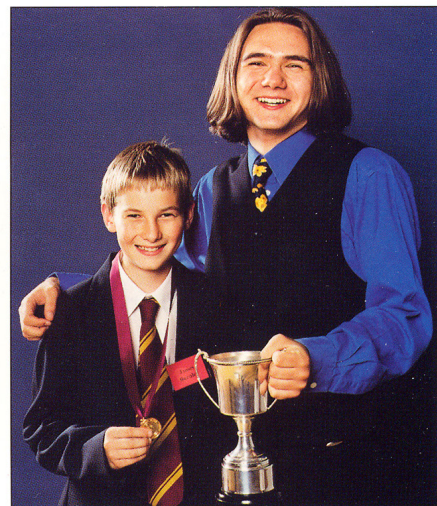
*Hannah Isaacs and Sandra Millin, Outstanding Students at Key Stage 3, who both achieved Level 8 in all three subjects in the SATs in May*



*Tajinder Heera (British Gas Award for Science) with Miss Gill Edge*



*Sarah Childs (Year 7 Prize for Achievement) and Elizabeth Inwood (Year 7 Prize for Progress)*



*James Burnley (Year 7 Prize for Achievement) with his brother Tom (The Conoco Chemistry Award)*



*Joanna Clark (Stephen Murray Award for International Understanding)*



*Jonathan Williams (EEF West Midlands Award for Design & Technology), Mark Bevan (Danvers Award for Statistics), Daniel Daly (Windsor Life Trophy for Information Systems), James Elliott (Laing Award for Contribution to School and Community) and David Samuel (PDSA Award for Manufacturing)*



## Sir William Siemens' Medal



*Pictured at the Siemens' Award lunch are (l-r): Simon Fletcher, Lewis Webber, Mr Kirk, Mr Haworth (Siemens), Kelly Vaughan and Nicholas Young*

The achievements of A Level Physics students were celebrated with the award of the Sir William Siemens' Medal to Lewis Webber and certificates to three other students - Kelly Vaughan, Simon Fletcher and Nicholas Young.

The Siemens' Medal Programme aims to encourage young people's interest in Science and Technology. All second year A Level Physics students were eligible to enter the Award. The students who achieved maximum marks in their practical coursework were invited to deliver a presentation to Mr Phil Hynds, Technical Sales Manager and Mr Roy Haworth, NVH Engineer from Siemens PLC, together with Head of Physics, Mr Martin Kirk and Mr Malcom Scotto, Senior Industrial Consultant. The students were judged on their knowledge of their subject, the content of their coursework and their presentation skills. Mr Kirk commented: "This was a tough assignment for the students and they all performed really well. We very much value the support of Siemens PLC and we are particularly grateful to Mr Hynds and Mr Haworth for their involvement. We look forward to this year's 6.2 students taking part next summer."

## Duke of Edinburgh Award

There are now around 120 students participating in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and a presentation evening will be held later in the school year when certificates will be handed to students who have achieved their Bronze, Silver or Gold Award.

There are four sections to the Award which involve students in learning a new skill, undertaking a service to others (charity work), participating in physical recreation and planning and taking part in expeditions.

Mrs Audrey Pugh, who helps her husband Mike to run the Scheme, commented: "The students love the challenge of the expeditions which, for the Bronze Award, involves following a planned route of 15 miles over two days. At Gold level this increases to 50 miles across wild country over four days."

"Many of the students find new interests in charitable work or sporting opportunities. As well as developing their skills, they often make new friends through the Scheme."

## Technology Teacher Wins 'Oscar'

Technology Teacher, Mr Jonathan Boyle was the West Midlands Regional Winner of The Guardian Award for the most creative use of Information Technology in a secondary school. The award is part of a new national scheme of Teaching Awards sponsored by Lloyds TSB which the press have dubbed 'Teaching Oscars'. TV presenter, Nick Owen who hosted the Regional Finals in Birmingham praised Mr Boyle's outstanding work and described him as an excellent teacher and innovator. Mr Boyle then went on to the National Final which was televised live on BBC1 in July.

Eight teachers from Shropshire won through to the Regional Finals and four of them were from TTS! As well as Mr Boyle, Mr Satchwell was nominated for his contribution to leadership, Mr Berry for his work with parents in the community and Mrs Roper as the best newly qualified teacher.



