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2005 - Our Best Ever Year!

The Headmaster comments:

2005 has been a record breaking year for Thomas Telford School. We have achieved our 'best ever' in a variety of fields.

The GCSE results in August 2005 were once again outstanding with all the students exceeding the Government benchmark of five A*-C grades for the sixth year in succession. In fact, 98% of them achieved 12 or more passes at these higher grades! The students achieved our best ever average points score of 771 which is, I believe, a national record. Analysis of the School Performance Tables for 2005 shows that TTS is the best performing school in the country at GCSE level.

I was particularly delighted by the results for Mathematics, English Language and Literature where there was a 98% pass rate at A*-C in these three core subjects.



*Top performing GCSE students celebrate their good news (l-r):
Hannah Taylor (16 GCSEs - 13A*, 3A, including one GNVQ ICT Distinction)
Sam Harrow (17 GCSEs - 12A*, 5A including a GNVQ ICT Distinction),
and Amarpreet Johl (19 GCSEs 5A*, 7A, 7B including 2 GNVQs, one with Distinction
and one with merit, giving a record total of 976 points)*



Boys Football Team Captains with their team trophies

Our best ever A Level results, creating an average points score of 405 per student, meant that for the first time TTS was the best performing comprehensive school in the country at Sixth Form level. I am absolutely delighted with this improvement. None of these results would have been possible without the combination of hard work and dedication of the students and staff and the magnificent support of the parents. Thank you to you all.

In 2005, we recorded another best ever which will probably never be repeated when all six of our Boys Football teams won or shared their Shropshire County Cups. A truly amazing record - well done boys! Details of this and all the other sporting achievements can be found on Pages 12-16.

2005 has been a busy and interesting year across all aspects of the School and I hope you will enjoy reading this edition of our newsletter.

Sir Kevin Satchwell

Melissa's Sponsored Walk

Sixth Form student Melissa Wolfe received widespread publicity for her sponsored walk which took place during the TTS Summer Fayre in July when she walked 300 yards in front of her family, friends and TV cameras from Central News!

Melissa was left paralysed at the age of 13 by a trampolining accident during training for the national gymnastics championships when she fell badly while somersaulting. Doctors told her that she would never walk again but, following pioneering laser treatment in France and with her remarkable strength and determination, Melissa can now walk with the aid of callipers. This treatment in France costs £1,000 a time and Melissa's family has had to raise funds to cover these costs. So far, they have raised over £20,000 through sponsorship and a variety of fund raising events.

Miss Viv Evans, Deputy Head, commented: "Melissa has shown extraordinary courage and determination to walk again and has marvellous support from her family. Her grandmother, Jean Boyd, was named UK Grandparent of the Year in September 2004 for her dedication to Melissa since the accident."

Anyone wishing to sponsor Melissa can contact Mrs Boyd on 01952 541438 or pay donations into The Melissa Wolfe Appeal Fund, Lloyds Bank, Telford.



*Melissa practises for her sponsored walk
[photo courtesy of the Shropshire Star]*

National Award for DT Technician

Mr Neil Giles, Design Technology Department Technician won a national Design and Technology Association (DATA) award for his exceptional support not only for the staff and school students in the Department but also for supporting the post graduate students undergoing their Design Technology teacher training with the West Midlands Consortium based at the School.

Mr Alan Fowler, Director of Teaching Training, said: "I am absolutely delighted that Neil has been recognised in this way. Nothing is ever too much trouble for him and

everything is always done in a very cheerful and efficient manner. Neil goes out of his way to source components, using his extensive knowledge of suppliers. He has an exceptional range of making skills in materials technology as well as electronics and computer technologies. He also provides me with excellent support, providing materials and tools quickly and efficiently. In fact, he often suggests things of value that I have forgotten!"

Neil received his award at a ceremony at the Royal Society in London.

Fiddler on the Roof



Fiddler on the Roof

The award winning musical, 'Fiddler on the Roof', was the TTS Annual Production for 2005.

It tells the story of Tevye the Milkman, a Jewish peasant in Tsarist Russia at the beginning of the Twentieth Century and his attempts to maintain his family and religious traditions while adapting to the pressures of modern life.

Production Coordinator, Ms Caroline Crawford said: "The show ran for four consecutive nights so, as in the past, students shared the leading roles. 'Tevye' is a particularly demanding role in terms of the dialogue and singing and both Sam Jones and Sean Weston gave very convincing performances."

"One of the highlights for the cast was the dream

sequence which was very funny and enjoyable to do. The show was a challenge for the students as it was unfamiliar but, by the final curtain, we all agreed that it was one of the best yet."

A sentiment echoed by many members of the audience.

Scientific Investigations on Show

The Science Fair in July was the culmination of six weeks of intensive project work for Year 8 students when the fruits of their research and investigation into scientific topics were on display for their fellow students, parents and friends to see.

The projects were assessed by a team of judges during the afternoon and the winning team received the TTS Science Trophy from Sir Kevin Satchwell.

Mr Simon Rogers, Deputy Head with responsibility for Science said: "Students had the opportunity to behave like real scientists and research an area of science that interested them. The many exciting projects included 'Do You Need Money to be a Honey?' which investigated if there are any differences between commercially made and home made cosmetics; and 'The Ultimate Memory Test' which aimed to answer that age old question 'are women brainier than men?'"

Amongst the many other topics, one team had followed the Jamie Oliver trail with the students investigating whether healthy foods have an effect on intelligence. They were dedicated to their cause, eating eggs, Brussels sprouts and fish oils daily to see if it enhanced their performance in a memory test!

