

Review 2007

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There has been plenty to celebrate over the past academic year with outstanding performances in examinations and sport.

Once again, we accomplished another 'first' when all our Year 11 students achieved top A*-C grades in GCSE English. They all achieved eleven or more passes at these higher grades with some outstanding individual performances.

I hope you will enjoy reading this review of 2007 which is packed with news about the wide variety of activities that have taken place since January. The next Review will be published this time next year and will cover the whole of the current academic year.

Sir Kevin Satchwell



March

A superb production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" played to packed houses.
(see more on Page 9)



April *Fit for Life!*

The exciting new Fitness Centre opened. It offers the latest fitness training equipment incorporating a unique computerised system which tracks, monitors and reports fitness progression. This enables users to analyse the effectiveness of their exercise routine. It is an ideal environment for improving general levels of fitness as well as more rigorous training for students who are aiming to compete at local, national and international levels.

Sir Kevin Satchwell said: "It's a fantastic resource and I'm delighted to say that it is being very well used by students and the staff."

April

Madeley Court School became Madeley Academy, sponsored by Thomas Telford School, The Mercers' Company and the Edge Foundation. A brand new building will open in 2009.



YEAR 8 FOOTBALL CAPTAINS -
(L-R): ABIGAIL POPE,
RAVINDER AULAK
AND LAURA ROBERTS

May

Football Double

Both the Year 8 boys and Year 8 girls won the ESFA West Midlands Football competitions. This is the first time one school has won both events in the same season.

(see Sports Round Up on page 11)

August

250th Anniversary of the birth of Thomas Telford took place on 9 August with celebrations around the country.
(see more on back page).



August

GCSE Megastars

The seven students pictured left have an amazing collection of GCSE results. Between them, they have achieved 75A* and 49A grades as well as 4 A grades at AS level!

(L-R): EDWARD MCGOVERN, JOSEPH SATCHWELL, EMILY HUNT, FIONA BAILEY,
PHILIP LIEBMAN, RHIANNON NEWMAN AND NEIL ALLARD

".. students were self assured, well-informed,

Students Quiz Top Politician

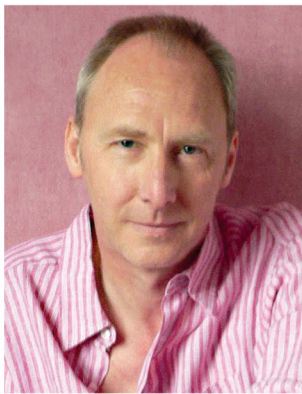
When The Rt Hon Theresa May MP, Shadow Leader of the House of Commons, dropped in to visit the School earlier this year, she spent the whole time talking with Sixth Form students about politics and the functioning of Parliament.

Student Bethan Casinelli said: *"Amongst many interesting topics, we talked about the power of veto, how the Shadow Cabinet operates, the future composition of the House of Lords and political action for the youth of today. As a result of the meeting, I was lucky enough to obtain some excellent work experience with Tom Biggins, the local Conservative parliamentary spokesman".*

Afterwards, Mrs May told a Shropshire Star journalist that the students were *"self-assured, well-informed, intelligent and thoughtful and asked some good insightful questions"*. ■



THE RT HON THERESA MAY MP WITH SIXTH FORM STUDENTS (L-R): SOPHIA POWNALL, LAURA BROWN, KATIE CLARKE, TIM SADLER, DAVID WILLETT, BETHANY PARKER, PHIL BAILEY, RICHARD GARBETT, JAMIE UNWIN, TOM CORNS, AMARPREET JOHL, BETHAN CASINELLI

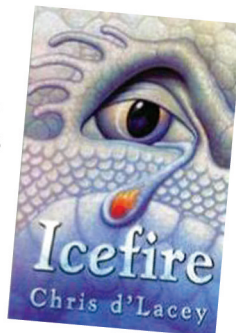


Famous Author Visits School

When Chris d'Lacey, author of a popular series of books about dragons, visited the School in February to celebrate World Book Day, he promised to provide the students with conclusive proof that dragons exist!

Mr d'Lacey spent the day working with Year 7 and 8 students talking about his books and his life as an author, where he gets his ideas from and, of course, dragons. He answered questions from the students and signed copies of his books. Mr d'Lacey has written three books in his dragon series – *'The Fire Within'*, *'Icefire'* and *'Fire Star'* – and there is another in the pipeline.

The visit was arranged by School Librarian Mrs Margaret Howells who commented: *"We had a really enjoyable day and Chris spent far longer than anticipated, talking with the students and answering their questions."* ■



German Exchange

Students and staff from our exchange partner school in Berlin - Evangelische Schule Neukölln - visited us just before Easter and enjoyed helping out in German lessons, providing valuable speaking practise for our students.

They also had whistle-stop tours of some of the local attractions, visiting the Black Country Living Museum, Birmingham City Centre, and the Ironbridge and Enginuity Museums.

