



Review 2008-2009



There has been lots to celebrate over the past academic year and I hope you will enjoy reading about the many different aspects of School life in this review of 2008-2009.

One of the highlights of the year was the superb Ofsted report and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their tremendous hard work, the students for their fantastic attitude and effort and their parents for their enthusiastic support. These elements combine to produce superb opportunities for the young men and women who attend the School to achieve their potential, examples of which can be seen throughout the following pages.

Sir Kevin Satchwell

January

Outstanding Ofsted Report

Ofsted Inspectors visited the School and graded the School '*Outstanding*' in every category. They said that "*Thomas Telford School continues to strive and achieve excellence in all it does.*"



May

Synchronised Swimming

Our Synchronised Swimmers won two Silver medals in the National Schools Synchronised Swimming Championships which was held at the School.



July

Pastures New

Miss Vivienne Evans, Senior Deputy and a member of staff since the School opened in 1991, left to take up her new role as Headteacher of our sister school, Walsall Academy. We wish her every success for the future.



August

Superb GCSE Results

Congratulations to the Year 11 students who once again achieved fantastic GCSE results. 99.4% of them achieved twelve or more at the higher A*-C grades including Maths and English. All the students achieved at least two A*-C grades in Science. The students photographed are some of this year's 'Superstars' with 72 A* and 22 A grades between them!

BACK ROW (L-R): MEGAN WARD, ROBERT PALIN, SARAH EVANS, BETHANY CARTER.
FRONT ROW (L-R): JACK BAKER AND LAURENCE NEWMAN

March

Oklahoma!

An enthusiastic and well received production of '*Oklahoma!*' was staged over four nights. Further information on page 9.



May

County Football

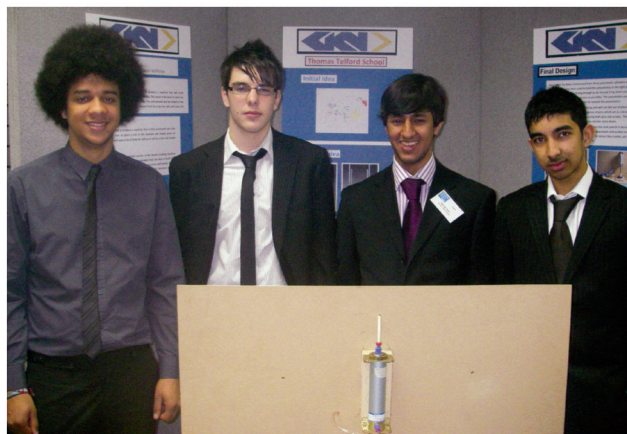
Four out of five of both the girls and the boys football teams won their county titles.



Engineering Education Scheme

Sixth Form Design and Technology students Joseph McPhillips, Rajinder Sami and Gavinder Gill took part in the 2009 Engineering Education Scheme and were set the challenge of producing a device to reduce the volume of scrap graphite grease tins to develop a more environmentally friendly recycling programme.

The device would need to crush these very strong tins then compress them. The team made a scale model of their device using drinks cans to demonstrate the principle. Mr Mark Hudson, Deputy Head said: "Team members were praised for their effort and commitment as well as their technological abilities."



(L-R): MARCUS MARGOLIS OF GKN, JOSEPH McPHILLIPS, RAJINDER SAMI AND GAVINDER GILL

Flying Cadet

Congratulations to Natasha Rush who was awarded a trophy for the Most Improved Cadet in 1046 Squadron of the local Air Training Corp.

Natasha is a hard working and enthusiastic member of the ATC attending twice a week in Wolverhampton and has participated in a variety of activities, including drills, shooting, and, of course, flying.

Toy Stories

A group of Year 8 Technology students will feature in the new series of James May Toy Stories on BBC 2.

Mr Mark Hudson, Deputy Head, Design and Technology explains: "We were asked to assist in the production of a Toy Stories programme about Airfix models. The BBC identified us through student Hannah Downes' great grandmother who had worked on Spitfires during the war at RAF Cosford - the Spitfire was the second ever model produced by Airfix."



JAMES MAY WORKING ON THE SPITFIRE AT RAF COSFORD WITH YEAR 8 STUDENTS

The TV crew spent a day in School filming students making models of the Golden Hinde - the first Airfix model. They were then sent away with model tank kits to build at home. Students travelled to a tank testing range in Northamptonshire where the TV crew had built a scale model of the tank range. They then spent a fun-filled day setting up and sequencing the tanks for filming. They even had the chance to drive full sized tanks on the testing range!

Finally, there was a visit to RAF Cosford where they were filmed building a full size model Spitfire over three days. The complete plane was presented to an Honour Guard of the Air Cadet band and senior RAF staff.

James May was a delight to work with and he thanked the students for their help in the making of the programme."



JAMES MAY WITH SOME OF THE YEAR 8 STUDENTS AT RAF COSFORD

Icy Adventures in the Far North

Sixth Form Geography students undertook a field trip to Iceland in March.

Head of Geography, Mrs Sarah Mills reports:

"What an unforgettable adventure! The weather reflected the name of the country with around a metre of snow in places and temperatures of -5C but this only added to the experience! We visited geysers and hot springs, caused by the presence of hot magma close to the surface of the ground and were able to feel a force five earthquake at the geyser centre's simulator. Students even had a dip in the blue lagoon hot spring.

We visited the stunning Gullfoss waterfall which was created by a huge ice and snow melt in the north of the country. We went to the site where the European and American tectonic plates are pulling apart and stood in the valley between the two continents."

