

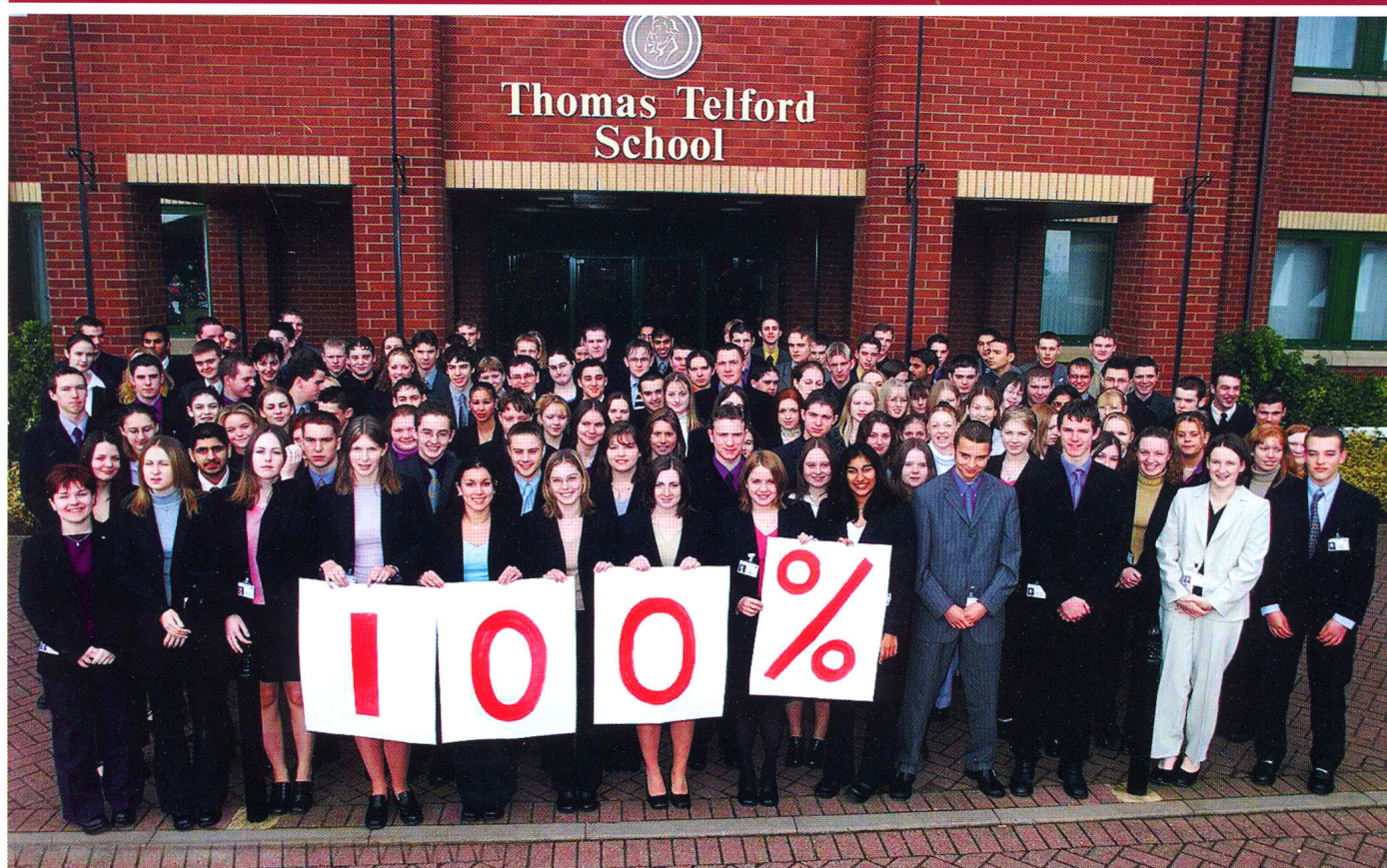
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100% Superstars!



Record-breaking students pose for BBC TV News and The Mirror

(Photo courtesy of Neville Williams)

Thomas Telford School students made history when they achieved a 100% success rate in their GCSE examinations with every single student in Year 11 gaining six or more A*-C grades. In fact, 91% of the students achieved 10 or more top grades! These fantastic results meant that TTS was once again named as top of the nation's 4,000 comprehensive schools in the Government's league tables, published in November and for a few days the School was at the centre of national media attention. Mr Satchwell said: "The whole School coped magnificently with the influx of journalists and cameramen. Students, staff and parents were interviewed and photographed for newspapers and we played host to TV crews from all the major channels. Some students were even interviewed live by satellite for the lunchtime news!"