We are delighted to see this strong link developing and plan another exchange programme for the 2007/8 academic year with Year 11 and 6.1 students. ■



Flying Visit by Cabinet Minister

Secretary of State for Education, the Rt Hon Alan Johnson MP, paid a flying visit to TTS in April with local MP, David Wright.

They had a guided tour of the School including the newly opened Fitness Centre.

At the end of his visit, Ravinder Aulak and Lily Penfold presented Mr Johnson with a memento of the occasion. ■

Enterprise in Action!

In June, Year 9 and 10 students experienced a range of Enterprise activities designed to offer an insight into the workplace and to help them explore careers.

The Year 10 Work-Related Learning Week was again a huge success with over 60 students working with local businesses. 40 Students spent the week with the Army on a 'Look at Life' course and 25 students explored Engineering through a residential course run by the Smallpeice Trust. At the same time, the Year 9 Enterprise Week was action packed with activities including a Young Enterprise Day and Careers-based activities led by Connexions.



YEAR 10 SMALLPEICE TRUST ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE - THE EGG CRASH TEST
JAMES TURNER, HELEN MCGHEE, SARAH MORETON, DANIEL BELL AND KANE THOMAS TEST THEIR VEHICLE



YEAR 9 YOUNG ENTERPRISE STUDENTS PLAY BUSINESS GAMES (L-R): SALLI-ANN MATHEWS, EVE PICKEN, CONNOR GOLDSON, SUNIL PATEL

BELOW -
DANIEL BOSI AND MATTHEW BEDDOES GET READY TO
EAT DURING THEIR ARMY LOOK AT LIFE COURSE



Student feedback was very positive and further events are planned for the forthcoming year.

Mrs Jeanette Furlong
Deputy Head

Business Students Support for Charities



LEFT -
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
SAMARITANS RECEIVED A
CHEQUE FROM THE HEAD OF
BUSINESS, MRS JEANETTE
FURLONG AND BUSINESS
TEACHERS MISS MICHELLE
YATES AND MISS VAL COSSAR.

Sixth Form students raised almost £2000 for local charities as part of their Applied Business coursework.

They organised a number of events, including an Easter Disco which was thoroughly enjoyed by the younger students at the School. They also arranged a football tournament for Year 10 boys and a couple of special breakfasts for Staff and Sixth Form students.

Business Studies teacher, Miss Val Cossar said: "It was a great opportunity for the students to organise a series of events, providing them with real experience of business issues such as budgeting and marketing and simultaneously enabling them to contribute to the local community."

The Samaritans received £1000 and Care Ironbridge collected a cheque for £992 towards providing special days out for terminally ill people. ■



Work Placement Success Story

Following a successful three week work placement at Alcoa Fastenings in 2006, Christopher Glover was offered an extended work placement on Wednesday afternoons from the beginning of last September.

Chris proved his potential as he is now a Technician Apprentice at Alcoa with funding provided for a part-time Engineering degree at Wolverhampton University. No problems with student debts for Chris.

and Congratulations to...

...Sixth Form students who, once again, combined their talents to put on a superb Cabaret Supper in aid of the relationship charity, Relate. Sixth Form Hospitality and Catering students cooked and served an excellent two course meal while the Performing Arts students entertained around 100 guests with song and dance. £1000 profit was given to Relate. ■

Debating Skills Blossom

Our public speaking teams have had a successful year with three teams competing in local and regional competitions.

On their first outing, the Year 10 team of Poppy Bennett, Helen Barnett and Tom Coram came second in the regional heat of the English Speaking Union Public Speaking Competition with Poppy Bennett taking the prize as Best Communicator of the Evening.



(L-R): BETHAN CASINELLI, HELEN BARNETT, RUTH O'LOUGHLIN, POPPY BENNETT, SEAN GRAHAM, TOM CORAM, EMMA MURRAY AND HOLLY WILD

In February, the 6.1 team – Bethan Casinelli, Bethany Simpson and Ruth O'Loughlin won the Telford Rotary competition, beating Adams Grammar and Newport Girls High Schools. They went forward to the district competition where they came third.

Then, in March, our youngest ever team comprising Year 8 and Year 9 students, Holly Wild, Emma Murray and Sean Graham, won the Brewwood Rotary competition, beating Sixth Form teams from Wolverhampton Grammar School and Walsall Academy as well as two Year 10 teams from Tettenhall College. Emma Murray also came away with the Best Chairperson Award.

Team manager, Mr John Birkett said: *"It has been a pleasure to see the speaking skills of these young people blossom over the past few months. The students worked hard to improve their performances and deserve our congratulations for their enthusiasm and dedication."* ■



ABOVE - PICTURED OUTSIDE COLOGNE CATHEDRAL ARE (CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT): SARAH HOSKINS, MATTHEW SPRUCE, PAUL ROGERS, RICCARDO COLABELLA, AMIE DODD, AND SAMANTHA CRONSHAW

Cologne Experience

In April the AS level German group visited Cologne to experience some of the sights, sounds and flavours of Germany, as well as to improve their spoken German before their oral exams in May.