*Mr Jonathan Boyle, West Midlands ICT Teacher of the Year*



## Nursery Children's Gift to Hospital



*Pictured (l-r) with the children at the presentation are: Katherine Ballard, Children's Macmillan Nurse for the Shropshire area, Donna Byrne, Nurse/Adviser at the Hospital, Michelle Wainwright, Nursery Nurse and Tesni Allday, Senior Nursery Nurse*

Children and staff in the Nursery took part in a sponsored walk in the Spring to raise funds to buy toys and equipment for the Oncology Ward at the Birmingham Children's Hospital. They raised over £1,000 and, with the support of Little Tykes, Lego and Powerhouse, were able to provide gifts worth more than £2,000 for the young hospital patients.

Senior Nursery Nurse, Mrs Tesni Allday, said: "One of our Nursery children, William, spent many months receiving treatment for a brain tumour at the Hospital. When we visited him, we saw how much the children, who often have to spend many weeks in hospital, benefited from having toys to play with. We wanted to find a way to help and had wonderful support from families, friends as well as from the businesses. We were able to present the Hospital with televisions, video recorders and cassette players as well as toys and play equipment. Sadly, little William lost his brave battle for life in July. He was a lovely cheerful little boy and will be very much missed by us all."

## Beacon Schools Project

Thomas Telford School has been designated a Beacon School by the Department for Education and Employment. TTS was one of eleven schools in the West Midlands to be awarded this status in May.

The Beacon Initiative encourages schools to work together to share best practice and drive up standards. Two secondary and three primary schools from the Donnington area will be involved in projects with us which will focus on the development of Information Technology skills, numeracy and literacy. At secondary level, development of a vocational curriculum will also be one of the main aims.

£100,000 additional funding has been provided by the DfEE for this initiative. The Government has so far established a network of 200 Beacon Schools. Their target is 1,000 by the year 2002.

☐ Congratulations to Year 8 student, Ricky Balshaw who won three rosettes at the National Dressage Championships of the Riding for the Disabled Association held in Gloucester in July.

## National Award for New Web Site

The School's new web site has won national recognition. BECTA (British Educational Communications and Technology Agency) and The Guardian UK Schools and College Web Site Awards named the site as an outstanding example of good practice in web publishing. The Sixth Form students, Nick Evans and Jonathan Will, who created the site earlier this year, travelled to London to receive their prize at a special lunch and ceremony in July. The TTS web site was one of only twelve sites across the country to receive an award and was chosen because it makes innovative and effective use of multimedia, design, navigation and technology.

The Judges commented that "this is a very high standard of web site design including clean pages and good information provision for students, teachers and parents."

"It demonstrates interesting use of technology as a shockwave-enhanced site and through incorporating a live web cam feature and the hypertext curriculum."



*Pictured at the Awards Ceremony (l-r): Kate Humble, Presenter of BBC2's 'Webwise' Series, Nick Evans, Jonathan Will and Charles Clarke MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for School Standards*



## A Powerful Meeting



*Pictured (l-r): Sarah Hurd, Mr John Crackett, Generation Manager West, Ironbridge Power Station and Oliver Parrish*

Performing Arts students, Sarah Hurd and Oliver Parrish, dressed in costumes from the School production of 'Oklahoma' to visit Ironbridge Power Station. They wanted to add their personal thanks to those of the School for Eastern Generation's sponsorship for Performing Arts at TTS.

Mr Satchwell commented: "We have a strong and very positive relationship with Eastern Generation and were delighted to receive £1,000 towards the costs of our annual production from them. Every Christmas, our Choir sings at the Christmas lunches given by the Power Station for pensioners and our students undertake work placements at the company during the year. Students also take part in field trips to Buildwas Nature Reserve."

## Banking Rewards

GNVQ Advanced Business students, who started up a branch of Midbank last year, opened 105 accounts during the year and, as a result, have received a cheque for £100 from HSBC (formerly Midland Bank). This money will be used to support the Young Enterprise Scheme.

The students will now select, recruit and train new 6.1 GNVQ Business students to run the bank during this academic year.

## Sparkling Future for Jessica

Jessica Element, who was a member of the Headship Team last year, has won a place at Robinson College, Cambridge to read Law and French. Mr Satchwell said: "I am delighted for Jessica and for the School. She is our first female student to gain an Oxbridge place. I know that with her capacity for hard work and her sparkling personality she will be a great success."

