



# Thomas Telford School

## Newsletter

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### More Celebrations!

Sir Kevin Satchwell writes:

2004 was another terrific year and we have been able to celebrate record breaking examination successes as well as some fantastic results in a variety of sporting competitions.

The GCSE results broke records with all our students achieving twelve or more A\*-C passes which put the School at the top of the Government's performance tables with a points score better than any other school including independent and grammar schools. The improvement in our A Level results produced a top ten place in the tables, a move up from 250th a few years' ago - quite an achievement for an all ability Sixth Form!

Our footballers won four national competitions this year (details on page 12) and you will find more information about some of the outstanding individual sporting achievements throughout this edition of the newsletter.



*Sam Jones - Pop Idol Winner*



*Pop Idol Finalists:*

*Back Row (l-r): Sam Jones, Sian Thomas, Kaya Ismet, Katie Clarke, Tom Dutton, Stacey Nevin  
Front Row (l-r): Katherine James, Lauren Heighway, Niamh Allen, Helene Goransson, Poppy Bennett*

There has also been some excellent work in the performing arts field including a production of 'Grease' (see page 5) and Thomas Telford School's very own Pop Idol competition which was staged during the last weeks of the Summer term, culminating in a final which was broadcast live to students and staff gathered in venues all around the School. A great way to end a busy term!

Deputy Head, Mr Dara Carroll takes up the story: Almost 100 students auditioned to take part and the judges picked out eleven finalists. Three Year 7 students, Helene Goransson, Poppy Bennett and Katherine James, were joined by Niamh Allen and Kate Clarke from Year 10, Year 11 students Sam Jones, Kaya Ismet and Lauren Heighway, with Sixth Form students Sian Thomas, Stacey Nevin and Tom Dutton completing the line up.

The Show was compered by Mr Wilderspin and Miss Hinton and the audience enjoyed performances of songs ranging from Dusty Springfield's 'I Only Want To Be With You' to Alanis Morissette's 'Ironic'.

Voting was close with excitement mounting as each venue's votes were added to the electronic score board but there could only be one winner – Sam Jones who sang the Bill Withers song 'Ain't No Sunshine'. Niamh Allen came second with Kaya Ismet third.

Sam Jones said: "It was a great experience – it was the largest audience I have ever sung for." Sam has used the prize money to buy music equipment for his band 'Sabaka'.



# July Achievement Evening

The Thirteenth Annual Achievement Evening was held in July to celebrate the hard work and success of students across the School. Mr Charles Scott, Master of The Mercers' Company was the Guest of Honour and presented prizes to over a hundred students.

Key Stage 3 awards were made to Year 7 and 8 students for their academic or sporting excellence or for their superb attitude to school, while awards in Key Stage 4 went to students for achievement and progress in each subject area. Special sponsored awards over all subject areas were also made to nearly 50 students.

The valuable contributions to the life of the School by three men were also celebrated. The Parent of the Year Award went to Mr Peter Griffiths for

his football refereeing services. A qualified First Aid Instructor, he also conducted two courses for Sixth Form vocational qualifications which has made a major contribution to awareness of health & safety issues.

Industrialist of the Year was Mr Denis Evans MBE from GKN Sankey. During a long association with TTS, Mr Evans supported students and staff in Technology and in Business and Careers. He has also been involved with Engineering Education Federation and Year in Industry projects in the School.

A special Service to the School Award was made to Mr John Reade who has been a strong and loyal supporter of the School for many years. More recently, Mr Reade has assisted at all our big athletics events, including Sports Day and the CTC Athletics Competition, as a very professional starter of track events.

Students, parents and guests watched films depicting the year's sporting successes and performing arts work and were entertained by live performances from two excellent singers - Virginia Hancock and Rebecca Morris.

In his remarks, Mr Scott said: "Achievements in examinations are plain for all to see. We have celebrated those tonight but so much more besides. There are also sports, performing and visual arts and the very real contribution to charity made by students and staff. Thomas Telford School is bang up to date and winning on all fronts!"



*Mr Charles Scott, Master of the Mercers' Company, with major prize winning students (l-r):  
Back Row: Louise Barnett and Philip Liebman (Key Stage 3 Students of the Year), Nicholas Hough  
(Award for Exceptional Achievement), Thea Osmund-Smith (Mawdsley Award for Outstanding Student  
of the Year), Kathryn Harrison (Elizabeth Lane Children's Champion Award), Neil Allard and Jonathan  
Ince (Laing Award for Contribution to School and Community)  
Front Row: Kellie Turner and Aimee Tunks (Williams Award for Community Service),  
Krystie Maddox-Lue (Victoria Harper Celebration Award for Achievement),  
James Box (Most Improved Key Stage 3 Student), Zoe Vaughan (Headmaster's Award)*



*Lisa Savage  
Professional Skills Award for  
Hospitality and Catering*



*Richard Brown  
John Birkett Award for Psychology*



*Stuart Brown  
Stephen Murray Award for International  
Understanding*



# Students Celebrate GCSE Success

Mr Hamish Ramsay, a Mercer and member of the Governing Board, was the Guest of Honour at the Ninth Year 11 Achievement Evening held in November to highlight and reward the achievements of the students who completed their GCSE exams in June 2004.