Ofsted Inspection - All Records Broken!!

Heartfelt congratulations to students, parents and staff and especially to our teachers for the outstanding Ofsted Report just received. I am advised that the standards of teaching are the highest ever recorded in an Ofsted Report. 100% of all lessons seen were graded at Good or Better, with 70% of those Very Good or Excellent. This is a remarkable achievement. It would not do credit to the Ofsted Report to precis the findings in this Newsletter and I am therefore sending a full copy to every parent. I will ensure that the Report is made available as soon as possible on our website - ttsonline.net - for anyone else to view.

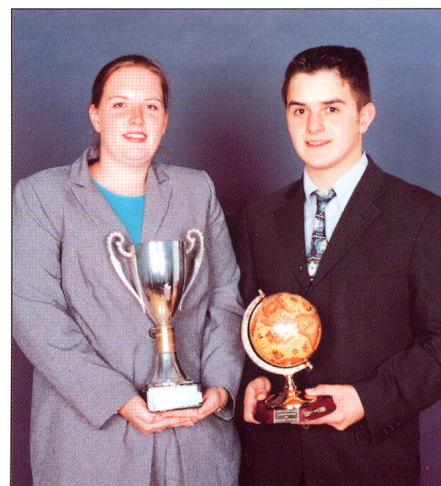
Kevin Satchwell

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Achievement Evening July 2000



Mr Richard Cunis, the Master of The Mercers' Company who was Guest of Honour at the Ninth Annual Achievement Presentation Evening held in July, pictured with outstanding students: Virginia Hancock (The Headmaster's Award), Sarah Cotterill (Laing Award for Contribution to School and Community), Alice Bird and Stephen Clark (Mawdsley Awards for Outstanding Students of the Year), Philip Nicholls (Emma Shaw Memorial Award for Personality of the Year), Andrew Mootham (Williams Award for Community Service) and Samuel Fletcher and Jamie Waller (Key Stage 3 Students of the Year)



*Katie Peal
(Lord Selborne Award for
Business Education)
with Jonathan Stokes
(Stephen Murray Award for International
Understanding)*



*Clare Wallace
(David Gribble Award for
Hospitality and Catering)*



*Amy Clarke (Key Stage 4 Award for
Achievement in Dance) and
Anna Dickenson (Key Stage 4 Award
for Achievement in Music)*



*James Burnley
(Severn Trent Award for
Environmental Science)*



*James Elliott
(Windsor Life Trophy for
Information Systems)*



*Mr Satchwell asks Daniel Bragoli about his footballing achievements.
Daniel plays at Under 15 level for Wales and Shropshire*

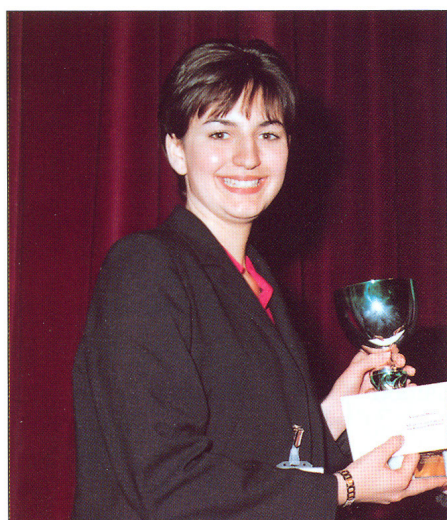
Year 11 Achievement Evening November 2000



Guest of Honour at the Year 11 Achievement Evening, Mr Charles Parker, Clerk to The Mercers' Company, with outstanding students (l-r): Joseph Noss (Tarmac Group Ltd Award for Most Outstanding Student of the Year and Adrian Watney Award for Music), Katie Watson (Tarmac Group Ltd Award for Most Outstanding Student of the Year and Professor Brimer Award for French) and Andrew Sharp (Outstanding Progress Award and BOSS Award for English Language)