## Teaching the Teachers

School Centred Initial Teacher Training Courses are run by Thomas Telford School which is the Lead School in the West Midlands Consortium.

A new Director of ITT, Alan Fowler, joined the School from John Moores University in Liverpool and in September student teachers started a new course in Information Technology. This is in addition to the established Physical Education and Design and Technology courses.

□ Congratulations to Year 10 student, Rebecca Simcox, who qualified to represent the Midlands in the ADFP Freestyle Championships. Rebecca went on to become the United Kingdom Under 16 Freestyle Dance Champion.

## Cycling for Charity

Sixth Form Leisure and Tourism students organised a charity bike ride as part of the Relay for Life Campaign for Cancer Research earlier this year.

They raised £300 by completing a cycle ride around Telford and the Wrekin.

□ Former Sixth Form student, Bethany Harris joined the Army as a Military Clerk and is now a Lance Corporal working for Sir Charles Guthrie, Chief of the Defence Staff, in Whitehall.



*Sixth Form Leisure and Tourism students (l-r): Jayne Barrow, Lee Davenport, Jo Wilkinson, Ian Smith and Sophie Norton*



# Performing Arts

## Oklahoma!



*(l-r) Hannah Bryant, Parissa Torabi, Ian Jeanes, Michael Longhi(Curly), Oliver Parrish, Ruth Broughton, Sophie Bould (Laurey), Becci Kilvert, Lee James, Fiona Cooper*

This year, the major production was Rogers and Hammerstein's 'Oklahoma!' which proved to be a musical treat for all generations. To many members of the audience songs like, "Oh What a Beautiful Morning", have been a part of popular culture for decades and are familiar and well loved. For the younger members of the audience, the sheer freshness and joy de vivre of the production were irresistible. Strong performances from all the main characters combined with excellent dancing and superb singing provided a feast of entertainment. Mr Dara Carroll, Head of Performing Arts, commented: "The cast had wonderful support from a back stage crew of staff, students and parents who worked tremendously hard. I would like to thank everyone involved in the production for their hard work."

## Summer Concert

The Summer Concert provided an opportunity for Music School and Performing Arts students to show parents and friends just how many hours of practice and dedication could pay off!! During the first half of the programme, musicians and singers entertained the audience to a wonderful variety of music in ensembles and bands with several students performing solo pieces.

After the Interval, a group of Key Stage 3 students delighted the audience with highlights from 'Oliver'. Music Teacher, Mr Myles Payne commented: "It was smashing to see such talented youngsters having a chance to perform in public and we hope to make this new aspect of the concert an annual event."



*Some Members of the Senior Band (l-r): Joe Noss, Sian Mytton, Andrew Morris and Parissa Torabi*

## Dramatic Projects

6.1 BTEC Performing Arts students produced a Murder Mystery event as part of their work experience during the Summer. With guidance from Mike Smith from Enigma, a company which specialises in these events, the students prepared a Cluedo-style who-done-it entitled 'A School Reunion'.

They hired Room 101, a Wolverhampton restaurant, and sold tickets to around 30 guests who were then royally entertained for the evening.

Meanwhile, other Sixth Form students took their work to local primary schools. 6.1 A Level students visited five junior schools with their project



*Matthew Somerville who played the title role in 'Oliver' at the Summer Concert*

about tiger extinction. Andrina Parker and Sarah Hurd used their work experience to produce a play 'The Magic Jewels Adventure' which was performed by youngsters at Old Hall School in Wellington.

Performing Arts Teacher, Mrs Caroline Crawford, commented: "With the high levels of interest in Performing Arts, we are expanding the opportunities for the students to perform for an audience. We are planning dance and drama events at Sixth Form and GCSE level throughout the year and the Music School Summer Concert will be held over two nights."



## Euro Quiz Winners!



*The winning team (l-r) Kieran Spencer, Victoria Wylde, Joseph Shaffery and Ria Johnson pictured with Councillor Austin (l) and Quiz Master Mr Richard Bifield (r)*

The Thomas Telford School team of Kieran Spencer, Vicky Wylde, Joe Shaffery and Ria Johnson won this year's Wrekin Schools Euro Quiz which was held in May. Humanities teacher, Mrs Sarah Mills, commented: "The students had to answer general knowledge questions about Europe. David Hallam, who was then the local MEP, set a special round of questions about the EU Commission and our team also won that prize! This is the first time that TTS has won the Euro Quiz outright so I am very proud of them!"