Amongst other things, they visited the famous Lindt Chocolate museum and the Phantasialand Theme park as well as the beautiful Cologne Cathedral. A thoroughly great time was had by all! We are delighted that in the recent AS exams, the highest marks achieved by almost all students was for their spoken German – a successful visit on all counts, which we are looking forward to repeating in the future!

Miss Leigh Milkamanavicius
Foreign Languages Department ■

Maths GCSE Stars

Congratulations to the eight Year 10 students who took their Maths GCSE a year early and achieved A* passes! ■



PICTURED (L-R) ARE: RICHARD JAMES-BERRY, ASWIN BABU, AMELIA REYNOLDS, JOSEPH MCPHILLIPS, RACHAEL HAYHURST, ALEXANDER NWENWU, KATIE HUTCHINSON AND JAMIE MACKENZIE

European Visit Sheds Light on History

Sixth Form students travelled to Germany and Poland during the Summer to visit places connected with their A Level History studies.

In Berlin, they visited many sites linked to the Nazis, eg, the site of the bunker where Hitler spent his final days. They also investigated the origins of the Cold War, with visits to the Allied Museum, Checkpoint Charlie and the Documentation Centre where the students learned about the history of the Berlin Wall and its eventual destruction in 1989.

BELOW - KOSHER MEAL IN KRAKOW (L-R): SARAH HOSKINS, RUSSELL MUNRO, DANIEL BATE, MARCUS CHANDLER, GARETH MARTIN, ROBERT JONES, TONIKA MARTIN



ABOVE - STUDENTS PREPARE TO PLACE THEIR LIGHTED CANDLES ON THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL FOR BRITISH VICTIMS AT AUSCHWITZ.

The group travelled to Krakow in Poland and visited Auschwitz and Birkenau, the camps where the Nazis systematically murdered millions of Jews. Miss Emma Carney, History Teacher, commented: *"The sheer scale of the camps cannot be described or appreciated without a*

personal visit. It was an incredibly moving and emotional experience for all of us." An evening spent reflecting on what they had seen was followed by a celebration of Jewish culture and plenty of fabulous kosher food to complete a fantastic trip! ■

Insight into Nuclear Engineering

Two students took part in a residential nuclear engineering course at Manchester University, sponsored by Smallpeice Trust and Nexia, which offered an introduction to this complex subject through a series of simple analogies and experiments.

The teachers broke the complexities of nuclear science down to a basic level and helped Jaspal Virdee and Richard Janes-Berry solve problems using basic scientific and engineering principles. Richard said: *"I especially enjoyed the design and make task which lasted throughout the week. It involved producing a Meccano model of a machine for safely removing radioactive sludge from the bottom of a large container. We had to design our machine then apply to a Board for funding to build it. Controlling our own finances and safety was a good idea because it gave us more responsibility for our project. It was a great course which I would recommend to anyone interested in engineering."* ■



Students all at Sea

16 students participated in Tall Ships voyages this year, sponsored by The Mercers' Company and HSBC Education Trust, sailing around the British, Spanish and Portuguese coastlines.

The students had to be ready to take the helm or 'sweat' the sails at a moment's notice, as well as cleaning the decks and polishing the brass to help keep their ship in good order.

Sir Kevin Satchwell said: *"There is a great deal of competition amongst the students to take part in these life enhancing expeditions. We are most grateful to HSBC Education Trust and The Mercers' Company for their support as well as to Daunsey's School on whose ship 'Jolie Brise' five of our students sailed with others from Walsall and Sandwell Academies."* ■

TOP - ANDREW CAIN AND RACHEL HANNAN, READY TO SET SAIL FROM PORTSMOUTH ON A TEN NIGHT VOYAGE ON BOARD THE "STAVROS NIARCHOS" TO LONDON.



(L-R): STACY AND PATRICIA SNOOK WITH THE CHILDREN OF SEBUKU SCHOOL

Ethiopian School Links

In 2005, when former student Patricia Snook visited Ethiopia where her father is working on the construction of the Tekezo Hydro Dam, she taught English at the local School.



ABOVE - THE OLD SCHOOL

At Sebuku School, the children had no chairs, desks or even pens and pencils so on her return to the UK, Patricia vowed to raise enough money to provide materials to help the structural development of the school and to help purchase basic books and equipment.

Patricia's fund raising efforts have already provided desks and metal windows for the Ethiopian school and with fundraising both in Telford and in Canada, Sebuku school now has a solid building with five classrooms and a small toilet block. The next project is to build a kitchen/cook area as the children receive Food Aid every day which is essential during the months between the rainy seasons when crops are scarce.

