



Welcome to our review of 2010-2011 which proved to be another busy and interesting year across all aspects of the School with some fantastic academic and sporting achievements.

One of the highlights of the year for me was when I had the privilege of joining around 100 of our parents at the Royal Albert Hall in London to witness the TTS Choir receive a standing ovation for their terrific performance of 'Bohemian Rhapsody' (see details on Page 3)

## Boys Win



In July, Tom Roper and Layton Chantry won the Science Fair, the first boys to achieve this accolade since 2006! (details on Page 11)

## Teaching the Teachers

Thomas Telford School has been granted Teaching School status, one of the first schools in the country to be selected for an important new role. I am delighted that we have been included in this ambitious new initiative to improve standards.

For many years, we have led the West Midlands Consortium of secondary schools engaged in training graduates to become teachers via the Graduate Teacher Programme and the Post Graduate Certificate routes. This is, therefore, a natural move for us. We will expand our work in this area to include professional development for teachers across the region.

## GCSE Highlights

Year 11 students who worked incredibly hard, well supported by their parents and teachers, this year achieved some of our best ever results with 51% of all the grades at A\* or A, the highest ever recorded by the School.

I was amazed to discover that the students pictured below clocked up the equivalent of 240 A\* and A grades between them!



BACK ROW (L-R): DAISY CLIFFORD, OLIVER LEASON, ALEX GROVE, JENNIFER WEST  
FRONT ROW (L-R): ANDREW BALZAN, JAMES BALZAN



BACK ROW (L-R): PHOEBE CALLOWAY, AMBER RICHARDS, MATTHEW TURNER, RACHEL MANTEY  
FRONT ROW (L-R): NITESH PATEL, KIRAN BHATIA

## New Stars



Year 7 girls reached the National Finals of the English Schools 5-a-side Football competition.

Further details about this and all the other sporting achievements can be found from Page 14

I hope you will enjoy reading about some of the highlights of the year.

*Kevin Satchwell*

Sir Kevin Satchwell



# Students Touch the Moon

Rare samples of moon rock and lunar dust landed at School for a week's visit in February. Meteorites of different kinds also formed part of the display and students were able to handle and study them, seeing the obvious differences in the materials from which they are made.

The lunar samples, provided by the UK's Science and Technology Facilities Council were collected during NASA's manned space missions to the Moon in the late 1960s and early 1970s. During these missions, the Apollo astronauts brought back to Earth 382 kilograms of lunar material. Most of this material is used by scientists to study the Moon but NASA decided to use a small proportion of the rock and soil to develop lunar and planetary sciences educational packages.

Science Teacher Mr Dan Aughton said: "Seeing and handling materials from space has been a thrilling, once in a lifetime experience for the students and the Science teachers too. Over the week, practically all the students had an opportunity to study the samples and rocks." ■



DANVIR RANDHAWA, AIDAN REYNOLDS AND JORDAN MASON

# Art for Local Hotel

Year 11 students were commissioned by Grays Hotel in Telford to create artwork for its newly refurbished restaurant.

Art teacher, Mrs Gemma Guest said: "We were delighted to be asked and it was an excellent opportunity for our students to display their work. They were all early entry students who had already achieved A\* or A grades at GCSE and the work they produced counts



towards their overall AS Level Art grade. As the restaurant looks onto the courtyard and gardens of the hotel, the students chose the theme of natural forms, mainly focusing on butterflies, flowers and colour."

For Grays Hotel, Kate Jordan added: "The quality is amazing and we are proud to have their work on our walls".

L-R: HEAD OF ART MR JOHN GRAYSON, MRS GEMMA GUEST, EMMA CARTWRIGHT, LAUREN JONES, GEORGIA DIXON, HANNAH MCGILVERY, JESKA DIMMACK, PHOEBE CALLOWAY, HARRIET BRACE AND CATHERINE HUTCHINSON



# Standing Ovation for Choir at Royal Albert Hall

**The TTS Choir received a standing ovation for their performance of the classic Queen hit, 'Bohemian Rhapsody' at the Royal Albert Hall in November.**

The students were invited to take part in the 2010 Music for Youth Schools Proms and were thrilled to receive a 'good luck' email from Queen's legendary rock guitarist, Brian May.

Head of Music Mr Gareth Howard said: *"It was an absolutely amazing experience for us all to perform in such a wonderful venue and a privilege to close the second night of the Schools Proms. An evening none of us will forget!"*

Amongst the 85 students who travelled to London, were eight former students who left in July having completed their A Levels, Mr Howard explained: *"It was important for all of us that these students should be included as they had been part of the choir during our journey through the Music for Youth regional festivals earlier in the year. I was so pleased that they were able to take a day from their university studies to join us."*

Sir Kevin Satchwell, added: *"I had the privilege of joining around 100 of our parents at the Royal Albert Hall to witness the choir's terrific performance."*



## and Congratulations to..

**...The Business Studies Department who received a Good Schools Guide Award 2011 for achieving the best results for boys and girls in GCSE Business Studies.**



PICTURED ABOVE (L-R):  
LAURA COWELL, WILLIAM HUDSON, OLIVER STROTHERS, JESSICA TONKS, DOMINIC LEASON,  
REBECCA PERCOX. FRONT: LOIS PERKINS

## Bumper Crop of Gold Award Winners

**This year saw the biggest ever group of students achieving Gold Duke of Edinburgh Awards.**

At the final count, nine students reached this standard before they finished their final year in the Sixth Form. In addition to the seven students pictured, Joanna Foster and Rosina Dixon also achieved their Gold Awards.