The Junior Team of Joanne Clark, Russell Dady, Susan Barrow and Paul Thompson also performed very well. They were runners-up in their event.

## Prestigious Win

In May, Prestige, the School's Young Enterprise Company won the county finals of a nationwide business competition and went on to represent Shropshire in the Central England finals in June.

Prestige was one of 27 companies set up by schools in Shropshire as part of the Young Enterprise Scheme. Each team had to create and run a real business for one academic year, producing a profit and loss statement at the end of the twelve month period. Prestige, which was run by Sixth Form Business students, organised a highly successful fashion show in January at Oakengates Theatre which attracted an audience of over 400.



*Prestige's winning team pictured with Mr John Birkett, Director of Careers and Industry Links, (l-r): Tracy Day, Cathryn Bowen, Debbie Kirkpatrick, Danielle Barrett, Stacey Treagust, Daniel Daly, Sophia Brissett and Charlotte Slater*

## Summer Sale

Budding entrepreneurs in Year 8 set up their stalls at the Summer Fayre in July to sell the products that they had made using the skills they had learned in Business and Technology. Small groups of the young students joined together to set up a company, produce a business plan, design point of sale material and then make their chosen product.

Business Studies teacher, Miss Helen Summerfield said: "The students produced a wide variety of goods to sell at the Summer Fayre, including key rings, CD racks, greetings cards, ceramic pots and even a banana stand! Year 8 have really developed their business skills and, with the help of NatWest Bank, prizes have been awarded for the best ventures."



*Pictured (l-r) are Jamie Waller, Graham Stott and Lawrence Hopkins who, together with Marie Wintrip set up LMGJ Door Plaques which won the trophy for Best Point of Sale Display*

## News in Brief

☐ Congratulations to the six students from Years 7 and 8 who won Gold Certificates in the Annual UK Junior Mathematics Challenge - Sam Fletcher, Ashley Daley, Nicholas Rayney, Daniel Turner and twins James and Philip Berry.

☐ Talented dancer, Elizabeth Denton has won a scholarship to the Northern Ballet School in Manchester.



# TTS Sports News -

## Football



*Back Row (l-r): Andrew Robbins, Luke Matthews, James Fellows, Robert Egginton, Adam Welsh, Andrew Monger, Wayne Davies, Michael Prosser. Front Row (l-r): Jonathan Read, Luke Davies, Elliott Charnock, Danny Guthrie, Henry Goh, Andrew Townsend, Andrew Birks, Richard Birks, Alex Warburton*

A superb year for the **Under 12 Boys** team. They remained unbeaten, winning the County 7-a-side tournament and the National CTC championships. They also won the Telford district 5-a-side championships and represented local schools in the regional finals.



*Back Row (l-r): Stuart Wiggin, Jonathan Williams, Luke Matthews, Robert Egginton, James Whittaker, Sam Ballantyne, Tim Rowley, Adam Welsh, Andrew Monger, Gareth Thomas, Jamie Waller. Front Row (l-r): Ashley Holloway, Marc Whild, Danny Guthrie, Daniel Bragoli, James Fellows, Sean Sly, James Morgan, Sean Hennessy, Greg Evans*

The **Under 13 Boys** are County champions, beating Adams (Wem) 2-0 in the final at the Gay Meadow Stadium with Adam Welsh scoring both goals. A prolific cup-run included two replays, an exciting comeback against Wakeman School and a resounding victory against Telford champions, BRJ School.



*Back Row (l-r): William Allen, Jordan Perrin, Warren Brindley, Chris Waldron, Daniel Bowdler, Ben Astley, Andrew Cockhill, Michael Watton, David Blackford, Greg Bullock. Front Row (l-r): Scott O'Neill, James Mackenzie, Dean Lowry, Philip Nicholls, Matthew Rutter, Scott Morgan, Jamie Ratcliffe*

The **Under 15 Boys** are CTC champions. In an exciting 3-2 victory over Kingshurst CTC, James Mackenzie produced a spectacular left-footed strike to win the match five minutes from time.