Charlotte Monk, Helene Goransson and Abigail Cooper were the eventual winners with high scores for a well organised and scientific approach to their research. They chose to investigate the effectiveness of different stain removers on common household stains. The title of their project was 'Do You Judge a Stain by its Fame'. The girls came up with some interesting results, with 'Oxy Magic' coming out on top.



The winning team (l-r): Abigail Cooper, Charlotte Monk and Helene Goransson

African Adventures



Claire Millward and Patricia Snook

Africa is the destination for two Sixth Form students as part of their extended work placement programme.

Patricia Snook spent ten days in Ethiopia at the site of the Tekeze Hydro Dam which is due for completion in 2012. The 12 year project employs 3,000 local people and Patricia spent time with the Chief Geologist, Hydrology, Environmental and Construction Engineers as well as the Chinese doctor. Patricia's work experience diary records vivid accounts of the poverty and amazing tales of snakes in the bathroom and scorpions lurking next to boots.

She said: "At the local Sebuko School, I taught English to some of the children and was struck by their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour. It is heartbreaking to see that they get only a very basic education when they are so keen to learn and work their way out of poverty."

Patricia has set herself a goal to raise £2000 to provide materials to aid the structural development of the school and to help purchase basic books and equipment.

Meanwhile, Claire Millward is looking forward to spending ten days visiting villages and schools in Sierra Leone in February with a group of people who have raised funds to purchase computers and IT equipment. They will see how this equipment is being used and assess what else the group can do to help in the future.

Senior Industrial Consultant, Mr Malcolm Scotto who coordinates the programme explains: "We are keen to support students who wish to broaden their personal development and career prospects. Patricia and Claire have taken advantage of excellent opportunities which will be of great benefit to them in the long term."



Sebuko School near the Tekeze Hydro Dam in Ethiopia

New French Link Established

Mrs Sally Hole, Head of Modern Languages, reports: The end of our long established and very successful link with the Lycée de St Exupéry in Bellegarde has opened up the opportunity for us to visit other areas of France. So, during October half term, Mr Howell and I took a small group of Sixth Form and Year 11 students to Lyon, France's second city. We spent six great days soaking up the sights of the city and immersing ourselves in French culture.

We even managed to catch up with a former TTS student. As part of her French degree course at Liverpool University, Claire McPhillips is spending a year in a Lyonnaise school working as a Language Assistant. Through this link with Claire, we were able to visit her school, the Lycée Lacassagne, and experience a typical school day in France. We were welcomed with open arms and a reception was held in our honour! We all got on extremely well with the people we met and, as a result, we have established a link for future exchange visits between our schools.



Pictured outside the Town Hall in Lyon, the students set on for a cycle tour

Congratulations to

..... Dafydd Francis who, by the end of Year 8, had already achieved A* grades in GCSE Spanish and French!

..... Anna Kaszuba who was within the Top Ten highest scoring students nationwide in her A Level Art and Design exam.

..... Tim Sadler who was awarded an Arkwright Scholarship to support his A Level Design Technology course.

..... former student Katherine Roberts who has graduated with a First Class Honours degree in Biological Sciences from Leicester University.

..... Molly Clarke, Helene Goransson and Rachael Hayhurst who all played for the West Midlands Basketball team which competed in the inter-regional competition held at the National Sports Centre at Lilleshall.

..... Aoife Kelly, Nicola Hall and Kate Marshall who were members of the winning Wolves Girls Under 12 team in a friendly match against the Dutch national Under 13 Girls side.

..... six students who took part in the Junior Golf Championship at Patshull Park in April and raised over £350 for the British Heart Foundation. Sixth Formers Jon Houlston, Ashley Furness and Luke Pepper together with James Dean and Mark Trow (now Year 10) plus Sam Benton (Year 9) competed against teams from other Midland and Shropshire schools and golf clubs.

Artists in Residence



Mr Carl Sharratt, Head of Art, reports: The Art Department has operated an Artist in Residence Scheme since the School opened in 1991. Each year, we employ four professional artists and designers who work with students studying Art and Design for examinations.

Sculptors Joy and Kevan Hopson work with students to create sculpture from driftwood while Paul Gooderham's students design and make ceramics based on selected natural forms. Under the guidance of John Denaro, a fine artist who specialises in portraiture, students produce magnificent self portraits which many visitors to the School will have seen adorning the Atrium.

The photograph shows First Year Sixth Form student, Chantelle Holt, with the wonderful self-portrait which she produced in her workshop with John Denaro.

Robotic Skills Put To The Test

Joshua Poole and Paul Rogers travelled to Genoa in Northern Italy earlier in the year to take part in the Edurobot project for which they had to design, assemble and programme a robot to take part in a Predator and Prey competition.

The TTS students were competing against teams from Germany, Poland, Belgium, Spain, Italy and Greece. Josh and Paul finished eleventh overall out of 24 teams taking part.

Mr Mark Hudson, Deputy Head with responsibility for Design Technology accompanied the students. He commented: "The competing robots were all built around a control unit which was then modified and programmed either as Hunter or Prey. The boys were calm under pressure and can take great satisfaction from the fact that in the initial heats, competing against teams two or three years older than them, they beat both the overall competition winners and runners up."

Mr Hudson added: "We had time to take in Genoa's spectacular architecture and the food was superb - we are all now converts to proper Italian pizza!"



