



Thomas Telford School

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Celebrating Achievement

Sir Kevin Satchwell writes:

We have had plenty to celebrate over the past twelve months with some very pleasing academic and sporting achievements.

In August, we celebrated our best ever exam results with all Year 11 students gaining at least nine A*-C passes at GCSE. This is now the fourth successive year where 100% of our students have surpassed the Government benchmark. The Secondary School Performance Tables were published in January, confirming our position as the top performing comprehensive school in England.

I am delighted to say that the A Level results were also our best to date when 50% of all the AGCE grades were A's or B's and there was a 100% pass rate for all the AVCE courses.



Students celebrating success at the Twelfth Annual Achievement Evening in July.
Back Row (l-r): Jason Harvey (Victoria Harper Celebration Award for Achievement), Joanna Clark (Mawdsley Award for the Outstanding Student of the Year), Sam Harrow and Jamie Leadbetter (Key Stage 3 Student of the Year Awards), Guest of Honour, Mr Charles Parker, Clerk to the Mercers' Company, Tim Furness and Daniel Fox (Awards for Exceptional Achievement), Sarah Jones (Williams Award for Community Service), Elliott Bennett (Emma Shaw Memorial Award for Personality of the Year).
Front Row (l-r): Anthony Dawes (Key Stage 3 Award for Most Improved Student), Charlotte Corbett (Award for Exceptional Achievement) and Daniel Yeo (Headmaster's Award)



U13 Girls Coca Cola National Football Champions pictured at Anfield (l-r):
Back Row: Zoe Pritchard, Jodie Goodall, Charmaine Bailey, Abi Mears, Emma Davies, Elaine Bates, Hannah Owen, Laura Grainger, Aisha Wills, Sarah Vernon
Front Row: Helene Burrell, Sarah Gibbons, Charlotte Corbett, Leanne Graham, Leanne Benning, Danielle Barlow-Exton, Katy Foster, Jessica McNulty, Lucie Bridges, Charlotte Jones

The Under 13 Girls Football team have won several trophies, the most spectacular of which was the National Coca Cola Football Championship, which culminated in a thrilling final played on the famous turf of Liverpool FC at Anfield. The girls beat Lord William's School from Oxford 6-1, with Charlotte Corbett scoring a hat trick while Charmaine Bailey, Abigail Mears and Jodie Goodall scored a goal each.

Of the other 56 sporting competitions entered by our teams, TTS became champions in 44 of them! This is a magnificent achievement and I congratulate everyone involved. I am most grateful to all those parents who spend so many hours supporting the students and staff.

West Side Story

One of the world's most enduring and exciting musicals, 'West Side Story', was chosen as the 2003 Annual School Production. First performed by students at the School in 1994, 'West Side Story' sets the ageless story of Romeo and Juliet against the backdrop of New York city gang warfare in the late 1950s. A talented cast, led by Ian Jeanes as Tony and Rachel Cleary and Fiona Cooper, sharing the role of Maria, played to packed houses.



'West Side Story'

Musical Director, Mr Dara Carroll said: "Congratulations to everyone involved. 'West Side Story' is one of my

favourite shows so I was delighted by the way everyone worked together to produce an excellent musical. We all had a great time and it was so good to see students from the lower part of the School involved too. The costumes were particularly impressive, thanks to the skill and hard work of Mrs Harrison and her team."

Students taking part in the 2003 production were hoping that a little 'West Side Story' magic would rub off on them as a number of TTS students who starred in the 1994 production have gone on to become professional actors, dancers and singers appearing in London's West End and all over the country. Erica Deakin, who played Anita studied at Paul McCartney's 'Fame School' in Liverpool. Her career so far has included singing for The Queen at Buckingham Palace, touring with Barbara Dickson in 'Spend, Spend, Spend' and playing the lead female role in a London show about the life of Sammy Davis Jr. Rebecca Nixon (Maria) and Mat Robinson (Tony) also went on to become professionals, Rebecca working for Theatre in Education and on TV. Mat is an actor and singer in the West End.

Congratulations to four Sixth Form students who have been offered places at Oxford or Cambridge

Jamie Waller
Politics, Philosophy &
Economics
St Peter's College, Oxford

Daniel Redman
Chemistry
Lady Margaret Hall
Oxford

Stuart Wiggin
History and Politics
Pembroke College
Oxford

Bethan Shaffery
Education with Music
Homerton College
Cambridge

Katie's Date with The Duchess



The literary skills of Year 10 student Katie Clarke won her the opportunity to judge the WH Smith Book Awards. Katie produced a prize winning fifty word review of a book called 'Noughts and Crosses' by Malorie Blackman and was one of six young people who joined The Duchess of York in London to shortlist five books in the teenage category of 'The People's Choice Award'. The students were given the mammoth task of reading ten books in eight weeks. They then met to discuss with The Duchess which of the ten books to shortlist and from January the public will be invited to vote for the winner.

Self-confessed bookworm Katie said: "Our meeting took place on the London Eye which was very exciting. The Duchess was really nice and down to earth. We quickly felt at ease. I was delighted that my favourites, 'Pirates' by Celia Rees and 'The Amulet of Samarkand' by Jonathan Stroud, made it to the short list."