As part of Make Poverty History Week, TTS students raised over £1200 to provide more desks, build a perimeter wall and, possibly, help with further classroom extensions. Patricia and her sister, Stacy (who is in Year 8) handed over the money when they visited Ethiopia again in April.



ABOVE - THE NEW SCHOOL READY TO OPEN

As you will see from Patricia's detailed up-to-date reports and photographs (in the News section of our website – www.tsonline.net), there are many ways in which new funds can continue to help make a big difference to the lives of the children in Sebuku School.



Hannah Strikes Gold

Hannah Taylor was one of 57 Gold medal winners in the British Biology Olympiad earlier this year.

5,000 students from schools across the UK entered the competition which is designed to extend and reward the best all round young Biologists in the country and ultimately to select the UK's team for the international event.

Head of Science, Deputy Head Mr Simon Rogers said: *"This is the first occasion that one of our students has progressed beyond the first round so we are very proud of Hannah's achievement."*

Hannah is now at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, reading for a BA in Natural Sciences.

DANIEL ASTON, ANDREW STEWART, DEAN RICHARDSON AND CHRIS NEWBURY SEARCH FOR VOLCANIC 'BOMBS' AT THE VOLCA DEL CROSCAT IN THE GARROTXA NATIONAL PARK



Spanish First for Geographers

We visited Catalonia in Spain in the Summer with a group of Year 9 GCSE Geography students.

In Garrotxa National Park we studied the structure inside a volcano and looked at how tourism affects the park. On the second day, we visited Arenys de Mar to examine coastal erosion and management.

Then in Barcelona, the students studied the impact of sport on the environment at the FC Barcelona Nou Camp stadium, as well as the Olympic Games redevelopment site of Port Vell.

The weather was beautiful, the students gained a great deal of useful information for their course and everyone enjoyed the trip so much that we plan to take Year 9 again next Summer!

Mrs Sarah Mills
Head of Geography

Achievement Evening

Over 100 students were honoured for their achievements at the Annual Presentation Evening in July when Mr Christopher Clayton, The Master of the Mercers' Company presented prizes to them for effort and progress.

The students, their parents and other special guests also saw video highlights of the performing arts and sporting successes of the year.

Mr Andy Allen, Training Officer at Denso Manufacturing UK Ltd was honoured for the expert advice and unstinting support he has given to the School's work placement. Mr Mark Darlington was named Parent of the Year, a fully qualified referee, he voluntarily officiated at over 20 football matches for the School.



BACK ROW (L-R): HANNAH TAYLOR (MAWDSLEY AWARD FOR STUDENT OF THE YEAR), EMILY AND ELIZABETH HUNT (WILLIAMS AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE), BRETT MURRAY (VICTORIA HARPER CELEBRATION AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT), AMELIA REYNOLDS (AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT), CHRISTOPHER GLOVER (MALCOLM SCOTTO AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN THE WORK PLACE), MR CHRISTOPHER CLAYTON (THE MASTER OF THE MERCERS' COMPANY), SAM HARROW (ELIZABETH LANE CHILDREN'S CHAMPION AWARD), KELLY EDWARDS (AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT), ALEX HOOPER (AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT), RICHARD GARBETT (LAING AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY), FAYE RALPH (EMMA SHAW MEMORIAL AWARD FOR PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR),
FRONT ROW (L-R): CHARLOTTE EVANS (MOST IMPROVED KEY STAGE 3 STUDENT), HOLLY WILD (KEY STAGE 3 STUDENT OF THE YEAR), JOSEPH ROSE (AWARD FOR EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT), PHOEBE CALLOWAY (HEADMASTER'S AWARD).



COLETTE CARPENTER
JOHN BIRKETT AWARD FOR
PSYCHOLOGY



JAMIE MACKENZIE
REBECCA GARBETT AWARD
FOR ENGLISH LITERATURE



RAJINDER SAMI
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
FOR MUSIC



AMY CORNS
MAHER AWARD FOR
TECHNOLOGY



JAMIE MORGAN
DAISY CHAIN AWARD FOR
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE



ANNIS RICHARDSON
FAST AWARD FOR
BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

Congratulating the students, Mr Clayton said: *"In the future, I believe that you will all be very proud to have been a student at Thomas Telford School."*

Test of Endurance on the Battlefields

Year 8 students who visited France and Belgium in February showed great fortitude throughout four days of atrocious weather conditions during their visit to World War I battle sites and cemeteries.



Despite the cold and rain they maintained their enthusiasm and interest throughout the tour to the battlefields of the Somme and Ypres, preserved trenches at Bayernwald, cemeteries like Tyne Cot and Lijssenthoek as well as museums including In Flanders Fields. Tour leader, Mr Rob Furlong, commented: *"Their student journals reflect just how big an impression the four days had on them, both on a personal and an educational level. Their knowledge and understanding of the horrors of WWI are very much enhanced as a result of the tour."*

AT LIJSSENTHOEK, THE GUIDE DESCRIBES THE HISTORY AND ETHOS OF THE CEMETERY TO THE STUDENTS

Freaky Fungi Come Top



Lily Penfold, Rosalyn Ball and Katie Jones were the winners of the Year 8 Science Trophy with a project called 'Freaky Fungi'.