A short ride in five and nine seater planes



A DIP IN THE BLUE LAGOON HOT SPRING



WAITING FOR THE GEYSER TO ERUPT

took us to the volcanic island of Heimaey where we climbed the volcano and studied the impact of its eruption on the town. An experience definitely not for the faint hearted! Finally, no trip is complete without a visit to the country's capital, Reykjavik for a little retail therapy."

Congratulations...

...to the Concert Band for winning a Bronze Award at the National Concert Band Festival in Northampton.

This was the first time the Band had entered a competition and they hope to do even better next time.

Whose Side Are You On?

'Whose side are you on?' is the famous catchphrase of Andy Briggs, author of the popular Heroes and Villains series of novels.

Andy visited the School in June for a workshop with Year 7 students. They produced some creative writing of their own and used a Heroes and Villains comic strip to create a story.

Andy Briggs' novels follow the same story lines but tell the tale from the perspective of either the **'heroes'** or the **'villains'**.

Mrs Margaret Howells, Librarian, who organised the visit said: *"Andy talked to us about life as an author and Hollywood scriptwriter. He filled the students with a genuine enthusiasm for creative writing which, according to Mrs Millwaters, Head of English, is still benefiting their English lessons."*



ANDY BRIGGS SPEAKING WITH HARRISON DIMMACK

Students Launch Spring Fashion

BTEC Business students worked with Tesco to organise a series of three fashion shows to launch a Spring clothing range at the local store.

The students completed the planning process as part of their assignment on Creative Product Promotion and produced flyers, posters and press releases for the event. They also acted as models while other members of the team photographed the event and collected donations for the Anthony Nolan Trust. Tesco's management team were delighted by the outcome in Telford and decided to roll out the project to other parts of the country.

Head of Business, Mrs Jeanette Furlong said: *"It proved to be an excellent opportunity for the students to gain hands-on experience of organising and delivering a large scale event and they all worked extremely hard to ensure the success of the shows."*



SOME OF THE BTEC BUSINESS STUDENTS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM TESCO



KANE THOMAS ON THE CATWALK IN TESCO'S HOME STORE

Congratulations...

...to six students who have been offered places at top stage schools to continue their studies.

Brogan Scullion, Georgina Keyes, Richard Astbury, Ben Marshall, Sam Doyle and Declan Eggerton.

Credit Crunch Sun Creams

Is it really necessary to hand over lots of money for an effective sun cream?

This was the question that Charlotte Cadman, Lauren Compton and Victoria Palin set out to answer during their first prize winning Year 8 Science Fair project. The girls looked at the effectiveness of a range of sun creams in preventing the transmission of uv rays and compared this to their cost.



(L-R): LAUREN COMPTON, VICTORIA PALIN AND CHARLOTTE CADMAN.

Year 8 students spent seven weeks working hard on a project of their choice which included, *'The Effect of UV Light on Bacteria Growth'*, *'The Antibiotic Effects of Fruit and Vegetables'*, *'Which Buildings Stand up Longest in an Earthquake?'*, and *'Alternative Energy Resources for Cars'*. Amongst some memorable projects, *'How useful is a chocolate teapot'* was a highly original choice of topic. Unbelievably, contrary to the age old saying, a chocolate tea pot proved to be rather useful and the students were successfully able to use it to brew a cup of tea!

By the way, Charlotte, Lauren and Victoria said that they found that a supermarket own brand was very nearly as good as the most expensive sun cream tested!

Holocaust Survivor Visits School



Mr Rudi Oppenheimer, a survivor of the Nazi atrocities, gave a talk to students about his experience at the hand of the Nazis during the Second World War.

Rudi, his sister Eve and brother Paul, managed to survive for five years under the Nazis in Holland and then in the camps of Westerbork and Bergen-Belsen where they finished up on *'The Last Train from Belsen'*.

Year 8 and Sixth Form History students were gripped by Rudi's shocking story and his words brought home the massive scale of Jewish suffering and death. The students posed some excellent questions which Rudi was very keen to answer. This talk was ideal preparation for the Sixth Formers' visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau in July and a valuable experience for all students and staff present.

Mr Martyn Hale - History Teacher

Easter in Berlin



A LEVEL GERMAN STUDENTS POSING WITH THE FAMOUS 'AMPELMANN' OF BERLIN

Sixth Form German students immersed themselves in the language as they experienced the culture and history of Berlin's attractions connected with their A Level syllabus.

Head of Languages, Miss Lindsay Howard said: *"Staying centrally, we made good use of local transport to visit a variety of places including the TV Tower and cathedral, partaking in the local delicacy - Currywurst!*

After stopping to take photos at the iconic Brandenburg Gate, we made our way towards the Reichstag building, where the German government have their parliament. This is a fantastic example of the 'old and new' coming together to make Berlin an exciting and bustling city. This was further emphasised when students visited the IMAX cinema at Potsdamer Platz, where they enjoyed a 3Dfilm entirely in German. A visit to the Olympia Stadion in Charlottenburg and a boat trip along the River Spree completed a hectic, but enjoyable week. The shining sun and wonderful temperature helped to put the smiles on all of our faces and, despite very tired legs, the students were already talking about visiting Berlin again before we landed in Birmingham!"



STUDENTS LEARNING ABOUT SOVIET INFLUENCE IN POST-WAR GERMANY AT THE SOVIET WAR MEMORIAL, TIERGARTEN, BERLIN

East European Study Tour

A Level History students were in Eastern Europe in the Summer.

