



Review 2009-2010

National Synchronised Swimming Champions

There was great excitement when the girls won this competition for the first time

See the full story on page 9.



Welcome to our Review of the academic year 2009/2010.

We had much to celebrate during the year with outstanding performances in examinations and sport and excellent work in Music, Dance and Drama.

In March we were overwhelmed to learn that former student Kim Hughes had been awarded the George Cross for bravery in Afghanistan. What a fantastic role model for our students! Read all about Kim's bravery on page 2.

I hope you will enjoy reading about Kim and the many varied aspects of School life.

Sir Kevin Satchwell



National Football Champions

Thomas Telford School Football teams clocked up another first when both the Under 14 Boys and the Under 13 Girls won their ESFA National Cup Finals in May. A third team - Under 16 Girls - were narrowly beaten in the Final.

See the full details on page 16.



Fantastic GCSE Results

Congratulations to Year 11 students whose fantastic GCSE results could well mean that Thomas Telford School is once again named as the highest performing school in the country.

See page 13.



CELEBRATING STUDENTS - LILY PENFOLD, GURPREET JOHL, ROSALYN BALL, LUCY HUMPHREYS AND OMARI DOUGLAS

Hero Former TTS student, Kim Hughes has been awarded the George Cross for bravery.

Staff Sergeant Hughes of the Royal Logistics Corps who is a bomb disposal expert, was awarded the medal after he put himself in extreme danger on three occasions to defuse seven IEDs (improvised explosive devices) as he cleared a path through a minefield to reach five wounded soldiers.

The citation goes on: *"Dealing with any form of IED is dangerous: to deal with seven linked in a single circuit in a mass casualty scenario, using manual neutralisation techniques three times is the single most outstanding act of explosive ordnance disposal ever recorded in Afghanistan."*

The George Cross ranks alongside the Victoria Cross as the nation's highest award for gallantry. It is awarded 'for acts of the greatest heroism or of the most conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme danger.' The George Cross is a plain, bordered cross in silver. The obverse of the medal bears in the centre a circular medallion depicting St George and the Dragon, surrounded by

the words 'For Gallantry'.

Kim was amongst the first intake of Year 7 students when the School opened in 1991 and Sir Kevin Satchwell said he was overwhelmed when he heard the news of Kim's act of heroism. He added: *"We felt humbled in the face of such an extraordinary act of courage under the most extreme conditions in Afghanistan. As a nation, we owe so much to Kim and his colleagues who risk their lives every day. I remember Kim as a hardworking student who expected high standards of himself and always gave of his best. He had already set his sights firmly on joining the Army."*



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and Congratulations to..

Ben Rose who won three out of four piano classes at the Birmingham Musical Festival where he competed against young pianists from across the UK.

He gained two out of the four Outstanding awards given out during the whole day.



PICTURED WITH SIR KEVIN SATCHWELL ARE OVERALL WINNERS HANNAH HARTLEY AND JADE BUTTERY

Eye Opening Science

Hannah Hartley and Jade Buttery were overall winners of the Year 8 Science Fair in July with their project 'Scientific Specs'.

They investigated the most effective pair of sunglasses by measuring the amount of Ultra Violet light transmitted by a number of different pairs. They found that it could be a waste of money to buy expensive ones as the cheapest sunglasses proved to be the best!

Second place project was 'Melting Madness' for which Katie Beech and Lorna Dunlop looked at the properties of ice cream to decide which lasted longest in hot conditions without melting.

Third place winners were Lewis Anthony and Inderaesh Atkar who investigated the effect of sweets and fizzy drinks on teeth using calcium carbonate chips to represent the teeth and measuring the mass lost over a period of time to draw their conclusions.

ZOE LAFFERTY, LAURA COWELL AND WILL HUDSON
CLIMB THE RIGGING



Sailing Venture

Eight Sixth Form students experienced a week on board the sailing ship 'Jolie Brise' during the Summer. The ship belongs to Dauntsey's School which is also in The Mercers' Family of Schools and The Mercers' Company kindly sponsored their voyage.

Under the guidance of the Captain and crew, Amelia Reynolds, Oliver Strothers, Jack Leech, Rebecca Percox, Jessica Tonks, Will Hudson, Laura Cowell and Zoe Lafferty sailed the boat from the Solent around the Channel Islands and Northern French coast, returning via the Isle of Wight and Portsmouth.

During the week long adventure the Sixth Form students were fortunate to have calm seas and fantastic weather though the lack of wind meant that the engines were used more often than the sails.



REBECCA PERCOX
FISHING FOR LUNCH

Concert Band Up to Silver

In November the Concert Band performed in the Regional Heat of the National Concert Band Festival for the second year. The event, held at the Northampton School for Boys is the arena for bands from Midlands Schools, Music Centres and Universities.

Band members were congratulated for their excellent deportment and presentation and were actually heralded as 'the smartest band present during the whole day'. Adjudicator Guy Woolfenden (a renowned Concert Band composer) commented that the Band's sound was rousing but that the students also played with great care during the softer moments and, as a result, the Band came away with a Silver Award this year, an excellent improvement on 2008's Bronze Award. Congratulations to all 60 students involved from across all year groups!



SOME OF THE COLOURFUL ITEMS
PRODUCED FOR SALE BY THE STUDENTS

Year 10 Business Studies raised almost £1,000 for the Make a Wish Foundation in November.