Our heartiest congratulations go to all of them!





## Young Citizenship Award

Year 10 student Joe Grogan was nominated for the Shropshire High Sheriff's Young Citizenship Award which recognises the valuable contribution that young people make to their community. Joe is an enthusiastic volunteer both in School and in his local community where he helps individuals with gardening and organises charity events with his local church.

In School, Joe's excellent contribution to the 2010 Operation Christmas Child appeal saw him provide not only 24 gift boxes of his own but also helped his Tutor Group to a magnificent total of 42 parcels. Joe also volunteered to help at the warehouse where the boxes were made ready for the journeys to countries like Bosnia and Swaziland.

## Hope House Hospice

Sixth Form students handed over a cheque for £800 to Hope House Hospice during the year. The students had raised the money from two events which they had organised as part of their BTEC Business course.

In October, they organised a very successful Halloween Disco for Year 7 and 8 students and then in the Spring they got together with House of Fraser to organise a Girls Night at the Telford Store.

Business teacher Miss Clare Snik said: "The students enjoy giving to charity and work hard to ensure the events run smoothly and successfully. We plan to host both these events and numerous others in the future and rely on the continued good support of students, staff and parents to raise as much as possible for worthwhile causes."



MATTHEW ROSS PRESENTS THE CHEQUE TO MS KELLY GOODALL, HOPE HOSPICE AREA FUNDRAISER, WATCHED BY (L-R): ALEXANDRA HITCH, LIAM BOWEN, JAKE GILL, AMANDA WEBB, NATASHA RUSH AND BEAU BUXTON  
(PHOTO COURTESY OF TELFORD JOURNAL)

## New Minibus

Thanks to a very hardworking group of parents the School has taken delivery of a new minibus.



MR BOB PRICE FROM FURROWS, TELFORD HANDS OVER THE KEYS TO MRS SARAH ROCK, PARENTS AND STUDENTS

The parents on the Social Development Committee organised a wide variety of fund raising events including Golf Days, the annual Summer Fayre, Auction of Promises, Treasure Hunts, Race Nights and twice yearly Prize Draws. Sir Kevin Satchwell said: "They are a fantastic group and their enthusiasm and motivation have raised the funds needed much more quickly than we had anticipated. It takes a good deal of time and hard work to organise fund raising events. Our grateful thanks are due not only to them but also to the many parents and friends of the School who have supported these events. The students and staff will make excellent use of the new vehicle."





## TTS in Academy Public Speaking Win

The TTS Year 9 team were overall winners in a Public Speaking competition at Walsall Academy.

The eleven teams of students from Years 7, 8 and 9 from TTS, Madeley, Walsall and Sandwell Academies spoke on a wide range of interesting topics including *'Facebook – is it worth it?'*, *'You think the fog's annoying, try smog!'*, *'Equality'*, and *'Cuts, cuts, cuts'*. The overall winners chose *'Celebrities – the Foundation of the World'* as their subject. Molly Yates, Niala Cleobury and Kennedy Barrett took a critical look at the effect of airbrushing and false appearance on attitudes amongst young people.

The competition was judged by members of local Rotary Clubs who also organise Rotary's *'Youth Speaks'* contests.

Competition organiser, John Birkett said: *"It is good to see the students develop their abilities to fulfil the roles of Main Speaker, Chairperson and Voter of Thanks, all of which are an integral part of a successful public speaking team. This helps to develop a level of self confidence which will stand the students in good stead in their future careers."*

## Murder in Lab 5

To celebrate National Science and Engineering Week, the Science Department devised a Murder Mystery week for Year 9 entitled *'Murder on the Lab Floor'* which took place during science sessions. Students worked in teams to put their problem solving, team working and analytical skills to the test.



Their brief was simple: The bodies of two staff members, Mr Jones and Miss Tonks, were discovered brutally murdered in Lab 5. Footage of the crime scene allowed them to identify evidence to use in forensic analysis. Students employed a variety of techniques including blood alcohol, soil pH and flame testing as well as analysing clothing fibres, hair samples, glass fragments and dusting for finger prints.

Students were advised of five principal suspects: Miss Platt, Mr Lees, Miss Powell, Mrs Porter and Mr Aughton. Soil samples, chemicals, hair, clothing fibres and finger prints were analysed and compared to the crime scene before students could deliver their evidence and verdicts to the court. Thankfully, claims of *"She just looks like she might kill someone"* were quickly dismissed and replaced by significant scientific evidence!

Students produced some outstanding forensic reports and demonstrated fantastic problem solving and analytical skills, standing them in good stead for pursuing scientific careers. Mrs Porter, our resident murderer, said *"This was a very exciting and highly motivating week which gave the students a real insight into how the science they learn can be applied to the real world"*.