*Under 16 Girls (l-r): Back: Carina Turner, Gemma Belcher, Sharmadean Reid, Danielle Petrovic (Captain), Jane Holloway, Sarah Dobslaw, Rebecca Brown. Front: Lauren Jones, Vicky Kellett, Vicki Cornish, Justine Goh, Nicola Roberts, Kirsty Goh*

The **Under 16 Girls** reached the finals of the County Cup with a tremendous 2-1 semi final victory against Adams (Wem). Danielle Petrovic, the County Captain scored both goals. The team lost the final 6-2 to Meole Brace. They also reached the last 32 of the English Schools Cup.



*Back Row (l-r): Riccardo Bragoli, Warren Brindley, Kenny Smith, Daniel Bowdler, Chris Waldron, Mark O'Connor, Andrew Cockhill. Front Row (l-r): Jordan Perrin, James Mackenzie, Dean Lowry, Matthew Rutter, Scott Morgan*

The **Under 16 Boys** were County finalists, losing 4-2 to Abraham Darby. The team had some tremendous results on the way to the final, beating the previous holders, Charlton School and winning an exciting penalty shoot-out 8-7 against The Marches.



*Back Row (l-r): Neil Stackhouse, Andrew Pearce, Paul Brookes, Carl Graham, Robert Hughes, Anthony Read, James Coultas. Front Row (l-r): Nicholas Dixon, Michael Longhi, Leigh Such, David Coe, Paul Tyler, Ian Smith, Lee Fellows*

The **Under 19 Boys** team have played with great credit. They reached the County finals of the Schools and Colleges Cup by beating William Brooks School in a penalty shoot out. They lost the final to Shrewsbury School. The team were also third in the West Midlands College League.



# A Record Year .....

## Hockey



*Back Row (l-r): Joseph Goff, Alex Mitchell, Sean Sly, Edward Proffitt, Craig Hooper.  
Front Row (l-r): James Berry, James Mantle, Philip Berry, Sean Hennessy*

The **Under 13 Boys Hockey** team are County 7-a-side Champions. In a wonderful performance, the boys beat our other team in the semi-final before winning 1-0 against Meole Brace in an exciting final. The team went on to finish in fourth place in the West Midlands.



*Back Row (l-r): Liam Hennessy, Jason Harvey, Lee James, David Tracey, Glynne Owen, Luke Staddon, Alex Herrmann, Nicholas Millard, Craig Johnson.  
Front Row (l-r): Greg Burgess, Andrew Benning, Chris Leech, Gareth Thomas, Ashley Burd, Chris Watson, James Winter*

The **Under 14 Boys** are County Champions, beating Wrekin College 2-0 in the final with goals from Lee James and Liam Hennessy. A superb team, they were undefeated throughout the season and are worthy champions.



*Back Row (l-r): Chris Kelly, Matthew Foster, Ross Clarke, Richard Wallace, Jonathan Gaze, David Tracey, Riccardo Bragoli, Alasdair Fawcett. Front Row (l-r): Robert Hayward, Alex Johnson, Richard McDonald, Stuart Brittle, Liam Hennessy*

The **Under 16 Boys** had a good season under the outstanding captaincy of Richard Macdonald and should have won their County Championships. In fact, they lost narrowly 2-1 to Wrekin College, despite dominating much of the game.



*Back Row (l-r): Scott Bown, Tom Pickersgill, Jamie Baker, Richard Wilson, Miles Hamblett, Natasha Griffin. Front Row (l-r): Katy Histed, Jayne Barrow, Sonia Nevin, Rachel Barrow, Hannah Landman*

The **Under 18 Mixed Hockey Team** won the County Championships, conceding very few goals throughout the tournament. There were excellent performances from Jamie Scott, Tom Pickersgill and Jayne and Rachel Barrow.

## Netball



*Under 13 - Back Row (l-r): Sam Forrest, Thea Osmund Smith, Rebecca Bullock, Stephanie Smythe, Nicola Forrest.  
Front Row (l-r): Sara Evans, Bethan Shaffery, Kim Atkinson*

The Netball teams have had their best season to date. The **Under 13** side won the Newport League Friendly Tournament and also reached the finals of the County Cup for the first time, eventually losing 8-6 to Old Hall.

The **Under 14** side were losing semi-finalists in the County Tournament, beaten by the eventual winners.