As an Enterprise Challenge, groups of students were set the task of designing, producing and selling products of their choice at the Christmas Fayre. They sourced supplies, set up production and completed marketing resources ready for sale. All of the businesses were successful with a range of products sold including Christmas cards, candles, bath salts, homemade chocolates and hampers. Students had to fund the project themselves (an extra incentive to make a profit!) and each one donated 20% of their profit to charity.

Stuart's Unforgettable Experience

After he had finished his GCSE exams, Stuart Dunlop travelled to Rwanda with a group from local Methodist churches to work with people affected by the 1994 genocide as part



of the Peacekeeping, Healing and Reconciliation Programme.

They also assisted people with HIV and Aids as well as running holiday clubs for children in very poor communities.

Stuart said: "We taught the children basic English and new craft skills. We travelled around the country visiting genocide sites as well as a refugee camp on the Congolese border. These were unforgettable experiences which were sometimes quite difficult to handle but also very moving. Despite our very basic living conditions, the people were very friendly and I feel privileged to have visited their country."

STUART (FAR LEFT) AT A YOUTH GROUP JUST OUTSIDE KIGALI

Congratulations..

..to Joe Ruston who raised £1,000 for the charity 'Promise Dreams' when he braved horrendous conditions and heavy rain to scale Mount Snowdon. The weather was so bad, it took seven hours for Joe to reach the summit.

Academy Public Speaking Competition

The first Annual Academy Public Speaking Competition was held at Madeley Academy in December.

The brainchild of TTS student Annalisa Parrino, the competition is open to teams of Year 7, 8 and 9 youngsters from our family of schools and the inaugural event saw TTS, Madeley and Sandwell Academies compete for the trophies.

The students talked on a range of subjects including a speech on MPs' expenses

entitled 'What a Flippin' Cheek' as well as teen problems such as bullying and growing up too soon.

Annalisa, a big fan of public speaking, used all her own persuasive speaking skills to get her idea off the ground. She even produced a guide to help participants write their speeches and assisted at the event.

Public Speaking Coach, Mr John Birkett said: "We were lucky to have support from local Rotary Clubs experts who run public speaking events for older students. Telford Centre Rotary Club sponsored trophies for



ALICE KEAY (CENTRE) BEST SPEAKER FROM THOMAS TELFORD SCHOOL WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE YEAR 7 TEAM - PAVANDEEP SANGHA (LEFT) AND BRENDAN O'KEEFE (RIGHT) WITH DEPUTY HEAD, MR MARK HUDSON.

the Best Speaker from each school and The Mercers' Company provided a bright new trophy - The Mercers' Shield - for the overall winners."



OVERALL WINNERS - YEAR 9 TTS TEAM PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT WITH MR MICHAEL MARCHANT, HEAD OF EDUCATION AT THE MERCERS' COMPANY, GRACE KENDRICK, REBECCA PUGH AND LAUREN MORGAN

Exam Success Celebrated

Students celebrated their outstanding GCSE results at a special Achievement Evening held in November 2009. Guest of Honour Mr Keith Jackson, a Tarmac Governor, presented certificates and prizes to the former Year 11 students.

Mr Jackson congratulated the students on their fantastic results and offered them some wise words for the future. He said that it is *"..wise to take a few moments of quiet reflection and talk to your family and friends about your ultimate goal in life to ensure that you have a map to guide you there."*



SPECIAL PRIZE WINNERS
BACK ROW (L-R): BETHANY CARTER, EMMA IRWIN, JACK BAKER, LAURENCE NEWMAN, ROBERT PALIN AND BEN ROSE (TARMAC GROUP LTD AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT), LUCY JUDSON (BARBARA MUNGER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE), SARAH EVANS (TARMAC GROUP LTD AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT)

FRONT ROW (L-R): EMILY CLIFFORD (ACHIEVEMENT AWARD), MICHELLE MURRAY (TARMAC GROUP LTD AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT), GINA TARANTONIO AND GRACE ATKINSON (BARBARA MUNGER AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE), GUEST OF HONOUR MR KEITH JACKSON (TARMAC GOVERNOR), JANE DRISCOLL (CIVIL ENGINEERING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING EFFORT), MEGAN WARD (ROY HARRISON AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF THE YEAR), SALLI-ANN MATHEWS (PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR AWARD)



KERRY LANCASTER
HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE AWARD



ROSS JACKSON
RON TUPPER AWARD FOR GEOGRAPHY



KINNERY PATEL
WILDE AWARD FOR BUSINESS EDUCATION



SEAN GRAHAM
TARMAC GROUP LTD AWARD FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION

World War I Battlefields Visit

In October, 70 Year 8 students embarked on a four day visit to the First World War Battlefields in France and Belgium to help increase their understanding of the nature of the fighting during the most devastating conflict of the 20th Century.

Learning was focussed on recruitment, how the war was fought, the casualties and how all the countries involved remember their war dead of 1914-1918.

Visits were made to the largest Commonwealth war graves cemetery in the world, the actual fields where brave soldiers fell and places of significant historical importance. Some students laid a poppy at the grave or site of their fallen relatives.

They took part in the nightly remembrance ceremony at the Menin Gate Memorial in Ypres where they laid a wreath on behalf of the School, an amazing chance to join a select club of participants including The Queen and various American Presidents.