Sir Kevin Satchwell told the students: "These are our best ever GCSE results and I congratulate each one of you."

Students were presented with their hard won examination certificates and prizes were awarded for outstanding performance across a range of subjects.

The students and their families also enjoyed a series of video presentations, including 'Results Day' which brought back happy memories of the August morning when envelopes were opened and successes shared with fellow students and parents.

'Memories', a compilation of video footage from the archives, showed scenes of this 'Class of 2004' over the past five years from arriving as fresh faced 11 year olds for their first day in Year 7 right through to assembling for their Year 11 photograph prior to the GCSE exams. It produced much hilarity and a few groans from the students and quite a few moist eyes from parents.

TTS Pop Idol winner, Sam Jones provided the entertainment with a superb performance of 'Ain't No Sunshine'.

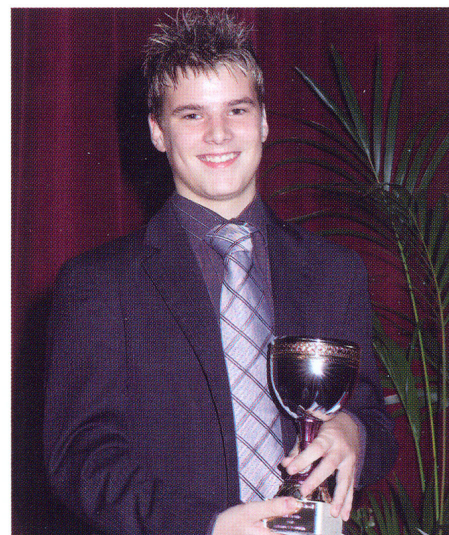
Mr Ramsay praised the hard work of the students and the support given to them by their teachers. He added: "I believe that institutions and future employers will recognise the Thomas Telford School marque as the sign of a well rounded, well crafted student; a sign of quality. In that we can all be justifiably proud, because you the staff and students have earned it."



*Mr Hamish Ramsay with major prize winning students:  
Back Row (l-r) Laura Whiting and Jenny Chapman (Tarmac Group Ltd Award for Most Outstanding Students of the Year)  
Front Row: Melissa Wolfe (Civil Engineering Contractors Association Midlands Award for Outstanding Progress)*



*Jessica Follows  
Jean Hickman Award for Chemistry*



*Kevin Evans  
Goh Award for Leisure and Tourism*



*Katie Evans  
Timstar Award for Biology*



*Wendy Hughes  
Ivor Pownell Award for Art and Design*



*Alex de Rosa  
Peter Forrest Award for Physics*



# Paris in Springtime

Mr Myles Payne reports: There could hardly be a better city to take some of the School's best musicians to than Paris.

We spent five enthralling days seeing the sights of this glorious city and working hard to produce two, hour long concerts at Disneyland and the church of St Francois de Salles in St Maur. Highlights included trips to the Eiffel Tower, Montmartre, Place du Tertre (the artist's square), Notre Dame, the Bateau-Mouche boat trip on the Seine, visiting Pere Lachaise Cemetery, cafes, shopping and, best of all, the wonderful church concert. This final event was made all the more special as members of the band had to play outside locally to attract an audience because the concert had not been publicised. In all, nearly 50 people attended the concert and the band, led by Bethan Shaffery and introduced in fluent French by Hannah Carroll, received an enthusiastic, and well deserved, standing ovation.

Once again, all of us in the Music Department have seen a notable improvement in the Concert Band and Choir's standards and would like to thank the students for making this an unforgettable trip.



*Choir and Band Members at Euro Disney*

## Arkwright Scholars

Nicholas Finch, Benjamin Shaffery and Kellieann Hukins have been awarded Arkwright Scholarships in recognition of their outstanding work in Design Technology.

The scholarships, which are sponsored by industry and charitable trusts, will help to support the students' work for their Design Technology A Level course.

The students were selected following a test during which they had to demonstrate flair and originality in solving engineering design problems. They then presented their GCSE work to a panel of interviewers and took part in a

team exercise held at Loughbrough University which provided them with a first hand experience of the challenge and excitement of engineering related careers.

The students received their awards from Mr David Moorhouse, Executive Chairman of Lloyd's Register, at a special ceremony held at the Institution of Electrical Engineers in London. In all, 166 students achieved the award from a national field of 545 candidates.

Nichola, Benjamin and Kellieann will carry the status of 'Arkwright Scholar' into university.

## Students Experience the World of Work

174 students participated in the Sixth Form Work Placement programme in July. Students spent time with a wide range of organisations in Telford and Wolverhampton.



*James Bailey on site*

James Bailey was placed with McPhillips Ltd on the site of their prestigious new office complex in Telford.

James is interested in a career in Civil Engineering and he says that his experience with McPhillips has endorsed that decision.

Meanwhile, Anna Kaszuba, Liz Inwood and Rochelle Penfield spent three weeks at the John Rose Centre in Coalport where people with health issues or learning difficulties have an opportunity to develop practical skills. The students used their artistic skills to help clients in the manufacture of a range of products for sale at the gift shop.