Joshua Poole and Paul Rogers with their Robots

Irish Dancers



Maddison McNally in her colourful costume

TTS has two talented Irish Dancers in its midst! Year 8 students Tara Grant and Maddison McNally have both been dancing for many years and have won hundreds of medals and lots of trophies between them.

Tara has represented Great Britain in both the Under 12 and Under 14 Figure Dancing categories and was third best in Great Britain for the Under 12s. She impressed her fellow students when she danced for them during Assembly.

Meanwhile, Maddison has danced in the GB Championships for Eight Hands, performed in exhibitions and has ambitions to take her talents further in solo competition in future. She also provided entertainment for staff members at an Irish themed lunch prepared and served by Hospitality and Catering students.

Tara is putting her nimble footwork to a different use these days. Instead of competitive dancing, she now plays football for her local Bilbrook Ladies Under 14 team!

Engineering Experience

A group of fourteen students took part in a special Engineering Experience organised by the Smallpeice Trust.

The four day residential course, held at Harper Adams University College in Newport, provided the students with the opportunity to learn about engineering through a series of presentations and practical exercises.

Working in teams, they spent two days tackling 'real life' challenges on projects designed and facilitated by young engineers from industry. As well as working on the design, build and test elements of the projects, they developed life skills such as teamwork, communication, problem solving, time management, finance and presentation.

At a formal dinner at the RAF Museum, Cosford, the students presented their work to senior industrialists from major companies including Ford Motor Co, Rolls Royce, Jacobs Babbie, IBM, Smiths Aerospace and Devonport Management Ltd.

Philip Liebman said: "We had a really good time. My group worked on a Rolls-Royce project. We had to build a wind tunnel and, when they were tested, ours came second."

Alex Fenlon added: "My team built a dam from balsa wood capable of holding back ¼ ton of water. While it was being tested, two members of our team had to stand in the dry side of the tank. If our dam had failed, they would have been soaked. I'm a member of my local ATC and am very keen on the idea of an engineering career in the Armed Forces.

Maths Superstar!

Helen Barnett is a real Maths Superstar. She is an excellent mathematician who gained a Gold certificate in the UK Junior Mathematics Challenge in Year 8. Her score was so good that she and fellow student, Alex Nwenwu, were invited to take part in the UK Junior Mathematics Olympiad. Participation is reserved for just the top 1,200 entries in the country. In this competition, Helen achieved a Distinction, ranking her in the top 300 students out of the 240,000 original entries.

Helen also gained Level 8 in her Key Stage 3 SAT Maths test, scoring 145 out of 150, the best ever marks by a student at TTS. She hopes to take her GCSE in 2006.



Helen Barnett

Sporting Snippets

❑ Sixth Form student Jack Fletcher has achieved success in the boxing ring. Jack, who has been boxing since an early age, has fought competitively for the last three years and was crowned Junior ABA Midlands Boxing champion. Jack went on to beat the Northern Ireland champion in the national quarter finals but lost to his opponent at the semi-final stage.

❑ Amandip Ajimal, who took up kickboxing only a year ago, has already achieved success! He won a Midlands regional competition and has already achieved his Third Belt. He trains three times a week.

❑ Laura Pacey won the Year 8 Girls British Schools Biathlon at Bath University in March. To win this title, Laura had to run 1000m which she completed in 3 minutes and 13 seconds, followed by a 50m swim which she managed to do in a mere 30.63 seconds!

❑ Amelia Reynolds won the Gold medal for the Under 13 Girls Shot at the UK National Sportshall Finals in Birmingham with a superb throw of 10m 70cms, almost a metre more than her personal best.

❑ Jessica Huxley has been selected for the England Under 18 Rounders Team bringing an opportunity to play against the home countries and a possible trip to France for a European Tournament.

❑ Emma Hugh won a gold medal for 50m breast stroke at the English Schools National Swimming Championships in Manchester. Emma also won the West Midlands Triathlon and came fourth in the National competition, a considerable achievement as this was her first triathlon season since breaking both legs in a skiing accident.

❑ Former students Elliott Bennett and Lee Collins are now apprentices at Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Poetry Prize for James

James Davies won second prize in a national poetry competition to celebrate Einstein Year 2005. The competition, organised by the British Association for the Advancement of Science attracted around 2000 entries.

Deputy Head Mr Simon Rogers, who is in charge of Science, said: "James did very well to win second prize in such a prestigious competition. It's not often science and poetry come together in this way. When he was 26, Albert Einstein published three papers that changed the way we see the universe. These were on Special Relativity, Photoelectric Effect and Brownian Motion."

James commented: "The competition was called UNiVerse and our poems had to be about a Physics topic - Energy, Space or Time. I called my poem 'The Universe'."

World Book Day

The Library held a Book Fair and several competitions to celebrate World Book Day in March.

Year 7 students unjumbled book titles and authors while Years 8 and 9 students had to match a book title from a list with the member of staff they thought might be reading that book. Students in Years 10 and 11 were given the task of rewriting the opening chapter of a classic novel of their choice in a more modern manner.

Books for Students supplied the Book Fair and donated the prizes and Mrs Chris Bungay from the firm presented prizes to the winning students (l-r): Joshua Reynolds, Gemma Conroy, Marlene Kainz and Katherine James.