History Teacher, Mr Hale, said: *"The visit was a tremendous success. The students gained an experience that will remain with them forever and were a credit to themselves and to the School. Their overall response, as well as their comments and thoughts make this annual visit more than worthwhile."*



PICTURED (LEFT TO RIGHT) AT A WWI EXECUTION SITE IN POPERINGE, BELGIUM WITH MR DAVID WINN OF ANGLIA BATTLEFIELD TOURS ARE CHRISTOPHER BELLINGHAM, COURTNEY OWEN, SATINDER CHATHA, JAMES FARNSWORTH, BRADLEY BLOCKSIDGE AND TOM FALLON

National Science Prizes

TTS students reached the National Science and Engineering Competition Finals and came away with two of the top prizes.

For the TTS 2009 Science Fair, students had spent six weeks designing and carrying out an investigation of their choice. Four of the winning teams then submitted their projects for consideration in the National competition in March 2010 and all four were invited to take part with two teams - 'Bacteria Blasters' and 'Credit Crunch Creams' - judged to be in the top five in the Junior (11-14 year old) category.

Bacteria Blasters - William Hughes, Jake Needle and Thomas Foster - investigated the effect of ultra violet radiation on bacteria by exposing agar plates to a UV lamp.

The Credit Crunch Creams team - Victoria Palin, Charlotte Cadman and Lauren Compton - tested popular sun creams to see which was the most effective.

John Luke Harris, Connor Roberts and Nathan Wilkes investigated the 'Science of Sound'. Using software that captured and displayed



'BACTERIA BLASTERS': THOMAS FOSTER, WILLIAM HUGHES AND JAKE NEEDLE

sound waves graphically, they looked at the characteristic tones of different musical instruments playing the same note.

For their 'Acid Abominators' project, Kelly Thompson and Megan Allen looked for the best household product to neutralise stomach acid and cure indigestion.

Science Teacher, Mr Richard Lees, said: "The students had a great time. They presented their projects to judges and the public. Then they took part in a wide variety of activities and saw some of the latest science applications in industry and research. It was an excellent insight into the many career opportunities for science students."

PICTURED (L-R): NICOLA KENT, CARLA CROOK, CHARLOTTE WESTWOOD, LILY TABERNER, SARAH HULME, LAUREN COMPTON, WILLIAM HUGHES, SEAN GRIFFITHS AND DARIUS WALTON (FRONT)



Sarah Hawthorne from Severn Hospice said: "Staff, volunteers and patients have commented on the beautiful pieces. We cannot thank the students and staff enough for their generosity."

Students Produce Colourful Art for Severn Hospice

Year 9 students visited Severn Hospice to see the colourful art they had created to brighten the walls of the new building. Their pictures illustrate the changing seasons with Autumn leaves, flowers and fruit in Spring and Summer.

Volcanic Bomb

During a field trip to Barcelona, Year 9 students visited the Croscat Volcano and came across the strange phenomenon of lava bombs.

These volcanic bombs were formed when the volcano erupted and ejected large semi molten pieces of rock which then formed into various aerodynamic shapes as they flew through the air. Kate Coventry is pictured showing her companions one of these bombs.

As well as investigating this amazing volcanic landscape at Garrotxa Natural Park, the students undertook street surveys in Barcelona collecting data to analyse back at School to see whether the area had been affected by the regeneration of the port.



BARCELONA LAVA BOMB

July Achievement Evening

The Nineteenth Annual Achievement Award Presentation Evening was held in July when students, parents and guests celebrated the outstanding successes of the 2009/10 academic year.



Guest of Honour, Sir David Clementi, Master of The Mercers' Company, presented prizes to over 100 students for achievement, effort or progress. Sir David told the students: *"Use your talents well, aim for excellence in all the things that you choose to do. Work hard: for very few does success come without hard work and the occasional setback."*

BACK ROW: KATIE HUTCHINSON AND RICHARD JANES-BERRY (EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS – DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARD), DAFYDD FRANCIS (EMMA SHAW MEMORIAL AWARD FOR PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR), RICHARD WATSON (WILLIAMS AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE), SAMUEL DEAKIN (LAING AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY), AMELIA REYNOLDS (VICTORIA HARPER CELEBRATION AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT)

MIDDLE ROW: JEMMA SMITH (EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – SPORT), ELISHA JACKSON (REYNOLDS AWARD FOR OVERCOMING ADVERSITY), HELEN BARNETT (MAWDSLEY AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF THE YEAR), POPPY BENNETT (ELIZABETH LANE CHILDREN'S CHAMPION AWARD), SIR DAVID CLEMENTI (MASTER OF THE MERCERS' COMPANY), DEMITRIA CARTWRIGHT (EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – DUKE OF EDINBURGH GOLD AWARD), AMY HUNT (EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – SPORT), LAYTON CHANTRY (HEADMASTER'S AWARD)

FRONT ROW: RACHEL ROBERTS AND BENJAMIN HARRIS (KEY STAGE 3 STUDENTS OF THE YEAR)



HANNAH PERRY
KEY STAGE 4 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
FOR SPANISH



ROY AU
ELIZABETH HOLT AWARD FOR
PUBLIC SPEAKING



CHARLOTTE LAMPITT
KEY STAGE 4 ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
FOR DANCE



NICOLA HALL
SIXTH FORM ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
FOR DRAMA



JESSICA HAYNES
SCOTT BROWN AWARD FOR
OUTSTANDING SPORTING EFFORT



DAVID CONNOLLY
WAKEFORD AWARD FOR MATHEMATICS



DANIEL WILLIAMS
TAYLOR AWARD FOR BUSINESS



EMILY RUST
HSBC AWARD FOR BUSINESS



ALEXANDER SCOTT
STEPHEN MURRAY AWARD FOR
INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING



MATTHEW TURNER
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR MUSIC

Well done to..