*Pictured in the gift shop at the John Rose Centre (l-r): Anna Kaszuba, Rochelle Penfield, Liz Inwood and a supervisor*



# Sandra's Jungle Adventures

Former student Sandra Millin has spent four months in the Far East, living and working in the Malaysian jungle. Sandra was part of a Trekforce Expedition to Borneo which helped to prepare a base camp for conservation experts involved with the Sabah Biodiversity Experiment which aims to recreate rainforest lost through excessive logging.

Sandra reports: "We were given some jungle training before spending six weeks building wash and accommodation blocks for the scientists. It was hard work - we could only use hand tools (no electricity!) and with rainfall every day the camp was one big mud bath. We had to get used to permanently damp clothes with insects and leeches everywhere! Our next job was to repair bridges at



an orang-utan rehabilitation centre. The wildlife was really cool! Between us, we saw over a hundred different species including elephants, pythons, leopard cats, monkeys, monitor lizards and many beautiful birds."

Sandra then spent seven weeks teaching English and Science in a remote village in Sarawak. "Some of the children already spoke a little English though others were from a nomadic tribe who only spent two months a year in the village school. We were provided with basic accommodation: washing facilities were a plastic bucket and cup and cold water but this was luxurious compared with the jungle! The children were lovely and I really enjoyed teaching them. I am sure that teaching is what I want to do in the future."



## 'Grease'

'Grease', the longest running show in Broadway history and the biggest box office movie musical of all time, was chosen as the 2004 School Production and, by the end of its week long run, it had broken TTS box office records too with the cast performing to almost 2,000 people!

Set in a 1950s American high school at a time when teenage life centred around hair styles, fast food and custom cars, 'Grease' is the archetypal boy meets girl story. It was a very enjoyable show both to watch and perform with glitzy, colourful costumes and hugely energetic songs and dance.



Mr Dara Carroll, Deputy Head with responsibility for the Performing Arts said: "This year we tried to give as many students as possible the opportunity to perform and so more than 60 students took part with two different choruses and all the main roles being shared, some by three people. Consequently, rehearsing was challenging for staff and students alike but it was well worth it in the end."

Mr Carroll commented: "The three students who shared the lead role of Sandy are all talented performers. Ruth Bias is now studying dance at Paul McCartney's Fame School (LIPA), Georgia Nike is doing a Media and Performance degree at Salford University and Jenny Brown is doing a foundation course prior to starting a Theatre Studies degree in September."



## £450 Raised for Sport Relief



*Pictured from the back (l-r): Kim Shepherd and Louise Shenton, Kate Lannie and Jenny Pugh, Michelle Wesley and Natasha Young  
[Photo courtesy of Shropshire Star]*

In June, members of the Year 10 basketball team took part in a sponsored event organised by Sally Harris, the Basketball Development Officer for Shropshire, to raise money for Sport Relief.

The girls, together with their coach Mr Mike Douch and his wife, raised a magnificent £450 by running a mile around Telford Athletics Track at Oakengates, bouncing basketballs!

Mr Douch said: "This was a great event – the girls were really supportive of this worthy cause and to raise so much was an excellent effort. Even my wife enjoyed the day and its not the kind of activity we do regularly these days!"

### \*\*\*\*\*Stop Press\*\*\*\*\*

Congratulations to Victoria Beckett who has been offered a place at Magdalene College, Cambridge to read Medicine. Good Luck with your A Levels Victoria!

## Congratulations:

..... to Chris Yates who received a Staffordshire University Award for 'consistency and effort throughout Year 11'. Chris was nominated for this award by Key Stage 4 Head, Mr Carroll and Mr Howell, Director of Careers. The Award Ceremony took place in Stoke in July.

..... to Tammy Brindley who was chosen by the Royal Ballet to perform at the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton in the National Ballet Company's production of 'Coppelia'.

..... to the approximately 150 TTS students whose poetry was published in the latest edition of the Shropshire Young Writers' Poetry Anthology last May.

..... to eleven TTS students who received 2004 Telford and Wrekin Sports Scholarships to support their training, travel, accommodation, etc, costs: Amelia Reynolds (Basketball), Ricky Balshaw (Equestrian), Clare Lamb and Margaret Stocks (Fencing), Gemma Howell and Kelly

Edwards (Judo), brothers Andrew and Richard Birks (Squash) and brother and sister Sam and Emma Hugh (Triathlon).

..... to former student Erica Deacon who has landed a role in the new show 'Billy Elliott the Musical', written by Sir Elton John, due to open in the West End in March.

..... to Emma Hugh who was awarded the Sheila Norton Trophy for best performance in Cross Country over the season by Telford Athletic Club. Emma won the Shropshire County Championship as well as the Shropshire County Series Award. She came second in the Inter County competition, the best result by an athlete representing Shropshire. Emma subsequently broke both her legs in a skiing accident but is now recovered and competing again.

## Debating Girls Win District Final

Mr John Birkett, Debating Team Manager, reports: Last year's 6.1 debating team - Jenny Postle, Emma Alsop and Felicity Woollam - finished their year superbly in the Rotary Public Speaking Competition where their topic was the Age of Consent.