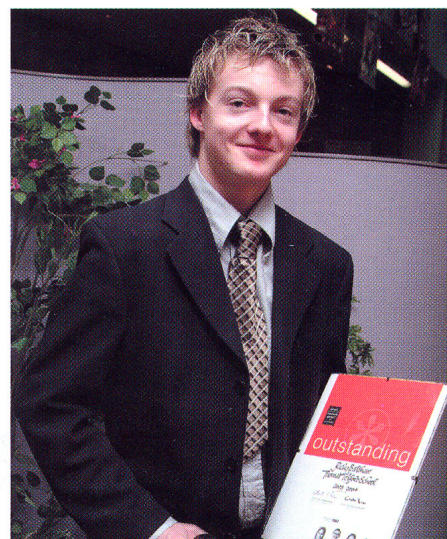
The Duchess commented: "It was an honour to work with such savvy teenagers. They had clearly devoured each book and were able to talk about each one with great authority."

Diana, Princess of Wales Award for Ricky

Ricky Balshaw has been chosen to receive the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Award for the inspirational qualities that he demonstrates in all aspects of his life. He is a bright and enthusiastic student in School and, through his commitment to riding, has achieved a top five position in the World Paralympic Dressage Championships.

Ricky, who was diagnosed with cerebral palsy at the age of thirteen months, supports the Torch Appeal based at the Orthopaedic Hospital at Oswestry. This national charity aims to raise £4m to create a unique facility for assessing and treating children with mobility problems. As well as fund raising, Ricky helps to reassure young people who are undergoing the same medical procedures that he has experienced over recent years.

Ricky said: "I started riding when I was four as therapy for my cerebral palsy and it has developed from being my hobby to becoming a member of the Olympic dressage squad. I had no idea that I was getting this award until my name was called out in Assembly!"



Ricky Balshaw

Sir Kevin Satchwell commented: "I am delighted that Ricky has won this award. He is a delightful and extraordinary young man whose achievements are remarkable and who has a thorough enjoyment of life. He always gives 100% and embraces every opportunity to develop, especially when he knows it will be challenging. He is charming, modest and possesses the most infectious sense of humour."

University Sponsorship

Two organisations are supporting some former TTS students during their time at university. The Misys Charitable Foundation is providing sponsorship for eight students studying IT related degrees to a total of £14,000 this year. Misys is a UK based world-wide company providing computer services, supplying application software, support and transaction processing. This year, for the first time, Yale Security Products, a lock manufacturing company based in Willenhall near Wolverhampton, is sponsoring two students for their courses in business and marketing as well as providing them with vacation work with the company.

Sir Kevin Satchwell said: "We are most grateful that these two organisations are very generously supporting some of our students at university. I am sure that they will particularly appreciate this support at a time when undergraduates are finding it hard to finance their courses."

Students Raise £1,000 for Charity



Ms Marjorie Tibbitts, from Barnardo's receives the cheque from (l-r) Miss Karen Bladen, Leanne Slater, Lisa Pond, (Mrs Tibbitts), Ashley Davies, Annie Leeming, Nicola Gallier, Dan Lothian.

A group of A Level Business students have raised nearly £1,000 to help needy children as part of the Barnardo's Business Incentive Scheme.

Over a period of six months they set up and ran a company called 'Sphere' which organised two fund raising events - a St Valentine's Disco attended by almost 400 younger TTS students and a 'Big Breakfast' for staff and Sixth Form students. Leanne Slater, Managing Director of 'Sphere', said: "We found the Business Enterprise Scheme rewarding but challenging. It was a great opportunity to bring our theoretical studies to life and also help raise money for charity."

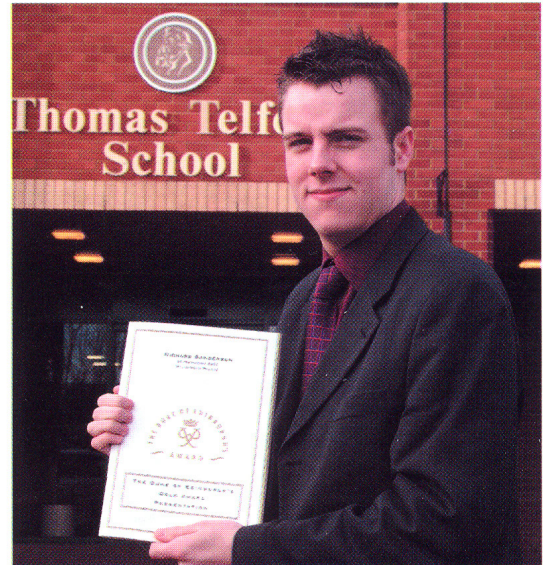
Richard Achieves Gold

Sixth Form student Richard Sanderson collected his Gold Award from HRH The Duke of Edinburgh at a star-studded ceremony in the Royal Gallery at St James' Palace in November.

There are four elements to the Award and Richard completed voluntary work with a vets practice and a disabled group as well as taking part in expeditions to various parts of England and Wales. He learned new skills including Air Rifle shooting and played Basketball.

Richard said: "It has been three years of hard but enjoyable work which has helped me to develop personally and has given me a passion for outdoor activities. The Awards ceremony was a fantastic experience and I enjoyed meeting the explorer, David Hempleman-Adams"

Amongst the other celebrities present at the Award Ceremony at St James' Palace were Linford Christie and Uri Gellar.



Stephanie Makes the Grade

Congratulations to Stephanie Prince who has been awarded a prestigious Arkwright scholarship for outstanding work in Design and Technology. She collected her award from Sir David Brown, President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE), at a special ceremony held in London. She is one of only 162 students to achieve the award from a national field of 604 candidates. Stephanie was selected to receive the award after presenting her GCSE work to a panel of experts and participating in a hands-on project, demonstrating commitment to design, technology and engineering.