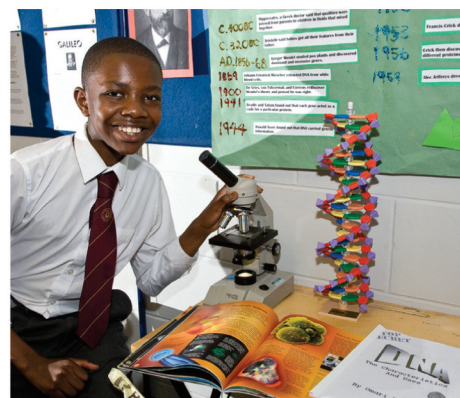
The girls investigated the amount of fungi which grew on different types of food which provided some fascinating results and fatty foods proved to be the mouldiest!

Year 8 worked alone or in teams, researching an area of Science that particularly interested them and their projects were assessed by a team of judges at the Science Fair.

LEFT -
SENIOR DEPUTY HEAD, MISS VIVIENNE EVANS,
PRESENTED PRIZES TO THE WINNING TEAM
(L-R): KATIE JONES, ROSALYN BALL AND LILY PENFOLD

Mr Simon Rogers, Deputy Head, said: "There were many exciting projects, including 'Pathetico Athletico' which investigated whether the pressure inside a football affects its accuracy and 'We see vitamin C' which aimed to find out if the vitamin C content of popular fruit juices is the same as it claims on the packaging."

"One class concentrated on the work of Thomas Telford to commemorate the 250th anniversary of his birth. They researched and built a selection of the great engineer's famous works including Conway Castle Bridge and Pontcysyllte Aqueduct."



LEFT -
OMARI DOUGLAS,
ONE OF THE
RUNNERS-UP
IN THE
COMPETITION



PHILIPPA WITH HER FANTASTIC SEWING BASKET

Pop Sculpture

Sixth Form student, Philippa Stewart produced an outstanding sculpture for her A Level course.

Her project was inspired by Pop Artist Claes Oldenburg, famous for recreating everyday objects on a huge scale, often made from unlikely materials.

Head of Art, Mrs Louise Griffiths, commented: "Philippa put an enormous amount of time and effort into creating her giant 'soft sculpture' of a sewing basket constructed from a range of fabrics and foams using hand and machine stitching. She should be extremely proud of this piece which could easily be considered as degree standard."



"Thoroughly Modern Millie"

Students recreated 1920s New York in March when they staged a production of the hit musical *'Thoroughly Modern Millie'* which tells the story of a young girl's adventures when she moves to New York in search of a new life.

More than 100 students took part in four performances wowing the audience with a high-spirited romp filled with flappers, dashing leading men and a villainous landlady whom the audience loved to hate.

Ms Caroline Crawford who was part of the Production team, commented: *"Millie" was really hard work but we had great fun rehearsing and performing. It was good to see so many boys taking part and we were particularly blessed this year to have so many outstanding singers, actors and dancers.* ■

Dance Showcase



In May, the BTEC Performing Arts students held a Dance Evening to showcase the dances they had choreographed for examination assessment.

The audience enjoyed a wide range of dramatic dance pieces, including Rebecca Poole's dance entitled *"Prison Break"*. Students who had successfully auditioned for places at Performing Arts Institute also presented their final solo pieces. ■

Stage School Successes

Five talented Sixth Form students secured places at prestigious *'Stage Schools'*, competing against thousands of young people.

Of these thousands, only a few hundred get as far as a second audition and then each course has places for just 30-45 students each year; even fewer students are awarded scholarships.

Luke Renwick and Kimberley Edwards both won fully funded scholarships to study Musical Theatre at Guildford School of Acting while Scott Bishop has a fully funded place at the Urdang Academy, London to study Dance. Meanwhile, Grace McKee is attending Bird College of Performing Arts in Kent to study Dance and Musical Theatre.

Brett Murray's story is the most surprising. A keen actor, Brett had never considered dance until two years ago when he took it up as part of his Musical Theatre course. He proved to have natural talent and received offers of places at three world class institutions to study Contemporary Dance from which he chose the Laban Centre in London. ■



(CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT): BRETT MURRAY, GRACE MCKEE, LUKE RENWICK AND KIMBERLEY EDWARDS
[PHOTO COURTESY OF SHROPSHIRE STAR]



BACK ROW (L-R): DANIEL COOPER,
JONATHAN GWARDIAK,
DANIEL CONNOLLY,
MR STEVE PLANT, LEIGH DAVIES
FRONT ROW (L-R): JOSEPH DEAN,
RYAN BRIGHT, LUKE HUGHES

Ski 2007

During the Easter holiday, 40 students and five staff flew to Austria for a week of sun, snow and fun on the slopes. The venue was Axamer-Lizum near Innsbruck in the Austrian Tyrol.