Robert Palin, Nicholas Young and Sarah Evans who were awarded Arkwright Scholarships for their outstanding work in Design and Technology.

The scholarships help support their work in A Level Mathematics or Design and Technology in the Sixth Form.



SIGHTSEEING IN MONTMARTRE. THE GROUP TAKE A BREATH BY THE SACRE COUER CHURCH HAVING CLIMBED THE 300 STEPS TO THE TOP OF THE HILL.

Springtime in Paris for Musicians

The Concert Band and Choir visited Paris during the Easter holiday and gave three public concerts - two stints on the Fantasy Festival Stage at Eurodisney where they attracted keen crowds and an afternoon's entertainment at Fondation de Rothschild - a modern, purpose built Retirement Centre in central Paris.

The residents were enthralled with the performances and the centre's staff urged the Band and Choir to return in the future.

The itinerary provided opportunities for the students to sample the delights of Paris including the artistic Montmartre area, a boat cruise on the Seine and the fantastic views from the top of the Eiffel Tower. Band and Choir Director, Mr Gareth Howard said: "The students were a pleasure to be with all week and behaved impeccably".

Longbow Champion

Jacob Perry is a keen archery fan and loves competing in National Field Archery Society Competitions. He won the Under 16 NFSA National Longbow Championship in a competition which took place over two days in woodland in the Lake District.

Participants camped in the hills and used traditional longbows with wooden arrows. They were allowed three arrows per 3-D target which were carefully placed in the woodland.

These events provide competitors with a glimpse of just how difficult it must have been for early humans to hunt enough prey to feed themselves and their families.



and Congratulations..

..to Richard Janes-Berry who has won a Lamda Gold medal for Recital of Verse and Prose.

Song and Dance Cabaret Evening

In May, BTEC Performing Arts and BTEC Hospitality and Supervision students raised more than £1,000 for the charity Relate by providing an entertaining evening for more than 100 guests.

The Performing Arts students wrote and performed a show based on 1980s events like the miners' strike and the emergence of punk, intertwined with a love story. They featured classic 80s hits such as 'Eye of the Tiger' and 'Living on a Prayer'. Meanwhile, the Hospitality and Supervision students cooked and served a delicious 3 course meal.



Synchro Gold

TTS teams competed at the National Synchronised Swimming Championships in May and came away with two top prizes.

In the Championship competition, the Thomas Telford School team impressed the judges with their original routine depicting the rides from Alton Towers and won Gold for the first time. In an event for swimmers new to the sport, the TTS Plate team consisting mainly of girls in Years 7 and 8 who had only been training for a year, came out top with the Gold medal.

TTS teams are coached by former British Champion and International medallist Zoe Cooper and International Masters medallist Sarah Jones. In four years, the Championship team has improved from 12th in the country to first, beating the ten times national champion team from Haberdashers' Aske' School.

Zoe and Sarah said: *"We are so proud of the girls - their commitment and drive to training over the last four years has been exceptional. Our aim was to win this prestigious title and we knew it would take a number of years to get there."*

Mr Steve Plant, Team Manager added, *"It surpasses everything we could have imagined. The girls were ecstatic!"*



NATIONAL SCHOOLS SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING CHAMPIONS
 BACK ROW: KATIE WOOD, BETHANY CARTER, MARIE MYLER, CLAIRE BROWN, GINA TARANTONIO, MEGAN SAVILLE
 FRONT ROW: CHARLOTTE DOHERTY, LAURA HENLEY, HOLLIE GEORGE, JESSICA NEWELL, JADE EVANS



NATIONAL SCHOOLS SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING PLATE WINNERS:
 BACK ROW: SHANNON INGLIS, POPPY STAMP, DANIELLE ROWEN, CHARLOTTE WESTWOOD,
 JESSICA HARVEY, MADELAINE ROWEN
 FRONT ROW: ELLIE POSTANCE, MOLLY CRAVEN, CHARLOTTE DYKE, ELLIS FASSETT, KATHRYN BOYD

High School Musical

Ms Caroline Crawford who directed this year's musical theatre production writes:



The popular show - 'High School Musical' - proved to be a great success with students from all the year groups taking part. Four different casts played to full houses each night and the audiences were thoroughly entertained by spectacular numbers such as 'Stick to the Status Quo' and 'Keep your Head in the Game'.

Several of the students who played leading roles in 'High School Musical' have now left to continue studying Musical Theatre at prestigious stage schools.



Cass Business School

In July, a two day visit to the Cass Business School, part of City University, gave a group of 6.1 students a taste of life as a student in London.

All group members are keen to study business related courses at university and they took part in sessions such as 'Working in the Banking Sector', 'Desert Island Survival' and a hotly contested 'Trading Game' where they acted as traders in the Stock Exchange.

Day 2 provided the opportunity to work with Frank Funnel from The Brokerage, an organisation which helps prospective City traders to develop their CVs. The students explored the skills required for particular jobs and had the chance to perfect their interview skills. They also enjoyed a lively and interesting lecture - 'Marketing and Technology in the Music Industry'.

It was a valuable experience and students returned with a much clearer idea of what they want to study as well as possible future career choices.

Outstanding Teacher Training

Following an inspection in June, Ofsted graded the West Midlands Consortium Teacher Training Programme as Outstanding.