In Berlin, they visited the Holocaust Memorial, Soviet War memorials, the Brandenburg Gate, sites associated with the Cold War including Checkpoint Charlie and the site of the Berlin Airlift. They also studied the impact of the Berlin Wall on both the East and West of the city.

The students visited Wannsee on the outskirts of Berlin, scene of the decision that led to the Final Solution and the escalation of the Holocaust across Nazi occupied Europe. Then in Krakow, they visited Auschwitz-Birkenau and reflected on the horrific experience of millions of Jewish men, women and children as well as other minority groups who perished there. A celebration of Jewish culture included a fabulous meal and dancing at Klezmer Hoisrestaurant, a tour of the city's Jewish community and main synagogue and a journey around the beautiful city of Krakow, including the main site of Oscar Schindler's factory.

Head of History, Miss Emma Carney said: *"We had a really worthwhile time. Many students commented that the experience would live with them forever, gaining a huge amount to support their studies".*



CHAD BAILEY AND MELISSA NOCK BEFORE SETTING SAIL FROM PORTSMOUTH

Learning the Fundamentals

Two Year 10 students took part in a special Sailing Academy in May.

Melissa Nock and Chad Bailey were among 24 young students from across the UK selected to be part of the crew on a special Sailing Academy on board two ocean-going Challenger yachts run by the Tall Ships Youth Trust and funded by the HSBC Global Education Trust.

During the five day voyage sailing from Gunwharf Quays in Portsmouth, the students had the opportunity to gain the RYA Competent Crew Certificate - the first qualification on the RYA sailing ladder.

Chad and Melissa said: *"As well as developing our team work and communication skills, we learned all the basics from tying bowline knots to how to put up the storm jib and the main sail. We even had to clean the ship from top to bottom on the final day! Even though the weather wasn't great with bad storms and torrential rain, it was a very exciting experience."*

Comic Relief

Congratulations to everyone who raised money for this worthwhile cause.

Fund raisers included Georgie Wheeler who raised over £100 by cycling 50Km in fancy dress and Joseph Grogan who raised over £200 with a number of different activities including a quiz and a bacon bap morning. This so impressed the ICT team that they gave him the £25 they raised from their Red Nose Day *"banned word"* week.

Golden Wonder

Scott Hermiston proved to be well up to the challenge when some Year 7 students were entered into the UK Mathematics Trust Junior Maths Challenge 2009.



BACK ROW (L-R) : BEN HARRIS, ZACH WILLIAMS, DANIEL BACKHOUSE, JAMES PRESTON, DANIELLE SHIMMONS, JESSICA HUBBLE - FRONT ROW (L-R) : DANIEL SMITH, JOSEPH MOTTERSHAW, SCOTT HERMISTON, AISWARYA PATTAR, REBEKAH LEES.

This consisted of multiple choice questions designed to test the most capable Year 7 and 8 mathematicians across England and Wales and students who excel receive either Bronze, Silver or Gold certificates; a certificate for best in School is also awarded.

As well as Scott's Gold, he won Best in School while Ben Harris, Danielle Shimmons, Daniel Backhouse, Zach Williams and Joseph Mottershaw achieved Silver and Aishwarya Pattar, Jessica Hubble, James Preston, Rebekah Lees and Daniel Smith were Bronze winners.

Poetry Prize

Year 8 student Emily Oldham is a talented poet who writes different pieces on a range of themes that include the First World War and the environment.



Emily recently came second in her age group in a national competition with a poem, called *'A Field of Poppies'* which was inspired by her work in Humanities during the Module on the First World War.

Parachute Jump

Tom De Vere completed a tandem parachute jump to raise funds for Compton Hospice.

He received some basic ground training before completing the jump. A brave act for charity!

Year 11 Achievement Celebrations

The fantastic GCSE results of the Class of '08 were celebrated in November at the Year 11 Achievement Evening.



PICTURED HOLDING THE ROY HARRISON AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF THE YEAR ARE AWARD WINNER HELEN BARNETT AND MR BROMLEY JONES TOGETHER WITH TARMAC GROUP LTD AWARD WINNERS FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT (L-R): SARAH MORETON, KATIE HUTCHINSON, CHARLOTTE MONK, RACHAEL HAYHURST AND ALEX NWNWU

Guest of Honour Mr Bromley Jones a member of the Governing Board presented the students with their examination certificates as well as individual prizes for outstanding work.



MOHAMMED QURESHI
(RON TUPPER AWARD FOR GEOGRAPHY)



THOMAS RAY
(ANDREW SMITH AWARD FOR MATHEMATICS)



LAURA PACEY AND AMELIA REYNOLDS (MICHAEL JOYCE MEMORIAL AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SPORTING EFFORT)



MARTIN FLAVIN
(PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR)



EMMA SUTTON
(JOHN BIRKETT AWARD FOR DANCE)



EVANGELINE ADAMS
(ADRIAN WATNEY AWARD FOR MUSIC)

Battlefields Visit

Around seventy Year 8 students took part in a visit to some of the World War One battlefields in France and Belgium.



STUDENTS AT THE FRENCH MEMORIAL AT VIMY RIDGE



STUDENTS APPROACH THE CANADIAN MEMORIAL AT VIMY RIDGE

The tour, designed to help the students more fully understand the Great War included the Menin Gate at Ypres, the site of the first gas attack in warfare as well as the Tyne Cot Cemetery and the Thiepval Memorial to 72,000 men who have no known grave. Some of the students were able to locate the graves of relatives who had perished on the Western Front and students took part in the Menin Gate Ceremony which has been held every night since the end of the war.



