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Newsletter

St Ivo School

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Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware the Governing Body has recently decided that we will apply to convert to become an Academy. I have enclosed a summary of our reasons. We are excited about the possibilities it can bring us to improve the educational experience of the youngsters at the school.

This is one of the largest newsletters we've produced which indicates the huge range of activities in the school. I would like to particularly mention the first rate spring concert which took place last month. The standard was exceptional and, as a member of the audience told me, would not have been out of place at the Cambridge Corn Exchange. The achievements of the Young Enterprise students was also remarkable, winning 7 out of 15 awards in the Area Final. My congratulations to all the staff and students involved.

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Miss Carse-Jones (Maths) and Mr Perry (TA) who are leaving for pastures new. My thanks to them for all their hard work at St Ivo and they leave with our best wishes. Best wishes also go to Mrs Bird who starts her maternity leave at Easter.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your support of your child's education and wish you and your family an excellent Easter break. The school reopens for students on Wednesday, 27 April 2011.

Yours sincerely

Howard Gilbert
Headteacher



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ACADEMY APPLICATION

The Full Governing Body met on 29 March, 2011 and decided unanimously to apply for Academy status in conjunction with other Huntingdonshire Secondary Schools.

The Governing Body believes this change in status brings the following advantages:

- 1 It will provide an excellent way forward to work in partnership with schools currently in the Huntingdonshire consortium. This exchange of expertise and joint working could be very beneficial to our students (eg with curriculum development).
- 2 We can also look forward to increased choice and purchasing power as a Consortium when sourcing goods and services.
- 3 The change in status presents a timely opportunity for the seven secondary schools in Huntingdonshire to rework their relationship with the Local Authority. Senior Local Authority officers have been very positive about this move and look forward to discussing ways we might work effectively together.
- 4 In due course the curriculum freedom will give us opportunities to be innovative in our approach. For example, our main aim in KS3 is to produce good learners by the end of Year 9, the freedoms we obtain could be beneficial in this though we would always offer a broad and balanced curriculum.
- 5 The extra control of our funding will enable us to enhance opportunities for our students. It will also help us to protect the current curriculum experience during a time of budget cuts and falling rolls.

In summary, the Governing Body feels that achieving Academy status will maximise our ability to plan strategically for sustained improvement in the coming years.

The application process will now take a minimum of three months. I will keep you informed of developments as they happen.

Howard Gilbert
Headteacher

31 March 2011

Year 9 News

Year 9 Fundraising

Following on from the fantastic effort achieved in Year 8, Year 9 have again been completing activities on Fridays in **tutor groups to raise money for this year's chosen charity MAGPAS.**

9Gs kicked it off raising £90 through a cake stall and Where's Wally competition. 9Me raised £60 with a raffle, cake stall and beat the goalie competition. 9Mc raised £70 through a cake stall and balloon popping competition and 9Mx raised £40 with apple bobbing and a guess the sweets in a jar competition.

Well done to all those forms for the effort that has been put in already and good luck to all the other tutor groups in their forthcoming events. A huge thank you also goes out to everyone who has supported the year group so far.

Year 9 Attendance Competition

Every half term prizes have been awarded to some students whose attendance has been 97% or above and 100% attendees. Winners of the raffle in assembly have been Chris, Ethan, Ryan and Eleanor. Well done to all those winners and to everyone who has been in with a chance of winning, please keep the good attendance up!!

Year 9 Merit Certificates

Throughout the year, students are awarded their Bronze certificates for 130 merits, Silver for 170 merits and Gold for 210 merits. It is fantastic to see so many of the year group achieving these awards.

At the time of writing this, we have just presented our first Platinum awards for 300 merits. Well done Jonathan 9Me and Gemma 9Mx.

Mr P Braybrook

Assistant Head of Year 9

National Healthy School Award

We are pleased to announce that St Ivo have been awarded National Healthy School status. The award was given in recognition of the school promoting the health and wellbeing of staff and students, enabling them to make healthy lifestyle choices.