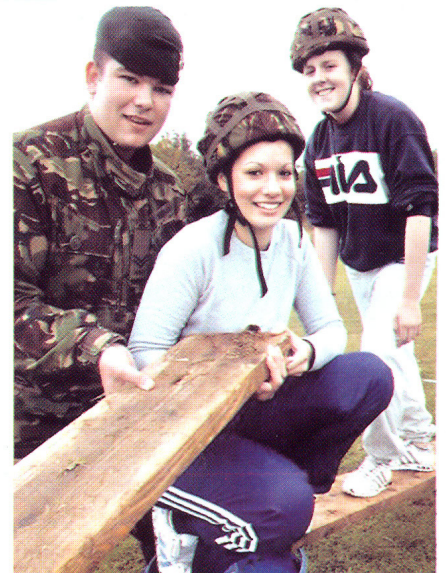
The Arkwright Trust was founded in 1990 to support young people during their A Level courses and Stephanie will receive funding to support her work in Design and Technology over the next two years. She will also carry her status as an 'Arkwright Scholar' into university.

IEE President, Sir David Brown commented: "At the IEE, we work hard to encourage and support young people to pursue a career in engineering. The Arkwright Scholars are the engineers of the future and I am sure that Stephanie will be an enthusiastic and inspiring role model for other students seeking a career in design, technology and engineering."

Three Counties Cup

A team of ten Sixth Form students - Dominique Braganca, Sarah Jones, David Lace, Kim Davies, Zoe Davies, Anna Perks, Amber Quick, James Morgan and twins Mike and Andy Davies - competed against teams from schools and colleges in Shropshire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire in an event organised by the Light Infantry based at the Swynnerton Training Camp in Staffordshire.

The teams took part in a range of activities over two days. They faced a series of mental and physical challenges designed to test teamwork and individual skills, including an assault course, a 50ft artificial climbing wall challenge, paint balling, a command task, initiative tests, an orienteering exercise, Land Rover push, log race, combat trail and small arms training. The TTS team took second place.



(l-r) Dominique Braganca & Sarah Jones
with Lance Corporal Andy Meenan
(photo courtesy of the Shropshire Star)

Congratulations to former student Sonia Nevin who was the recipient of the 2003 Dacre Brooch which is the prestigious annual award to the best female Air Cadet in the UK. Sonia is due to graduate from Birmingham University later this year. She is studying for a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering as an RAF sponsored student and will commence her Initial Officer Training at RAF Cranwell in August.

Boys' Driving Ambition

A group of enterprising Year 8 students who came up with a stunning prize for their raffle have been awarded the 'Richard Branson' Prize for Budding Entrepreneurs in the TTS Business Enterprise competition.

A day out in an Aston Martin DB7 was the top prize in a Raffle run by Spark-I, a company set up by Jack Richards, Jamie Smith, Tom Cowdale, Gareth Giles and Marcus Atkinson. The group also won the award for Highest Sales Revenue and Jack was named as Best Individual Contributor. Spark-I was one of 45 groups taking part in the competition. Other prizes were awarded for Best Product Design, Best Team, Best Point of Sale/Trade Stand and the Diffusion Award.

Business teacher, Mrs Jackie Race said: "We had at least 1000 visitors at Weston Park in June when all the teams sold their goods and services. The students learned so much from this exercise. They had spent the previous few months working towards the event as part of the Business Enterprise Scheme. Once each group had decided on their product or service, they went through all the processes necessary for setting up a business – producing a plan and cash flow forecast for the bank, market research analysis and, afterwards, profit and loss accounts as well as evaluating their individual and team performances. I charged them a 10% tax on all the revenue and this resulted in £230 being raised for Cancer Research UK."



*The winning team (l-r):
Back row - Marcus Atkinson, Gareth Giles
Front row: Jamie Smith, Jack Richards,
Tom Cowdale*

[Photo courtesy of the Shropshire Star]

News in Brief

■ Congratulations to Joanne Tombs and Emma Alsop who were two of the top five candidates with the highest marks in the GCSE Business Studies examination in June 2003. Over 16,000 students sat the exam! What a terrific achievement!

■ Congratulations to Year 7 student Poppy Bennett, who won top prize in the 'Myself and My School' project, and Rachael Hayhurst who won the speaking and listening poetry competition.

■ Congratulations to the English students who took part in the Young

Writers Zodiac poetry competition. The School was a runner-up in the nationwide competition.

■ Our thanks to the Ordnance Survey who provided a free Ordnance Survey map of the area around the School for every Year 7 student to help them develop their map reading skills.

Students Master the Red Runs



Some of the group ready for another day on the slopes!

By the end of a week in Axamer Lizum, all forty Year 8 and 9 students who had bravely joined the School skiing trip to Austria, were happily skiing down the Olympic 'Red Run'. This alpine village has hosted the Winter Olympics on two occasions, 1964 and 1976.

Ski Tour Leader/PE Teacher, Miss Catherine Hinton, commented: "We had a fantastic time. The weather was fabulous with 80° sunshine and the skiing exceptional. We had skiing lessons every day and evening entertainments included visits to the cinema, bowling, swimming, disco and a pizza evening. We even found time for a shopping trip to Innsbruck. I am delighted to say that the students were excellent ambassadors for the School."

Work Placement Scheme Wins Award

The Careers and Industry Links Team are celebrating the achievement of a Shropshire Excellence in Work Experience Award which recognises the high quality of our Work Placement programme during which students aged 16 to 18 spend between one and four weeks with organisations in the Telford area.

The students use their work placement experience to test a career option or to extend skills learned in School. They can also use it to research an assignment or for more general personal development.

Mr Malcolm Scotto who coordinates the Programme, said: "We believe that work placement plays an important role in the personal development of each student. We have been running this programme for a number of years now and we were keen to apply for the Excellence in Work Experience Award so that our procedures could be assessed by an external body."