Debating News

Mr John Birkett reports: Our newly formed Year 10 team, Charmaigne Bailey, Jack Richards and Joe McNamara, took part in the English Speaking Union Public Speaking Competition and claimed runner up spot against Year 11 teams from other schools. Charmaigne, the team's Main Speaker was a single point away from the Best Speaker of the Night Award with her speech on 'Improving the Criminal Justice System'. One of the judges said that Charmaigne could be his Barrister in the future! As Chairman, Jack's competence and enthusiasm set the tone for a commendable team performance while Joe had the difficult role of Questioner, probing the arguments put forward by the opposing teams. This he did with skill and enthusiasm.

Meanwhile, Sixth Form students Ellen Inglis, Tom Chandler and Tom Richards won the Telford Rotary Competition, beating strong local teams including Wrekin College and New College. As Main Speaker, Ellen impressed the judges with her conviction and confidence as she delivered a speech on 'Moving the Voting Age to 16'. Tom Chandler was an inspiring Chairman, holding the audience with a combination of charisma and competence. Tom Richards, in his debut, gave a highly competent and fluent summary as well as proposing the Vote of Thanks. In the next stage of the competition, Charmaigne Bailey joined the team at the last minute to cover for illness and was judged Best Speaker, although at least two years younger than the other contestants.



Chairman of the Judges, Mrs Jean Escott with Ellen Inglis and Tom Chandler, two thirds of the Sixth Form team which won the Telford Rotary competition

(Photo courtesy of Mr Trevor Davies)

News in Brief

❑ Instead of their usual Secret Santa, Miss Carney's Tutor Group pooled their resources and purchased a flock of guinea fowl for a village in Mozambique as well as a huge can of worms to help villagers fertilise their land to grow crops. What a brilliant idea!

❑ When Ofsted launched its online honours list in January, TTS was included in its Hall of Fame which comprises the 234 schools in England which have been named twice in Ofsted Annual Reports as being particularly successful schools.

❑ After 6.1 work experience at Cardiff University in 2004, Jon Yardley was offered a part time contract working for the £10 million Faulks Telescope project. This involved producing learning materials for students using the Faulks telescopes in Hawaii and Australia. He was sent to Hawaii by NASA for the Deep Impact mission to attend conferences, teach American students and feed photographs of the comet impact back to the UK. Jon is not only a dedicated astronomer but also a talented pianist and is now studying Music at Bristol University.

Pop Idol

Our second Pop Idol provided a terrific climax to the Summer Term and two shows were held so that all the students and staff had the chance to see the finalists live in the Theatre before voting for the winners. All the acts received a tremendous reception from the enthusiastic audiences!

This year the competition was open to bands and duets as well as solo artists and the nine acts in the final included a representative from each of these two new categories and also included students from Year 7 right through to the Sixth Form. There were performances representing a wide range of artists from Madonna to Justin Timberlake to The Rat Pack. A group of talented Year 10 dancers opened the show and supported the singers. The shows were compered by Mr Wilderspin and Mrs Hole.

Benny and the Jets were the popular winners with their rendition of Metallica's 'Fade to Black' with Kaya Ismet, singing 'Cry Me a River' a very close second and Olivia Anderson's 'Since You've Been Gone' in third place.



Pop Idols 2005 - Benny and the Jets

Fourteenth Annual Achievement Evening

Mr Roddy Lane, Master of The Mercers' Company was the Guest of Honour at the Annual Achievement Evening held in July.

The hard work and success of students in all year groups were celebrated with the presentation of more than one hundred prizes. Awards were also made to the Parent of the Year, Mrs Jean Boyd and the Industrialist of the Year, Mr Nick Herrmann for their outstanding support.

Mr Lane congratulated the students and commented on the School's overall successes. He added: "Thomas Telford himself would be very happy and proud to know that his pioneering spirit lives on at the school which bears his name!"



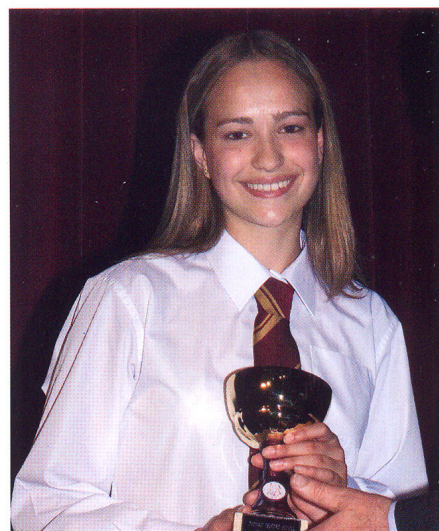
Mr Roddy Lane, The Master of The Mercers' Company, with some of the major prize winning students (l-r): Benjamin Rose (Headmaster's Award), Ashleigh Jones (Williams Award for Community Service), Dionne Martin (Emma Shaw Memorial Award) and Weihao Zhong (Mawdsley Award for Outstanding Student of the Year)



*Gurjit Mall
David Gribble Award for Hospitality & Catering*



*Charmaine Bailey
Elizabeth Holt Award for Public Speaking*



*Anna Clarke
Thomas Telford School Award for French*



*Alexandra Vrahimis, Poppy Bennett and Helen Barnett
Key Stage 3 Students of the Year*



*Karl Jackson
Soper Award for Mathematics*

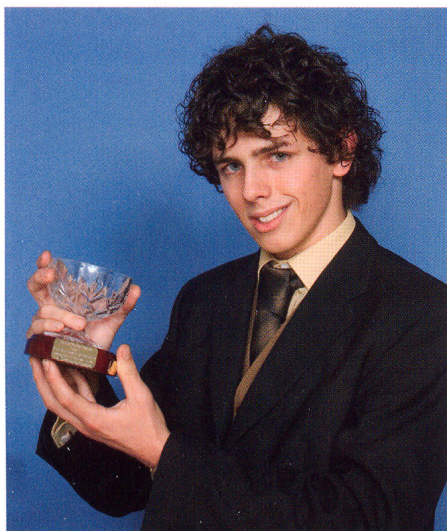
Year 11 Achievement Evening

The record breaking 2005 GCSE results were celebrated in style at the Year 11 Achievement Evening held in November when the students were presented with their hard won certificates. Guest of Honour, Mr John Bowater, a long standing member of the Governing Board, also presented special awards to almost thirty students for their outstanding work across a range of subjects. Students, parents and friends in the audience were delighted by a film showing archive footage of the Class of 2005 from their first days at TTS to the end of Year 11.