The school has been able to provide a range of evidence which clearly demonstrates the progress the school has made in the last few years. The Dining Hall has become an area where students and staff can enjoy a fresh, locally-sourced and healthy menu. Alongside this, new vending machines are available with healthy snacks, and water coolers are situated around all areas of the school. Students in the most recent surveys quite clearly understand what a healthy diet is.

We were also pleased to record high levels of participation in physical activity outside of PE lessons, with 98% of students surveyed saying that they exercised hard at least once a week. Also the vast majority of students said that they enjoyed physical activities that were on offer.

Our PSHE curriculum and the way which the school supports emotional health and wellbeing were also recognised in being awarded Healthy Schools status.

Geography Department News

After the success of the department's visit to South Africa in October we are continuing our links with the Mbuyisa -Makhubu Primary school in Soweto. It is a very typical South African school with all the associated problems and challenges that are sadly typical of a township school. We were made incredibly welcome however by both staff and pupils and our hopes are to return there in the not too distant future. Letters with details of the proposed October 2012 visit have recently been made available.



A number of field trips are currently being planned for the summer term - letters will be online and handed out for the **ever popular Year 8 trip to Stibbington where students get a 'hands on' experience of river fieldwork. Year 9 also have the opportunity to do a coastal study at Dunwich in June. In June Year 7 geography students have a 'Japan Week'** where they learn about the social, physical and cultural geography of the country with a range of outside speakers running a variety of workshops. They will also have chance to visit the Eco house in St Ives as part of their work on sustainable energy.

Year 12 geographers are off to Snowdonia for their annual fieldtrip next week, while after Easter the Chief Examiner from AQA is coming to run workshops for both Year 12 and 13 in preparation for their module exams in the summer.

Year 10 geographers are off to Iceland in the summer term and they, like Year 11, are continuing to make full use of the **revision resources that are available on the department's web site www.geobytesgcse.wordpress.com**



All of the geography department has been involved in the recent Fair Trade fortnight as well as involving **students in making pledges to mark 'Climate Week'** . This is part of the Eco-Ivo initiative run by Mrs Morey and the Eco-Ivo committee.

Mrs Mottram
Head of Geography

Food Department News

Congratulations to all the Year 11 students who have completed their controlled assessment work in food and nutrition and catering. We have seen some stunning practical work and look forward to sharing in your success in the summer when the exam results come in! There are still a few students who need to complete their work NOW.

Reminder: child development coursework is due in before Easter!

The Year 9 students will be starting the Active Kids get cooking GOLD AWARD in the summer term. They will be producing dishes of an international flavour.

With this in mind, we are also giving the Year 9 students an opportunity to enter a competition organised as part of the build up to the 2012 LONDON OLYMPICS.

The Get Set competition asks for students to send recipes for 2 healthy dishes, one inspired by the UK and one from an international country. Competition forms are available from the food tech team. The closing date is Friday 10th June 2011.

Mrs M Watton
Head of Food Dept

History Department News

Year 7

As part of the History Department's community link with St. Ives, winning castle models were recently displayed in the Norris Museum. This display complemented a medieval activities session at the museum, thereby helping to increase visitor numbers at this valuable local place of interest in the town.



Year 8

A trip to the Black Country museum is running in June 2011 as part of their study of the Industrial Revolution. Letters for this popular trip have been handed out. Payment and slips are due by 1st April.



Year 9

Many students have shown excellent effort in producing high quality assessment essays on: 'To what extent should the 1920s in America be remembered as good times or bad times?'. Their research covered such topics as the economic boom, Hollywood, Flappers, prohibition and Al Capone, Jazz, Black Americans and the KKK, and the Wall Street Crash. Students drew fascinating parallels with the 'credit crunch' and banking crisis facing the world today.

Year 10

Students should be congratulated for working very hard on their GCSE Controlled Assessment on Britain in the 'Swinging Sixties'. They have also recently been studying the USA 1945-70 about the Red Scare and Black Civil Rights Movement, and are revising for their Year 10 exams.