(L-R): RYAN TALBOT, WILL HUGHES AND CALLUM ROSE

Prizes for Great War Essays

Callum Rose, Will Hughes and Ryan Hart were amongst the group of Year 8 students visited the Great War battlefields.

On their return, they entered a competition run by the Western Front Association to write an essay based on why we should remember the First World War.

The competition was open to all secondary school students in the Wolverhampton and Shropshire area and all three TTS students were successful with Callum winning the second prize, Will came third and Ryan was highly commended.

The boys collected their awards from the Chairman of the Wolverhampton Branch of the Association at a ceremony held at the University of Wolverhampton and each received a framed certificate and a cash prize.



(L-R): POPPY BENNETT, HELEN BARNETT AND TOM CORAM

National Successes for Young Speakers

A team of three talented Sixth Form students won two major national Public Speaking competitions - National Rotary Youth Speaks and the BPW (Business and Professional Women) Public Speaking Competition - with a lively defence of Barbie dolls. Each team member also finished the season with individual awards.

Poppy Bennett, Helen Barnett and Tom Coram swept the board at the BPW competition, beating regional teams from across Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Not only did the team pick up the Dalton Trophy as national team winners, but the judges awarded Helen Barnett the Elizabeth Peacock Cup as **'Best Speaker with a Little Extra'** and Tom Coram received the Carillion Trophy as Best Expresser of Thanks.

Then, a couple of weeks later, the team triumphed again at the National Rotary Youth Speaks Final where they were up against seven other regional winning teams from across the UK. As well as the team prize, the judges voted Poppy Bennett as the Best Chairperson.

The team's Speaker, Helen gave a spirited talk - **'Don't Blame Barbie'** - when she argued that, far from being a bad influence on girls, Barbie is a clean living young woman with good habits, a strong work ethic and is a good role model!

Public Speaking coach, Mr John Birkett commented: *"Team members demonstrated their ability to learn as they progressed through the competitions and developed both their teamwork and individual skills to reach their best in the final stages."* ■

Younger Teams Taste Success Too

It's good to see an increasing number of younger students participating in public speaking competitions and they have tasted success at local level.

The Intermediate team of Mollie Mansell, Shannon Inglis and Lauren Morgan won the Brewwood Rotary Youth Speaks competition with a speech about Stereotypes. Mollie brought the house down when, dressed as a **'hoodie'**, she challenged the audience not to judge people by the clothes they wear.

In the Senior Brewwood Rotary competition, Holly Wild, Emma Murray and Gina Tarantonio triumphed with a hard hitting presentation **'Bring Back the British Bulldog'**. Holly highlighted the abuses and problems of the Nanny State and called for the Bulldog to be given back its teeth.

Another team - Lois Perkins, Stuart Dunlop and Bethany Carter - took part in an English Speaking Union event held in January and Bethany won Best Speaker of the Night with a speech entitled, **'Eccentricity is a Positive Quality'**. ■

Gold Standard Students

Sixth Form students Laura Husak, Emily Carroll and Daniel Yeo achieved their Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards this summer having successfully completed their final expedition.

The students arranged their rail transport to and from Wales and walked 80 kilometres north to south across Snowdonia, often camping wild which was quite a test of their endurance and teamwork.

As part of the Gold Award, the students also undertook voluntary work in the community for twelve months as well as undertaking new physical and skills challenges.



(L-R): LAURA HUSAK, DANIEL YEO AND EMILY CARROLL

Achievement Evening Celebrations

Students were honoured for their outstanding achievements when the Annual Presentation Evening was held in July.

The Guest of Honour, Mr F William Scarborough, Master of The Mercers' Company, presented awards to more than 100 students for effort, progress or achievement.

Mr Ian Foster was honoured as Parent of the Year for his superb support for the School, not least as a member of the Social Development Committee, Mr Peter Barnett of P J Barnett and Associates was presented with the award for Industrialist of the Year. His company has provided excellent work experience for Sixth Form and Year 10 students. Mr Scarborough praised the students for their enthusiasm and success and, quoting George Washington, told them that: *"Education is the key to unlock the door of freedom."*



BACK ROW (L-R): LAURA HUSAK (EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - DUKE OF EDINBURGH SCHEME), HELEN BARNETT WITH TOM CORAM AND POPPY BENNETT (EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - PUBLIC SPEAKING), SCOTT POWELL (DENSO AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP), MR F W SCARBOROUGH (THE MASTER OF THE MERCERS' COMPANY), JACK DIMMACK (LAING AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY), EMILY CARROLL (EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - DUKE OF EDINBURGH SCHEME), HARUNDEEP SANDHU (EMMA SHAW MEMORIAL AWARD FOR PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR), KELLY ROACH (VICTORIA HARPER CELEBRATION AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT), DANIEL YEO (EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - DUKE OF EDINBURGH SCHEME), CHLOE BRENNAN (ELIZABETH LANE CHILDREN'S CHAMPION AWARD)

FRONT ROW (L-R): LAUREN TOLLEY (HEADMASTER'S AWARD), EMILY OLDHAM AND ROBERT LANE (MOST IMPROVED KEY STAGE STUDENTS OF THE YEAR), JOSEPH GROGAN (WILLIAMS AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE), VICTORIA PALIN AND THOMAS FOSTER (KEY STAGE 3 STUDENTS OF THE YEAR), SHIVANI PATEL (HEADMASTER'S AWARD)



MARY DENMAN
AT & T ISTEEL AWARD FOR
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



AIDAN REYNOLDS
GOLDING PRODUCTS AWARD
FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION



CRAIG ABLEY
BARNES AWARD FOR
HOSPITALITY AND CATERING



LEWIS STEVENS
CONTELEC AWARD FOR DRAMA



SAMANTHA LUNN
WINDSOR LIFE AWARD FOR ICT



NIALISH KHAN
DANVERS AWARD FOR
STATISTICS

Commando Training Taster

A group of students enjoyed a taste of life as Royal Marine Commandos when they joined 40 Commando Delta Company at TS Indefatigable, their training camp on Anglesey, North Wales.