We have had five County representatives: Kim Atkinson, Nicola Forrest and Bethan Shaffery at Under 13, Rebecca Brown – Under 14 and Jennifer Wilson at Under 16. They have all been invited back for trials next season.



*Under 14 - Back Row (l-r): Christina Brady, Catherine Oswin, Hannah Smith, Laura Forrest, Jo Broughton  
Front Row (l-r): Vicki Cornish, Rebecca Brown, Nicola Brady*



# ...TTS Sports News -

## Athletics



*Back Row (l-r): Gemma Belcher, Bethan Shaffery, Justine Goh, Thea-Osmund Smith, Nicola Brady, Hannah Smith, Rebecca Bullock, Anna Perks, Rhian Hanson, Laura Watton, Jessica Woolley.*  
*Front Row (l-r): Carina Turner, Kayleigh Orwin, Elizabeth Rhodes, Stephanie Prince, Melanie Hill, Amber Quick, Sam Forrest, Kirsty Goh*



*Back Row (l-r): James Mackenzie, Gary Elks, Warren Brindley, Chris Waldron, Daniel Bowdler, Jordan Perrin, Philip Nicholls, David Blackford.*  
*Middle Row (l-r): Tom Guy, James Whittaker, Andrew Benning, Luke Staddon, Jamie Waller, Tim Furness, Jason Harvey, Liam Hennessy, Sean Sly, Sean Hennessy.*  
*Front Row (l-r): Stuart Wiggin, Wayne Davies, Adam Welsh, Daniel Bragoli, Danny Guthrie, Michael Prosser, Carl Guest, Craig Hooper*

Mr Simon Topper, Head of PE said: "This has been a particularly outstanding year for Athletics throughout the School. Our teams have taken part in several major events and some students have competed successfully at National level. In particular, our congratulations go to Philip Nicholls who represented Shropshire and England at 3000m and won Silver medals on each occasion and to Ian Monckton who represented Shropshire at the English Schools Championships at 100m. Congratulations also to Philip and Kayleigh Orwin who represented Shropshire in the English Schools Cross Country."

### Shropshire County Cup

All four of our teams - Boys and Girls Year 7/8 and 9/10 - reached the Finals of the Shropshire County Cup Knockout Competition.

Both of the Boys teams came first in their age group, with some excellent performances from Adam Welsh, Michael Prosser, Karl Guest, Wayne Davies, Danny Guthrie, Daniel Bowdler, Chris Waldron, David Blackford and Jordan Perrin. Daniel Bowdler won the High Jump and in the 80m Hurdles his time was an amazing 12 seconds exactly.

The Girls teams also performed very well with the Year 7/8 Girls coming fourth in their event and the Year 9/10 Girls, third in their age group. There were outstanding performances from Claire France, particularly in the Long Jump, as well as from Justine Goh, Lauren Jones and Gemma Belcher. Gemma won both the 100m and 300m events.

### TSB Cup

At the County stage of the TSB Cup, the Year 9/10 Boys were convincing winners with all our other teams runners-up. The Year 9/10 Boys then went on to the TSB Regional A Final held at Alexander Stadium. Through courage and determination, the Boys were joint fourth with super performances from Philip Nicholls, James Mackenzie, Jason Harvey and Warren Brindley. Overall this team is in the top 20 schools in the country at this TSB event.

### CTC Championships

The City Technology College Championships, which were held at Oakengates this year and organised by PGCE Physical Education students based at Thomas Telford School, attracted teams from eight CTCs. Boys and Girls teams competed at three levels – Minor (Year 7), Junior (Year 8/9) and Intermediate (Year 10/11). Five out of the six team events were won by our students, with the Year 8/9 Girls runners-up at Junior level. TTS also won the Overall Winners cup.

## Cricket

The Year 7 Cricket team had an excellent season which culminated in victory in the Shropshire County Cup.

The team achieved a hard fought but well deserved ten run win against Meole Brace in a match which was played at Wrekin College.

Mr Steve Wilderspin, Team Manager, commented: "The whole team played very well but Elliott Charnock and Jonathan Read deserve a special mention for both their batting and bowling performances."