The Consortium, led by Thomas Telford School, involves 33 secondary schools mostly in Shropshire and the West Midlands and trains about 75 graduates each year to become teachers.

Sir Kevin Satchwell said: "Many past graduates from the last 17 years now work in schools across the region. Alan Fowler (former Director of ITT) who retired in July, created a fantastic team which

worked very hard with colleagues from partner schools to achieve Outstanding Status. I am delighted to have his former Deputy, Ian Williams to continue to build on this successful legacy."

Engineering Wizards

A group of Sixth Form students took part in the Engineering Education Scheme (EES) earlier in the year. Nicholas Young, William Hudson, Rhys Simmonds and Charlotte Bacon worked with GKN to develop an Induction Furnace Loading Device which enables the machined centres from aluminium tank wheels to be returned to the kiln.



PICTURED WITH GKN ENGINEER OLIVER REED (ON THE LEFT) ARE (L-R): NICHOLAS YOUNG, RHYS SIMMONDS, WILLIAM HUDSON AND CHARLOTTE BACON.

This aluminium can then be reused on site rather than being shipped to Scotland to be recycled. The device will not only save GKN thousands of pounds but will also cut down the company's carbon footprint.

The EES Judges were very impressed with the students' strategy and planning and the way in which they presented their work to the judging panel. These feedback results were the best the School has ever received from the Scheme. ■



JOSHUA BOWDLEY, JASKIRAN DEOL AND SANDEEP JANDU

Adventure under Sail

Joshua Bowdley, Jaskiran Deol and Sandeep Jandu were among 24 students who sailed from Portsmouth on a five day sailing adventure on board the ocean-going Challenger Yacht, 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, they completed their RYA Start Yachting, learning the fundamentals of sailing and developing important life skills, such as teamwork, leadership, communication and problem-solving. As well as getting to grips with living in the close confines of an ocean-going yacht, students were shown how to set and stow the sails, haul the ropes, steer the yacht, and sail the yacht out to sea under the expert tuition of the experienced Tall Ships Adventures crew.

Joshua commented: *"I really enjoyed my time on the yacht. I made friends for life and hope to sail again in the future."* ■

and well done..

..to Anna Perks, former Thomas Telford School student and now one of our PE teachers who has captained the Wolverhampton Wanderers Ladies Football Team to success for the past three seasons.

Another former student, Amber Quick and a current Sixth Form student, Abby Pope both play alongside Anna in the team.

Behind the Scenes at the UK Snooker Championships

When the UK Snooker Championships were held at the International Centre in Telford in December, 6.2 BTEC Business students were given a special 'behind the scenes tour' as part of the Events Management unit of their course.

They met the event planners to discover some of the complexities of managing such a big event. Managers at the International Centre explained the process of pitching for the contracts to host events as well as their role in the run-up. Students saw inside the BBC commentary box as well as the players lounge and practice rooms, including a sneaky peek of finalist, John Higgins as he prepared for his matches.

and Congratulations..

..to Daniella Nicholls who has achieved the Gold Award from the Royal School of Church Music which is the highest grade a chorister can achieve.

Newsday 2010

Year 9 students became journalists when they took part in Newsday 2010 during Work Related Learning Week in July.

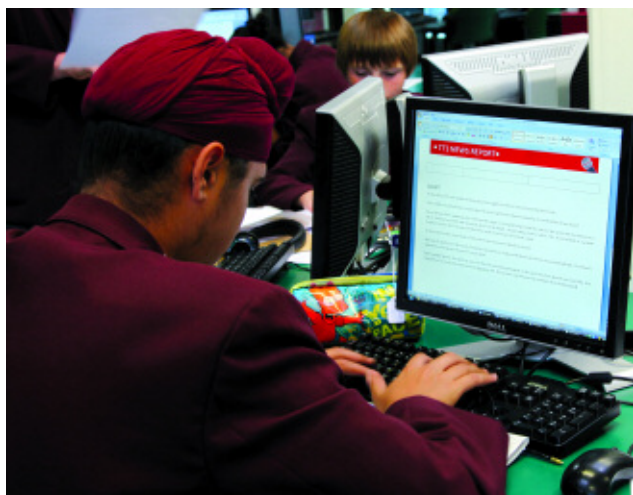
Working in teams, their task was to design and print a four page local newspaper with a special supplement celebrating the working successes of past students. They also had to record a three minute radio broadcast and a two minute live TV broadcast.

After an introduction by the Shropshire Star's News Editor, students went straight to workshops run by the Shropshire Star, Telford FM and Staffordshire University's Media and Journalism Department which gave them an insight into the jobs involved.

Pressure quickly mounted as broadcast deadlines approached and small groups of students were seen in quiet corners rehearsing their lines or consulting on scoops. Some students visited St Georges to interview police teams investigating a local murder. Former students were interviewed and visiting consultants assisted where necessary. In all aspects, the day ran like a real newsroom with access to SkyNews, IRN feeds and the West Mercia police media line.

As the day drew to a close, the teams worked frantically to print and present their finished products. Shropshire Star reporters returned to get the final views from the news teams and students were able to see their event covered in print and on the web.

Verdict - a great way to learn about team roles and delegation, and some budding journalists were identified!



STUDENTS PREPARING ARTICLES FOR THE LIVE TV BROADCAST



PRESENTING THE NEWS ON THE LIVE TV BROADCAST

Congratulations..