Year 11

Well done to Year 11 who are still working hard towards their GCSE examinations. The Chief Examiner for History from Edexcel came in during March to deliver a valuable revision workshop. Booster sessions still run every Wednesday (USA & International Relations) and Thursday (Russia re-takes) in the department from 3pm-345pm.

Exam Success



Year 12

Year 12 Students and staff found the department's first trip to Berlin enjoyable and invaluable. It was linked to the new AS module: Germany 1933-63. The tour included Brandenburg Gate, Potsdamer Platz, Goring's Air Ministry, Topography of Terror (former SS and Gestapo HQ), Neue Synagogue, and northern Mitte (a preserved pre-war Jewish area), Sachsenhausen Concentration camp, the stadium built by the Nazis for the 1936 Olympic Games, and Wannsee Villa where the 1942 conference decided upon the 'Final Solution' against the Jews.

Year 13

Year 13 are working hard towards their A2 examinations. The deadline for coursework on Russia is 26th April 2011.



Community Links

Recent developments have included Year 7 (see above), and also the filming of local people about St. Ives in the 'Swinging Sixties'. The DVD will be published shortly and available for purchase from the Norris Museum.

Well done to all students who continue to work hard in the department, and help to make it an exciting, fun and high performing place to study history.

Dr Craig
Head of History

MFL Department News

Spring Term - a taste of what's been happening in languages.

The Year 7 MFL Spelling Bee club has been running since September 2010. In this time we have had two spelling contests and now we are down to the final four students who are attending a regional competition in Cambridge this week: Rebekah 7FW, Hannah 7FW, Angel 7AR and Scarlett 7EC. Congratulations to these four for getting so far and thanks are also due to Khadija 7FW and Bethany 7EC for their help supporting the club. (Mrs Moore)

Students in Year 8 have been busy learning Spanish with Miss Jimenez after school on Mondays and students have just completed their ASSET examinations in listening and reading. On Monday, 28th March, students celebrated their successful conclusion of the course with the presentation of certificates from the Language Centre at Cambridge University by Mrs Meadowcroft.

Students in Year 9 have recently completed their course in Italian with Mrs Champley-Potter after school on Thursdays and are now ready to be able to cope with a short tourist visit to Italy.

In January, in the "Talk the Talk" event Year 9 students looked at careers with languages and explored the advantages offered by studying a language. They also tasted a variety of languages which were new to them. Later in the term, a group of Year 9 students tried out their French and German in the department's mock towns where students particularly enjoyed purchasing animals and edibles. We were delighted with the efforts students made to communicate with the native and near native speakers who kindly joined us to act as shopkeepers and stall-holders.

Year 10 students have been participating in the very successful first leg of the exchange with a school in Stadtallendorf and students wish me to pass on their thanks to Mrs Meadowcroft and Mrs Scally as well as Frau Gampe and her colleagues in the German school for all their efforts to make the visit so enjoyable. The return visit to Germany takes place in May.

Able, gifted and talented students in Year 10 have now completed their challenge to gain a successful result in Latin in 20 hours. With some students gaining 19 or 20 out of 20 on one of the papers I think we can conclude that the students have done very well indeed.

Year 11 students in French, German and Italian have spent more time with us out of the main school day than any other year group in the Spring Term and we have been impressed by their determination to improve upon their writing and speaking marks. In addition to workshops and Saturday events students attended sessions each week for students wanting to stay behind and produce more written work. It is very pleasing to see how many students have improved during the past 10 school weeks and we congratulated them on their superb efforts. If grades were given for effort and endurance in modern languages this year group would gain more A*s than any previous Year 11 cohort.

The Business Centre has a few revision books and CDs for GCSE French and German priced £5 (usual retail price £13.99 and £14.99). More details available online or directly from the Business Centre.

As we enter the final week of this Spring Term, we will be looking forward to presenting our customary Easter awards in Modern Languages for a variety of tasks and challenges.