*Back Row (l-r): Wayne Davies, James Fellows, Adam Welsh, Robert Egginton, Matthew Hodgetts.*  
*Front Row (l-r): Henry Goh, Elliott Charnock, Andrew Robbins, Antony Farr, Matthew Foster, Alex Warburton*



# Record Year continued

## Basketball



*Back Row (l-r): Vicki Cornish, Rebecca Bullock, Hayley Jones, Hannah Isaacs, Jenny Dally, Rebecca Brown. Front Row (l-r): Elizabeth John, Nicola Wall, Lisa Rowley, Anna Perks, Lauren Jones*

The **Under 14 Girls** had a terrific season. They won the West Midlands Cup, reaching the quarter finals of the National Cup. They were also semi-finalists at Under 15 level in the County Cup.



*Back Row (l-r): Carina Turner, Jayne Barrow, Jo Wilkinson, Sara Banbury. Front Row (l-r): Jo Leeming, Donna Wilkinson, Rachel Barrow, Danielle Petrovic*



*Back Row (l-r): Jordan Perrin, Chris Waldron, Daniel Bowdler, Jonathan Gribble, Ben Astley, Nicholas Lloyd. Front Row (l-r): Adam Fellows, George Bukowski, James Mackenzie*

The **Under 15 Boys** also had an excellent season. They were runners-up in the County cup, narrowly losing to Ercall Wood by a nine point margin in the final.

The **Under 19 Girls** team enjoyed a superb season. They won the County cup as well as the League. They were also finalists of the National Under 19 Cup. Donna Wilkinson, Jayne and Rachel Barrow played for a county side in the West Midlands Ladies League which finished fourth in its division. Donna also qualified as a senior referee during the season.

As a result of the growth in popularity of the game, both boys and girls teams will play in County Leagues next year as well as Cup competitions at County, Regional and National levels.

## Tennis and Rounders

Although there were few formal competitions in these sports, students have enjoyed friendly matches throughout the season. In **Tennis**, Amber Quick and Kim Atkinson won the County Under 14 Doubles Championships and four Year 7 students, Wayne Davies, Jake Holdsworth, Nicola Wesley and Stephanie Prince participated in the Shropshire Schools Tennis Fun Day, winning the Boys and Girls Doubles respectively. Teams will be entered in the Midland Bank League next season.

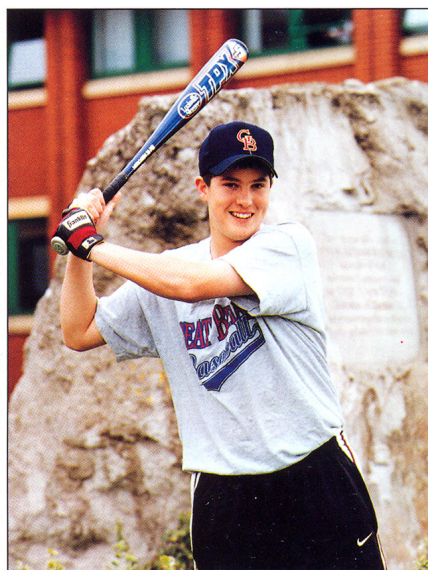
**Rounders** teams have had a good season with the Year 9 side winning all their matches convincingly. The highlight was a trip to Glastonbury to play a tournament against the national Under 13 and Under 15 squads.

## Man United Starlet

Danny Guthrie has signed a two year contract with Manchester United for the Under 12 side and has been recommended to manager Alex Ferguson as a top prospect. Danny played in tournaments in America, Spain and in France where, at the Parc de Princes stadium in Paris, he was voted player of the tournament. Under 12 teams from other famous international clubs like Juventus, Real Madrid and Maradona's former team, Boca Juniors, also took part.

## Baseball Star

Sebastian O'Dell, a Year 10 student, has been selected to play Baseball for the Great Britain Under 16 national team and recently played in an International tournament against Germany, Scotland, England and Wales. Sebastian also plays for teams in Runcorn and Cambridge and was part of an 'All Stars' Northern League team which triumphed over the Southern League.



Sebastian started to play Baseball at the age of six when he lived with his parents in San Diego, California.