## Congratulations..

...to former student, **Alan Hughes**, who is a member of The Great British Barbershop Quartet whose multi million pound record deal hit the headlines a few months ago



# Challenging Mathematicians

**TTS entered students in three Maths Challenges organised by the UK Mathematics Trust during the year.**

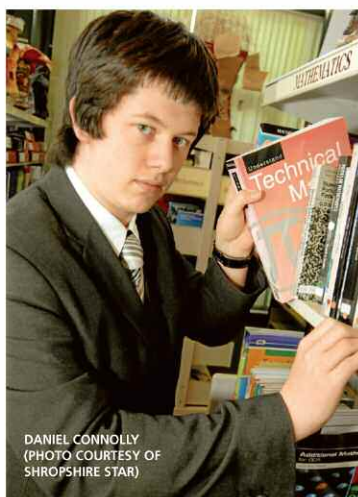
In the Junior event, Joel Grice and Joshua Elwell were awarded Gold Certificates with four others achieving Silver and seven more Bronze.

At Intermediate level Jake Hubbard was awarded Gold with 20 students achieving Silver and five at Bronze Level. The Maths team were particularly pleased with the number of certificates awarded as this was the first time the School had entered students at this level.

The Intermediate competition is primarily aimed at Year 10 and 11 students but an exceptional Mathematician in Year 7, Joel Grice, not only won Best in School for his efforts in the Junior Challenge but also won a Silver award in the Intermediate Challenge.



JAKE HUBBARD, JOSHUA ELWELL AND JOEL GRICE



DANIEL CONNOLLY  
(PHOTO COURTESY OF  
SHROPSHIRE STAR)

In the Senior Challenge, which involved answering 25 tough multiple choice questions in 90 minutes, five students achieved Gold Awards - Daniel Connolly, Sam Bentham, Sukhvinder Gill, Laurence Newman and Gurpreet Johl. Daniel and Sam then took part in the British Mathematical Olympiad. Only the top 1000 students aged 16-19 from schools and colleges across the country who take part in the Challenge go through to the Olympiad.

Mr Paul Halcro, Deputy Head responsible for Mathematics said: *"It has been a terrific year for our Maths students with a super number of certificates achieved. I am delighted that Daniel and Sam took part in the British Mathematical Olympiad and that more than three quarters of our students who took part in the Senior Maths Challenge received certificates which are awarded to just the top 40% of students nationally."* ■



SAM BENTHAM

# Extreme Chemistry

**A group of Sixth Form A Level students took part in the International Chemistry Olympiad which is organised by the Royal Society of Cambridge. They had to answer a series of very demanding questions which involved the application of their knowledge to new and stimulating situations.**



Two of our students achieved Silver Awards: Michelle Murray who wants to study Veterinary Science and Robert Palin who has opted to study Medicine. Emma Irwin, Sarah Evans and Sebastian Vrahimis picked up Bronze Awards. Head of Science, Miss Emma Powell, commented: *"Taking part in the Olympiad was a tremendous opportunity for the students to really challenge themselves. Only a fairly small percentage of candidates achieve an award so our congratulations go to them all."* ■

BACK ROW (L-R): JUDE SHEPPARD, RICHARD THOMAS, JAMIE ROBERTS, TAJINDER POONIAN, DANIEL TILLEY, LIAM WALSH, JACK LEECH, SEBASTIAN VRAHIMIS, DINESH SHAH  
FRONT ROW (L-R): EMMA IRWIN, KINNERY PATEL, ROBERT PALIN, MICHELLE MURRAY, SARAH EVANS



# GCSE students celebrate their success

First Year Sixth Form students and their parents were invited to an Achievement Evening in November to celebrate their GCSE successes earlier in the year.

Member of the Governing Board, Mr Terry Last, Chief Executive Officer at Tarmac Quarry Materials was the Guest of Honour and presented certificates and prizes to the students. The audience were also taken down memory lane as they enjoyed three videos including one which showed clips from the year group's five years at the School from their first day in Year 7 until Results Day in August.



AILSA INGLIS  
BOSS AWARD FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE



ADAM UNWIN  
TINA WARREN AWARD FOR HISTORY



REBECCA HALEY  
THE ADVISORY COUNCIL AWARD FOR  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



JORDAN TAYLOR  
YARRINGTON AWARD FOR ICT



MAIN GROUP

BACK ROW: AIDAN REYNOLDS (ACHIEVEMENT AWARD), OMARI DOUGLAS (TARMAC GROUP LTD AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT), STUART DUNLOP AND RAVINDER AULAK (PERSONALITIES OF THE YEAR), ZOE CRESSWELL (BARBARA MUNGER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE), LILY PENFOLD (TARMAC GROUP LTD AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT), JACK WHETTON AND JOSEPH DEAN (BARBARA MUNGER AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE)

MIDDLE ROW: LUCY ADAMSON (ACHIEVEMENT AWARD), ROSALYN BALL (TARMAC GROUP LTD AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT), LUCY HUMPHREYS (TARMAC GROUP LTD AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT AND BARBARA MUNGER AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE), HOLLY WILD AND SAMANTHA LUNN (BARBARA MUNGER AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE), MR TERRY LAST, CHARLOTTE EVANS AND CARLA MUNRO (MOST IMPROVED STUDENT AWARDS), GURPREET JOHL (ROY HARRISON AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING STUDENT OF THE YEAR), ZOE MCINTOSH (ACHIEVEMENT AWARD)

FRONT ROW: JADE DURNALL, FRANCES RAY, ABBIE BAILEY, LAURA ROBERTS, ABIGAIL POPE, CLARE THOMAS AND GEORGIA PERRIN (ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS), MELISSA NOCK (ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND DANIELLE HARRIS SPECIAL AWARD)

## Congratulations..

...Emily Oldham who was crowned Wolverhampton Young Poetry Champion for her thought provoking verse over a wide range of subjects.