Mrs P Zahner
Head of MFL

Drama Department News



Whole School

This has been a very exciting year for drama with two major productions in the autumn term: 'Daisy Pulls It Off' – a gentle comedy produced by Year 11 and 12 and 'Jack and the Beanstalk', a whole-school production directed by Miss Walmsley.

Year 7

Gomito have also been working with our Year 7 students in puppet-making and introduction to mask and physical theatre. **The Year 7 students have enjoyed a workshop with Gomito and a trip to see their show, 'Flores de muertos'**; they have also been to see a second production at the Junction. All three Year 7 events have been well-supported by the parents and students alike and generously subsidised by The Princes Trust for which we are truly grateful.

Year 8

Year 8 students have been making silent movies this term – using all their mime, melodrama and silent movie techniques to create some highly entertaining pieces of theatre. This has been a good crossover between drama and media/film studies.

Year 9

Year 9 students have been working on John Godber drama techniques this term and played roles in Bouncers and Shakers.

Year 10/11

Students studying for their GCSEs are preparing for their final exam on May 9th. Entries include designing, devising, directing and performing this year which is an entirely new avenue for us. Good luck to all the YEAR 11 DRAMA STUDENTS.

The St Ivo auditioners are being prepared for their future drama school auditions by professional actress, Lottie Dolby on 31st March in her Masterclass.

St Ivo School Sixth Form exam pieces will be performed on the evening of Monday 9th MAY in the Drama Studio (entrance via Burgess Hall) from 6pm. ALL WELCOME – admission is FREE.

St Ivo sixth form are working with Gomito Theatre Group, based at the Junction in Cambridge on a joint-devised piece in June/July of this year. More information about this exciting collaboration between St Ivo School and Cambridge-based professional company will follow in due course.

Former St Ivo drama student, Jon-Scott Clark will be appearing in SHREK THE MUSICAL in the role of Peter Pan at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane. Congratulations to him and also to his twin sister, Samantha Clark who is part of the all-girl professional singing and dancing group, BLOND, which will be on tour soon.

Mr N Perry
Head of Drama

Young Enterprise

St Ivo cleans up at Young Enterprise Area finals

For the past 6 months two teams of Young Enterprise students at St Ivo School have been hard at work running their own businesses by designing, building, promoting and selling their products in the local area.

On Tuesday 29th March two teams were entered into the Area final at Wyboston - and won 7 of the 15 prizes available, an unprecedented success for the school and the Young Enterprise Scheme.

“E.N.E.S.” won the Environmental Award and Best Export Initiative, whereas the second team – “Apollo” won the prize for Best Presentation, the Sustainability award and also scooped the Best Company award. The Young Enterprise organiser and the chair of the local board both applauded the efforts of the St Ivo teams commenting that “Apollo’s presentation was the best they have ever seen”.

Year 12 student Gabriel was awarded Best Businessman, alongside fellow student Tara, who was awarded Best Businesswoman in the Area finals. **Their success in the Area final have seen them, and the “Apollo” team, placed into the County final, which is due to take place in June.** We wish them all the very best of luck with their endeavours.

Mr A Gibson
Young Enterprise link teacher

Year 7 ‘Readathon’

Year 7 students have been taking part in the ‘Readathon’ sponsored reading event, raising money for charity and earning free books for the school too. In previous years, as well as rising to the challenge to read more books, Year 7 students raised a fantastic £900 for CLIC Sargent and the Roald Dahl Foundation who support seriously ill children and their families. We are hoping to raise even more money this year.

Year 12 First Aid Course

Year 12 students have been learning essential First Aid life saving skills run by St John's Ambulance. Students were shown how to deal with casualties who were choking, bleeding, suffering chest pain and also how to administer CPR. Mrs Amanda Norton, St John Ambulance Schools Liaison Officer, reported that the students were "a pleasure to teach and a credit to the school".