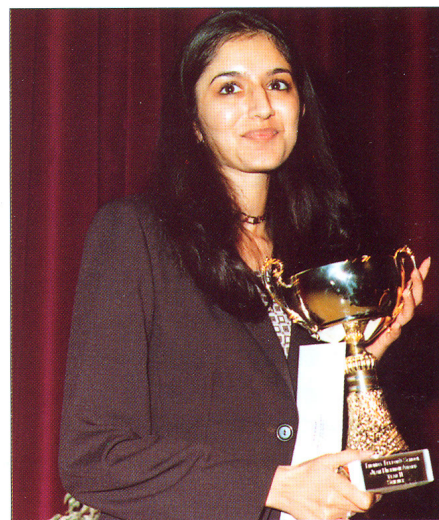
*Hannah Howells
(Pavilion Award for Technology)
receives her trophy from Mr Parker*



*Elisabeth Davis
(Advisory Council Award for
Religious Education)*



*Hannah Lowndes
(Ivor Pownall Award for Art and Design)*



*Seetle Chahal
(Jean Hickman Award for Science)*



*Jane Holloway (Andrew Smith Award for
Mathematics) and Emma Grainger (Woodward
Foods Award for Hospitality and Catering)*



*Gareth Williams (GNVQ IT Award), Bachrun Mason (Award for Electronics), Matthew Oswin
(Ron Tupper Award for Geography) and Adam Bell (Peter Forrest Award for Science)*

Life on the Ocean Wave

Sixth Form students, Laura Norris and Christopher Byrne, experienced life on the high seas when they sailed from Southampton to Gdansk in Poland as members of the ship's crew aboard 'Sir Winston Churchill'.

From Southampton, the 'Sir Winston Churchill' sailed through the Kiel Canal to the Baltic Sea. The crew went ashore at Kiel and were also able to spend a few hours in Copenhagen while the ship was resupplied.

The ship is a 300ft three-masted topsail schooner and has a permanent crew of five – the Master, Chief Officer, Bosun, Engineer and Cook. The rest of the crew comprises groups of 'volunteers'.

Working in watches, Christopher and Laura took on various roles from cooking and cleaning to steering the ship through sea conditions that varied from flat calm to huge waves and storm force 9 winds.

This was certainly no easy holiday for Laura and Christopher who commented: "It was incredibly hard work but it was tremendous to sail in one of these wonderful ships. It was a character building experience that gave us an opportunity to test our ability to face new challenges. There was a great team spirit on board the ship and we have kept in touch with several new friends."

Senior Industrial Consultant, Mr Malcolm Scotto, added: "Students have been participating in this Tallships Experience for the past seven years and we are indebted to The Mercers' Company who have sponsored two students each year. Any students who would like to participate in future voyages should register their interest with me."



Getting to grips with life aboard the 'Sir Winston Churchill'

Enterprising Ideas

Year 8 students took part in a Business Enterprise competition, sponsored by NatWest Bank.

The students formed 41 companies to make and sell products at the Summer Fayre. They decided on product ideas, conducted market research with their target market, raised finance and looked into sales promotion and merchandising techniques. A number of partnerships also managed to raise sponsorship from companies including Beatties, Chester Zoo and the Falcon Hotel in Wellington.

Students produced a wide variety of stalls ranging from arts and crafts to fortune hunting. There was even a prize of a helicopter ride on offer from Twilight, one of the companies!

NatWest opened accounts for each company and prizes were awarded in seven categories: team work, point-of-sale display, product design, most profit and special awards for best overall business, best overall individual and the "Richard Branson" Award for entrepreneurial skills.

Mr Gareth George from NatWest named "Cock-a-doodle-doo" as Best Overall Business and Selim Dayanik won the "Richard Branson" Award.

Navy Sponsors Sports Kit

Warrant Officer Norman Hall from the Armed Forces Careers Office in Shrewsbury visited the School recently to present the Girls Football team with a new sports kit. Mr Satchwell, commented: "We are delighted that the Royal Navy has sponsored sports kit for the School and we are very honoured to be the first Shropshire school to have this support from the Navy. It reflects the growing links between the School and the Armed Forces Careers Unit and the increasing interest amongst our students in careers within the Armed Forces."