They were able to take part in boat trips, climbing, had lessons on survival in tough environments and tried out the famous Marines operational kit and body armour which weighs a staggering 20kg. One of the students, David Key commented: *"I learned a lot and enjoyed my time at the camp. It's was good experience as I'm hoping to join the Royal Marines."*



STUDENTS VIEW THE INTERIOR OF AN EXTINGUISHED VOLCANO
IN GARROTXA NATURAL PARK

Spanish Field Trip

Year 9 Geography students visited Spain at the end of June.

They travelled to the North to the stunning Garrotxa Natural Park where they learned about its volcanic past as well as the pressures it is under today from tourism and urban development.

Barcelona was the visit's focus as students had already studied it extensively and they carried out surveys in the El Raval area to see if the millions of Euros spent on improvements have made a difference to the quality of the residents' environment. The students also visited the Port Vell area to compare it with similar Docklands redevelopments in the UK. Outings to Barcelona FC's Nou Camp, Gaudi's Parc Guell and the famous Sagrada Familia in the city centre completed a busy but very enjoyable few days.



Musical Talent

Ben Rose is a talented musician who achieved a Distinction in his Grade 8 Piano examination.

He loves playing and dedicates many hours a day to practising pieces by great composers such as Chopin and Rachmaninov. He is entering four different classes at a Birmingham recital competition later in the year.

In less than two years Ben has also gained a Distinction at Grade 7 on the Tenor Saxophone which is a tremendous achievement in such a short space of time. When pressed, he says that his ambition is to continue to study music at a university or conservatoire. ■

Dancing into a Bright Future



RICHARD JUMPS FOR JOY

[PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SHROPSHIRE STAR]

Sixth Form student Richard Astbury has won a place at one of the UK's best stage schools - The Arts Education School.

More than 2,000 people applied and there are only 50 places available each year. A talented dancer, Richard not only won one of those coveted places but also secured one of just twenty grants which will cover some 80% of his tuition fees. Richard follows in the footsteps of many famous former Arts Ed students including Julie Andrews, Will Young and Darcey Bussell. ■

Media Make-Up

Former student Laura Cotterill who is undertaking a Foundation degree in Media Make-Up, recently gained some first hand experience helping with the make up for McFly's music video 'Do Ya'. She said: "You have to be really dedicated to create such dramatic make-up. The hours on set are very long but it's great fun".

Oklahoma!

Oklahoma! was a popular choice as the eighteenth annual School Production.

The first collaboration between Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein, it broke all box office records when it opened in 1943. In recent years, it found a huge new fan base with a record breaking run in London's West End.



Ms Caroline Crawford who helped produce the show said: "It was great to have participation from students from all years and age groups and their talent and enthusiasm combined to produce a show full of vitality and fun. This obviously went down well with the audiences as there were lots of compliments and praise for their efforts. ■

One Night Only

A Cabaret Supper was organised in July by Sixth Form students to raise money for Relate in Wolverhampton.

Performing Arts students devised an evening of song, music and dance which they called 'One Night Only'. The Hospitality and Catering students prepared a delicious hot buffet meal for the guests.



SOME OF THE PERFORMING ARTS TEAM WITH MAXINE WRAGG, RELATE CENTRE MANAGER
BACK ROW (L-R) ESTHER LAMSDALE, RICHARD ASTBURY, WILL COWELL, BROGAN SCULLION - FRONT ROW (L-R): GEMMA HEDGES AND MAXINE WRAGG
[PHOTO COURTESY OF WOLVERHAMPTON EXPRESS AND STAR]

The evening was a fantastic event enjoyed by all who attended. The Performing Arts students were able to showcase their skills across all three art forms and demonstrated great commitment, dedication and professionalism. Some of these students have been rewarded for their efforts over the past two years by being awarded places at some of the United Kingdom's most prestigious stage schools and universities for the Performing Arts.

Craig Abley and Christopher Flint were responsible for the superb overall organisation of the event and were assessed on their efforts as part of their BTEC National Diploma in Hospitality Supervision.



BACK ROW (L-R): HOPE HARRINGTON, STEVE WOOLLETT, LAURA BRAY, BEN ALLEN, EVIE ADAMS AND LIZ DOYLE.
FRONT: NATALIE PLANT, BECCA COOPER, BOBBY STANDLEY AND SARAH ARDIN.
[PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SHROPSHIRE STAR]

Historical Drama

In April, Sixth Form Performing Arts students created a community theatre project for visitors to Boscobel House in Staffordshire.

Based in 1651 during the Civil War when King Charles II hid from his enemies in a nearby oak tree, their production (part of an A Level course) was in the style of a medieval mummers play.

German Christmas Market

In December, Sixth Form students visited the German Christmas Market in Birmingham for a taste of this traditional German Christmas custom. They conversed with stall holders in German and sampled some of the sweet and savoury delicacies on offer, as well as doing some last minute Christmas shopping.