Able, Gifted & Talented News

Pupil Voice Research Project

Years 7 to 11 GTeam students have been working on a pupil voice research project in conjunction with Cambridge University. They have been investigating what they enjoy about lessons and why. They have compiled some very interesting research data and on Monday, 4 April a small group of representatives from the GTeams met for the day to design and produce a staff workshop to explain the findings from the research. Students involved have enjoyed the opportunity to present and explain their own thoughts of what is best about classroom practice at St Ivo.

Year 8 Quiz Team become County Champions

On Tuesday, 8 March four Year 8 students competed in the first three rounds of the "School Challenge" at the Leys School in Cambridge. This is a national quiz competition based on the university challenge format.

In the first round, St Ivo won on a tie-breaker question against Hinchingsbrooke School. In the second round we comprehensively beat Kimbolton School and then went on to beat the Leys School in the final to become County Champions.

On Wednesday, 30 March the team competed against Kings Grantham at Spalding grammar school. It was a very closely fought competition, with St Ivo narrowly losing by 400 points to 340 points.

Many congratulations to the team members: Ross, Hannah, Niall and Dom.

Mr P Cook

Leading Teacher of Able, Gifted & Talented

Careers Department News

Work Experience 2011 is already off to a flying start with over half the year group now placed. Congratulations to the 67 students in Year 10 who have found own placements so far. The Easter holidays should provide a perfect opportunity to find Student's Own Placements in the Cambridgeshire area for those of you who have not yet had time to look. There is a PowerPoint presentation on the Careers section of the main school website to remind students and parents how the Work Experience Programme operates and how to fill out the paperwork involved. Have an enjoyable holiday.

Mrs Carpenter

Year 10 Work Experience Coordinator.

Resource Centre News

Competitions

We have held quite a few competitions in the last few months. The winners were as follows, each receiving yummy prizes:-

Mrs Mitchell's Chocolaty Christmas Quiz - Alicia 8Dn & Hannah 7 Bz

Guess Who Christmas Competition - Maddy 7Fw & Charlie 8Ba

Connect 4 Competition - Caragh 7Ma/Wh with runner up Owen 8Cy

Mrs Mitchell's Chocolaty Chinese New Year Quiz - Hannah 7Bw & Jake 9Gs

Multiple Choice Competition - The winning team was 'Skittles' (Ross 8Da, Alfie 8Sk, James 8Cg, Dom 8Sn and Beth 8Sk)

Red Nose Day Funny Slogan on Arm - George 8Sn

Red Nose Day Guess How Many Eggs in the Jar - Lauren 8Ba

Red Nose Day Hunt the Red Nose - Molly 8Pz

We have 2 competitions coming soon to the RC, with great chocolaty prizes:-

- Mrs Mitchell's Chocolaty Easter Quiz (to celebrate Easter)
- A Right Royal Resource Centre Picture Quiz (to celebrate the Royal Wedding)

Year 8 Napoleon Project



We have just finished the Year 8 Napoleon Project in the RC, where the students researched and debated on whether Napoleon was a good or bad leader of France. Their research was done using a variety of media, including journals, internet, books, cartoons and paintings and DVD clips. The children enjoyed finding out about this incredible leader, and came away with their own opinions, taking into account both sides of the debate. They worked really hard and made some fantastic posters.

Red Nose Day

We charged the children a small amount for taking part in the competitions mentioned above, and had a book sale which is ongoing. We raised £17.06 for this worthy cause. You can still come along to the RC to buy a book for Comic Relief.



New Manga Series

We have recently purchased 3 new manga series in the RC – Bizenghast, Case Closed and Demon Diary. If you know of any other manga series that we do not have in the RC please let us know.

Revision Guides

Gifted and Talented have given us some money, which we have used to purchase revision guides suitable for higher level GCSE students – come and check them out. We also have a wide selection of revision guides available for all students at St Ivo.

Mrs Mitchell.

Music Department News



Whole School Spring Concert

The whole spring concert was a resounding success this year, with top quality items of all varieties represented by students in Years 7-13. New groups like Samba, Guitars and Ukuleles and Steel Pans played alongside the more established swing band, orchestra and various choirs to produce an evening of exceptional quality musicianship. Overall, twelve different groups performed, with over 100 students participating, and they played to a full audience in the hall. It was an event of quality and fun, and the students represented the music of St Ivo School beautifully. Huge congratulations to everybody involved in such a top class concert.