They won both the Telford Schools event and the District Final against the Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Warwickshire champions before narrowly losing out to a Welsh team in the Regional Final.

In the Brewood Rotary event, we were runners up with a newly constructed team but Jenny Postle and Ellen Inglis received the Judges' commendation for first class speeches.



*Pictured at the Telford Schools event with chairman of the judges, Mr Mark Wyatt, Chief Education Services Officer, Wolverhampton City Council, are (l-r): Emma Alsop, Jenny Postle and Felicity Woollam.*



# Support for Local Schools

Profits from the sale of the online courses developed by the School are being used for the benefit of schools within Telford, Shropshire and the West Midlands. Over the past six months, children and staff from a number of these schools have visited TTS to be presented with cheques from representatives of our students.

Four local primary schools received cheques amounting to around £43,000 to help fund IT projects while Westcroft Special School in Wolverhampton was awarded £10,000 towards their swimming pool.

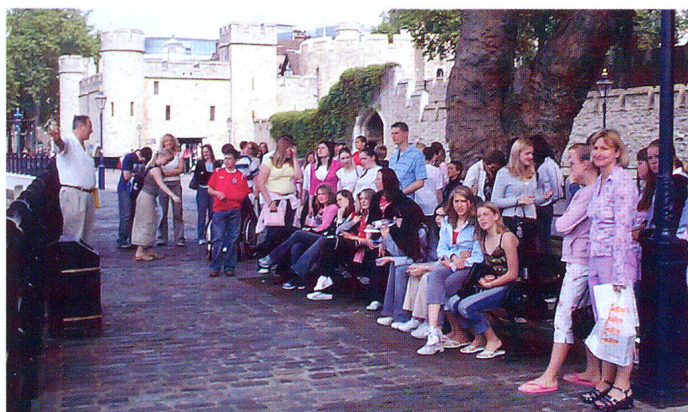
Students from 18 secondary schools received cheques totalling more than £346,000 to support their schools' bids for Specialist School Status. So far, Thomas Telford School has been able to provide around £1.25 million to 68 secondary schools seeking this status. This is in addition to the sponsorship for Academies in Walsall and Sandwell. Walsall Academy opened in September 2003 and is flourishing. Sandwell will open in September 2006.

Sir Kevin Satchwell commented: "I am delighted that we have been able to provide support for so many worthwhile projects and we wish the schools every success for the future."



*Representatives from schools in Telford and Shropshire with their presentation cheques together with TTS students*

## London Treat



A group of forty seven Year 9 students spent a couple of days in London during the May half term week as an 'end of SATs' treat. The visit was organised by the English Department.

Mrs Millwaters writes: Our first port of call was the Natural History Museum where the Dinosaur exhibition proved very popular. After a pizza supper, we went to the evening performance of 'Woman in Black' - really scary. The next morning we had a guided walking tour of London. We saw many of London's famous landmarks during a long walk, including the Millennium Bridge (which we walked across) and the London Eye.

In the photograph you can see us resting our weary legs while the entertaining guide tells us all about the Tower of London. We then walked on to Trafalgar Square and Piccadilly Circus where some of us got temporarily lost!

After a visit to Covent Garden and lunch, we enjoyed a terrific performance of 'Thoroughly Modern Millie' before returning to Telford exhausted!

## Gold Medal for Ashleigh in International Steeplechase

In July, Ashleigh Pain won the Intermediate Boys 1500m Steeplechase at the English Schools National Championships in Gateshead with a personal best time of 4.24 minutes - seven seconds ahead of the silver medallist.

Then just a few days later, Ashleigh represented England in the UK Championships, competing against the best from schools in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. He came first after a storming finish in a close run race. Ashleigh said: "Winning the English title was a dream come true for me - I now have my coveted England vest. I'd been training really hard - six times a week over the previous four months, so was very glad that the hard work had paid off."

Ashleigh has set his sights on representing Great Britain in the next but one Olympics.



*Ashleigh Pain jumps a hurdle*



## "New York, New York"

"A once in a lifetime experience", "amazing", "brilliant". These are the comments of some of the forty Performing Arts students who flew to New York in October for a five day visit which combined sightseeing and participation in dance/drama workshops.

The students from Year 11 and the Sixth Form enjoyed a host of sightseeing activities and went ice skating at the Rockefeller Centre

The students saw two Broadway shows – '42<sup>nd</sup> Street' and 'Rent'. They met some of the cast from 'Rent' and were given a talk by one of the actors. The students also took part in a theatre and dance workshop.



*Students gather near the quayside before their cruise around Manhattan*

## Top Award for Former Student

Former TTS student, David Blackford, has won the Ministry of Defence Civilian Apprentice of the Year Award. He was presented with his gold medal by HRH Princess Alexandra at the Annual Awards Ceremony held at the MOD in Whitehall in December.