Warrant Officer Norman Hall with Year 9 Girls Football Team members, Anna Perks (centre) and Amber Quick (right)

Lord Mayor's Parade



Preparing for the Procession (l-r): Virginia Hancock, Jamie Waller, Matthew Somerville, Rebecca Cunis, Emma Parker, Poppy-Jo Morris and Stephen Berry

Mr Richard Cunis, Master of The Mercers' Company, invited TTS students to take part in the annual Lord Mayor's Show in London in November.

The students, Stephen Berry, Virginia Hancock, Poppy-Jo Morris, Jamie Waller and Matthew Somerville walked, together with boys and girls from other Mercers' schools, beside the Mercers' chariot along the traditional procession route from Guildhall to the Royal Courts of Justice.

Mr Cunis rode in the chariot with his daughter, Rebecca, who played the part of the Mercers' Maiden and her Attendant, Emma Parker, the daughter of Mr Charles Parker, Clerk to The Mercers.

The custom of the Lord Mayor's Show, when the Lord Mayor leads a colourful procession to show himself to the citizens of London, is thought to be a very ancient tradition, with evidence of the event taking place as long ago as 1378.

Jamie Waller said: "I greatly enjoyed the parade and meeting students from other Mercers' schools. We all had a wonderful time." Matthew Somerville added: "We had an exciting and enjoyable weekend and it is something that will remain in our memories forever. The Mercers looked after us really well."

Cabaret Evening for Local Residents

Students combined their talents to provide local Senior Citizens with a night to remember in November.

A Cabaret Evening was held at School and the visitors were treated to a three course dinner cooked and served by Hospitality and Catering students while Performing Arts students entertained them with songs from popular shows.

Chairman of Lawley & Overdale Parish Council, Cllr John Barber said: "It was a wonderful evening and everyone really enjoyed themselves."

"The School Theatre had been prepared just like a restaurant. The service, food and cabaret were all very professional."

Deputy Head, Mr Dara Carroll added: "The Cabaret Evening was part of our ongoing involvement with the local community. In November, Year 9 students attended a Remembrance Service at Lawley Parish Church which was also attended by representatives of the British Legion."

"Local residents are due to come into School to share their wartime experiences with Year 9 History students who are studying the Second World War."

Silence is Golden

Peace reigned in the Whiting household when Laura and three of her friends held a sponsored silence in aid of a local charity. Supervised by Laura's father, the girls - Laura, Felicity Allen, Jodie Mears and Rebecca Wilkinson, raised £270 for Hope House Hospice which takes care of sick children and their families.

Rebecca said: "One and a half hours silence is very difficult, especially for me. Anyone who knows me, knows that I can't stop talking!" The girls received sponsorship from family and friends, including Telford United Football Club.



Pictured presenting a cheque to Miss Charlotte Mansell from Hope House Hospice are (l-r): Rebecca Wilkinson, Felicity Allen, Laura Whiting and Jodie Mears

First Misys Scholarships



Mr Nigel Talbot-Rice, Director of the Misys Charitable Foundation, Peter Edwards, Gregory Reynolds and Mr Strone Macpherson, Chairman of the Misys Charitable Foundation

Three IT students have received Scholarships to help fund their university courses. Greg Reynolds, Glen Johnson and Peter Edwards were presented with their awards at the July Achievement Presentation Evening by Mr Strone Macpherson, Chairman of the Misys Charitable Foundation. Misys, the UK's biggest software company, develops software for the financial services and healthcare industries.

Greg is now studying for a Masters Degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Birmingham. Glen is at Leeds University reading Information Systems and Peter's course at the University of Sussex at Brighton is entitled Artificial Intelligence with Management Studies.

Mr John Birkett, Director of Careers and Industry Links, said: "I know that the students are delighted with their Awards and the staff of the School really appreciate the generosity of the Misys Charitable Foundation in supporting three students."

News in Brief

****For the first time, TTS students have won places to study Medicine at University:** Our congratulations go to Alice Bird who is at Liverpool University and Martyn Underwood who is studying at the University of Birmingham.

****New York! New York! beckons for Sixth Form Performing Arts students** who are planning a trip to the 'Big Apple' during October half term. They will have an opportunity to participate in dance and drama workshops and a backstage tour of the Lincoln Centre for Performing Arts is also anticipated.

**** Congratulations to Sixth Form student Ludovic Cosandey** who won the first prize of £250 in the 16+ category of the Telford and Wrekin Business Education Partnership Work Placement Competition.