Young Musician of the Year

Two St Ivo students - Henry in Year 11 and Josh in Year 12 - were involved in the district finals of the Young Musician of the Year in Leicester on Sunday, 3 April as part of a brass quartet they formed on their own. Having won the group final of the same competition in the local event in Godmanchester, they were asked to travel to Leicester to compete again, and won the group competition with a stunning performance. They were presented with a monetary prize and a shield, and represented the school and community wonderfully at this event. Congratulations!

Ms E Macleod
Head of Music

Fundraising News

Harry Williams

The family of Harry Williams, the former student of St Ivo who tragically died on Saturday, 11 December 2010, would like to thank all those who contributed to the collections made in his memory. The total amount raised through the school, the community, and church and funeral collections was £5,898.53.

Red Nose Day 2011

Friday, 18 March saw staff and students doing something 'Funny for Money'. It was a non-uniform day for students, with sixth form students donating money to come to school in fancy dress. Other fundraising events included cakes stalls, sponsored silences and various competitions in the Resource Centre. More than £2,500 was raised by the school for Comic Relief - well done to everyone!



"Good Luck" to Mr Braybrook who is running the London Marathon on 17 April in support of Children with Leukaemia.

Design & Technology Department News

Success for St Ivo Design and Technology team.

On Wednesday 9th February we took three teams consisting of four students in each to Ramsey College to compete in the Huntingdon Rotary Club technology tournament. On the day the teams were set a very challenging brief which involved retrieving and lifting a cylinder, after moving along a track and under a bridge using a remote lifting mechanism from one metre away. The solution had to be designed and made in four hours using basic equipment and supplied resources which included sections of wood, a motor, wheels and pulleys.

The students were most resourceful and were watched throughout the challenge by judges from industry who were assessing design ideas, construction techniques, feasibility of success with design and teamwork.

We had a Year 8 team in the basic challenge up against Year 9 teams from other schools, and two Year 10 teams from our GCSE groups in the intermediate challenge. All students found the day and the challenge difficult but enjoyable and one of the intermediate teams were indeed successful in winning the trophy for their efforts on the day.

Students who should be congratulated for taking part are from Year 8 Connor, Ross, James and Niall. In Year 10 one team consisted of Joe, Oliver, Ross and Maddison.

The team that were crowned champions in the intermediate category this year were Jordan, Rebecca, Terry and Bethany.

The trophy is on display in the craft block cabinet at present but all students should be congratulated on their efforts and we look forward to competing again hopefully in all categories next year.



Mr I Burry
Head of D&T

Student Voice Conference

Eight students attended a Student Voice Conference on Thursday, 24 March: Charlie 10La, Martyna 10Bi/Ea, Steffen 9Eg, Naomi 9Si, Matthew 8Hw/Fn, Emma 8Bd, Olivia 8Bd and Niall 8Pz.

The above students worked with students from nine other secondary schools and educational establishments in Huntingdonshire, and were excellent ambassadors for St Ivo School.

The day included discussion groups, presentations and Q&A sessions. Topics ranged from 'Links across the World', 'FairTrade', 'Eco Schools', 'Uniform', 'Litter' and 'Rewards and Sanctions'.

The students shared ideas and considered possible solutions. Each school had to set at least one short-term, medium-term and long-term target.

There is soon to be an exciting new website where the students will be able to exchange ideas.

Mr M McGarry
Deputy Headteacher

The Eco-Ivo committee have been working hard to organise the stalls for the Fairtrade Fortnight that took place from Monday 28th February to Friday 11th March selling ethically sourced chocolate and other products that allow the growers in poorer parts of the world to be in receipt of a living wage. We would like to thank everyone who took part; I'm sure we enjoyed selling it as much as St Ivo students enjoyed eating it! We are proud to announce we raised a total of £270.