Sir Kevin Satchwell, added: "I am delighted that the hard work of the team has been recognised in this way. They work tirelessly to provide the very best opportunities for the students and fully deserve this prestigious award."



Pictured at the award presentation (l-r): Mr Malcolm Scotto (Senior Industrial Consultant), Ms Mandy Swain (Work Experience Manager at Shropshire Education Business Partnership), Mr Dara Carroll (Deputy Head), Mr Gareth Howell (Director of Careers & Industry Links)

Judo Stars

TTS students have been competing in national and international judo competitions. Sixth Former Ben Lannie travelled to Azerbaijan in August to represent Great Britain in the Junior European Judo Championships. Ben came a well deserved seventh in the competition. He said: "It was an amazing experience. Before the competition I attended a four day training camp in the Lake District which was very intensive. As well as judo, we did lots of character building exercises."

Ben is in the National Cadet Squad and his other recent successes include a Silver medal in the U18 National Championships at Crystal Palace in November, a Bronze medal in a competition in Holland, and Gold medals in the U18 Open competitions held in Scotland and Ireland.

Also at the National Championships at Crystal Palace, Gemma Howell (Year 9) won a Gold medal for the third successive year. This fantastic achievement means that she is entitled to wear a special 'golden gate' judo suit. Gemma was recently placed second in the OCS Young Sportsperson of the Year Award in the Midlands which attracted what the judges described as "an extraordinarily high standard of entries".

In addition, Kim Dunning (Year 9) and Kelly Edwards (Year 8) both won Bronze medals in their weight bands.

Kelly who was beaten by the eventual champion, fights in the U36 kilo band, trains at Wrekin Star Judo Club in Horsehay and also travels to Kidderminster twice a week for training sessions.



Gemma Howell and Ben Lannie

Sportsmark Gold Winners

Thomas Telford School has been presented with a Sportsmark Gold with Distinction Award by Sport England in recognition of the School's commitment to physical education and sports provision.

TTS is one of just ten schools across the country to have achieved a Sportsmark at this highest level which is awarded to schools whose work was felt by the judges to far exceed the criteria for the Gold Award.

Sport England Chief Executive, Roger Draper, praised the School for ensuring that physical education and sport remain a priority. He said: "We are finding more and more of our young people are becoming overweight as a result of their diet and sedentary lifestyle. We need to re-emphasise the benefits of physical education, sport and physical activity to children and young people through positive experiences at school. Thomas Telford School has been awarded Sportsmark Gold with Distinction for doing just that. They have shown a dedication to bring PE and sport to the fore of the School's focus and have encouraged their students to be active both in and out of lessons and within the community."



Students and staff celebrate Sportsmark Gold

Sir Kevin Satchwell added: "We are delighted to have won this prestigious award. The staff and students have worked extremely hard and I am also very grateful to the many parents who support the children and help coach the teams. We have long recognised that PE and sport make a major contribution not only to the education and health of our students but also to the ethos and life of the School. As well as having up to three hours PE each week, the students are encouraged to be involved in inter-house competitions and to represent the School in a wide variety of competitions at county and regional level."

Easter in France

The first week of the Easter break saw a large group of Year 9 students spending five days in France with the Humanities team. The prime purpose of the tour was a visit to World War Two sites. This included two nights in Normandy where the students saw the D Day landing beaches and visited a number of museums commemorating the Allied invasion.

The students also visited the American Cemetery where some 9,000 gravestones honour the fallen soldiers of the invasion. One of the students, Alex Spittle, commented: "Seeing the American Cemetery was very moving. It was astonishing to think that so many people had been killed."



Back Row (l-r): William Darley, Tom Cash, Nickesh Patel, Nikolas Penfold, Tom Whittingham, Tim Sadler

Front Row (l-r): Suman Hira, Rachel Davies, Laura Hart

Two further nights were spent in the suburbs of Paris from where a full day visit to Disneyland was made. By common consent, this was the most enjoyable day of the week, providing a refreshing and relaxing contrast to the sombre sites of the Second World War.



Achievement Evening

Two special evenings were held during 2003 to c

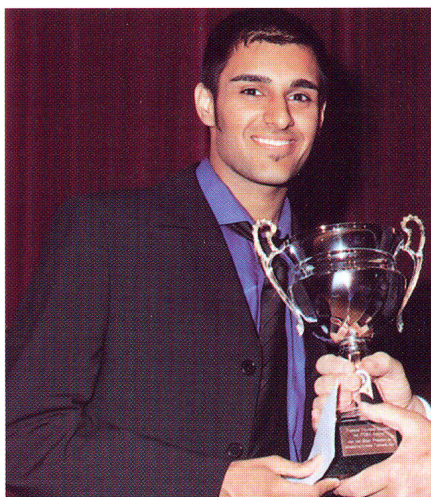
In July, Mr Charles Parker, Clerk to the Mercers' Company presented the Awards at the Twelfth Annual Achievement Presentation Evening. Over 120 students won prizes for Achievement and Progress. The outstanding contributions of Mr Les Davies (Parent of the Year) and Mr Terry Broome of Kiyokuni Europe Ltd (Industrialist of the Year) were recognised. Mr Parker congratulated everyone involved with the School. He presented Misys Scholarship Awards to Jason Harvey and Nicholas Tunstall, providing sponsorship for their degree courses. Mr Parker said: "Thomas Telford School has developed a confidence to go its own way, to do things one remembers and remembers with a conviction that they are right. You will go through life saying "I was at Thomas Telford School" and know for a certainty that you could not have gone to a better school. That feeling of pride will remain with you all your life."