Mr Bowater praised the hard work of the students and staff. He told the audience: "The whole focus of the School is to ensure that every individual student is given the opportunity to get the most from his or her talents. Then they are as well prepared as they can possibly be to cope with the rigours of adult life and to make a contribution to society."



Mr John Bowater with the three students who were presented with the Tarmac Group Ltd Award for the Most Outstanding Students of the Year for their record breaking results: (l-r) Sam Harrow , Hannah Taylor and Amarpreet Jahl



*Philip Bailey
Civil Engineering Contractors Association
Midlands Award for Outstanding Progress*



*Natalie Poole
Bernard Dickenson Award for Sporting
Excellence*



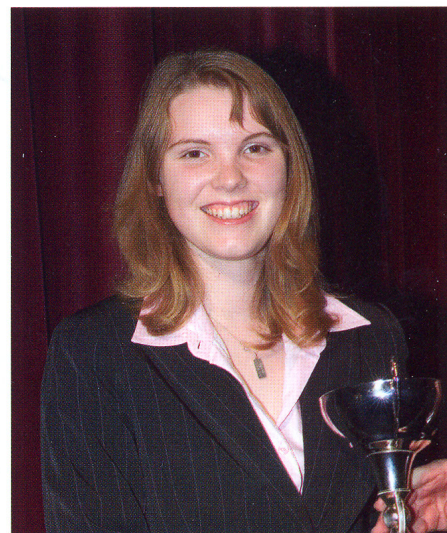
*Jamie Leadbetter
Timstar Award for Physics*



*Kimberley Shepherd
Tarmac Group Ltd Award for Physical Education*



*Brett Murray
Jim Cook Award for Drama*



*Elizabeth Hunt
Ron Tupper Award for Geography*

The Spread of Success

Thomas Telford School, along with The Mercers' Company, is the main sponsor of the newly built Walsall Academy which opened in 2003 and the new Sandwell Academy which opens in September this year. We are extremely proud of the progress being made at the schools where both the Headteachers, Mrs Jean Hickman and Mr Simon Topper, are former TTS Deputy Heads.

At the Walsall Academy, the 5+ GCSE pass rate at the higher grades has improved from 50% to 65.5% and it has just received an excellent Ofsted Report. Everyone at TTS sends congratulations to Mrs Hickman, her students and staff.

Mr Topper, has been working very hard to recruit the first intake into the Sandwell Academy which is located next to West Bromwich Albion Football Club. The Academy received 1350 applications for 180 places and is proving to be as popular with parents as TTS. Mr Topper is busy building a new team of staff and preparing the curriculum to get off to a flying start this September with the new intake in Year 7 and First Year Sixth Form. Everyone at



Mr Simon Topper, Mrs Jean Hickman, Mr Vic Maher and Sir Kevin Satchwell

TTS wishes Simon and his staff good luck in establishing the new school.

TTS is also in a three year Federation with Madeley Court School which is due to end in Summer 2006. During this time, the 5+ GCSE pass rate at A-C grades has soared from 22% to 55%, with their target of 75% for 2006 achievable and within sight. Mr Vic Maher, yet another former TTS Deputy Head, is doing a brilliant job with his staff in transforming Madeley Court School into what will soon become the top performing state school in Telford & Wrekin - an incredible achievement considering it was the worst performing school in Telford three years ago!



The futurist building of the New Sandwell Academy in West Bromwich

Congratulations to Mr Alan Fowler and his staff who run the West Midlands Consortium for teacher training based at TTS. They received the highest possible accolade when OFSTED inspected their Graduate Teacher Training Programme (GTP) during 2005.

Established in 1993, the Consortium has links with 28 local schools. As well as the GTP, the Consortium runs Post Graduate Certificate of Education courses. Both these routes lead to Qualified Teacher Status.

1066 and All That!

The annual re-enactment of the Battle of Hastings took place on a perfect October day just before half-term.

The Norman troops of Year 7-TELF, under the command of Duke William (otherwise known as Omari Douglas), took on the Saxon's finest fighting machine (7-ORD) led by King Harold (Holly Wild).

The students participated with great enthusiasm and had made a fantastic effort with their costumes and shields. One very kind Grandmother had even knitted a very effective set of chain mail! Almost too realistic fake wounds had been created and severed limbs and fingers added to the effect.

Unfortunately for the boys and girls of 7-ORD, the battle ended in the same old way with King Harold taking a fatal blow and the Normans emerging victorious. A delighted and surprised Year 7 saw a big screen presentation of the film of the battle at the local UCI cinema in December.



Troops on their way to battle

Joseph & his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Just before Christmas and, for the first time in six years, younger students staged a performance of their own – ‘Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat’. More than 120 keen Years 7, 8 and 9 students were auditioned to find a cast of 56 actors, singers and dancers.