We have also been collecting pledges from students as part of the One-Minute Climate Challenge for Climate Change Week, Monday 21st to Sunday 27th March. Students and their parents were asked to think about their carbon footprint, drawing their handprint (so that they had to come up with 5 ways) and writing what they will do to help the environment along the fingers. It took a lot of cutting out on our part which was done in some fun lunchtimes, but it was worth it as there is now a magnificently colourful and useful display in the geography department. We would like to thank all the students and their parents who took part.



Next term a major focus will be ways of putting our carbon foot/hand prints in to action. Many of the suggestions recommended turning off appliances and so there will be a great "switch-off" in classrooms of lights by students and smartboard projectors (after use) by teachers. We will have to come up with some ingenious ways to do this as it is a lot harder than it sounds. We hope parents will think of appliances that they could switch off at home, such as gadgets and appliances on standby.

In addition to this, we have been meeting members of the site team to discuss the next stage in our water audit (we completed the survey last half-term to assess how we can conserve water on the school premises). We are currently planning our next step.....watch this space!

As you can see, we have been kept busy.
We meet regularly on a Friday lunchtime and have representatives from all years.
Wishing you a happy Easter and hope the bunny brings many Fairtrade Easter eggs!

By Megan and Rebecca 11Om
Members of the Eco-Ivo committee

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On a global note we have some extra money given for the Haiti earthquake appeal. We are in negotiations with the British Red Cross to send it out to the makeshift camps, that still dominate parts of the country, to help with the control of disease. In addition, I am proud to say that our money for the Pakistani earthquake appeal will go to a sister-school that we now have links with in Rawalpindi, Pakistan. This other school near Peshawar was devastated in the floods last year. We are looking to sponsor a teacher and provide a bursary for one of the students affected by the floods. Fund raising for major global events helps to broaden the perspective of the students at St Ivo and allow them to empathise with children facing devastating problems in other parts of the world.

Mrs Morey
Eco-Ivo Co-ordinator

Term Times and Holiday Dates 2011-2012

2011	Training Day	Monday, 5 September
	Training Day	Tuesday, 6 September
	Autumn Term Opens	Wednesday, 7 September (<i>Students return</i>)
	Training Day	Thursday, 20 October
	Half Term	24 - 28 October
	Autumn Term Closes	Friday, 16 December
2012	Spring Term Opens	Tuesday, 3 January (<i>Students return</i>)
	Half Term	13 - 17 February
	Spring Term Closes	Friday, 30 March
	Training Day	Monday, 16 April
	Summer Term Opens	Tuesday, 17 April (<i>Students return</i>)
	May Day	Monday, 7 May
	Half Term	4 June – 8 June (Diamond Jubilee 5 June)
	Summer Term Closes	Friday, 20 July (<i>Last day for Students</i>)
	Training Day	Monday, 23 July

Summer Term Courses 2011

Course Title	Summer Start Date	Weeks	Day	Time	Cost	Exam
BBC First Click Beginners' Computer Course - Day	09/05/10	3	Mon	1000 - 1100	£9	-
BBC First Click Beginners' Computer Course - Evening	10/05/10	3	Tue	1845 - 1945	£9	-
A Gentle Introduction to Computers - Day	06/06/11	3	Mon	1000 - 1200	£26 (£20)	-
A Gentle Introduction to Computers - Evening	07/06/11	3	Tue	1845 - 2045	£26 (£20)	-
A Gentle Introduction to Email and the Internet - Day	27/06/11	3	Mon	1000 - 1200	£26 (£20)	-
A Gentle Introduction to Email and the Internet - Evening	28/06/11	3	Tue	1845 - 2045	£26 (£20)	-
SAGE Instant Accounts	09/05/11	8	Mon	1900 - 2100	£84 (£63)	-