## Go Ahead Chantelle

Former student Chantelle Holt, now BA (Hons) Architecture, was assigned an important role when she was one of seven students chosen by the University Alliance to visit Parliament to talk to Education Minister, David Willetts. The Alliance is an organisation bringing together 23 universities with government and businesses to generate new answers to social and economic challenges.



As a graduate of Oxford Brookes, Chantelle was chosen for her enthusiasm and 'can do' attitude to demonstrate how modern university education can empower students to make the most of their opportunities. She is currently working for BH & M, the architects who designed not only Thomas Telford School but also Walsall, Sandwell and Madeley Academies.

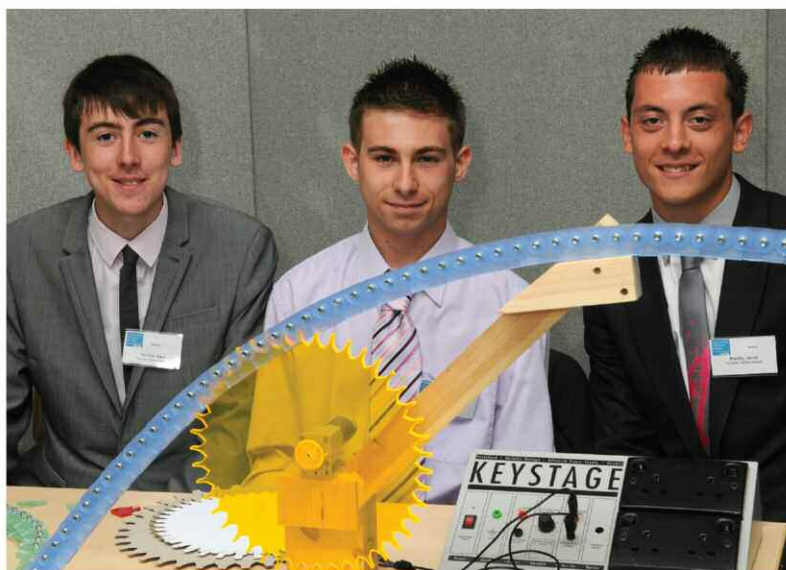
[PHOTO COURTESY OF THE UNIVERSITY ALLIANCE]



# Design Solutions

A trio of Sixth Form students, Bradley Jarvis, Jake Wright and Dominic Allen has been working with Wolverhampton based company, Goodrich Actuation Systems on the development of a linear actuator.

The project was part of the Engineering Education Scheme. A product had to be designed and developed to open the doors of a jet engine for servicing. The existing solution of a hydraulic ram is heavy, costly and can be problematic. The students designed and developed a chain mechanism that pushed the door open using an electric motor. This is an innovative solution and was highly praised by the judges at the final EES event in Solihull. The students won the award for Best Display and Product as voted by all the other students competing in the vent. ■



DOMINIC ALLEN, JAKE WRIGHT AND BRADLEY JARVIS

## and well done..

...to former student **Elliott Bennett** who is now playing Premiership football with Norwich City



REBECCA PUGH, MR JOHN BIRKETT (TEAM COACH), ROY AU, GRACE KENDRICK, LAUREN MORGAN

Sixth Form students Omari Douglas, Sam Bentham and Connor Keogh won a team prize for their presentation - '*How Fashion makes us Robots*'.

Three other, younger students won individual prizes. Rebecca Pugh won the Best Main Speaker Award for her beautifully delivered six minute speech entitled '*Who let you out of the Kitchen*' about gender stereotypes. Grace Kendrick won the Best Chairperson Award for her control of the meeting in an efficient yet sensitive way with skilful teamworking. Both these students were appearing in their first senior public speaking competition. The third member of their team was Lauren Morgan who proved a skilful Expresser of Thanks

In the Intermediate section, Roy Au won the Best Chairperson Award for his Teamwork skills and the way he managed the 15 minute presentation. Again this was his first public speaking award and can be attributed to his hard work and flair in the role. ■

## Soapbox

Students took part in an exciting new Public Speaking Competition for schools in July which was organised by voice communication experts, Sounds Right.



# Sixth Form students in Relate fund raiser

6.2 BTEC Performing Arts students staged a cabaret evening at the Perton Community Centre and entertained 120 guests with a show that they had written and produced themselves.

The show was set in a leisure centre and used Motown music as its theme. The guests were served with a delicious hot meal prepared by our Hospitality students. The evening raised about £1,000 for Relate. ■

## Saving the Rainforest



KELLY THOMPSON AND AMARDEEP RANDHAWA

Kelly Thompson and Amardeep Randhawa (Year 10) took part in the Living Rainforest 'How on Earth Can We Save the Rainforest' essay competition and travelled to Berkshire to represent the School in the Living Rainforest debate in March.