The weather was glorious with several days of sunshine and a day of snow to keep the slopes in excellent condition. The students enjoyed expert instruction both morning and afternoon from the world-famous Hugo Nindl Ski School. The slopes were spectacular and all students progressed up to the Olympic Women's Downhill run. Skiing the east facing slopes allowed stunning views of the planes coming in through the valley to land at Innsbruck Airport.

The accommodation and hospitality in the Hotel Neuwirt were both excellent and during the trip the students also enjoyed a range of evening activities including a highly entertaining Tyrolean evening. A big "Thank You" to Miss Watkins who organised the trip. We look forward with anticipation to the 2009 venture!

Mr Andy Hele
Deputy Head/PE

and Congratulations..

...to former student and talented footballer Danny Guthrie who made his debut for Liverpool Football Club early last season before going on loan, first to Southampton, then to Bolton Wanderers where he recently scored against Fulham.

TTS Sports Round Up 2007

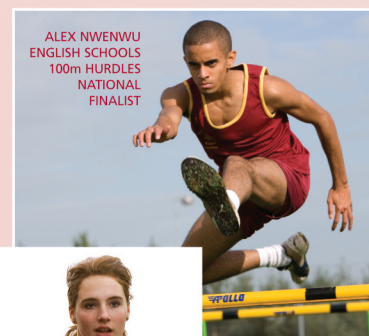
Once again we enjoyed an extremely successful year in Sport.

32 teams won titles at district, county, regional and national level and our Girls Swimming and Skiing Teams both won the West Midlands titles and came fourth in the country in their respective competitions. Other outstanding team achievements included the performance of our Year 7 and Year 10 Boys Football teams who both reached the National Semi Finals. In fact, the Year 7 5-a-side team went to the National Finals as well where they won the Plate Competition. There was also cause for celebration in the ESFA West Midlands Football competitions when Thomas Telford School became the first school ever to win both the Under 13 Boys and Under 13 Girls Trophies in the same season.

As individuals the School was very well represented at district, county and regional level. A number of students continued to compete at the highest levels, showing tremendous skill and commitment in their drive to become the Olympians of the future. Laura Pacey became National Biathlon Champion for the third successive year; Alex Hooper won the Girls 100 metre National Backstroke title; Kelly Edwards won a Bronze Medal in Judo at the Youth Olympics in Belgrade; Abby Clifford won national Titles at both the All England and the English Open Skiing Tournaments and Amelia Reynolds captained the England Girls Basketball team in the European Championships. Alex Nwenwu is one to watch for next year as he came fourth in the National 100 metres hurdles final at the English Schools Championships, despite being a year younger than the other competitors.



ABOVE - KELLY EDWARDS, GREAT BRITAIN JUNIOR CADET AND SENIOR JUDO SQUADS



ALEX NWENWU
ENGLISH SCHOOLS
100m HURDLES
NATIONAL FINALIST



LEFT - LAURA PACEY,
U15 GIRLS ENGLISH
SCHOOLS BIATHLON
GOLD MEDALLIST



RIGHT
ALEX HOOPER
GIRLS 100m BACKSTROKE
NATIONAL CHAMPION



LEFT - AMELIA REYNOLDS,
CAPTAIN, U16
ENGLAND GIRLS
BASKETBALL TEAM

Mr Andy Hele
Deputy Head/PE

Football

Under 12 Boys Football County Cup Winners National Cup Semi-Finalists

back row (l-r): Brandon Kendrick, Ryan Fudge, Liam Ward, Rohan Lester,
Dan Donovan, Simon Harrison, Steven Minton, Jacob Frendo, Martin Boyle
front row (l-r): Ashley Robson, Adam Billingsley, Jamie King,
James Barker, Andrew Balzan, Jaton Vernon, Luke Mathews, Sam Dwyer



Under 12 Boys Football 5-a-side County Champions Regional Champions National Plate Winners

back row (l-r): Ryan Fudge, Liam Ward, Steven Minton, Jacob Frendo
front row (l-r): Jamie King, James Barker, Andrew Balzan, Jaton Vernon

Under 13 Boys Football West Midlands Cup Champions County Cup Winners

back row (l-r): Ryan Fudge, Liam Ward, Daniel Cooper,
Alexander Haynes, Ben Sohler, Ravinder Aulak, Harry Charlesworth,
Matthew Abbiss, Leigh Davies, Sam Willby, Jake Webb, Joshua Smith
front row (l-r): Joseph Smithyman, Jaton Vernon, Jacob Cunliffe,
Jamie King, Michael Dwight, Bradley Jarvis, Ryan Bright,
Niall Rose, Alexander Brown



Under 12 Girls Football County Schools FA Futsal Cup 5-a-side Champions

back row (l-r): Rachel Mantey, Rebecca Nuttall, Jordan Price,
Jeska Dimmack
front row (l-r): Catherine Hutchinson, Jeska Ward,
Amanpreet Bagry, Emily Key

Under 13 Girls Football Telford and Shrewsbury 6-a-side Champions West Midlands 6-a-side Champions

back row (l-r): Laura Roberts, Georgia Perrin, Jade Durnall,
Amy Finch, Lucy Adamson
front row (l-r): Emily Key, Abigail Pope, Melissa Nock



Football (cont.)



