



# Newsletter



## December 2004

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Dear Parent/Carer

My thanks to those of you who supported our Christmas concert last Thursday and Friday, two really enjoyable evenings with lots of pupil and staff involvement. Our pantomime rehearsal is in full swing ready for performances on Tuesday and Wednesday this week, and our annual ceremony of lighting the Christmas tree (with full support from Morris dancers!) has taken place, a sure sign that Christmas is upon us.

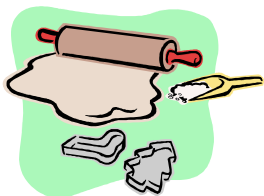
For Year 11 the end of term has been much more serious, with two weeks of 'mock' examinations just completed, and the pupils are to be congratulated on the way they conducted themselves throughout this demanding time.

Once again, can I ask you not to let your son/daughter bring their mobile phones to school. We have done very well with this policy for a number of years now, and your continued support with this is essential.

We close for Christmas on Friday, 17 December at 12.30 pm, and re-open to pupils on **Wednesday, 5 January 2005** at the usual time. I hope you have a restful and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

Yours sincerely

Michael Mahoney  
Head



## GCSE Caterers Bake for 100!



On 22 October, seventeen Year 10 catering students served the three hundred biscuits they had made to the SILC conference held at Westfield School.

As part of the GCSE catering course, the students baked a variety of biscuits in one hour! They were able to put into practice much of the theory cov-

ered so far: basic food hygiene, biscuit making methods and catering for large numbers. This is linked to work-related learning and helps to prepare them for work in the catering industry. The students particularly enjoyed serving the biscuits to their 'old' junior school teachers attending the conference.



## Sports News



### Rugby:

Congratulations to the Year 7 A and B teams. Both defeated strong teams to win their respective leagues. The 'A' team defeated Hinchingsbrooke in the semi-final and drew with Linton in the final. The 'B' team defeated Netherhall School in the semi-final but lost 10-5 in the final. Over twenty-five boys were involved. Congratulations!

### Cross Country:

#### District Results:

##### *Minor Girls (Year 7)*

Helen 1st \*  
Jaz 4th \*  
Lizzie 5th \*  
Rachel 14th \*  
Jenni 23rd  
Megan 28th  
Team Total: 75  
Zoe 33rd  
Laura 63rd  
Emily 64th

##### *Minor Boys (Year 7)*

Charles 2nd \*  
Aaron 5th \*  
Tom 14th \*  
George 31st  
Adam 34th  
Sam 43rd  
Team Total: 129  
Ben 45th  
Michael 46th  
Alex 56th  
Andrew 66th

Andy 68th  
Adrian 69th  
Team Total: 350

Matthew 72nd  
Joe 73rd  
Harry 86th

##### *Junior Boys (Years 8/9)*

Christian 3rd \*  
Connor 11th \*  
James 12th \*  
Kieran 13th \*  
Stephen 21st  
Ryan 50th  
Team Total: 110  
Ryan 51st  
Richard 52nd  
Sam 62nd  
Oliver 65th  
Daryl 70th  
Michael 71st  
Team Total: 371

Will 75th  
Josh 87th  
David 88th

##### *Inter Girls (Years 10/11)*

Katy 3rd \*

##### *Inter Boys (Years 10/11)*

Callum 1st \*  
Rob 12th \*  
Chris 26th  
Peter 27th  
Nick 28th

\* Will represent District at County Championships after Christmas



# Sports News



## Netball:

Year 11 have shown fantastic commitment this term—they have been enthusiastic and worked really hard both at practices and matches.

The Year 11 'A' team played in the county netball tournament and achieved fifth place—well done! The best result of all is that they are reigning champions by winning the district tournament every year since Year 7! Excellent—well done! The following pupils were involved:

**Holly, Jess, Emma, Caroline, Jodie, Hayley and Emma.**

Year 11 'B' team—well done for your achievements—3rd place at the district tournament.:

**Jess, Kim, Megan, Rhiannon, Jemma Coulson, Rebecca, Sadie, Chloe and Kimberley.**

I am really proud of your achievements—well done.

*Miss Sherwood*

## Year 8 Rugby:

On Saturday, 27 November, the Year 8 rugby team took part in the Cambridge-shire Schools 10-a-side tournament. After qualifying from their group, they lost one late try in the semi-finals. A great effort from all thirteen boys in the squad. Next year we will be aiming to get to the final!

*Mr Varey*



## European Tae Kwon Do Championships in Eindhoven, Holland

The competition started at 10 am on the 7 November 2004. There were approximately seven hundred competitors from Holland, Germany, Poland, Croatia, Ireland and, of course, the British team.

I was entered in both the patterns and sparring events at green belt level, but it was in sparring where I had the most success. I was in the under 55 kg category and I fought three rounds of two minutes. The first round I drew with a Dutch woman, the second I lost to a German kick boxer and the third I won to another Dutch Tae Kwon Do specialist. Overall, I came third. Although I have won competitions before, this is the best trophy I have won because I was sparring with people of other countries, the competition was fierce and the contact was much harder. I really had to work hard for this one!

I was extremely pleased to have worn an England Dobok (the Tae Kwon Do uniform) and getting a position was an added bonus. Other members of my team also had some success. The British black belt squad won many sparring trophies and my instructor, Mr Alan Jackson, 3rd Dan; he also gained a third in the individual sparring.