Their essays, together with those submitted by Emily Beech and Giuseppe Sorrento, were short listed from 300 entries to receive a certificate. However, the essays written by Kelly and Amardeep were awarded higher marks so they were chosen to take part in the debate which centred around why we need to save the rainforests. Both students contributed some excellent ideas and were a credit to the School. ■



(L-R): MUTSA MATONHODZE, CATRINA YANG, WILLIAM HUGHES WITH SENIOR DEPUTY HEAD, MRS JEANETTE FURLONG

## £1000 for National Autistic Society

Year 10 students voted to donate £1000 to the National Autistic Society following a successful Business Enterprise challenge. It was a great opportunity for the students to put into practice some of the business theory they had learned and raise funds for charity at the same time.

As part of their GCSE Business Education course, groups of Year 10 students were set the task of designing, producing and selling products of their choice at the Christmas Fayre. They worked hard to source supplies, set up production and market their goods. The youngsters were expected to fund the project themselves with the incentive that, having set aside 20% of their profit for charity, they could share the other 80% between themselves. Their wide range of products included cakes, biscuits, sweets, jewellery, calendars and candles. ■

## Creating Silver

Year 10 students Charlotte Wood and Nathan Wilkes successfully completed Silver Creative Arts Awards in a scheme run by the Arts Council involving designing, implementing and evaluating a series of Arts challenges.

Charlotte's team completed a range of challenges from producing a full film script to the direction of a dance performance. Meanwhile, Nathan wrote, produced and animated his own film which had its premiere at the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton!



# Annual Achievement Evening

Mr Tom Sheldon, Master of The Mercers' Company, was Guest of Honour at the Twentieth Achievement Evening held in July when the outstanding achievements of students were highlighted and rewarded.

Prizes were presented for effort and achievement across the age range. Students, their parents and guests were entertained by a series of videos illustrating the highlights of the year in performing arts, on the sports field and academically. ■



ABIGAIL POPE  
SCOTT BROWN AWARD FOR  
OUTSTANDING SPORTING EFFORT



WRAYON VASSEL  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR  
HOSPITALITY AND CATERING



BACK ROW:  
OMARI DOUGLAS AND EVE LISTER (VICTORIA HARPER AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT), RACHAEL HOLYHEAD AND HOLLIE GEORGE (REYNOLDS AWARD FOR OVERCOMING ADVERSITY), CAMERON BURNS (DENSO AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP), ATHEN NEWDELL (ELIZABETH LANE CHILDREN'S CHAMPION AWARD), MR SHELTON, CHARLOTTE LUCAS (HEADMASTER'S AWARD), EMMA IRWIN (DENSO AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP), MILLIE GRUNDY (EMMA SHAW MEMORIAL AWARD FOR PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR), ROBERT PALIN (DENSO AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP), DANVIR RANDHAWA (LAING AWARD FOR CONTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY, SAMANTHA LUNN (WILLIAMS AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE).

FRONT ROW:  
ROY AU (KEY STAGE 3 MOST IMPROVED STUDENT OF THE YEAR), HELEN SIMMONDS AND OLIVER PREECE (KEY STAGE 3 STUDENTS OF THE YEAR).



KELLY THOMPSON  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR  
GEOGRAPHY



BENJAMIN HARRIS  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD FOR  
FRENCH



LAURA WALKER  
SHANAHAN AWARD FOR  
SHAKESPEAREAN STUDIES



AARON DHANOO  
HSBC BUSINESS & FINANCE  
AWARD



JOHN-LUKE HARRIS  
PDSA AWARD FOR ELECTRONICS



JAKE WRIGHT  
SANKEY AWARD FOR  
TECHNOLOGY



JACK BAKER, BEN ROSE AND SARAH EVANS

## Oxbridge Success

Three students have left to study at Oxford and Cambridge.

Jack Baker is now at St Peter's College, Oxford, studying Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE). He impressed at interview with the wide knowledge he gained from his reading of both books and newspapers which keeps him abreast of current affairs – essential to success in PPE.

Sarah Evans is studying Natural Sciences at Murray Edwards College, Cambridge. Sarah is a very talented scientist with wide knowledge across the whole subject and this, combined with her confident and self assured attitude, clinched the offer for her.

Ben Rose is the first student from Thomas Telford School to study Music at Oxford. After a rigorous and demanding series of interviews and auditions over a four day period, he was offered a place at St Hilda's College. Ben has a range of musical skills and plays the piano, saxophone and cello.

These are tremendous achievements as the competition for places at these world class universities is enormous. ■



# Cool Guys

Tom Roper and Layton Chantry were the overall winners of the 2011 Year 8 Science Fair with their fascinating investigation into the best way to cool drinks without the aid of a fridge, for example whilst camping.

The boys used various methods and timed how long it took to cool a limeade drink from 25°C to 5°C. Their methods included using a wet sock and chemical reactions to cool the drink. They found that the best results were obtained using an endothermic reaction of ammonium nitrate and water to cool the drink.

Second prize went to Roy Au, Alex Brown and Samuel Ellison for their efforts with 'How do Structures Survive Earthquakes' and third prize winners were Jack Underwood, Alex Wood and Jimmy Craig for 'Dye Hair Dye'.



TOM ROPER AND LAYTON CHANTRY

# Bavarian Exchange

In October, Sixth Form German language students took part in an exchange with a specialist music school in Schwabach, Germany. The students had been in contact with their partners for about a month before they travelled to Bavaria. They enjoyed excellent hospitality with their host families, joining in with everyday lives as well as visiting tourist attractions.