**** Congratulations to Leanne Jones (Year 10)** who came third in the West Midlands Regional Trampolining Tournament.

Money - Money - Money

A medley of Abba songs proved a great success with the audience when a troupe of Sixth Form Performing Arts Students devised and performed a show for a charity Cabaret Dinner in Wolverhampton.

The evening raised £600 for Relate and Wolverhampton Relate Board member, Mr John Rice, commented: "I was delighted and impressed with the wonderful performance given by the young students. Their high level of talent, enthusiasm and commitment is impressive." Mrs Caroline Crawford, Course Leader in Performing Arts, added: "We all had great fun and it provided excellent practical experience for the students."



*Back row (l-r): Amy Law, Nicky James, Sophie Hall, Jemma Goode.
Front Row (l-r): Stuart Haseley, Amy Pitchford, Amanda Pardoe and Chris Morris*

Three Peaks Challenge



*Simon Goode (r) with Keith, one of the other walkers, on Ben Nevis
(Photo courtesy of Simon Goode)*

Simon Goode took a short break from his GCSE revision last May when he took part in the Three Peaks Challenge. This involved hiking up three of the highest mountains in the UK, all within twenty-four hours including travelling time between Ben Nevis in Scotland, Scafell Pike in the Lake District and Snowdon in Wales.

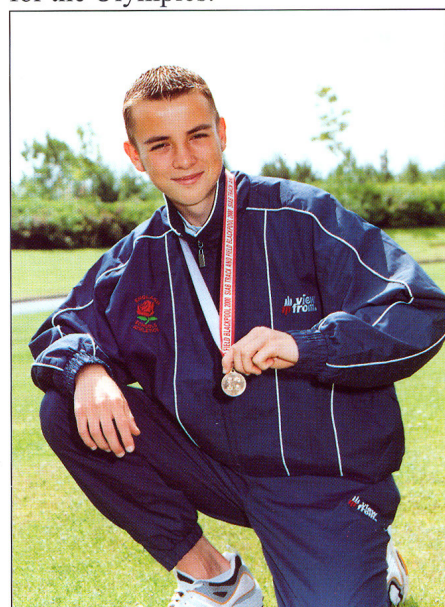
Simon and his three friends (including ex TTS student, Daniel Roberts) completed the challenge with twenty minutes to spare! They had a support team who drove the minibus enabling the walkers to sleep during journeys between peaks.

Simon commented: "This was the biggest challenge I have faced in my life so far, but I really enjoyed it. We are all Scout leaders and, through sponsorship for the Challenge, we have raised over £650 for our troop of Sea Scouts in Bushbury."

Striking Gold

Philip Nicholls struck gold when he won the 3000m event at the British Schools Home International Competition in Blackpool. Philip, representing England at Under 17 level, completed the distance in 8.37 minutes.

Philip commented: "I have received tremendous support from my parents and coach as well as from School. My next aim is to be selected to take part in the World Youth Games in 2001. After that, it would be wonderful to achieve the performance level needed for the Olympics."



Philip Nicholls

Engineers of the Future

Sixth Form Engineering students - Gareth Bennett, Joseph Shaffery, David Bradley and Craig Guest - have been involved in a project with GKN Sankey Wheels as part of the Engineering Education Scheme.

The students redesigned a pallet system for the transportation of tractor and earth mover wheels. The concepts and prototype developed by the team have now been adopted by the company, who are planning to invest £400,000 in the project over the next three years.

A spokesman for GKN Sankey commented that the company was very impressed with the team's capability and efforts.



*Engineering Education Team (l-r):
Gareth Bennett, Joseph Shaffery, David Bradley, Mr Ian McGrath (Production Engineer at GKN Sankey), Craig Guest and Mr Mark Hudson (Deputy Head, Design Technology)*

Princess of Wales Award

Sixth Form student, Sarah Cotterill, has received the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Award.

This Award was launched nationwide in April 2000 to recognise and celebrate the outstanding contributions made by many secondary school students to their schools and communities.

Sarah was chosen for the Award because of her commitment and work in raising funds for charity. In particular, Sarah organised and ran a charity football match which raised £1400 for BLISS – Baby Life Support Systems. As well as her charity work, Sarah helps with the running of house activities and athletics events at TTS. Mr Satchwell commented: “We are all very proud of Sarah. She is a very hard working and energetic young lady and fully deserves this Award.”