(L-R): SHELBEY FENTON-COOK, GAVINA RANDHAWA, REBECCA MOORBY, SUSAN LEVIE, SINEAD O'NEILL.

Choir at National Festival



The choir took part in the Music For Youth 2009 National Festival held in Birmingham Town Hall in July having won their place at a regional heat in Shrewsbury.

They were one of 25 choirs from across the country and were very proud to be taking part in this Festival for the first time.

Choir Master, Mr Gareth Howard said: "Although the Festival is not competitive, it was a great opportunity for our Choir to see the standard on display from around the UK and it gave them confirmation that they have the talent and ability to appear at this level on an annual basis. They had very positive feedback from the adjudicators which has further boosted their confidence and we are looking forward to future opportunities."



International Golf

Sixth Form Student Sam Benton achieved fourth place in the prestigious Daily Telegraph National Junior Golf Championship which was held in Abu Dhabi last November.

From an initial field of 41,000 entrants, Sam finished in 11th place in the country after carding a five under par score at the North of England Under 16 Championship. Only the top ten qualify for the finals, so Sam was understandably delighted when one of the players dropped out and he found himself on a 10-day trip to Abu Dhabi for the 54-hole competition which was filmed by Setanta Sports. Sam lived the high life on an all expenses paid trip, enjoying a round with the sponsors, gala dinners, a cruise, a safari and interviews with the local media.

In July, Sam won his first tournament when he became Midland Under 18 Champion. Past winners of this tournament include golf legend Sandy Lyle as well as a number of current European Tour players.

Wintry Fun in the Mountains

During February half term, 45 students took part in the bi-annual ski trip, this time to La Massana in Andorra.

Superb weather and excellent skiing conditions were enjoyed by students and staff alike, with six hours skiing each day followed by various evening activities including bowling, ice skating and the local natural spa. A magnificent time was had by all and plans are already afoot for the next trip in 2011.



ANOTHER GREAT DAY ON THE SLOPES

French Day

A Level students took part in a 'French Activity Day' at Birmingham University which included a mixture of presentations, debates and sketches using different media. Immersing themselves in the language, they particularly enjoyed an advertisement task which gave them the opportunity to experience French TV adverts as well as discussing their use and aims.

With the course content tailored to their A Level, the students found the whole day a very worthwhile and enjoyable experience.

Arkwright Scholarships

Congratulations to three students who have won Arkwright Scholarships to study Maths and/or Design Technology in the Sixth Form.

Sarah Evans, Robert Palin and Nicholas Young successfully passed an exam which demonstrated their flair and originality in solving engineering design problems. They also had to present their GCSE work to a panel of interviewers and undertake a team building exercise during a university visit.

Sporting Highlights 2008-2009



The National Schools Synchronised Swimming Championships were held at the School and both the duet and the team swam brilliantly to take silver medals in their events.

This has established TTS as one of the leading performers in an up and coming sport. TTS has also been chosen to be the National Centre for the sport at schools level which is a real accolade. ■

On the Football field, all five girls teams reached their County Cup Finals, with four teams taking their titles.

The boys teams reached four out of five finals and won all four. Nationally, it has been a case of *'so near yet so far'*. The Year 7 Girls reached the 5-a-side National Finals at Derby but lost on penalties in the Semi-Final to the eventual winners. The Under 13 girls played some excellent football to reach the Midlands final, losing 2-1. The Under 15 Girls went one better by reaching the National Semi-Finals but also lost 2-1. Our Under 16 girls (finalists last year) crashed out 3-2 in dramatic fashion in the National Quarter-Final. The best place boys team were our Under 14s who reached the last 16 nationally. ■



The Girls Under 19 Netball team reached the National Finals finishing a creditable eleventh place.

Once again there were some exceptional individual achievements: **Laura Malcolm** retained her England Netball squad place and represented her Country at the Under 19 European Championships. ■



Another potential Olympian is Alex Hooper who is one of only 250 young people across the country to be picked to join the Lloyds TSB Local Heroes initiative which will provide funds to help with training & competing costs.

Alexandra has continued to represent England in 100m Backstroke in the development squad for the 2012 Olympics. ■



Frances Ray competed with the Great Britain Senior Women's Wheelchair Basketball team at the Paralympic World Cup in Manchester.

She also took part in the U23 Astratech Challenge at Stoke Mandeville. ■



Abby Clifford is the English Schools and British Schools Dri-Slope Slalom Champion.

She is ranked third in Britain at senior level on Dri-Slope and finished second in the senior English championships on snow in Italy. Abby also finished second in the British Alpine Racing Ski Club Championships in her age group. ■

Swimming

In the Midlands Area Division 6 Relay Championships, the girls swimming teams won the Medley and Freestyle events in the Junior & Intermediate competitions.

The Senior girls won Silver in the National 4 x 50m Medley Final.

Judo

Good Luck to **Kelly Edwards**, GB No.1 at Under 48kg, who has moved to Kent to undertake a full time training programme for 2012 British Judo.

Kelly is ranked No.1 for open age Judo in the Under 48Kg Division.

Football

Congratulations to two Year 11 students who will be studying and training at local football clubs after their GCSEs.

Connor Goldson has won a scholarship with Premiership side Wolverhampton Wanderers and **Sam Griffiths** will be at Shrewsbury Town.

Hockey

Congratulations to **Daniel Bosi** who was U18 Player of the Year at Cannock Hockey Club. Daniel was also awarded the Joe O'Gorman Memorial Trophy for his contribution to coaching younger members.