They went to school with their partners and took part in lessons, saw the musical 'Oliver' performed in German, visited the medieval town of Rothenburg ob der Tauber as well as enjoying a visit to the cinema and having tours of the Nuremberg castle, dungeons and a history of the famous Nuremberg Gingerbread.



Languages Teacher, Miss Leigh Milkamanavicius said: "I was very proud of them. They really rose to the occasion and truly embraced the German language, customs and culture. Without exception, they all gained confidence and agreed that spending time living in another country with native speakers really is the best way to learn a language."

The German students paid a return visit to Telford in March, staying with their partner students. They took part in an exciting programme of activities including visits to the Black Country Living Museum, Chester, the Thinktank in Birmingham, Ironbridge and a wealth of evening entertainment.

TTS STUDENTS WITH THEIR GERMAN HOSTS IN ROTHENBURG OB DER TAUBER





PICTURED (LEFT TO RIGHT) WITH HISTORY TEACHER, MR MARTYN HALE ARE RIANNA PRICE AND ANDREW HEPWORTH.

## Students Commemorate the War Dead

Year 8 students attended a special Remembrance Day Service at Lawley Parish Church on 11 November and laid a wreath to commemorate the War Dead.

Over the previous few weeks in particular, Year 8 students had been thinking hard about those who gave their lives during the First and Second World Wars. In October half term, they went to France and Belgium to visit some of the World War I Battlefields to help increase their understanding of the nature of the fighting during the most devastating conflict of the 20th Century. They also went to the largest Commonwealth war graves cemetery in the world.

History Teacher, Mr Martyn Hale said: *"The Battlefields tour was a tremendous experience for the youngsters that will remain with them forever. Since our return, we have been involved in activities like trying out gas masks and helmets, drill exercises and even bayonet practice. These events added to their more traditional academic study of this period in History and will give them a wider understanding of their forebears' lives."*

## well done..

...to Sixth Form student **Jack Leech** who was named Employee of the Year 2010 at McDonalds in Telford where he works part time as a Crew Trainer.

## World Book Night

Some lucky students and staff were the recipients of free books when four members of staff were selected to be 'givers' for World Book Night when a million free books were given away by 20,000 passionate readers to other members of the public.

Deputy Heads Mrs Jeanette Furlong and Mr Robert Furlong, Librarian Mrs Margaret Howells and Secretary Mrs Carol Giles each chose their favourite book from a list of 25 titles encompassing all types of fiction or poetry. They had to say why they wanted to give away their book and the sort of people to whom they would like to give them. As winners they then received 50 copies of their favourite book to hand out.





# Click

Eight of the ten members of Telford based dance group, Click, are students at Thomas Telford School and the group took part in the European Street Dance Championships held in France earlier in the year.

Laura Gibbons, Zoe McIntosh, Melissa Sterling, Tessa Skillen, Aimee Anderson, Demi Grundy, Danielle Bowater and Emmie Edwards make up four fifths of the group which is run by former TTS student, Sarah Gibbons.

Click not only qualified for the competition but also had to raise money to fund the expense of a trip to Euro Disney, France to take part. The girls competed in the Under 18 category and came through the first round and so qualified for the finals. Although Click did not make the top six, the girls received very positive feedback from the judges and hope to qualify for the next Championships and win a trophy. ■



# Copacabana

Sequins and glitter were very much the theme of this year's show, Copacabana.

Barry Manilow's popular songs featured in a high spirited musical spectacular which saw around 100 students dancing and singing their way through four performances to packed houses in March. ■



# Stage School Success

The Performing Arts students have been successful in achieving places at leading Stage Schools (such as the Laine Theatre School, Urdang Academy and the Academy for Live and Recorded Arts) where there are at least 1500 applicants for about 30 places on these type of courses and only around ten schools from which to choose.

Entry is by a tough audition and students have to prepare solo pieces in acting, singing and dance as well as taking part in dance classes and acting workshops. This year, some of our students have even been granted scholarship places with Ben Anderson being awarded a fully funded place at the Millennium for a three year Musical Theatre course. ■



# Sports Review 2010-2011

This year, students achieved remarkable representative honours, with over 200 students representing their District, County, Region or Country in a wide variety of sports. 56 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, Cricket, Rounders, Basketball, Archery, Kick Boxing, and Mixed Martial Arts. A number of students are also nationally ranked in Trampolining, Skiing, and Karate. Some of the highlights are detailed on the following pages.

## Shropshire Decathlon Champion



Aidan Reynolds

**Aidan Reynolds continued to excel in Athletics competing for Shropshire in the English Schools, UK Games and also British Schools competitions.**

He has taken up Pole Vault so that he can compete in the Decathlon. He has already made excellent strides in this new discipline, becoming Shropshire Decathlon Champion. Aidan travels widely to gain specialised training in his favoured event of Javelin.



Jack Underwood

## Weaponry to Music!

**In Martial Arts, Jack Underwood has continued to impress on an international stage, where he is the International Sport Kickboxing Association (ISKA) World Champion for 'Weaponry to Music'.**

He is now ISKA World, European, British, English and South West and Beyond Champion.

## A Winning Hockey Season

**David Goodfield had an excellent year on the Hockey field, being selected for the England Under 18 team at the start of the year.**

He is also representing the Under 21s towards the end of a very successful personal season.