Misys Scholars Jason Harvey (l) and Nicholas Tunstall (r) pictured with Mr Charles Parker, the Clerk to The Mercers' Company



*Alison Bell
Daisy Chain Award for
Health and Social Care*



*Jaspal Johl
PDSA Award for
Manufacturing*



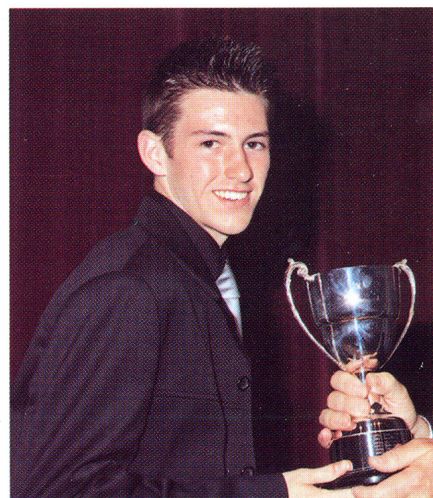
*Lisa Rowley
Lord Selborne Award for
Business Education*



*Tom Corns
Golding Products Award for
Most Improved Athlete*



*Yee Tsang
British Gas Award for Science*



*David Adams
Wathen Language Award*

g Celebrations 2003

brate the achievements of students throughout the School

TTS Governor, Mr Tony Davies who is the Human Resources Manager for Tarmac Heavy Building Materials, was Guest of Honour at the Year 11 Achievement Award Presentation Evening held in November when the outstanding GCSE results were celebrated.

Students were presented with their GCSE examination certificates and special awards were presented to around thirty students for particular achievement in a variety of subjects. Mr Davies congratulated the students and spoke of Tarmac's pride in its involvement with the School.

Students, parents and guests were entertained by 6.2 Performing Art Students and by Jon Yardley whose bravura performance of a piano piece by Debussy won a standing ovation.



Guest of Honour, Mr Tony Davies, pictured with (l-r): Kate Richardson and Samantha Brown (Tarmac Group Ltd Awards for the Most Outstanding Students of the Year) and Zara Heath (Civil Engineering Contractors Association Midlands Award for Outstanding Progress)



*Craig Collier
Wilde Award for Business Education*



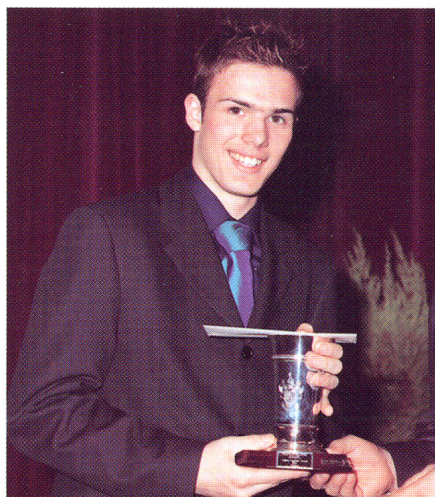
*Kelly Brown
Ivor Pownall Award for Art & Design*



*James Fellows
Merrett Bequest Award for English Literature*



*Cherie Hussain
Andrew Smith Award for Mathematics*



*Jon Yardley
Adrian Watney Award for Music*



*Elizabeth Rhodes
Timstar Award for Biology*

Parlez-vous Francais?



Enjoying a meal in Lyon (l-r): Zoe Stokes, Ruth Walmsley, Mr Gareth Howell, Sabrina Cheema, Hannah Carroll, Mrs Sarah Farmer, Mrs Sally Hole, Liam Pye, Stuart Brown

Sixth Form students studying French have had two opportunities recently to brush up their language skills in France. In October, a group of fifteen 6.1 and 6.2 students spent a few days in Lyon. Here's how they described their trip: We travelled to Lyon, famously known as the City of Light. We saw the city sights as well as exploring on our own when we had to obtain information to report back to our teachers. This was all conducted in 'la langue française' and gave us an opportunity to practise our skills. We sampled the local cuisine, including raclette, seen here in our photo! We also visited a French cinema where we saw 'Jeux d'enfants'.

Then in December, a smaller group of 6.2 students flew to a Paris filled with Christmas lights. The students, who were accompanied by Mrs Sally Hole and Mr Gareth Howell, reported: "We were lucky enough to have guided tours of both the Stade de France and Roland Garros where we got to see life 'backstage'. Wearing our Paris St Germain scarves, we watched a football game against Bordeaux. What an experience that was!" Again, there were plenty of French-speaking opportunities as the students toured the historic sites of Paris and spent some time Christmas shopping in the Galleries Lafayette."

Murals on the Menu

Head of Art, Mr Carl Sharratt, reports: A group of Key Stage 4 students produced some fantastic mixed media artwork to decorate Telford Golf and Country Club. The murals of fruit and vegetables were used to enhance the entrance to the Restaurant. In addition, Laura Bailey, then a Sixth Form Art student, was commissioned to produce a suitable design for the Club entrance.

Telford Golf and Country Club Managers, Mr Robin Gilchrist and Mrs Helen Mould, were delighted with the results and invited the students and their parents to a Reception at the hotel to view the work on display. They kindly provided an excellent buffet and Mr Gilchrist praised the students for their outstanding work.

Pictured right at Telford Golf and Country Club with some of their colourful artwork are (clockwise from bottom left):

Becky Wilkinson, Perdeep Kang, Jenny Sidaway, Ellen Inglis, Hannah Brant, Amy Seaman and Wendy Hughes.

Anyone for Oxbridge?