There were two performances: for Key Stage 3 students during the afternoon and then an evening performance for parents and visitors. The major roles were shared with Aiden Reynolds (a fantastic singer) and Adam Unwin (a very expressive actor) taking the major part of Joseph and four excellent singers, Helene Goransson, Laura Bailey, Laura Roper and Kelly Appleby sharing the very demanding vocal role of Narrators.



Joseph and his Brothers

All the cast were involved in singing, acting and dancing, most notably in the Pharaoh's Song which included the whole cast in an Elvis-style rock 'n' roll number.

Mr Myles Payne, who produced the show, said: "The cast should be commended for their hard work and their vibrant performance. It was great to see so many happy faces and their enjoyment of performing was very evident to the audience. We have received some lovely letters about the show including one from a headmaster who reckoned it was the best School performance of Joseph that he'd seen during his 30 years of service in education!"

"The music was provided by a small rock band made up of students taking A Level Music or BTEC National Diploma in Performing Arts. They sounded like a professional band. Our visitors were also treated to an interval performance by the School's Junior and Concert Bands of a medley of festive music and tunes from 'Joseph' and Mamma Mia'."



The Band entertains the audience in the Atrium during the interval

Golden Girls

Our judo girls - Becky Dunning, Gemma Howell and Kelly Edwards - have won a string of gold, silver and bronze medals over the past twelve months. They have been competing at national and international level.

In October, Gemma and Kelly both won gold medals in the age-banded British Championships in Sheffield. In the same month, Gemma beat Becky in the final of the under 57kg junior competition at the Scottish Open. Then Becky turned the tables by beating Gemma in the senior competition at the same event, both ending with Bronze medals. All three girls had previously won gold medals in the Heart of England competition in September.

Gemma, Kelly and Becky all hope to represent Great Britain over the next twelve months.

First Class Support

The generosity of The Mercers' Company and the Misys Charitable Foundation enabled thirteen Sixth Form students to go up to university in September to continue their education with financial support.

The Mercers' Company provided scholarships for nine students studying a wide range of subjects including Law and Psychology and Misys is supporting three more IT students again this year.

Misys is also providing a scholarship for the first TTS student to study medicine at Oxbridge. Victoria Beckett is at Magdalene College, Cambridge.

Sir Kevin Satchwell said: "We are enormously grateful to both Misys and Mercers for helping our students as they struggle with the spiralling costs of university study."

Six Sixth Form students also participated in the Tall Ships experience this year thanks to the generosity of HSBC Education Trust and The Mercers' Company.

Mr Malcolm Scotto who coordinates the Tall Ships programme commented: "Thanks to the kindness of the HSBC Education Trust who sponsored four students and The Mercers' Company who sponsored two students, the boys and girls were able to take part in this once in a lifetime adventure."

"There is tremendous interest in the Tall Ships every year. We have far more applicants than places available and students who are keen to take part are asked to write a letter of application explaining why they want to go and then attend an interview to put their case."

TTS Sport 2005

Mr Andy Hele, Deputy Head with responsibility for PE writes:

"It has been another excellent year for our teams who won 32 competitions at district, county, regional and national levels. Congratulations should go, in particular, to two of our Sixth Form girls teams. The Under 19 Basketball team won the National Schools Cup overcoming Bishop Challenor School 31-28 in an exciting final in Nottingham - our first national basketball success. The Under 18 Girls Football Team won the English Schools Sports Colleges National title in another thrilling final against Leigh CTC at Exeter City's ground. Our Junior Girls Athletics team won the Midlands 'B' title and finished a superb eighth in the country. The success in football continued at county level. The Under 16 Girls, who lost narrowly in the National semi-final for the second year in succession, won their county title. Added to this was with a unique Grand Slam of every Boys' Shropshire title from Under 12 through to Under 19.

More than 150 individuals represented their district, county, region or country in a wide variety of sports and the target is now to provide Great Britain with a representative at the 2012 Olympics - what a challenge!

Congratulations to all on the achievement of such very high standards.

The Winning Teams

Girls Football

Under 12 5-a-side Nutella Midland Winners & National Finalists



*Back Row (l-r): Nicola Martin, Aoife Kelly, Emma Murray,
Megan Ward, Louise Pritchard
Front Row (l-r): Kate Marshall, Nicola Hall, Michelle Murray*

Under 12 7-a-side County Cup Winners



*Back Row (l-r): Megan Ward, Aoife Kelly, Tara Grant,
Emma Murray, Nicola Martin
Front Row (l-r): Jo Foster, Kate Marshall, Nicola Hall, Michelle Murray,
Louise Pritchard*

Under 16 County Cup Winners and National Cup Semi-Finalists



*Back Row (l-r): Kim Shepherd, Louise Shenton, Natasha Young,
Ruth Moorhouse, Emma Davies, Zoe Pritchard, Charmaine Bailey,
Lisa Garrett, Katie Lloyd, Jodie Goodall
Front Row (l-r): Sarah Mason, Laura Grainger, Laura Brown,
Natalie Poole, Kim Martin, Charlotte Corbett, Natalie Edmonds*

Under 18 ESFA Sports Colleges National Cup Winners



*Back Row (l-r): Kirsty Sands, Alex Waldron, Rowann Bowcutt,
Finola Corley, Claire France, Melanie Hill, Jessica Huxley
Front Row (l-r): Jenni Rogers, Natalie Poole, Vicky Thompson,
Katie Evans, Sian Rowles, Sam Brown, Stacey McAdam*