David Goodfield



Matthew Pacey

## European Championship

**Matthew Pacey has played Hockey for Wales for a number of years and represented the country in several tournaments during the 2010/11 season.**

He travelled to Milan with the team in July to take part in the European Championships.



# Karting Champion

**Keaton Ford is the 2011 Welsh Junior Karting Champion.**

When Keaton took part in the competition for the Junior TKM class, which was held at the Llandow circuit near Cardiff, he broke the lap record on a total of four occasions both during the heats and again in the Final. As Champion, he will now have a special plate on his kart at every event he enters for the next twelve months.



# Kickboxing Star

**Key Stage 3 student, Amber Jones is a Blackbelt First Dan in Kickboxing.**

She has trained for over five years and now competes in competitions around the country as well as internationally. In October 2010 Amber represented England at the World Kickboxing Championships held in Edinburgh. She fought her way through to the Finals and won the Silver medal in Points Fighting and the Bronze in Continuous.

# Youngest Ever Golf Champion



**Congratulations to Harry Burt, who at 13 became the youngest ever winner of the Shropshire and Herefordshire Youth Golf Championship.**

Harry now has a handicap of only four! ■



JACOB PERRY

# Jacob's on Target!

**Jacob Perry** was the National Field Archery Society's UK Junior Longbow Champion in 2009/10 then achieved runner up position when he moved to the more senior Under 16 National Competition.

# Jeska's Double

**Jeska Ward** achieved an excellent 'double' after being selected for the England Rounders team and Welsh Cricket team. ■

JESKA WARD



# Telford Tiger takes on the World

**Luke Brittle** continued to represent Great Britain at Ice Hockey, travelling to Latvia to take part in the World Championships.

He is also a regular player for Telford Tigers who compete in the English Premier Ice Hockey League and coaches Telford Tigers juniors. ■



## Football

Four out five girls teams reached their respective County Cup Finals, winning the Under 13 and Under 14 titles. The boys teams also reached four out of five finals and managed to come away winners in all four games.

In the ESFA National Cup Competitions, we were unable to repeat our three National Finals from the previous year. However, all but two teams reached their target of progressing to the last 32, with the Under 15 and Under 18 girls and Under 18 boys reaching the National Semi-finals. Our Under 12 girls 5-a-side team also had notable success, playing in the National finals at Derby. Both the girls and boys Under 18 1st XI squads performed well in their leagues with the boys becoming champions and girls runners up. They also contested the Midlands Regional Finals which equates to the last 32 of the British Colleges Cup. The boys eventually reached the last 16 and the girls the last eight of this competition.

### Under 12 Boys Football Team

5-a-side District Winners and Regional Finalists

Back row: Luke Bawn, Thomas Edge, Jack Terry,  
Liam Fletcher, Jack Fishman

Front row: Ryan McLean, Sameron Dool, Joshua Large



### Under 12 Boys Football Team

County Cup Winners

Back row: Jack Meredith, Alexander Wood, Jamie Ward,  
Liam Gamston, Sameron Dool, Jack Terry, Declan Green,  
Liam Fletcher, Daniel Naylor

Front row: Ashley Pitt, Callum Stainer,  
Dominic Bendall-Court, Luke Bawn, Thomas Edge,  
Ryan McLean, Jack Fishman, Joshua Large, Joel Roura

### Under 13 Boys Football Team

County Cup Winners

Back row: Daniel Vaughan, Aaron King, Thomas Rose,  
Callum Price, Jake Wenlock, Andrew Hepworth,  
Matthew Bailey, Brandon Taylor, Ravi Patel

Front row: James McGinn, Jack Parrish, Lewis Jarman,  
Joseph Kenton, Jordan Tipping, Evan Bagry







## Under 14 Boys Football Team County Cup Winners

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

## Under 15 Boys Football Team National Cup and County Cup Winners

Back row: Joseph Broad, Keaton Ford, Ryan Talbot, Mitchell Hoof, Chaquille Buchanan, Benjamin Carter, Daniel Siversns, Leigh Brindley, David Arrowsmith, Sean Jennings  
Front row: Daniel Blackwell, Kieran Buckley, Jacob Hawkes, Ryan Goulbourn, Enoch Mantey, Robert Edmonds



## Under 12 Girls 5-a-side National Finalists

Back row: Harriet Butler, Roisin Kelly, Victoria Evans, Emma Browne  
Front row: Kay Wong, Millie Grundy, Lucy Berridge

## Under 13 Girls Football Team County Cup and West Midlands cup Winners

Back row: Harriet Butler, Emmie Louca, Roisin Kelly, Abigail Horton, Paige Timmins, Victoria Evans, Rianna Price, Abigail Archer, Anan Preet Chatha, Emma Browne  
Front row: Ellie-May Shephard, Kay Wong, Millie Grundy, Lucy Berridge, Cara Bright, Tayla Glover, Sian Morris, Kaitlyn Collins



## Under 14 Girls Football Team County Cup Winners

Back row: Emily North, Christina Needham, Hailey Roberts, Amy Fitzsimmons, Jemma Smith, Amy Hunt, Abigail Horton, Rianna Price, Stephanie Jackson, Paige Timmins  
Front row: Jenny Wood, Courtney Owen, Cara Bright, Tayla Glover, Ellie-May Shephard, Kaitlyn Collins, Sian Morris, Anan Preet Chatha, Abigail Archer



## Swimming

**Teams successfully defended both the West Midlands Consortium Gala and the Telford and District Trophy.**

In the Division 6 Championships (Shropshire, Hereford, Worcester and the West Midlands) the Relay Teams achieved two gold, three silver and three bronze medals which resulted in the Junior Boys qualifying for the ESSA National Championships Medley and Freestyle Relays. In the County Championships, the team took a total of four gold, seven silver and three bronze medals; our best ever return in this event.