TTS received a trio of distinguished visitors from various Oxford Colleges as part of an initiative to encourage students from all backgrounds to apply to Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

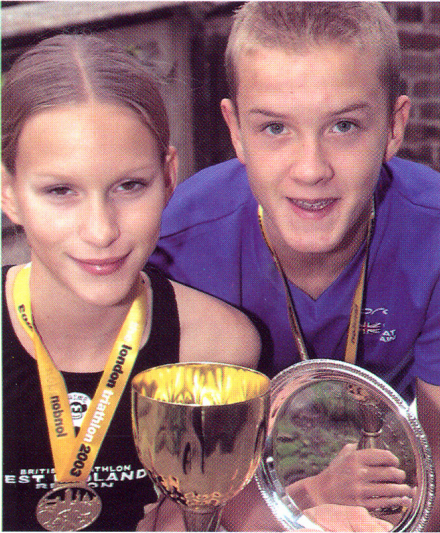
In March, Lord Butler of Brockwell, Master of University College, spoke to high flying students from TTS and five other schools in the area about the process of "Getting in to Oxford". Lord Butler became Master of University College after he retired from his post as Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Home Civil Service. He served five Prime Ministers from Edward Heath to Tony Blair.

Later on in the year, The Hon Michael Beloff QC, President of Trinity College, and Immanuel Botwe, Outreach Officer for three Oxford colleges, visited the School to speak with students to advise them on their Oxbridge applications.

Sir Kevin Satchwell, commented: "It is important that students with the potential to succeed in the academically rigorous environment of Oxford and Cambridge are provided with all the information and encouragement they need to help them through the admissions process successfully."



Triathlon Stars!



*Champion Triathletes Emma and Sam Hugh
[Picture courtesy of the Shropshire Star]*

Sam and Emma Hugh are rising stars of the challenging sport of Triathlon which involves three disciplines - swimming, running and cycling. The brother and sister duo took up the sport about four years ago and Emma has won the National Event in her age range in each of those four years! The National Championships take place at Loughborough with teams from all over the British Isles.

Sam, who is in Year 11, was selected for the U16 Great Britain Triathlon team and competed in the European Championships in Hungary in July. He was chosen following a season of fine

performances. Sam also achieved second place in the National Duathlon (cycling and running) Championships. Year 7 student Emma is also an outstanding cross country runner having won every race every year in the Telford primary schools cross country league. Sam and Emma train hard for their success - swimming five or six times a week and running two or three times each week.

Charity News

A Mufti day during the Autumn term raised £690 for Treloar's College in Hampshire, a school for young people with physical disabilities. In November, members of the Student Charity Committee presented the cheque to Mr Steve Spetzyk, one of the fund raisers who took part in the Whittington Memorial Walk which raised thousands of pounds for Treloar's College. Sir William Treloar, who founded the college, was Lord Mayor of London, a distinction he shared with that most famous member of the Mercers' Company, Richard Whittington, immortalised as the pantomime figure, Dick Whittington. The Whittington Walk covered 140 miles from Dick Whittington's ancestral home in Gloucestershire, ending in London. Treloar College was just one of several charities supported by students over the past twelve months. These included Hope House Hospice, Operation Christmas Child, Breast Cancer Care, Jeans for Genes, CLIC (Cancer and Leukaemia in Children), Marie Curie Cancer Care, British Legion Poppy Appeal, Barnardo's and Hearing Impaired (Shropshire).

Public Speaking Progress

Debating Team Manager, Mr John Birkett, writes:

The 6.2 team won the Brewood Rotary Competition again last year, overcoming stiff opposition from Wolverhampton Grammar School, St Peter's CE School and St Dominic's School. They achieved a clean sweep when Leanne Jones won Best Speaker of the Night Award. Richard Phillips and Thea Osmund-Smith were also runners-up in the first round of the English Speaking Union (ESU) Debating competition held in November. The experienced 6.1 team of Emma Alsop, Jenny Postle and Felicity Woollam will enter the Brewood and Telford Rotary competitions this year. In their first outing, the new Year 11 team of Ellen Inglis, Tom Chandler and Tom Niblett were superb runners-up in the Shropshire round of the ESU Public Speaking competition in Oswestry and Ellen won the prize for the Best Overall Speaker.

I am also planning a competition with Walsall Academy which would be open to other TTS Year 11 and Sixth Form students who wish to taste Public Speaking.

More Sporty People!

Rugby - Phil Berry has been playing Rugby League for Telford Raiders in his spare time for the past eight years. The Telford Raiders recently made the step up to compete in the Rugby League Conference for the first time and Phil was the man who secured the first win of the season by scoring the winning point against Wolverhampton Wizards after a challenging match. Phil has recently been nominated along with five others for the country's Young Player of the Year Awards. A phenomenal achievement!

Karate - Zoe Parkes recently competed in the Karate World Championships in South Africa and finished in a fantastic 5th place in the Under 18s group.

Zoe has been competing since the age of nine and achieved 2nd Dan Black Belt by the age of 11. She trains five nights a week with the England Squad and is looking forward to a short break from competing until her next major competition later this year.

Archery - Year 10 student Julie Morgan is aiming to become a top archer. Julie, who has been practising her sport for two years has already won the Junior Ladies title twice at her club 'Audco Archers' in Newport. She has represented both her club and Shropshire in competitions.



Prize winning Archer Julie Morgan

TTS Sport 2002/2003

2002/2003 was another excellent year for our teams in a wide variety of sports and this is illustrated over the following pages. In addition to the winning teams pictured on the following four pages, the great success of the Under 13 Girls Football team is celebrated on the front page.