..to Ryan Davies who, as Captain for the third year in succession, led his football team - Brewwood Juniors - to the final of the Bill Green Cup in the Walsall Junior Football League.

Golden Boys

Two students achieved Gold standard in the 2010 UK Junior Maths Challenge. Oliver Preece and Alex Wood were entered into the Challenge which is organised by the UK Mathematics Trust, a university based organisation promoting the enjoyment and enhancement of mathematics.

A further eight students were also awarded certificates. Adam Belhouche, Sam Simmonds, Ellie Rowe and James Craig achieved Silver while Jack Underwood, Alice Rabone, Callum Farmer and Pavandeep Sangha were awarded Bronze.

Mr Paul Halcro, Deputy Head in charge of Mathematics, said: *"The Challenge is designed to test the most capable mathematicians in Years 7 and 8 in schools across England and Wales and the students thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We are delighted that ten of them have been awarded certificates."*

GCSE Superstars

The five students pictured right, who took their GCSE's during the Summer, are the very best of our best, achieving an incredible 50 A* grades and 36 A grades between them as well as a clutch of AS levels.

The whole cohort of students performed brilliantly with 100% achieving at least two A* -C grades in Science. Thomas Telford School remains the only comprehensive in the country with this accolade. 98% of the students attained these top grades in English and 99% in Mathematics.

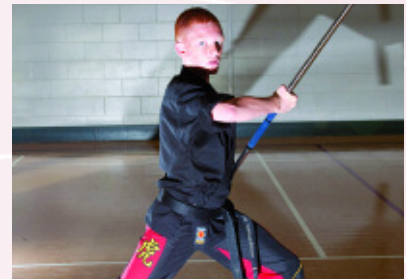
CELEBRATING OUR GCSE SUPERSTARS
L-R: LILY PENFOLD, GURPREET JOHL, ROSALYN BALL,
LUCY HUMPHREYS AND OMARI DOUGLAS



World Champion!

Jack Underwood is a Mixed Martial Arts ISKA World Champion.

Jack has been training in martial arts since he was four and then four years ago he started competing in extreme martial arts in a discipline called Freestyle Weapons to Music. Jack trains five times a week and displays huge drive and commitment to succeed. In 2009 he was also ISKA European, British and English Champion.



STUDENTS OUTSIDE THE NEUSCHWANSTEIN CASTLE

Magical Munich in March!

Sixth Form German students immersed themselves in the language as they experienced the culture and history of Munich's attractions.

Head of Languages, Miss Lindsay Howard said: "They enjoyed seeing a different side of German culture and experienced many of the traditions associated with the Bavarian region. A range of activities included a visit to the spectacular 'Neuschwanstein Castle', famously regarded as the inspiration of Walt Disney's fairytale castle.

Students found themselves at the very heart of Bavarian culture as we experienced the traditions of the Hofbräuhaus, sampling regional



delicacies and enjoying a sing-song with the locals! Munich is a vibrant and exciting city and the trip to the Bavarian Film Studios was a great way to showcase some of Germany's film exports and learn about the making of 'Das Boot'! A visit to the Sea-Life Centre and the cinema completed a fantastic, yet hectic few days. The falling snow and freezing temperatures didn't dampen our spirits, only adding to the magical time we spent in Munich!"



Sporting Highlights 2009-2010

Head of PE, Mr Iain Sweeney writes:

We can look back on another highly successful sporting year with more than 180 students representing their District, County, Region or Country in a wide variety of sports. 42 boys and girls played Football for their County, District or professional clubs. At the very highest level students represented England, Wales or Great Britain in Hockey, Ice Hockey, Swimming, Basketball, Wheelchair Basketball, Mixed Martial Arts and Athletics.



Swimming Development Squad for the 2012 Olympics

Alexandra Hooper has continued to represent England in 100m Backstroke and is in the Development Squad for the 2012 Olympics. She has taken up a scholarship at the University of Texas.



Ice Hockey

Luke Brittle was selected for the Great Britain Ice Hockey Squad. ■

SELECTION FOR THE GB ICE HOCKEY SQUAD LUKE BRITTLE

Athletics..

Three students were selected to represent Shropshire at the English Schools' Championships in Birmingham.

Laura Pacey competed in the 400m Hurdles. **Alex Nwenwu** competed in the 110m Hurdles and lay in second place in the final until a twisted ankle caused him to come home in 7th place. **Aidan Reynolds** won Silver in the Javelin and went on to represent England in the Home International. ■



..and Basketball

As well as his tremendous achievements on the Athletics field (see left), **Aidan Reynolds** was also selected to play basketball for the Wales National Under 16 Team at the 2010 European Championships. ■

ATHLETICS AND BASKETBALL STAR AIDAN REYNOLDS

Basketball

Our Under 14 and Under 15 Boys both reached the County cup final losing out to strong opposition in both games.

Netball

The Under 14 and Under 19 teams qualified through their respective county cup competitions to play in the West Midlands National Qualifiers.



Paralympic World Cup 2010

Frances Ray represented the Great Britain Senior Women's Wheelchair Basketball team in June 2010 at the BT Paralympic World Cup in Manchester and then at the World Wheelchair Basketball Championships held in Birmingham in July. ■

FRANCES RAY REPRESENTING GREAT BRITAIN IN WHEELCHAIR BASKETBALL



Hockey

Matthew Pacey continued to represent Wales in Hockey in a number of tournaments throughout the 2009/10 season. ■

REPRESENTING WALES IN HOCKEY MATTHEW PACEY

Hockey

The Under 13 and Under 18 boys' teams qualified via the Midlands section to play in the National cup.