Adult Learners' Week - 14th – 20th May 2011

FREE Workshops and Demonstration

including Aromatherapy, Indian Head Massage,

Family History, Soft Furnishings, Cake Decorating, Art & Yoga

Further details can be found at www.aclearning.org.uk

Course Title	Summer Start Date	Weeks	Day	Time	Cost	Additional Information
Holiday Spanish NEW	09/05/2011	5	Mon	1915 - 2045	£43 (£33)	
Holiday French NEW	11/05/2011	5	Wed	1830 - 2000	£43 (£33)	
Cake Decorating- Modelling Characters	26/04/2011	4	Tue	1900 – 2100	£45 (£34)	See Saturday workshops
Cake Decorating – Garden Cake	07/06/2011	5	Tue	1915 - 2045	£45 (£34)	See Saturday workshops
Sugarcraft – Wedding Cake & Favours	04/05/2011	4	Wed	1845 – 2115	£45 (£34)	See Saturday workshops
Sugarcraft – Summer Berries	08/06/2011	5	Wed	1915 – 2045	£45 (£34)	See Saturday workshops
Guitar	04/05/2011	10	Wed	1930 - 2100	£80 (£60)	
Creative Writing	03/05/2011	10	Tue	1915 - 2045	£80 (£60)	
Bridge	04/05/2011	8	Wed	1915 - 2115	£80 (£60)	
Curtain Making & Soft Furnishing	04/05/2011	10	Wed	1915 - 2115	£85 (£64)	See Saturday workshops
Dressmaking Improvers	03/05/2011	10	Tue	1915 - 2115	£85 (£64)	
Upholstery	09/05/2011	10	Mon	1915 - 2115	£85 (£64)	
Watercolours for Beginners - Day	03/05/2011	10	Tue	1000 - 1200	£85 (£64)	
Watercolours for Beginners - Evening	09/05/2011	10	Mon	1915 - 2115	£85 (£64)	
Watercolours Mixed Ability	03/05/2011	10	Tue	1900 - 2100	£85 (£64)	
Ballroom, Latin & Sequence Dancing	09/05/2011	10	Mon	1930 - 2030	£48 (£36)	
Belly Dancing	03/05/2011	10	Tue	1900 - 2000	£48 (£36)	
Yoga & Relaxation	04/05/2011	10	Wed	1930 - 2100	£65 (£49)	
Zumba Fitness NEW	03/05/2011	10	Tue	2015 - 2115	£48 (£36)	

Saturday Workshops

Course Title	Date	Day	Time	Cost	Additional Information
Cupcakes	07/05/11	Sat	1030 – 1300	£15 (£12)	Evening Classes Available
Family History: My Ancestor was a Soldier	07/05/11	Sat	1000 – 1500	£30 (£23)	
First Aid	07/05/11	Sat	1000 – 1500	£30 (£23)	
Metal Wind Chimes	07/05/11	Sat	1000 – 1500	£30 (£23)	
Indian Starters & Accompaniments	07/05/11	Sat	1000 – 1600	£35 (£27)	
Basketmaking with Willow	07/05/11	Sat	1000 – 1700	£40 (£31)	
Aromatic Thai Cuisine	21 /05/11	Sat	1000 – 1400	£24 (£18)	Evening Classes Available
Austrian Blind in a Day	21/05/11	Sat	0930 – 1630	£40 (£31)	
T'ai Chi Intensive	21/05/11	Sat	1000 – 1400	£24 (£18)	
Jewellery Magic – Old to New	21/05/11	Sat	1000 – 1500	£30 (£23)	Evening Classes Available
Basic Car Maintenance	11/06/11	Sat	0930 – 1130	£15 (£12)	
All Things Spice & Indian (Balti Cookery)	11/06/11	Sat	1000 – 1600	£35 (£27)	
Seasonal Preserves	11/06/11	Sat	1000 – 1500	£30 (£23)	
Family History & the Internet	11/06/11	Sat	1000 – 1500	£30 (£23)	
Introduction to Counselling	11/06/11	Sat	1000 – 1400	£24 (£18)	
Simply Jewellery	11/06/11	Sat	1000 – 1500	£30 (£23)	Evening Classes Available

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