Football			Basketball		
U12	Boys	7-a-side County Cup Winners	U14	Girls	County Active Sports Champions County Active Sports League Winners West Midland Champions
U13	Girls	County Cup Winners Coca Cola Cup West Midland Winners Coca Cola Cup Midland Winners Coca Cola Cup National Winners Adidas Community Cup District Winners Adidas Community Cup County Winners John Beswick Award - Shropshire Team of the Year	U15	Girls	County Cup Winners
			U15	Boys	County League Runners Up
			U19	Girls	County Cup Finalists
U13	Boys	County Cup Winners Coca Cola Cup County Winners National CTC/Sports Colleges Cup Runners Up	Gymnastics		
				Boys	County Team Champions
				Girls	County Team Runners Up
U14	Girls	National CTC/Sports Colleges Cup Runners Up 7-a-side County Cup Winners	Athletics		
				Minor Girls	CTC Cup Winners
U14	Boys	7-a-side County Cup Winners		Minor Boys	CTC Cup Winners
U15	Girls	County Cup Runners Up		Junior Girls	CTC Cup Winners ESAA County Winners County Knockout Cup Winners
U16	Boys	Goodyear County Cup Winners County Shield Winners		Junior Boys	CTC Cup Winners Bayley Mile Winners
U19	Boys	County Cup Winners County League Winners		Inter Girls	ESAA County Cup Winners County Knockout Cup Winners
Hockey				Inter Boys	CTC Cup Winners ESAA County Cup Winners ESAA Midland Runners Up County Knockout Cup Winners
U12	Boys	District Active Sports 7-a-side Winners		CTC Cup	Overall Winners
U14	Boys	County Cup Runners Up	Golf		
U16	Boys	County Cup Runners Up	U15	Boys	Preliminary Midlands Winners
U19	Boys	County Cup Winners	Swimming		
Netball					Invitational Gala Winners
U13	Girls	County Cup Runners Up	Skiing		
U14	Girls	CTC National Champions	U14	Girls	West Midlands Champions
U16	Girls	County Cup Winners	Cricket		
U19	Girls	County Cup Runners Up	U12	Boys	County Champions
Cross Country			U14		County Champions
	Inter Boys	County Champions	U15		County Runners Up
			U16		County Champions

The Winning Teams

Football

Under 12 Boys 7-a-side



*Back Row (l-r): Daniel Loftus, Kendal Jones, Suki Sarai, Elliott Forrester, Kurtis Shinner, Alex Bird, David Roberts.
Front Row (l-r): Ayden Smith, Joe Satchwell, Daniel Williams, Kyle Bennett, Stephen Morris*

Under 13 Boys



*Back Row (l-r): Alex Kitchenham, Russell Munro, Jake Matthews, Rhys Hall, Tom Lappin, Dan Bate, Ben Pinches, Ciaran McPhillips, Nicholas Hyett, Josh Taylor
Front Row (l-r): Jewade Graham, Ryan Churchill, Tom McCrystal, Ben Roberts, Riccardo Colabella, Nathan Pitt, Kyle Bennett.*

Under 14 Girls 7-a-side



*Front Row (l-r): Laura Holland, Emma Davies, Natalie Poole, Charmaine Bailey, Natalie Corfield, Krystle Hill, Jenny Allen, Kirsty Prince.
Front Row (l-r): Zoe Pritchard, Charlotte Corbett, Laura Grainger, Jodie Goodall, Laura Brown*

Under 14 Boys 7-a-side



*Back Row (l-r): Nickesh Patel, Lee Collins, George Udall, Paul Herrington, Nader Morsy, Alex Kitchenham.
Front Row (l-r): Rhys Hall, Alex Nolan, Elliott Bennett, Ross Draper, Jack Fletcher*

Under 16 Boys



*Back Row (l-r): Matthew Baker, Tom France, James Fellows, Robert Egginton, Andrew Monger, Tom Pennington
Front Row (l-r): Philip Johnston, Giles Harvey, Henry Goh, Alex Warburton, Luke Davies*

Under 19 Boys



*Back Row (l-r): James Morgan, Tim Furness, Phil Garrett, James Fellows, John Cooper, James Whittaker, Danny Guthrie
Front Row (l-r): Andy Benning, Tom Phillips, Will Plant, Ashley Burd, Liam Hennessy*

Hockey

Under 12 Boys 7-a-side



*Back Row (l-r): Ben Marshall, Alex Bird, James Hayes, Tom Brown
Front Row (l-r): Chris Airey, Bobby Russell, Bradley Edwards*

Under 19 Boys



*Back Row (l-r): David Tracey, Glynne Owen, Craig Johnson, Mark Evans, Sean Sly
Front Row (l-r): Luke Staddon, Andrew Benning, Scott Brown, Peter Harris, Liam Hennessy*

Basketball

Under 14 Girls



*Back Row (l-r): Kim Shepherd, Jemma Hill, Katie Hennessy, Michelle Wesley, Natalie Poole, Natasha Young
Front Row (l-r): Kim Martin, Katie Lannie, Jenny Pugh, Michelle Tombs*

Under 15 Girls



*Back Row (l-r): Rachael McGovern, Finola Corley, Laura Whiting, Alex Waldron
Front: Leanne Mason, Jenni Burgess*