*Sarah Cotterill
(Photo courtesy of Express & Star)*

Physics Medal

Congratulations to Greg Reynolds who was this year's recipient of the Sir William Siemens Medal for outstanding work in Physics. Greg achieved maximum marks in his practical coursework and maintained consistently high standards throughout the course. Greg was presented with his award by Mr Kevin Edwards, Director of Operations at Siemens Automotive in Telford.

Mr Phil Hynds, Technical Sales Manager at Siemens, said: “We are extremely impressed with the high standards of all the young people involved in this award and wish them every success for the future.”



*Mr Kevin Edwards (l), Director of Operations at Siemens in Telford with Greg Reynolds
(Photo courtesy of Market Engineering Ltd)*

More News in Brief

**** Congratulations to a group of nine Sixth Form artists whose work was selected for public display in the Craftmix Exhibition held at Bilston Craft Gallery and Museum in January and February.**

****Around 40,000 students in more than 500 schools all over England from Northumberland to Norfolk and Cornwall are now using the TTS Online GNVQ Information and Communication Technology course.**

Top Design for Christmas



Glyn Fereday from Shropshire Careers with Jemma Booth and her prize winning card
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Year 8 student, Jemma Booth has won a competition organised by Shropshire Careers Service to design a Christmas card.

Entries were invited from all the schools in Shropshire. Jemma's design, which featured festive careers ideas, was used for the Careers Service 2000 Christmas card. Mr Glyn Fereday from Shropshire Careers presented Jemma with her prize of £30 worth of vouchers.

Jemma said: “I was surprised but very excited to hear that I'd won the competition and had a great time spending my prize vouchers in WH Smith.”

A Level Star

Stephen Clark broke TTS records when he achieved five top grades at A Level last Summer. Stephen gained A grades in Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Music as well as achieving a distinction in a special Mathematics paper.

Stephen is now studying Mathematics at Queen's College, Oxford and Mr Satchwell commented: “Stephen's results were absolutely fantastic and I am delighted to hear that he is enjoying life in Oxford.”

Artists in Residence

Visitors to the School often comment on the striking portraits which decorate the Reception area and main corridor.

These are the masterpieces of Year 11 and Sixth Form students who work under the guidance of Artist in Residence, John Denaro. Mr Denaro spends a week in School in October together with Paul Gooderham, a ceramic designer, and Joy and Kevan Hopson who specialise in sculpture from found materials.

Head of Art, Mr Carl Sharratt, said: "The students look forward to this special week when they have a unique opportunity to work with one of our expert practitioners. The work they produce also provides them with excellent examples of art and design as part of their coursework submissions for GCSE, A Level and GNVQ."



Artist in Residence, Mr John Denaro, with Sixth Form student, Katy Hughes

Design a Logo Winner

Year 10 student, Charles Gibbons has won a competition to design a logo for the Shropshire Education Business Partnership. Mr Richard Geary, EBP Manager, said: "The judges were very impressed with the amount of thought that Charles had put into his design, including his use of the Shropshire Shield colours and the way joining hands represents partnership which is how the EBP delivers its activities."

Technology teacher, Mr Jonathan Boyle added: "This is a fine achievement for Charles. I have been told that there was an overwhelming response to the competition and that the designs were of an exceptional standard."



Charles Gibbons

Top Prize

Rochelle Penfield was one of two first prize winners in an art competition based on the World Health Organisation's concept of 'Health For All 2000'.

The purpose of the project was to encourage local young people to think about health in its widest terms and then to produce two pieces of artwork focusing upon health and sickness.

The prize winning artwork was then sold to local organisations to raise money for a portable patient monitor for the Children's Department at the Princess Royal Hospital in Telford.



Year 9 student, Rochelle Penfield pictured with the other prize winner and local Members of Parliament (l-r) Mr Bruce Grocott (Telford) and Mr Peter Bradley (The Wrekin) (Photo courtesy of Craig Holmes)

'Breakthrough' Breakfasts

Year 10 Hospitality and Catering students raised a staggering £608 for charity during the Autumn Term. The appetising smell of bacon and eggs wafted through the building as the students cooked and served delicious, full English breakfasts for staff and students. The profits from the two week project were donated to Breakthrough, the breast cancer charity.