*Trevor Lacey (ABRO Apprentice Training Manager), Richard May (Top Gear), David Blackford and Mike Hayle (ABRO Chief Executive)*

David, who works in the Electronics area at ABRO in Donnington, started his apprenticeship in 2001 and is currently in his second year of study for an HNC. He has gained a string of awards, including the 2004 ABRO Apprentice of the Year Award which was presented to him by TV's 'Top Gear' presenter, Richard May, at a ceremony held at the RAF Museum in Cosford.

Deputy Head/Design and Technology, Mr Mark Hudson remembers: "David was always a student who gave of his best, taking everything in his stride. I'm delighted, but not at all surprised, to hear of his success."

## Entente Cordiale!

Mrs Sally Hole, Head of Modern Languages writes: The Department has enjoyed a successful year of trips and a full programme of visits has now been established.

A new link has been formed with Evangelische Schole Neukolln in Berlin and our A Level students stayed with host families whilst visiting the capital. German students were then welcomed to Telford in the Spring Term.

We also said our goodbyes to Mme Michele Mathias who has been instrumental in the success of the French exchange programme with the Lycee de St Exupery over the past twelve years. To mark the occasion of her final visit, Sir Kevin Satchwell presented her with a specially engraved cut glass bowl. I am delighted that the links with Bellegarde will continue, thanks to new staff within the school which is situated in south eastern France near the border with Switzerland.

With these two exchanges fully established, we were also able to offer our language students another opportunity to absorb the local cultures and languages with weekend trips to both France and Germany.

Many students have now benefited from our links with schools in Bellegarde and Berlin and a number of our former students are now continuing with their language studies.

## Three Counties Challenge Cup Winners

2004 was the year when a TTS team finally won the Three Counties Colleges Challenge Cup organised by the Light Infantry at the Swynnerton Training Camp in Staffordshire.

The Sixth Form students, who were in competition with teams from six other schools and colleges from Shropshire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire, went through two days of arduous mental and physical activities designed to test team work and individual skills.

The students are pictured muddy, but jubilant, with their instructor, left to right (back row): Claire France, Tom Bailey, Faye Giles, Ben Lannie, Joe Nutting, Michael Robinson; (front row): Nathan Holloway, Andy Thompson, Liam Turner, Rowann Bowcutt.





# Tall Ships Adventures

Seven students were selected from a record number of applicants within the Sixth Form to take part in the Tall Ships Adventures during the Summer of 2004. Run by the Sail Training Association, the project enables young people to develop the team working skills needed to ensure the safe passage of the ship through all weathers. The students learned all the aspects of sailing a square rigged brigantine - setting and stowing the sails, climbing the rigging, as well as the more mundane tasks of cleaning and cooking. They worked in watches, sailing the ship 24 hours a day.

In July, Kate Richardson and Nathan Holloway sailed from Corfu to Cyprus, while Alex Gribble and Catherine Rogers undertook a voyage from Aberdeen to Ipswich. All four students were sponsored by The Mercers Company. In August, Samantha Brown sailed up the east coast of England from Great Yarmouth to Newcastle, courtesy of sponsorship from the Shropshire & Wolverhampton Tall Ships Support Group and the School. Then in September, Naomi Isaacs and Alasdair Simpson sailed from Cardiff to London with sponsorship from HSBC Trust.

Voyage Coordinator, Mr Malcolm Scotto, commented: "The tremendous support of the sponsors has enabled us to offer the students a memorable and rewarding time. They returned from their voyages enthused by their experiences during their days at sea. We are also very grateful to The Mercers' Company who have offered to support four more students this year."



*Alasdair Simpson and Naomi Isaacs finished their voyage moored on the Thames by Tower Bridge*

## News in Brief

■ Congratulations to Mr Douglas Saltmarsh, Video Editor at TTS, who completed the 2004 Flora London Marathon and raised almost £800 for the Torch Appeal at Oswestry Hospital.

■ Natalie Poole was selected to play for the England Under 17 Girls Football team in matches against Switzerland.

■ The Under 14 Girls Ski Team came second in their age group in the English Schools Ski Association 2004 Championships and Abby Clifford won the trophy as the overall female English Schools Champion. The team were selected to represent English Schools in the British Open Championships against the best teams from England, Scotland and Wales. They came ninth competing against Under 16 and Under 19 teams.

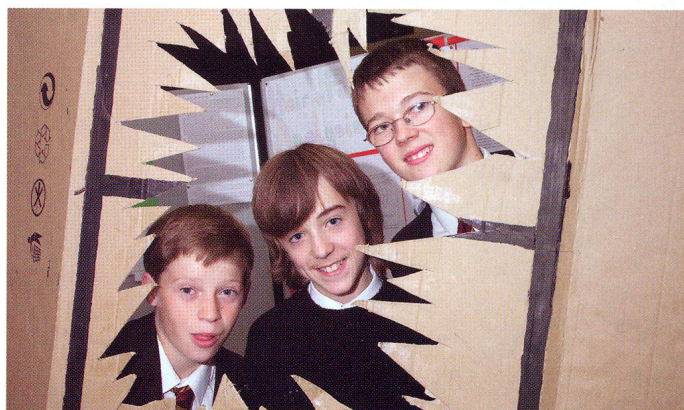
## Does Flour Explode?