### Junior Boys Swimming

**Division 6 Relay Championships, Medley and Freestyle Winners, National Qualifiers**

Oliver Preece, Callum Giles, Callum Leith, Joshua Blunt



## Hockey

**The Under 13 boys' team qualified through the Midlands Section to play in the National Cup.**

### Under 13 Boys Hockey

**National Cup (Midlands) National Qualifiers**

Back row: Rhys Martin, Jack Underwood, Matthew Price,  
Bryn Wenlock, Oliver Derham, Shyam Patel  
Front row: Jake Strandin, Haydn Finn, Layton Chantry,  
Ethan Gatenby, Joel Jaworski



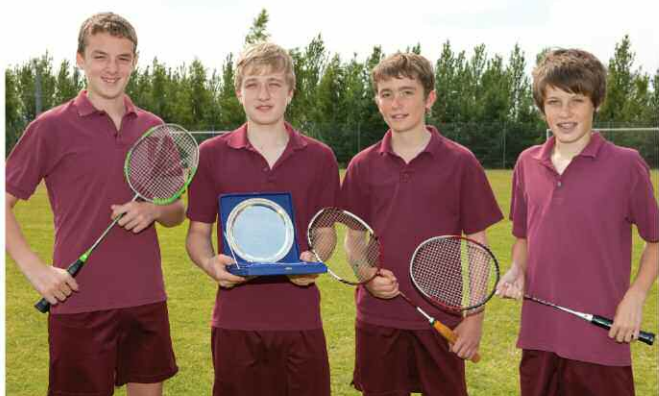
## Badminton

**In Badminton, the Under 14 boys squad became Shropshire County Champions and performed admirably to achieve third place at the West Midlands Championships.**

### Under 14 Boys Badminton

**Shropshire County Champions**

Matthew Nutting, Joshua Guest, Daniel Vaughan, Jack Brothers





## Basketball

In Basketball, both the boys Under 15 and Under 16 teams as well as the girls Under 14 and Under 15 teams progressed through the English Schools Regional Qualifiers.

### Under 15 Girls Basketball

English Schools Basketball Regional Qualifiers

Back row: Tamara Saunders, Rebecca Pugh, Jane Simmonds, Caitlin Arrowsmith  
Front row: Emma Cousins, Catrina Yang, Victoria Palin



### Under 16 Boys Basketball

English Schools Basketball Regional Qualifiers Winners

Back row: Martin Boyle, Oliver Leason, Luke Johnson, Benjamin Carter  
Front row: Wrayon Vassel, Enoch Mantey, Christopher West



### Under 14 Boys Basketball

Telford and Wrekin Winners

Back row: Shaun Rowley, Jon-Pierre Jones, Luke Johnson, Benjamin Carter, Matthew Gwilt  
Front row: Joshua Guest, Zach Williams, Wrayon Vassel, Enoch Mantey, Christopher West



## Netball

In Netball, teams were entered in all the county cup trophies with the Under 15 girls achieving third place. The Under 15 team also achieved success in the Idsall Winter League

### Under 15 Girls Netball

Idsall Winter League Winners

Back row: Catrina Yang, Rebecca Pugh, Jessica Hoggins, Libby Nellany, Tamara Saunders, Nicole Williamson  
Front row: Caitlin Arrowsmith, Georgia Gallant, Victoria Palin, Imogen Edwards





## Athletics

**The Junior boys team won the Bayley Mile for the third time in succession with Ellis Garamszegi taking the individual trophy.**

Jamie Ward, Aidan Wade and Harry Halford came in second, third and fifth - an outstanding team performance. The Intermediate boys also won the Bayley Mile with Jack Forrester, last year's Junior individual title holder moving up to take the Intermediate title this year. The Cross Country team had a number of fine individual displays throughout the year and were crowned overall boys and girls Combined County Champions. All four of our Athletic teams performed well with the Junior Boys being crowned County Champions. The Intermediate team narrowly missed out achieving second place and both our girls teams were placed third.



### Junior Boys Athletics Team

County Cup Winners,  
Shropshire Track and Field  
Event Winners,  
West Midlands Consortium  
Athletics Cup Winners

Back Row: Harry Halford, Aidan Wade, Jack Underwood, Brandon Taylor, Jason Williamson, Declan Green, Daniel Vaughan, Jack Brothers  
Front Row: Sam McGovern, Owen Hamblett, Jamie Ward, Ellis Garamszegi, George Taberner

### Junior Boys Cross Country Bayley Mile Winners

Harry Halford, Aidan Wade, Ellis Garamszegi, Jamie Ward



### Intermediate Boys Cross Country Bayley Mile Winners

Ryan Talbot, Ryan Hickman, Jack Forrester, Samuel Johnson



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