..and congratulations also to **Matthew Pacey** who represented Wales in Hockey in a number of tournaments throughout the season.

Under 12 Boys Football Team County Cup Winners

Back Row (l-r): Bradley Blocksidge, Thomas Hatton, John-Pierre Jones, Shaun Rowley, Alexander Ashton, David Arrowsmith, Ryan Hickman, Zach Williams.
Front Row (l-r): Thomas Fallon, Thomas Edwards, Scott McDougall, James Mackie, Cameron Bridgen, Kaiman Anderson, Harrison Barnett, Liam Groome.



Under 14 Boys Football Team County Cup Winners

Back Row (l-r): Andrew Balzan, Jatton Vernon, Chaquille Buchanan, Liam Ward, Rohan Lester, Daniel Donovan, Ashley Robson, Steven Minton, Ryan Sohier.
Front Row (l-r): Jamie King, Adam Billingsley, Jake Swan, Martin Boyle, Ryan Fudge, James Balzan, Brandon Kendrick.



Under 15 Boys Football Team County Cup Winners

Back Row (l-r): Jake Webb, Joshua Smith, Samuel Willby, Benjamin Sohier, Alexander Haynes, Daniel Cooper, Harry Charlesworth, Leigh Davies, Ravinder Aulak, Bradley Jarvis.
Front Row (l-r): Todd Randall, Joseph Cunliffe, Michael Dwight, Matthew Abbiss, Ryan Bright, Alexander Brown.



Under 16 Boys Football Team RAF County Cup Winners and Shropshire County Cup Winners

Back Row (l-r): Joseph Rose, Ross Jackson, Sean Graham, Daniel Aston, Luke Bird, Connor Goldson, Samuel Griffiths, Thomas Haynes, Joshua Darlington, Christopher Newbury, Laurence Newman.
Front Row (l-r): Louis Irvine, Matthew Poole, Joshua Geritz, Mitchell Norman, Jake Gill, Lewis Sedgley, Thomas De Vere.





Under 12 Girls Football Team County Cup Winners

Back Row (l-r): Courtney Owen, Millie Barker, Amy Hunt, Jemma Smith, Christina Needham, Jessica Harvey, Hailey Roberts, Lauren Tolley, Amy Fitzsimmons.

Front Row (l-r): Jenny Wood, Emily North, Sarah Rixom, Laura Courtney, Molly Brown.

Under 12 Girls 5-a-side Football Team

ESFA Local and Regional Winners
and National Finalists

Back Row (l-r): Millie Barker, Amy Hunt, Jemma Smith, Courtney Owen.

Front row (l-r): Jenny Wood, Sarah Rixom, Emily North.



Under 13 Girls Football Team County Cup Winners

Back Row (l-r) Daryl-Anne Beards, Heather Stark, Jemma Smith, Amy Hunt, Ashleigh Edwards, Tamara Saunders, Mollie Osborn, Caitlin Arrowsmith, Catrina Yang.

Front Row (l-r): Emily North, Courtney Owen, Jenny Wood, Millie Barker, Sarah Rixom, Victoria Palin, Imogen Edwards.

Under 13 Girls 6-a-side Football Team

Shropshire Community Cup Winners

Back Row (l-r): Catrina Yang, Tamara Saunders, Mollie Osborn, Jemma Smith, Amy Hunt.

Front Row (l-r): Victoria Palin, Daryl-Anne Beards, Caitlin Arrowsmith.



Under 14 Girls 7-a-side Football Team

County Winners

Back Row (l-r): Tamara Saunders, Mollie Osborn, Jeska Dimmack, Jordan Price, Jeska Ward, Amanpreet Bagry.

Front Row (l-r): Victoria Palin, Daryl-Anne Beards, Emily Key, Caitlin Arrowsmith.



Under 15 Girls Football Team County Cup Champions

Back Row (l-r): Jade Durnall, Laura Roberts, Danielle Bowater, Abbie Bailey, Zoe McIntosh, Jordan Price, Melissa Sterling, Clare Thomas, Jeska Dimmack
Front Row (l-r): Melissa Nock, Amy Finch, Georgia Perrin, Jeska Ward, Emily Key, Lucy Adamson, Abby Pope.

Under 16 Girls Football Team RAF County Cup Winners

Back Row (l-r): Abby Pope, Laura Roberts, Danielle Bowater, Zoe McIntosh, Nicola Martin, Tara Grant, Aoife Kelly, Michelle Murray, Kate Marshall
Front Row (l-r): Georgia Perrin, Louise Pritchard, Melissa Nock, Jade Durnall, Amy Finch, Lucy Adamson.



Under 16 Girls Football Team County Cup Winners

Back Row (l-r): Abby Pope, Laura Roberts, Nicola Martin, Nicola Hall, Aoife Kelly, Tara Grant, Michelle Murray, Jane Driscoll, Kate Marshall, Emma Murray
Front Row (l-r): Emily Clifford, Grace Atkinson, Louise Pritchard, Amy Finch, Lucy Adamson.

Under 13 Girls Cricket Team Ladies Taverners County Indoor & Outdoor Champions

Back Row (l-r): Danielle Shimmons, Catrina Yang, Georgia Gallant, Libby Nellany, Isabel Smithyman
Front Row (l-r): Victoria Palin, Daryl-Anne Beards, Caitlin Arrowsmith, Penny Harris.