Our Under 12 boys became County champions as did our Under 13 boys A-team, with our B-team contesting an all TTS final. Our Under 14 boys became county league winners.

Under 12 Boys Hockey Team County Cup Winners

Back row: Layton Chantry, Joel Jaworski, Matthew Price,
Shyam Patel, Jake Standrin
Front row: Harrison Morris, Rhys Martin, Oliver Derham



Under 13 Boys Hockey Team Midlands Qualifiers (National Cup)

Back row: Joseph Mottershaw, Samuel Johnson,
James Hudson, Ben Swan, Thomas Fallon, James Mackie
Front row: Daniel Smith, Benjamin Howells, Mitchell Bosi,
Kyle Gladwin, Harry Foster

Under 14 Boys Hockey Team County League Winners

Back row: Sam Doody, Callum Rose, Luke Johnson,
Jugjeevan Brar, Daniel Bowdler, Joseph Furlong
Front row: Robert Lane, Thomas Foster, Conor Roberts,
Kieran Nickless, Jack Jenderko, Amardeep Randhawa,
Oliver Ramskill



Under 18 Boys Hockey Team Midlands Qualifiers (National Cup)

Back row: Jamie Mackenzie, Rhys Simmonds, Matthew Pacey,
William Hudson, Cameron Stamp, Joshua Cox, Jake Jones,
Joshua Geritz
Front row: James Foster, Benjamin Rose, David Goodfield,
Daniel Bosi, Ryan Link, Thomas Williams, Warren Jones

Football

The School has seen unprecedented success reaching three English Schools Football Association National finals this year. The Under 13 girls were crowned National Champions at Burton Albion's Pirelli Stadium after beating Maiden Erlegh School on penalties following a 1-1 draw after extra time. The final score was 4-3 on sudden death penalties.

The Under 16 Girls reached their National Final at the Hawthorns Stadium, the home of West Bromwich Albion FC, where they lost 2-0 to William Farr School from Lincoln, despite the support of more than 900 fans. In their final, the Under 14 boys beat Queens School from Watford 2-0 at Craven Cottage home of Premier League Fulham to become National Champions.

Other teams also performed very well in the ESFA National competition: the Under 18 girls reached the semi-final where they lost to the eventual winners; the Under 12 boys reached the final 16; the Under 13 boys reached the quarter final stage and the Under 15 boys reached the last 32 in the country.

All five girls' teams reached their respective County Cup Finals, for the second consecutive year, winning the Under 13 and Under 16 titles. The boys' teams reached four out of five finals and managed to come away winners in all four games.

Under 13 Girls Football Team

National Cup and County Cup Winners

Back row: Jenny Wood, Hailey Roberts, Rianna Price, Amy Hunt, Jemma Smith, Millie Barker, Mollie Brown, Emily North

Front row: Ellie-May Shephard, Cara Bright, Abigail Horton, Paige Timmins, Kaitlyn Collins, Courtney Owen, Sian Morris



Under 14 Boys Football Team

National Cup and County Cup Winners

Back row: Oliver Gurney, Robert Edmonds, Sean Jennings, Chaquille Buchanan, Daniel Siverns, Benjamin Carter, Mitchell Hoof, Ryan Talbot, Enoch Mantey, Lucas Evans, Leigh Brindley

Front row: Joseph Broad, Keaton Ford, Ryan Goulbourn, Jacob Hawkes, Kieran Buckley, Daniel Blackwell, Ben O'Hanlon.

Under 16 Girls Football Team

RAF County Cup Trophy/
County Cup Shield Winners

Back row: Georgia Perrin, Jeska Ward, Amy Finch, Jordan Price, Zoe McIntosh, Abbie Bailey, Emily Key, Bethany Hampshire

Front row: Amanpreet Bagry, Clare Thomas, Jade Durnall, Abigail Pope, Laura Roberts, Jeska Dimmack, Melissa Nock, Lucy Adamson





Under 12 Boys Football Team Regional 5-a-side Champions

Back row: Jack Parrish, Matthew Bailey, Andrew Hepworth,
Thomas Rose, Joseph Kenton
Front row: Euan Ford, Lewis Jarman

Under 12 Boys Football Team County Cup Winners

Back row: Daniel Vaughan, Wayne Spalding, Brandon Taylor,
Andrew Hepworth, Matthew Bailey, Jake Wenlock, Callum Price,
Ravi Patel, Jack Parrish
Front row: Jack Stanley, James McGinn, Euan Ford, Joseph Kenton,
Evan Bagry, Lewis Jarman, Thomas Rose



Under 13 Boys Football Team County Cup Winners

Back row: Liam Groome, Kaiman Anderson, Cameron Bridgen,
Ryan Hickman, Shaun Rowley, Matthew Gwilt, Alexander Ashton,
Jon-Pierre Jones, Thomas Hatton, Zach Williams, Ryan Davies
Front row: Harrison Barrett, Thomas Edwards, James Mackie,
David Arrowsmith, Bradley Blocksidge, Thomas Fallon,
Scott McDougall

Under 15 Boys Football Team County Cup Winners

Back row: Jake Swan, Ashley Robson, Jaton Vernon, Martin Boyle,
Rowan Lester, Andrew Balzan, Liam Ward, Dominic Warburton,
Daniel Donovan, James Barker
Front row: Brandon Kendrick, Jamie King, Steven Minton,
Ryan Fudge, James Balzan, Ryan Sohler



Under 12 Girls Football Team Regional 5-a-side Champions

Back row: Sian Morris, Rianna Price, Paige Timmins, Kaitlyn Collins
Front row: Ellie-May Shephard, Cara Bright

Swimming

TTS competed strongly at County, Regional and National level, winning five gold medals in the County Championships and our Senior girls became Division 6 Medley Relay Champions.