Under 13 Girls

Football Minute Maid West Midlands Champions
County Cup Winners

back row (l-r): Melissa Nock, Katherine Moreton,
Abbie Bailey, Melissa Sterling, Zoe McIntosh, Clare Thomas,
Amy Finch, Abigail Pope, Lucy Adamson
front row (l-r): Emily Key, Jeska Ward, Leanne Hadley-Lauder,
Jade Durnall, Laura Roberts, Danielle Bowater, Georgia Perrin

Under 14 Girls Football County Cup Winners

back row (l-r): Michelle Murray, Megan Ward, Tara Grant,
Aoife Kelly, Nicola Hall, Emma Murray
middle row (l-r): Melissa Nock, Laura Roberts, Nicola Martin,
Abigail Pope, Lucy Adamson
front row (l-r): Lucy Poole, Emily Clifford, Katherine Marshall,
Louise Pritchard, Grace Atkinson, Amy Finch



Under 14 Girls

Football County 7-a-side Champions

back row (l-r): Abigail Pope, Emma Murray, Megan Ward,
Aoife Kelly, Nicola Hall, Laura Roberts
front row (l-r): Nicola Martin, Louise Pritchard,
Katherine Marshall, Michelle Murray

Under 14 Girls Football County Schools FA Futsal Cup 5-a-side Champions

back row (l-r): Louise Pritchard, Nicola Martin, Aoife Kelly,
Nicola Hall, Michelle Murray
front row (l-r): Lucy Adamson, Abigail Pope, Laura Roberts



Under 14 Boys

Hockey County Cup Winners
West Midlands Consortium Champions

back row (l-r): Matthew Poole, Joshua Geritz, Jack Baker,
Luke Bird, Nicholas Young, Joshua Darlington, Mitchell Norman
front row (l-r): Joseph Rose, George Jones, Lewis Sedgley,
Matt Pacey, Joshua Rogers, Ryan Flannery, Benjamin Rose,
Dominic Leason, James Foster

Hockey

Hockey (cont.)

Under 14 Girls

Hockey West Midlands Consortium Champions

back row (l-r): Emily Clifford, Nicola Hall, Beth Carter, Aoife Kelly,
Victoria Green, Nicola Kerr, Michelle Murray
front row (l-r): Jessica Haynes, Abigail Pope, Grace Atkinson



Basketball

Under 16 Girls

Basketball County Cup Winners and County League Champions

back row (l-r): Helene Goransson, Molly Clarke, Abigail Cooper,
Emily Richardson, Amelia Reynolds, Natalie Loftus
front row (l-r): Demitria Cartwright, Poppy Bennett, Rachael Hayhurst,
Katie Hutchinson



Under 19 Girls

Basketball County Cup Winners and County League Champions

back row (l-r): Emily Richardson, Fran Gilpin, Katie Lannie,
Natasha Young, Kimberley Martin, Amelia Reynolds
front row (l-r): Kimberley Sheppard, Poppy Bennett,
Rachael Hayhurst, Jennifer Pugh



Netball

Under 12 Girls

Netball Floodlit League Champions

back row (l-r): Jennifer West, Maya Sibbick, Hannah Perry,
Nicole Henry, Hayley Aldridge
front row (l-r): Phoebe Calloway, Sophie Percox,
Lucy Squires, Elizabeth Foster



Under 14 Girls

Netball County Champions CTC Tournament Winners

back row (l-r): Aoife Kelly, Megan Ward, Emma Irwin,
Eleanor Hedges, Jessica Skinner
front row (l-r): Gina Tarantino, Joanna Foster, Katherine Marshall

Cross Country

Junior Boys

Cross Country Bayley Mile Winners

(l-r): Jake Swan, Ryan Fudge, John-Joe Guttridge, Luke Tatton



Intermediate Boys

Cross Country Bayley Mile Winners

(l-r): Nathan Rooney, Thomas Haynes, Samuel Griffiths, Joshua Geritz



Junior Girls

Cross Country Bayley Mile Winners

(l-r): Jade Evans, Amy Finch, Abigail Pope, Laura Davies



Under 12 Girls

Cross Country County Champions

back row (l-r): Laura Davies, Hayley Aldridge, Phoebe Calloway, Lucy Squires
front row (l-r): Catherine Hutchinson, Jade Evans, Elizabeth Foster, Eleanor Atkinson