Boys Football

Under 12 5-a-side Nutella District Winners



*Back Row (l-r): Sam Griffiths, Connor Goldson, Jake Gill
Front Row (l-r): Sean Graham, Lewis Sedgley, Tom Haynes,
Matt Poole, Joe Rose*

Under 12 7-a-side County Cup Winners



*Back Row (l-r): Josh Cox, Sam Griffiths, Connor Goldson,
Jake Gill, Joe Rose
Front Row (l-r): Sean Graham, Lewis Sedgley, Tom Haynes,
Matt Poole, Josh Geritz*

Under 12 County Cup Winners



*Back Row (l-r): Connor Goldson, Harry Lewis,
Curtis Goodman, Sam Griffiths
Middle Row (l-r): Josh Cox, Jake Gill, Dan Aston, Josh Geritz,
Chris Newbury, Joe Rose
Front Row: Josh Rogers, Lewis Sedgley, Sean Graham, Tom Haynes,
Josh Darlington, Matt Poole, Tom Ferriday*

Under 13 County Cup Joint Winners



*Back Row (l-r): Tom Morgan, Jake Jervis, Liam Cook, Harry Warburton
Middle Row (l-r): Sam Griffiths, Samy Morsy, Ben Lewis, Nathan Rooney,
Tom Fadian, Jarrod Matthews
Front Row (l-r): Sam Griffiths, Sean Graham, Matt Beddoes, Tom Ray,
Kane Thomas, Josh Wright, Tom Haynes*

Under 14 County Cup Joint Winners



*Back Row (l-r): Tom Morgan, David Roberts, Kurtis Shinner,
David McGovern, Alex Bird, Kendal Jones, Elliott Forrester,
Richard Bagwell, James T Dean, William Parton
Front Row (l-r): Damien Waters, Ayden Smith, Joseph Satchwell,
Daniel Loftus, Elliott Sterling, James Bird, Suki Sarai*

Under 15 County Cup Winners



*Back Row (l-r): Daniel Loftus, Alex Bird, Dan Bate, Russell Munro
Middle Row (l-r): Nicholas Hyett, Jake Matthews, Ciaran McPhillips,
Simon Roberts, Tom Lappin, Tom McCrystal, Rhys Hall, Alex Kitchenham
Front Row (l-r): Jon Scragg, Jack Walsh,
Alistair Harrington, Riccardo Colabella*

Boys Football

Under 16 County Cup Winners



Back Row (l-r): Ross Draper, Rhys Hall, Tom Lappin, Josh Feehan, Michael Boden, Paul Herrington, Ben Hayes, Mickey Shaw, Alex Nolan, Nader Morsy
Front Row (l-r): Nickesh Patel, David Tatton, Jack Fletcher, Elliott Bennett, Anthony Dawes, Neil Houlders, Matthew Hickman

Under 19 Schools & Colleges County Cup Winners



Back Row (l-r): Adam Moloney, Luke Matthews, Giles Harvey, James Pearce, Dechlan Jarrett, Luke Pepper, Andrew Thompson
Front Row (l-r): Joe Nutting, Wayne Davies, Nathan Holloway, Andrew Davies, James Grimley

Girls Basketball

Under 13 County Cup and County Central Venue League Winners (at U14 level)



Back Row (l-r): Emily Richardson, Molly Clarke, Amelia Reynolds, Abby Cooper, Katie Hutchinson, Rachael Hayhurst
Front Row (l-r): Natalie Loftus, Poppy Bennett, Helene Goransson, Zoe Vaughan, Demi Cartwright

Under 16 County Cup Winners



Back Row (l-r): Katie Lannie, Katie Hennessy, Amelia Reynolds, Jodie Goodall
Front Row (l-r): Natasha Young, Jenny Pugh, Kim Martin, Michelle Tombs, Kim Shepherd

Under 19 National Schools Cup Winners



Back Row (l-r): Alex Waldron, Laura Padmore, Laura Whiting, Claire France, Rowan Bowcutt, Amelia Reynolds
Front Row (l-r): Jenni Burgess, Natasha Young, Kim Shepherd, Kim Martin, Jodie Goodall

Hockey

Under 12 Boys Telford & Wrekin Active Sports Winners



Back Row (l-r): Robin Allard, Muken Vadukul, Matthew Squires, William Hudson, Tom de Vere, Louis Irvine
Front Row (l-r): Ross Jackson, Joshua Cox, Luke Bird, Joshua Darlington, Mitchell Norman

Netball

Under 13 County League Winners



Back Row (l-r): Emma Hugh, Amelia Reynolds, Alex Hooper, Katie Hutchinson
Front Row (l-r): Laura Pacey, Eloise Morris, Zoe Vaughan, Rachael Hayhurst, Helene Goransson

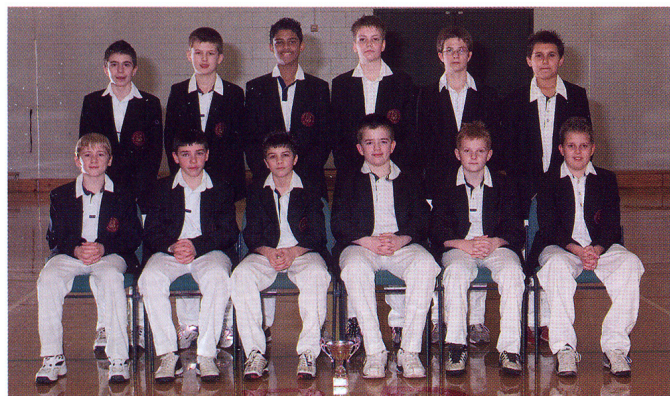
Under 19 County League Winners



Back Row (l-r): Melanie Hill, Rowann Bowcutt, Laura Padmore, Claire France, Stephanie Prince
Front Row (l-r): Alex Waldron, Jenni Burgess, Kirsty Sands