The National Schools Synchronised Swimming Championships were again hosted at Thomas Telford School (full details on page 9).

Synchronised Swimming A Team National Champions

Back row: Katie Wood, Jessica Newell, Claire Brown, Bethany Carter,
Marie Myler, Gina Tarantonio
Front row: Charlotte Doherty, Jade Evans, Laura Henley,
Hollie George, Megan Saville



Synchronised Swimming B Team National Plate Champions

National Plate Champions

Back row: Poppy Stamp, Madelaine Rowen, Jessica Harvey,
Danielle Rowen, Kathryn Boyd, Charlotte Wood
Front row: Molly Craven, Charlotte Dyke, Shannon Inglis,
Ellis Fassett, Ellie Postance



Tennis

The Under 13 and Under 15 boys teams won the Division 2 Aegon County championships.

Under 13 Boys Tennis Team AEGON Division 2 (Shropshire) Winners

Daniel Vaughan, Ravi Patel, Jack Morgan, Taylor Penny



Athletics

The Junior boys team retained the Bailey Mile with Jack Forrester taking the individual trophy for the Junior boys.

Our cross country team had a number of fine individual displays throughout the year and were crowned overall Girls County champions and overall Boys and Girls combined County champions.

Boys Cross Country Team Junior Bailey Mile Winners

Lewis Jarman, Ryan Hickman, Samuel Johnson, Jack Forrester



Cricket



The Under 12 Cricket team became County Champions, qualifying for this year's National Competition as Shropshire representatives.

The Under 14 team also became Shropshire County Champions.

Under 14 Cricket Team Lady Taverners County Winners

Back row: Penny Harris, Georgia Gallant, Caitlin Arrowsmith, Isabel Smithyman, Daryl-Anne Beards

Front row: Victoria Palin, Jeska Ward, Catrina Yang

Under 12 Boys Cricket Team County Cup Winners

Back Row: Daniel Vaughan, Jake Wenlock, Ravi Patel, Nicholas Price, Jack Manning, Harrison Morris, Bryn Wenlock
Front Row: Sam Topper, Shyam Patel, Daniel Lloyd, Benjamin Aston, Jack Stanley



Under 14 Boys Cricket Team County Cup Winners

Back Row: Kieran Buckley, Daniel Bowdler, Thomas Meredith, Mitchell Hoof, Joseph Price, Lucas Evans, Amandeep Randhawa

Back Row: Daniel Lloyd, Jack Stanley, Tom Edwards, Jack Manning, James Mackie, Daniel Vaughan

Skiing

The TTS team competed at the West Midlands ESKIA championships where they came away with the Under 14 Boys and Under 19 Girls titles, with Claire Brown gaining the Silver medal in the individual event.

Under 19 Girls Ski Team ESKIA West Midlands Winners

Chloe Ruston, Chloe Jones, Claire Brown, Tayla Smith



Under 14 Boys Ski Team ESKIA West Midlands Winners

Joseph Furlong, Oliver Ramskill, Joseph Ruston, Liam Bray

Independence Day

The staff in the Restaurant celebrated American Independence Day in style when they dressed themselves in American themed clothing and put on a special American menu for students and staff.

Catering Manager, Mrs Michelle Dear said: "We provided hash browns and pancakes at breakfast time and then lunch was a completely unhealthy menu of hot dogs, southern fried chicken and vegetable burgers with curly fries and baby corn. Donuts, cheesecake and ice cream also went down extremely well."



SPANISH NURSERY SCHOOL

El Chico

Nursery children have made a new friend over the past few months while having weekly Spanish lessons with Chico the monkey and his assistant, Miss Milkamanavicius!

They sing, play games and read stories with Chico to help them learn and are confident with a variety of topics, such as Greetings and Introductions, Counting, Feelings, Pets, Colours and Weather. They really enjoy speaking Spanish and are making great progress!

Congratulations..

..to Abby Buchan Howard who has published her first novel aged just 15. 'A Teardrop of Love' is on sale on Amazon as well as in high street shops.

BTEC Business Charity Lock in

A project with House of Fraser gave 6.1 BTEC Business students a chance to raise money for the Hope House charity.

The students planned, promoted and managed a 'lock-in' night with special discounts around the Telford store. The event was aimed at promoting some of the brands and discounts which the store offer and contributed to evidence for the students' work exploring Creative Product Promotion.

Students promoted the event through flyers, posters and school broadcasts, even creating a Facebook group to raise the profile of the event. They organised entertainment

including a DJ and a performance by dance group DNA. The group also used the event to raise funds for Hope House by organising a raffle which included prizes donated by House of Fraser.

Earlier in the year, 6.2 BTEC Business students raised over £1000 for the Midlands Air Ambulance by organizing and promoting Halloween and Valentines discos for Year 7 and 8 students. They sold drinks, sweets and glo-sticks to maximise the amount raised.



TTS STAFF MRS SUE HARRIS AND MRS JEANETTE FURLONG ENJOY THE EVENING



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