Under 15 Girls Cricket Team Ladies Taverners County Indoor and Outdoor Champions

Back Row (l-r): Lucy Adamson, Katie Moreton, Laura Roberts, Jeska Ward, Emily Key
Front Row (l-r): Abby Pope, Victoria Palin, Melissa Nock.



Junior Boys Cross Country Team

Bayley Mile Winners

(l-r): Jack Forrester, Jacob Hawkes, Ryan Talbot, Macauley Carline.

Intermediate Boys Cross Country Team

Bayley Mile Winners

(l-r): Jake Swan, Benjamin Sohler, Ryan Fudge, Ryan Sohler.



Junior Boys Athletics Team

English Schools Track & Field Regional Round Winners

Back Row (l-r): Kyle Gladwin, Zach Williams, Daniel Blackwell, Enoch Mantey, John-Luke Harris, Jacob Hawkes, Wrayon Vassel, Macauley Carline, Giuseppe Sorrento.

Front Row (l-r): Ryan Goulbourn, Ryan Talbot, Callum Leith, Chaquille Buchanan, Jack Forrester.

Year 7 Mixed Hockey Team

West Midlands Consortium Winners

Back Row (l-r): Jessica Hubble, Benjamin Swan, Jessica Harvey, James Hudson, Mitchell Bosi, Courtney Owen.

Front Row (l-r): James Farnsworth, Joseph Cunliffe, Harry Foster, Thomas Fallon.



Under 13 Mixed Hockey Team

Inter Academies Tournament Winners

Front Row (l-r): Thomas Foster, Samuel Doody, Jessica Hoggins, Callum Rose, Georgina Wheeler.

Back Row (l-r): Kieran Nickless, Courtney Lancaster, Penny Harris, Jack Craig.



Junior Girls Swimming Team

Division 6 Medley Relay Winners

(l-r): Jade Evans, Daisy Dawson, Hayley Aldridge, Hollie George.

Intermediate Girls Swimming Team

Division 6 Freestyle Medley Relay Winners

(l-r): Katie Bevington, Nicola Martin, Victoria Robinson, Jessica Tonks.



Senior Girls Medley Relay Swimming Team

ESSA National Silver Medallists

(l-r): Laura Pacey, Holly Haywood, Alexandra Hooper, Emma Hugh.

Synchronised Swimming Team

ESSA National Silver Medallists

Back Row (l-r): Gina Tarantonio, Claire Brown, Bethan Carter, Marie Myler, Charlotte Doherty
Front Row (l-r): Jade Evans, Hollie George, Shannon Inglis, Jessica Newall.



Synchronised Swimming Duet

ESSA National Silver Medallists

(l-r): Gina Tarantonio, Claire Brown.



Under 14 Boys Basketball Team

County Cup Winners

Back Row (l-r): Jacob Pearson, Dominic Warburton, Oliver Leason, Liam Ward, Daniel Donovan, Martin Boyle.

Front Row (l-r): Enoch Mantey, Jamie King, Ryan Fudge, Wrayon Vassel.

Under 14 Girls Basketball Team

County Winners

Back row (l-r): Tamara Saunders, Jordan Price, Hannah Perry, Jeska Dimmack, Phoebe Calloway.

Front row (l-r): Catrina Yang, Rachel Mantey, Catherine Hutchinson, Jennifer West, Victoria Palin.



Under 16 Girls Basketball Team

County Cup Winners

Back Row (l-r): Abby Pope, Zoe McIntosh, Nicola Hall, Amey Woodhall.

Front Row (l-r): Louise Pritchard, Kate Marshall, Aoife Kelly.

Key Stage 3 Gymnastics Team

West Midlands Consortium Winners

Back Row (l-r): Ellie Postance, Ellie Boden, Erin Arrowsmith, Georgina Perkins.

Front Row (l-r): Benjamin Howells, Amy Fitzsimmons, Millie Barker, Ellen Cooper, Conor Roberts.



Under 19 Girls Ski Team

West Midlands Champions

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



A Taste of University Life

First year Sixth Form students sampled university life as part of the Higher Education Week activities during the Summer.

Over a few days at Aberystwyth University, they attended lectures and workshops for the subject areas in which they were interested, used some of the sports facilities and enjoyed the activities the students union had to offer.

Oxbridge Entrance Success

Congratulations to three students who have recently taken up places at Oxford and Cambridge:

Ed McGovern - Physics at Corpus Christi, Oxford;
Neil Allard - Engineering at Magdalene College Cambridge and Phil Leibman - Natural Sciences at Clare College, Cambridge.



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NEIL ALLARD



PHIL LEIBMAN



Lilac Ladies Run for their Money

Congratulations to the Lilac Ladies, otherwise known as the TTS Support Staff who raised over £2,000 for Cancer Research when they took part in the Race for Life in Telford.

Hair Raising Charity Exploit

Kyra Wright took the bold decision to dye her brunette hair blonde to raise money for Compton Hospice and her efforts have boosted the hospice's coffers by a magnificent £176.

Kyra was inspired to raise funds following a visit to the Hospice with fellow GCSE students where they were very impressed by the dedication with which the staff cared for their patients.



KYRA WRIGHT WITH SIMON CATER FROM COMPTON HOSPICE (LEFT) AND HUMANITIES TEACHER MR MARTIN HALE.
[PHOTO COURTESY OF THE SHROPSHIRE STAR]

and well done...

...to former student Dominic Whitbrook who was runner-up at the 2009 Young British Dancer of the Year competition.

Another step on the road to becoming a professional classical dancer!



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