# TTS Sports News

## Sporting Roll of Honour

### Students who represented their District, County, Region or Country during 1998-1999

#### Football - County

U12 Robert Egginton  
Henry Goh  
Adam Welsh  
Danny Guthrie  
Andrew Monger  
Luke Matthews  
U13 Tim Rowley  
Daniel Bragoli  
U14 Scott Brown  
Liam Hennessy  
Adam Smith  
Gary Elks  
U15 James Mackenzie  
Chris Waldron  
Daniel Bowdler  
Philip Nicholls  
U19 Ian Smith

#### Football - District

U14 Michael Robbins  
Tim Furness

#### Girls Football - County

U13 Amber Quick  
Anna Perks  
Laura Watton  
U14 Kirsty Goh  
U16 Justine Goh  
Danielle Petrovic

#### Badminton - County

U12 Charlotte Mootham  
U13 Amy Halford  
Michael Aldridge  
Jonathan Williams  
Kim Atkinson  
U14 Vicki Cornish

#### Squash - County

U12 Andrew Birks  
Richard Birks  
U16 Stuart McFarlane  
Rob Hayward

#### Squash - District

U14 Amber Quick

#### Athletics - English Schools

U16 Philip Nicholls  
Ian Monckton

#### Athletics - County

U13 Michael Prosser  
U14 Stuart Wiggin  
U15 Gary Elks  
Chris Dixon  
Jason Harvey  
Rhian Hanson  
Luke Staddon  
U17 James Mackenzie  
Chris Waldron  
Gemma Belcher  
Philip Nicholls  
Warren Brindley  
Ian Monckton  
Riccardo Bragoli  
U19 Alexis Hopkins  
Alistair Hanson  
Tom Jones

#### Cross Country - County

U15 Sean Sly  
Kayleigh Orwin  
U17 Philip Nicholls

#### Cricket - County

U12 Adam Welsh  
U17 Scott O'Neil  
Chris Waldron  
Jamie Ratcliffe

#### Netball - County

U13 Bethan Shaffery  
Kim Atkinson  
Nicola Forrest  
U14 Rebecca Brown  
U15 Jennifer Wilson  
U19 Kate Parkes

#### Hockey - County

U13 Craig Hooper  
Sean Hennessy  
Sean Sly  
U14 Lee James  
Liam Hennessy  
David Tracey  
Craig Johnson  
Nick Millard  
U16 Chris Kelly  
Matthew Foster  
Alex Johnson  
U19 Jonathan Woodrow

#### Hockey - Midlands

U14 David Tracey  
Craig Johnson  
U16 Richard McDonald

#### Girls Basketball - County

U14 Hayley Marandola Jones  
Rebecca Brown  
Nicola Wall  
Elizabeth John  
Lisa Rowley  
Vicki Cornish  
U15 Joanne Leeming  
U19 Jayne Barrow  
Rachel Barrow  
Joanne Wilkinson  
Donna Wilkinson

#### Basketball - County

U14 Tim Baker  
U16 Matthew Young

#### Rugby - County

U15 Adam Fellows  
U16 Kieran Spencer

#### Volleyball - County

U13 Bethan Shaffery  
U16 Joseph Shaffery

#### Volleyball - Central England

U16 Joseph Shaffery

#### Gymnastics - County

U12 Hannah Wilcox

#### Gymnastics - District

U12 Claire France  
Sam Brown  
U13 Matthew Somerville

#### Gymnastics - West Midlands

U15 Gemma Williams

#### Orienteering - West Midlands

U14 David Broadhead  
U16 James Broadhead

#### Baseball - Great Britain

U14 Sebastian O'Dell

#### Table Tennis - District

U19 Robert Hussey

#### Judo - County

U12 Gary Rogers  
U13 Benjamin Lannie  
U15 Clare Gee

#### Judo - Midlands

U13 Benjamin Lannie

#### Swimming - County

U14 Vicky Kellett

#### Water Polo - Great Britain

U19 Beth Edwards

#### Trampoline - County

U12 Gemma Kelly  
U14 Leanne Jones

#### Sculling - West Midlands

U16 Daniel Tyrpak

#### Ice Hockey - Midlands

U12 Daniel Brittle  
U16 Alex Johnson

#### Ice Hockey - England

U13 Adam Brittle

#### Ice Hockey - Great Britain

U16 Stuart Brittle

#### Roller Hockey - District

U13 Daniel Brittle  
U14 James Toland

#### Roller Hockey - Midlands

U13 Adam Brittle

#### Horse Riding for the Disabled

Regional Champion  
Ricky Balshaw

#### Ten Pin Bowling - County

U16 &  
U18 Amy Kempton