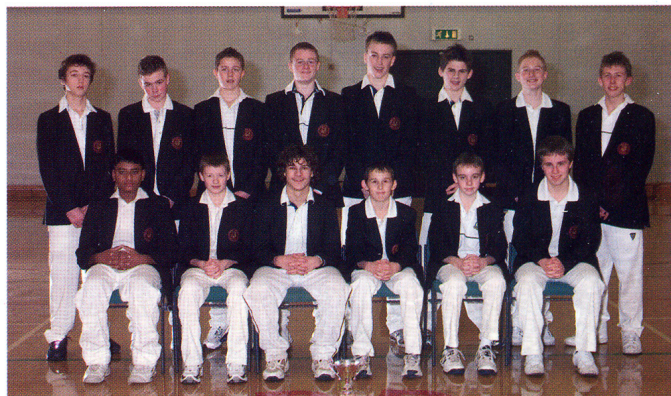
Cricket

Under 12 County Cup Winners



Back Row (l-r): Josh Geritz, William Hudson, Sunil Patel, Guy Fincham, Jack Baker, Curtis Goodman
Front Row (l-r): Matthew Poole, Mitchell Norman, Lewis Sedgley, Luke Bird, Joshua Darlington, Joshua Whaites

Under 14 County Cup Winners



Back Row (l-r): Bobby Russell, Alex Punter, Nick Jones, Dan Loftus, Alex Bird, Alex Bowen, Joshua Chadwick, James Bird
Front Row (l-r): Aswin Babu, Richard Kimberlin, Will Parton, Andrew Woollatt, Matthew Conroy, Ashley Haddon

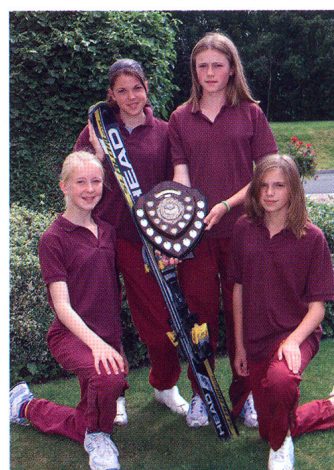
Under 13 Inter-Cricket County and County Cup Winners



Back Row (l-r): Jamie Mackenzie, Kieran Bourke, Sam Benton, Ben Lewis, Amandip Ajimal, Chris Parry, Joseph May, Matthew Conroy
Front Row (l-r): Sunil Patel, Lewis Sedgley, Richard Kimberlin, Aswin Babu, Luke Bird, Guy Fincham

Girls Skiing

West Midland Schools Champions



(l-r): Helene Goransson, Abby Clifford, Becky Brown, Claire Brown

Cross Country

Junior Girls Bayley Mile Winners



(l-r): Charlotte Monk, Emma Hugh, Laura Pacey, Michelle Murray

Junior Boys County Cup Winners



(l-r): Matt Poole, Josh Geritz, Sam Griffiths, Matt Pacey, David Pickering

Athletics

Intermediate Girls County Cup Winners



Back Row (l-r): Becky Brown, Vicky Hargrove, Anna Clarke, Charmaine Bailey, Hannah Owen, Jo Hart, Jodie Goodall
Front Row (l-r): Kelly Edwards, Katy Foster, Sophie Lunn, Nadia Bobash, Lucy Ansell, Sarah Gibbons, Natalie Edmonds

Junior Girls TSB Track & Field Cup County Winners, Midlands B Winners and National Finalists



Back Row (l-r): Sarah Harris, Laura Pacey, Abby Cooper, Charlotte Monk, Emma Hugh, Amy Corns, Katie Hutchinson, April Matthews
Front Row (l-r): Rachael Hayhurst, Megan Ward, Jo Foster, Amelia Reynolds, Kate Marshall, Michelle Murray, Claire Brown

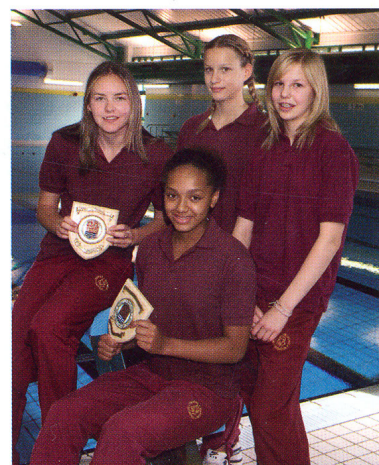
Junior Boys County Cup Winners



Back Row (l-r): Craig Abley, Ben Lewis, Jake Jervis, Amandip Ajimal, Josh Cox, Alex Nwenwu, Nathan Rooney, Sam Morsy
Front Row (l-r): Josh Geritz, Matthew Pacey, Jake Jones, Elliott Payne, Daniel Valls, Josh Wright, Chris Newbury, David Pickering

Girls Swimming

Division 6 Winners



(l-r): Amy Brentnall, Alex Hooper, Emma Hugh, Holly Haywood