Year 8 students took part in the first TTS Science Fair in July when they displayed the results of their project work. The students worked in teams to research and investigate a scientific topic and more than 70 teams took part with a wide range of subjects with intriguing titles such as 'Does Flour Explode?', 'Bite and Tooth Marks' or 'D is for Density'. The students were competing for the Sir Williams Siemens Medal which is awarded for outstanding work in Science.

As well as finding eye-catching topics to study, the students undertook serious research and some had the benefit of outside expertise. For example, members of the Police Forensic team provided information about their work and a number of the student teams came up with projects related to this area - 'Blood Pattern Analysis', 'DNA', 'Hair and Fibres', etc.

Other students chose subjects relating to the growing area of Sports Science with topics about the effect of nutrition on performance.

Deputy Head in charge of Science, Mr Simon Rogers said: "It was a fantastic afternoon. The students had worked hard on their displays to show that science can be fascinating and fun and parents, friends and staff who visited the Fair were unanimous in their praise for Year 8's work."



*The first prize winning team whose project was 'Hair and Fibres' (l-r): Joseph Satchwell, Daniel Yeo, Mathew Backhouse*



# Misys Scholars Graduate



*Two of the most recent Misys scholars Greg Rogers and Nicholas Hough are pictured (l-r) with Mr Charles Scott, the Master of The Mercers' Company at Achievement Evening in July when they received their Misys Scholarship Certificates.*

Four students, who were awarded £26,000 worth of sponsorship between them from the Misys Charitable Foundation, have now completed their university courses. Jane Nash has graduated from Sheffield with a BA in Accounting and Financial Management, Simon Clayton has a BA in Simulation and Virtual Reality from Staffordshire, Matthew Young completed his BEng in Product Design and Manufacture at Loughborough and Greg Reynolds, who achieved a First Class Honours degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Birmingham, is now studying for a PhD in Medical Imaging, supported by a grant from the European and Physical Sciences Research Council.

Misys is a UK-based, world wide company which provides computer services to a wide range of businesses in the

banking, healthcare and financial services sectors. It is currently sponsoring six TTS students through university. Mr Gareth Howell, Director of Careers and Industry Links said: "We very much appreciate the generosity of the Misys Foundation and the financial support they give to our students. It helps to relieve the financial pressures of university life for them."

# Judo Stars Shine Brightly

Our three golden girls of Judo continue to excel in their sport. Gemma Howell, Becky Dunning and Kelly Edwards all won gold medals to become National Junior Champions in their categories at the National Judo Finals held in Stoke in November.

Just a few days later, all three girls were in action again at the National Under 20 Championships held in Walsall. Gemma and Becky beat off stiff competition to take medals while Kelly performed very well against girls up to seven years her senior.

At fourteen, Gemma became the youngest person ever to take a medal in this competition. None of her opponents managed to score even a single point against her on her way to the gold medal. She so impressed the British selectors that they invited her to take part in the Senior



*Bronze medal winner Gemma Howell (far right) shares the podium at the Senior Championships with a British Olympic Team member Sophie Cox (second left)*

*[Photo courtesy of British Judo Association]*



*Golden Girls (l-r): Gemma, Kelly and Becky  
[Photo courtesy of Shropshire Star]*

Championships the following day where she competed against Sophie Cox, a member of Britain's Athens Olympics team. Though Gemma lost this bout, she won her remaining fights to achieve a bronze medal. She is the first person ever to take a medal in all three national competitions - Under 16, Under 20 and Seniors in the same year.

Becky also performed fantastically when, although still only sixteen, she fought through seven rounds of the Under 20 competition to win a silver medal and a place in the GB Junior Squad for 2005. Becky's medal haul is very impressive. She has won gold at the Irish Open and Heart of England Under 21 competitions as well as silver at the Scottish Open and British Junior Championships.

In addition to being a medal winner in national competitions, 13 year old Kelly has also represented the country in international competitions, winning medals at all. This is a tremendous achievement, made even more so by the fact that Kelly only started Judo three years ago. Kelly ended the year as British Number One in her category which has earned her a place in the 2005 GB Junior Squad.



## Golden Success

Three Sixth Form students are celebrating the completion of their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Awards. Alex Humphries, Sarah Jones and Philippa Smith received their certificates in a ceremony held at the Civic Offices in Telford and are looking forward to visiting St James's Palace in the next few months to be presented with their medals.

Alex undertook voluntary work in a nursing home as well as helping a neighbour with his garden. He learnt to fly a plane and took up boxing and paid regular visits to a gym. As a result, Alex's fitness levels increased which was a great help during the expeditions which are a part of the Award. Alex takes up the story: "Our practice expedition for the Gold Award was quite an experience! We were camping on a mountain in Snowdonia and the weather was appalling. The wind was so bad that it split our tent in two, scattering and soaking all our stuff. We had to call base camp and Mr Pugh came to our rescue. He brought us down the mountain and we had to abandon the expedition." However, the experience hasn't dented Alex's enthusiasm. "I would love to undertake more expeditions in the future."