Mr Howard Barnes, Hospitality and Catering Course Leader commented: "This was the first time that the Year 10 students had organised an event and they were very keen for the profits to go to a worthy cause."

Mr Barnes added: "Year 11 students have also been busy. They organised Italian and Chinese themed lunches for students and staff as well as cooking and serving lunch for a wide variety of VIP visitors, including a local parliamentary candidate and the Ofsted Inspectors!"

Poetic Scientist!

Congratulations to Year 9 student Catherine Stewart who was a prizewinner in the recent ASE/Pfizer Centenary Poetry Competition.

Her winning poem entitled 'An alien sends home a letter' was one of 100 'best of the best' chosen from 13,000 to be published in a book to celebrate the centenary of the Association for Science Education.

Catherine was presented with a framed copy of her poem together with a copy of the book of poetry.



Miss Michelle Williams (Head of Key Stage 3) congratulates Catherine Stewart

Mr David Moore, Chief Executive of the ASE, commented: "We were delighted to receive nearly 13,000 entries. Our judges were unanimous in their praise for the standard achieved."

Patent Pending

When David Samuel left TTS last Summer with A grades in A Level Design Technology and Business Studies, he did not pursue the more obvious route into university but instead set up a company with the father of one of his school friends. The Telford-based company is called SamRey and will develop, manufacture and market David's revolutionary design for a small wind turbine. This new turbine is designed to generate power where it is to be consumed, a system which is simple, cheap and efficient.

David commented: "My turbine can provide economical power for individual homes or schools and any excess power could be sold into the National Grid. In Third World environments where remote villages do not have any access to power, electricity generated by a small wind turbine can provide power for medical and educational facilities as well as allowing small enterprise to flourish. We are now in the final stages of prototyping the equipment and we hope to sell our first turbine later this year."

Mr Satchwell said: "Our good wishes go to David and his partner for the success of this marvellous enterprise."

Oh yes they did! Oh no they didn't!



The Catering staff celebrate their Gold Health Eating award

Wishy Washy soup, Tinkerbell's Turkey Delight and Widow Twanky's Vegetable Surprise were on the lunchtime menu when the Catering staff staged a Pantomime Day in January.

To the delight of students and staff, the Catering team were dressed in colourful Pantomime costumes to serve breakfast and lunch. Mrs Michelle Dear, Catering Manager, commented: "We all enjoy organising themed events. In the last few months these have included a Wild West Day and Halloween."

Mrs Dear added: "I am very pleased to report that we have won another Gold Award for Healthy Eating from Telford and Wrekin Council. This indicates that the Council is satisfied that we are providing a range of healthy food choices for students and that there are good standards of hygiene in our kitchen."

TTS Sports News

Football



Year 7 Five-a-side Wagon Wheels Midlands & North Regional Winners
 Back row (l-r): Neil Houlders, Jack Warburton, Nader Morsy, George Udall, Ross Draper
 Front row: Alex Nolan, Lee Collins, Elliott Bennett

The Year 7 five-a-side team have made an excellent start to their season. In the Wagon Wheels competition, they were Telford area winners, comfortably beating Wrockwardine Wood 4-0 in the final. They then went on to represent Telford in the Midlands and North regional competition where they clinched victory over 15 other teams. The boys not only won a superb silver trophy but also a team kit and a video camera for the School.

The team are due to compete in the National Finals at Aston Villa in March.

Netball



Year 9 County Champions
 Back Row (l-r): Sarah Childs, Melanie Hill, Claire France, Stephanie Prince, Laura Padmore, Elizabeth Inwood
 Front Row: Elizabeth Rhodes, Nicola Wesley, Hannah Bennett, Kyrie Roberts

The Year 9 Netball team are 2001 County champions, winning 8-7 in a nerve-wracking final of alternate goals against Idsall School. The team went on to represent Shropshire in the West Midlands competition where there was a particularly outstanding performance from the team when they beat Codsall High School for the first time. They finished in eighth position overall. Team coach, Miss Catherine Hinton, said: "The team has improved considerably over the past year and there is a tremendous team spirit."