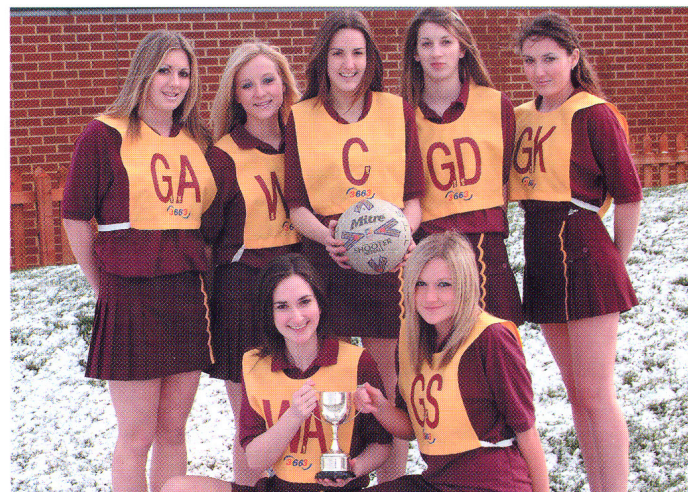
Netball

Under 14 Girls



*Back Row (l-r): Jenny Pugh, Michelle Wesley, Katie Hennessy, Natalie Poole, Kim Shepherd
Front Row (l-r): Kim Martin, Katie Lannie, Louise Shenton, Natasha Young*

Under 16 Girls



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

Athletics

Junior Girls



Back Row (l-r): Tori Starkey, Abi Mears, Charlotte Corbett, Charmaine Bailey, Nadia Summers, Hannah Owen, Anna Clarke, Aisha Wills
Front Row (l-r): Katie Foster, Natalie Edmonds, Lucy Ansell, Sophie Lunn, Sarah Gibbons, Gemma Howell, Victoria Hargrove, Nadia Bobash

Junior Boys



Back Row (l-r): Suki Sarai, Andrew Lambert, Ben Marshall, Tom Lappin, Dan Bate, Ben Pinches, Rhys Hall, Kurtis Shinner, Tom Cowdale
Front Row (l-r): Kyle Bennett, Oliver Hill, David Roberts, Alex Kitchenham, Ricky Jackson, Nicholas Hyett, Jewade Graham, Elliott Sterling

Intermediate Girls



Back Row (l-r): Jenni Burgess, Hayley Vaughan-Smith, Finola Corley, Rachael McGovern, Sian Rowles, Natalie Poole, Kim Martin
Front Row (l-r): Alex Waldron, Kerry-Ann Fanneran, Laura Brown, Michelle Wesley, Poppy-Jo Morris

Intermediate Boys



Back Row (l-r): Giles Harvey, Ashley Furness, Antony Hyett, Jonathan Edmonds, Ashleigh Pain, Gary Armitage, Blair Bowen, Chris Edmonds, Tom Jobborn, Ben Sedgley
Front Row (l-r): Ross Draper, Sam Hugh, Karl Millsom, Elliott Bennett, Lee Collins, Thomas Corns, Nader Morsy, Jack Fletcher, David Tatton

Cross Country

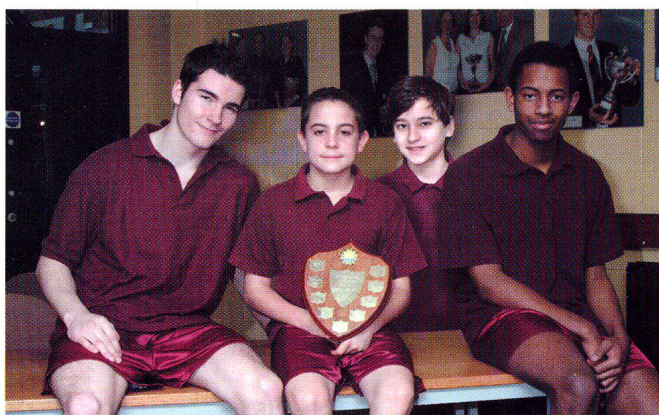
Inter Boys



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

Gymnastics

Boys



(l-r): John Stamps, Bradley Edwards, Sam Pownall, Richard Brown

Cricket

Under 12 Boys



Back Row (l-r): James Bird, Nicholas Jones, Ashley Haddon, Alex Bird, Alex Punter, Alex Bowen, Daniel Loftus, David Roberts
Front Row (l-r): Sam Pownall, Kyle Bennett, Bobby Russell, Joshua Chadwick, William Parton, Andrew Woollatt

Under 14 Boys



Back Row (l-r): Lee Collins, Ben Hayes, Paul Herrington, George Udall, Tom Cash, Jamie Malia
Front Row (l-r): David Tatton, Jack Warburton, Elliott Bennett, Ashley Strange, Ross Draper.

Under 16 Boys



Back Row (l-r): Wayne Davies, Elliott Charnock, Jack Snape, Jon Read, James Pearce
Front Row (l-r): Craig Merrick, Alex Strange, Matthew Foster, Alex Warburton

Golf

Under 15 Boys



(l-r): Ashley Furness, Luke Pepper, Jonathan Houlston

Skiing



(l-r): Abby Clifford, Hannah Owen, Charlotte Reilly, Rebecca Brown

This must be a first for Thomas Telford School! Pictured above are members of the TTS Ski Team. The four became Champions in the West Midlands Schools Race last year. They practise at the Dry Ski Slope in Madeley and participate in competitions under the expert guidance of parent, Mrs Clifford. They will be defending their championship title in May.

Swimming



Back Row (l-r): Faye Ralph, David Tatton, Michael Goodall, Tom Corns, Richard Brown, Nick Cook, Nick Penfold, Ryan Mason
Middle Row (l-r): Kerri-Ann Brant, Catherine Rogers, Sophie Lunn, Leanne Graham, Laura Glaze, Laura Brown, Jodie O'Hagan, Veronica Barry, Rebecca Shepherd, Hannah Guy, Louise Shenton
Front Row (l-r): Xander Berkeley, Edward McGovern, Marcus Atkinson, Ellise Anslow, Rhiannon Newman, Danny Lindley, Bradley Edwards, Sam Pownall