Fortunately, Sarah Jones and her group did not have to be rescued from a mountain but one of their expeditions was not without incident. Sarah says: "When we arrived we found that our campsite was flooded out. We ended up camping by the roadside!" Sarah worked as a classroom assistant at Wombridge Primary School as well as with disabled people for the service element of her award. She developed her dancing skills and also took part in an 'Army Look at Life Week'.

For the Service element of her award, Philippa helped out at a local fire station. Previously, she had worked with the League of Friends at the Princess Royal Hospital as well as working in a charity shop in Oakengates. Philippa also had her own 'expedition ordeal'. She says: "Half way through the trek, my feet were so badly blistered and bleeding that I was forced to abandon it. Fortunately, it was just the practice expedition and, with some intensive foot care and well fitting boots, I had no problems during the final one."



*Alex Humphries, Philippa Smith and Sarah Jones*

## Charity News



*Mrs Lucy Proctor from Severn Hospice Telford collected a cheque for £330. Pictured (l-r): Mrs Sue Evans, Laura Staddon, Mrs Proctor, Kim Martin*

Charity Coordinator for the School, Mrs Sue Evans writes: A wide range of charities have benefited from donations and fundraising efforts during the year. These include Marie Curie Cancer Care (from daffodil pin sales and a reading of the 'Daffodils' poem), Breast Cancer Care (sale of crocus pins), Alzheimer's Society and Compton Hospice (mufti days), Royal British Legion (poppy sales), Orthopaedic Hospital Oswestry (sponsorship for Mr Doug Saltmarsh for London Marathon), the National Blind Children's Society, the Anthony Nolan Bone Marrow Trust, the Motor Neurone Disease Association and Mercy Ships. The Christmas Box Appeal was also highly successful with a whole van load of boxes for Romanian Orphans.

## Football Tour to Holland

Last Easter two coachloads of excited Year 8 and 9 footballers embarked on a hectic five day visit to Holland where they took part in the Limburg Cup Tournament.

The tournament took place in Venray, a small town in eastern Holland close to the German border and involved teams from a number of different countries.

As well as two full days of football matches, the students also found time for a visit to the Duinrell Theme and Water Park, a cruise on the canals of Amsterdam and a tour of the PSV Eindhoven Stadium. Mr Iain Sweeney, one of the teachers accompanying the tour, commented: "We had a great time and the students really enjoyed the games against youngsters from other countries. I am pleased to say they were a credit to themselves and the School."



*Students at the PSV Eindhoven Stadium*



# TTS Sport 2004

Mr Simon Topper, Deputy Head/PE writes:

“Our teams have had a superb year winning 37 trophies between them, including a record breaking four national titles in football. The Under 12 Boys 5-a-side team won the ESFA Indoor national competition sponsored by Nutella. The boys beat Bideford School 3-0 in the final at the JJB Sports Dome in Derby to take the trophy for the first time. Three teams won national ESFA CTC/Sports Colleges Cups. The Under 14 Girls beat Oldfield School from Bath in a nailbiting final. It was 3-3 after normal time but TTS scored a golden goal after only 11 seconds of extra time. The Under 15 Boys beat Dorothy Stringer School from Brighton and the Under 19 Girls added a fourth national cup to our trophy cabinet when they beat John Cabot School from Bristol 9-0 in their ESFA CTC/Sport Colleges cup final played at Exeter City Football club.

In many other sports we have achieved success at county level with regional titles in Girls Basketball and from our impressive Athletics teams throughout the School.

It has also been a splendid year for individual sporting successes with around 170 students representing their district, county or country in a variety of sports.

The volume and quality of competitive sport at the School is second to none and long may it continue! Well done to all the students, staff and parents involved - we are very proud of you!”

## Team Honours

<b>Football</b>		<b>Basketball</b>	
U12 Boys	5-a-side Telford Winners 5-a-side Shropshire Winners 5-a-side National Winners	U14 Girls	County Cup Winners
		U16	West Midlands Joint Winners
		U19	County Cup Winners West Midlands Cup Winners
U13	County Cup Winners	<b>Gymnastics</b>	
U15	County Cup Winners ESFA Sports Colleges National Cup Winners	Boys	Senior Schools County Champions
		Girls	Senior Schools County Champions
U19	County Cup Winners Shropshire Colleges League Winners	<b>Athletics</b>	
		Minor Girls	CTC Cup Winners
U12 Girls	ESFA 5-a-side Telford Winners	Junior Girls	ESAA County Track & Field Cup Winners County Cup Winners
U14	7-a-side County Cup Winners ESFA Sports Colleges National Cup Winners	Junior Boys	ESAA County Track & Field Cup Winners
U15	County Cup Winners	Inter Girls	ESAA County Track & Field Cup Winners County Cup Winners CTC Cup Winners
U16	County Cup Winners ESFA National Cup County Winners	Inter Boys	ESAA County Track & Field Cup Winners County Cup Winners CTC Cup Winners
U18	ESFA Sports Colleges National Cup Winners	<b>Swimming</b>	
<b>Hockey</b>		All age groups	
U12 Boys	Telford & Wrekin Mini Tournament Winners	<b>Skiing</b>	
U14	County Cup Winners	U14 Girls	
<b>Netball</b>		West Midlands Champions	
U14 Girls	CTC National Champions		