Cricket



Year 7 County Runners-Up
 Back Row (l-r): Ross Sellar, Tom Jobborn, Matthew Ratcliffe, Oliver Herrmann, Greg Simkins
 Front Row (l-r): Scott Mallin, Alex Strange, Kevin Evans, Jonathon Houlston
 (Not pictured: Chris Edmonds, Tom Chander, Luke Crane & Craig Merrick)

Last year, the Year 7 team had an excellent first season, remaining unbeaten in all games until the County Cup Final when they lost narrowly to a very strong team from Birchfield School. There were notable performances from Alex Strange (Batsman/Bowler), Matthew Ratcliffe (Batsman) and Luke Crane who took a hatrick of wickets against Ludlow. The boys are hoping to go one better this season and actually win the County Cup!



Year 11 County Champions
 Back Row (l-r): Michael Robbins, Alex Herrmann, Matthew Oswin, Chris Armstrong, Andy Cockhill, Scott Brown
 Front Row (l-r): Chris Waldron, Matthew Rutter, Scott O'Neill, Joe Turner
 (Not pictured: Jamie Ratcliffe & Ben Astley)

Last year's Year 11 team were County Cup champions for the third time in five years with an outstanding performance against Ludlow whom they beat by 6 wickets in the Final. County players Scott O'Neill and Chris Waldron batted very well but the bowlers won the game: Michael Robbins (Year 10), Joe Turner and Chris Armstrong took the wickets and were well supported by some excellent fielding.

TTS Sports News

Athletics



Junior Boys County Cup & TSB Shropshire Schools Winners
Back Row (l-r): Jon Edmonds, James Burnley, Wayne Davies, Adam Welsh, Andrew Monger, Michael Prosser, James Fellows, Craig Collier
Front Row: Tom France, Ashley Furness, Ashleigh Pain, Danny Guthrie, James Pearce, Tom Jobborn, Giles Harvey



Intermediate Boys CTC Champions and TSB Shropshire Schools Winners
Back Row (l-r): Luke Staddon, Sebastian O'Dell, David Tracey, Glynne Owen, Ben Machin, Jamie Waller, Tim Furness
Front Row: Simon Jackson, James Millington, Andrew Benning, Stuart Wiggan, Sean Sly, Jonathan Evans, Liam Hennessy

The Athletics teams maintained our strong tradition in this sport last season. Once again, we were overall CTC champions with TTS teams victorious in four of the six age groups.

It was pleasing to see the Intermediate Girls become the first Girls team from TTS to win the County Cup competition. Both Intermediate teams reached the regional English Schools final with many outstanding individual performances.

The School also boasted a hatful of medals in the Shropshire Individual Championships including gold for Ian Monckton in the Junior Men's 200m, for Thomas Jones in the 400m hurdles and for Hannah Shepherd in the Junior Women's 400m. Several TTS students also represented the County. Philip Nicholls and Ian Monckton were selected for the English Schools Championships and Phil's tremendous success at international level is reported on Page 7 of this Newsletter.



Intermediate Girls CTC Champions & County Cup Winners
Back Row (l-r): Vicki Cornish, Thea Osmund-Smith, Nicola Brady, Catherine Oswin, Christina Brady, Stephanie Jones, Natasha McPherson
Middle Row: Kayleigh Orwin, Katie Parr, Laura Watton, Justine Goh, Gemma Belcher
Front Row: Laura Willis, Kirsty Goh, Bethan Williams, Jessica Bedding, Anna Perks, Amber Quick

Former Students - News in Brief

**** Katherine Henrys** is set to dance her way around the world this Spring when she will spend nine weeks as an entertainer on a cruise liner sailing around the world from Sydney to New York. Katherine is a talented dancer who graduated from LIPA (Paul McCartney's Liverpool-based 'Fame' school) last July.

As well as taking part in the UK and World tours of 'Spirit of the Dance', she has appeared regularly on GMTV as a model for their fashion slot and as a dancer on 'Lily Live' with Lily Savage on Carlton TV.

****Romance** is blossoming amongst our former students! Mr Birkett has received news of three engagements between students who have left us within the last few years. Our warmest congratulations for the future go to:

- ♥ Nicholas Wheeler and Clare Cox
- ♥ James Dowdall and Claire Leaper
- ♥ Ian Crabtree and Kelly Pryce

**** The Ten Year Anniversary Get Together for Former Students** is scheduled to take place at the School at 6.30pm on Wednesday 11 April 2001.