Under 12 Boys

Cross Country County Champions

back row (l-r): Jake Swan, Ryan Fudge, John-Joseph Guttridge, Liam Ward, Brandon Kendrick, Matthew Stuart
front row (l-r): Ashley Robson, Jatton Vernon, Jacob Frendo, Ryan Sohler, Luke Tatton



Intermediate Girls

Cross Country Bayley Mile Winners

(l-r): Laura Pacey, Charlotte Monk, Amelia Reynolds, Jessica Tonks



Athletics

Intermediate Girls

Athletics English Schools
Track and Field Cup

Shropshire Champions and Midland B Winners
County Champions

back row (l-r): April Matthews, Charlotte Monk, Nicola Hall, Amelia Reynolds, Abby Cooper, Megan Ward, Joanna Foster
front Row (l-r): Rachel Hayhurst, Emma Sutton, Laura Pacey, Amy Corns, Katie Hutchinson, Katherine Marshall, Jessica Tonks



Girls Gymnastics

Shropshire County Set Routine Winners

(l-r): Leah Evans, April Matthews, Joanna Foster, Katy Foster, Erin Arrowsmith, Jessica Haynes

Gymnastics

Key Stage 3 Girls

Gymnastics West Midlands Consortium
Competition Champions

(l-r): Erin Arrowsmith, Leah Evans, Joanna Foster, Jessica Haynes



Under 13 Boys Tennis Team

(l-r) Jonathan Gwardiak, Harry Charlesworth,
Jack Whetton, Joseph Smithyman

Swimming

Intermediate Girls

Midlands Medley Relay Champions

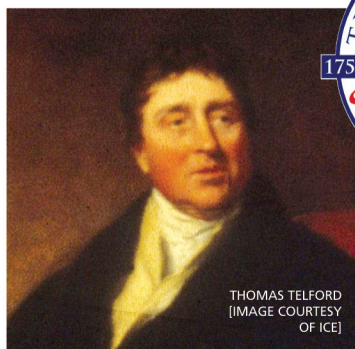
clockwise from left:
Emma Hugh, Amy Brentnall, Holly Haywood, Alex Hooper



Under 19 West Midlands Champions

(l-r): Rebecca Brown, Claire Brown, Abby Clifford, Chloe Ruston

Skiing



Thomas Telford Celebrations

2007 is the 250th anniversary of the birth of Thomas Telford and there have been celebrations around the country to commemorate one of the finest ever civil engineers.

His legacy can be seen throughout Great Britain in the physical evidence of bridges, roads, canals & churches.

The celebrations have been of particular importance in this town with its obvious connection to the great engineer. Our students have been involved in some of these events. Year 9 students attended a presentation on Thomas Telford by local expert, Richard Bifield, while Year 7 students and children from local primary schools enjoyed a theatre production by the Mikron Theatre Group based on his life and works. This performance was sponsored by the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) as a tribute to their first President.

Year 10 students carved designs which were cast in iron and installed in the Town Park to create a commemorative Plateway and Year 10 Technology students took part in an engineering challenge set by ICE, winning the commemorative trophy for their outstanding work.

The School was delighted to assist in the refurbishment of the plaque on Thomas Telford's bridge over Hall Park Way. Constructed in 1818 at Cound on the Much Wenlock to Shrewsbury road, the bridge was moved in 1988 to become part of the pedestrian link between the town centre, the School and local retail parks. Deputy Head, Mr Mark Hudson said: *"The heavily weathered plaque was cleaned off and then powder-coated and brought back to its original appearance by the parents of Katie Lannie, one of our students."*



MRS LANNIE WHOSE COMPANY RENOVATED THE PLAQUE WITH STUDENT LEWIS ARMSTRONG WHO SHARES HIS BIRTHDAY - 9TH AUGUST - WITH THOMAS TELFORD!

Keeping it in the TTS Family

It seems that Thomas Telford School is a hard place to leave behind. All the members of staff and Post Graduate teacher training students pictured here are former students at TTS!



Stephen France and Tim Furness are Design Technology teachers; Ashley Burd teaches PE and Anna Dickenson is a Drama teacher. Chris Watson works in the IT Department as a Technician (he started helping out when he was still a student) and Louise Broughton recently joined the School as a Learning Centre Assistant.

Tim Rowley, Louise Moore, Jo Broughton, Anna Perks and Becky Brown have all returned to TTS after graduating from University to train

as PE teachers with the West Midlands Consortium while Andrew Morris is with the Consortium to train in Design and Technology. ■

BACK ROW (L-R): ANNA DICKENSON, ANDREW MORRIS, STEPHEN FRANCE, ASHLEY BURD, TIM FURNESS, CHRIS WATSON, LOUISE BROUGHTON
FRONT ROW(L-R): LOUISE MOORE, ANNA PERKS, TIM ROWLEY, BECKY BROWN, JO BROUGHTON



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