# The Winning Teams

## Football

### Under 12 Boys 5-a-side



*Back Row (l-r): Harry Warburton, Tom Morgan, Nathan Rooney  
Front Row (l-r): Joshua Wright, Samy Morsy, Tom Ray*

### Under 12 Girls 5-a-side



*Back Row (l-r): Helene Goransson, Katie Hutchinson, Jade Gutteridge, Jenny Burton, Emily Mould  
Front row (l-r): Anna Tyrpak, Zoe Vaughan, Maria Vanezi*

### Under 13 Boys



*Back Row (l-r): Dan Williams, James Bird, Bobby Russell, James Dean, Kurtis Shinner, Alex Bird, Elliott Forrester, Kendal Jones, Richard Bagwell, Daniel Loftus, Tom Morgan  
Front row (l-r): Suki Sarai, Joseph Satchwell, Ayden Smith, David Roberts, Elliott Sterling, Damien Waters, Kyle Bennett*

### Under 14 Girls 7-a-side



*Back Row (l-r): Jodie Goodall, Lisa Garrett, Lucie Bridges, Aisha Wills, Emma Davies, Zoe Pritchard, Charlotte Corbett  
Front row (l-r): Leanne Benning, Jess McNulty, Laura Grainger*

### Under 14 Girls



*Back Row (l-r): Jodie Goodall, Lisa Savage, Abi Mears, Hannah Owen, Aisha Wills, Lucie Bridges, Zoe Pritchard, Charlotte Jones, Emma Davies  
Front Row (l-r): Leanne Benning, Natalie Edmonds, Jess McNulty, Charlotte Corbett, Laura Grainger, Kellie Turner*

### Under 15 Boys



*Back Row: (l-r): Paul Herrington, Ross Draper, Nader Morsy, Michael Boden, Neil Houlders, Elliott Bennett, George Udall, Tom Lappin, Nickesh Patel, Alex Kichenham  
Front Row (l-r): David Tatton, Jewade Graham, Anthony Dawes, Jack Fletcher, Matthew Hickman, Rhys Hall.*



# Football

## Under 15 Girls



*Back Row (l-r): Zoe Pritchard, Emma Davies, Jodie Goodall, Ruth Moorhouse, Aisha Wills, Lisa Garrett, Louise Shenton, Natasha Young, Lucie Bridges  
Front Row (l-r): Laura Grainger, Katie Lloyd, Laura Brown, Natalie Poole, Kim Martin, Kim Shepherd, Jess McNulty*

## Under 16 Girls



*Back Row (l-r): Louise Shenton, Ruth Moorhouse, Nyasha Chambers, Finola Corley, Katie Evans, Alex Waldron, Natalie Poole, Kim Shepherd  
Front Row (l-r): Vicky Thompson, Katie Lloyd, Natasha Young, Sian Rowles, Jenny Rogers, Kim Martin, Laura Brown*

## Under 18 Girls



*Back row (l-r): Stacey McAdam, Mel Hill, Rowann Bowcutt, Kim Davies, Zoe Davies, Finola Corley, Anna Perks, Alex Waldron, Kim Atkinson.  
Front row (l-r): Sam Brown, Laura Watton, Natalie Poole, Katie Evans, Claire France, Amber Quick, Chetna Vadukul*

## Under 19 Boys



*Back Row (l-r): James Fellows, James Morgan, Jon Cooper, Andy Monger, James Grimley, Mike Davies, Joe Nutting, Andy Davies, James Pearce.  
Front row (l-r): Wayne Davies, Dan Hemmings, Nathan Holloway, Sean Hennessy, Liam Turner, Michael Aldridge, Dec Jarrett*

# Hockey

## Under 12 Boys



*Back Row (l-r): Jaspal Virdee, Tom Williams, Adam Breakspeare, James Turner, Kieran Bourke  
Front row (l-r): Joshua Brown, Dan Bosi, Mark Cooper*

## Under 14 Boys



*Back Row (l-r): Russell Munro, Oliver Hill, Jon Whiting, Ben Pinches, Tom Lappin, Gareth Ellis, Andrew Lambert, Jamie Smith  
Front row (l-r): Liam Stevens, Tom Brown, Bobby Russell, James Mason, Chris Moss, Chris Jones*



# Basketball

## Under 14 Girls



*Back Row (l-r): Nadia Summers, Aisha Wills, Kiran Dhaliwal, Amelia Reynolds, Jodie Goodall, Tonika Martin*  
*Front row (l-r): Anna Clarke, Danielle Barlow-Exton, Helene Burrell, Kayley Wolf, Jo Hart*

## Under 16 Girls



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*Front row (l-r): Kim Martin, Michelle Tombs, Jenny Pugh*

## Under 19 Girls



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*Front Row (l-r): Kelly Brown, Alex Waldron, Jenni Burgess, Zahra Mansurali*

# Netball

## Under 14 Girls



*Back Row (l-r): Laura Grainger, Amy-Jane McCaughey, Anna Clarke, Jodie Goodall*  
*Front row (l-r): Vicky Hargrove, Laura Grant, Abigail Mears*

# Gymnastics

## Boys



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