*Lesley Jackson*  
*English Department*

The Year 9 netball team entered the county tournament and played really well, finishing 7th—well done—keep up the good work.. The following were involved:

**Katie, Stephanie, Maia, Fiona, Hannah, Siobhan, Laura and Naomi.**

Well done!  
*Miss Sherwood*

**Congratulations to Year 10/11 basketball team** who won the District Tournament in convincing fashion. The Year 11s have maintained an unbeaten run since Year 7. **Congratulations to the Year 9 rugby team** for reaching the District semi-final and narrowly losing out to arch rivals, Hinchingsbrooke, two tries to one. A special mention for **Matthew, Adam, Andrew, Mark, Matthew, Daniel and James** for being selected for the Under-14s rugby team

# Sixth Form News



The Sixth Form has been very busy raising money for charity.

**Pink Day:** Over £400 was raised to help research into breast cancer.

**Children In Need:** The Sixth Form co-ordinated entertainments for the school for Children In Need. These included a food eating competition and a gladiator class in the School Hall. **John** and **Joshua** sat in the window of the Resource Centre all day whilst all sixth form students came dressed as super heroes. £2,200 was raised throughout the school in a thoroughly enjoyable day.

**Shoe Box Appeal:** Forty-four shoe boxes were filled with gifts to send to orphans in eastern Europe.

The annual party for the disabled residents at Papworth took place on Wednesday, 15th December. Students provided food, party games and entertainment for the guests. Santa Claus arrived with presents at the end of the party.

**UCAS:** At the time of writing, nearly eighty students have made applications to university for the next academic year. Tutors and students have been busy preparing forms and references, getting ready for interviews and then receiving offers. Thanks are due to all staff involved in this arduous process

and our best wishes to all our applicants.

## Year 12 workshops

Many students in December have attended overnight conferences at Nottingham or Loughborough universities to prepare for university applications next year. Areas of study involved have been nursing, medicine, veterinary science, physio and occupational therapy, forensic science, criminology, business and management studies and law.

## Congratulations to:

- **Chloe** — shot-put bronze medal winner in the Youth Commonwealth Games in Australia! Very well done Chloe—we are very proud of you.
- **Chris** elected as vice chairperson to next year's Sixth Form Committee.

**Christmas:** The Sixth Form held a very successful Christmas party at the Music Box on 8 December.

The annual revue was well received—thanks are due to **Tom** for organizing the event.

Good luck to all our students taking modular exams in January.

*Mr Perry—Head of Sixth Form*



## Horseriding Trip

Miss Kenefick will be taking a trip to Goytre in Wales this summer during Activities Week. Pupils will have the opportunity to go horseriding into the Welsh hills and to stay in comfortable chalet accommodation, complete with swimming pool! This trip is open to pupils in Years 7—9.



Please see Miss Kenefick early next term for details





## Congratulations to ...



*“Sophie leads  
way*

*The strong all-round  
performance of the  
team was helped by  
excellent individual  
swims by Sophie,  
who won two of her  
events..”*

*St Ives Weekly News*

### **Sport Relief Fundraising:**

During the summer term pupils from Year 8 and 9 helped to raise £2,103.90 to help other children throughout the world. Visit [www.sportrelief.com](http://www.sportrelief.com) to see just how worthwhile this charity is and the difference it makes to children's lives. Each St Ivo pupil was asked to walk a mile and seek sponsorship and this all took place during their interform event in July. Special thanks must be given to **Hannah** and **Luke** from Year 9 and **Sam** and **Clare** in Year 8 for their tremendous efforts in raising the highest amounts in each year group.

**Hannah** 8 Ea raised £236 for Children In Need by keeping silent for three hours in a crowded, noisy environment (her parents' public house)! **The boys' hockey club** (now Years 7 and 8) are looking forward to their final fixtures on 13 January after an excellent term of training. **Lawrence** passed his Personal Survival Grade 1 in swimming. **Hannah, Lauren, Jessica** and **Kiri** all participated in a two day charity dance gala performed by dance troupes in Huntingdon and Cambridgeshire. **Jessica** swam for the county in front crawl and breaststroke and came second in the 2 x 50 m front crawl. **Jessica** was the youngest person to be entered into and pass her Grade 5 dance exam. **James** passed his Yacht Sailing Grade with the Sea Cadets. **James** (9 Di) won a mountain bike competition run by the Army. He was presented with the bike in an assembly just after the October half-term. **Rachel, Rebecca** and **Samantha** (8 Pa) organized a cake stall to raise money for Children In Need and raised over £50. There were also individual pupils who volunteered help on the day and who organized a sponsored silence. Well done! **Natasha** (8 Ke) and **Hannah** (8 Pa) are dancing in Peterborough in the pantomime "Snow White". **Bryony, Natasha** and **Mary** (8 Ke) all took LA dance exams. Bryony achieved commended, Natasha achieved double honours and Mary achieved highly commended and honours. **Natasha** took part in the twenty-two and a half mile sponsored bike ride for the British Heart Foundation and raised £140.25. **James** is in the county cricket team. **Samantha** plays for the St Ives hockey youth team. **Sammi** (9 La) has a part in St Ives Youth Theatre's production of "The Crucible". **Alice** (9 La) passed Grade 6 saxophone. **Holly** (9Ta) took part in a charity gala of dance with all local dance schools. **Chloe** achieved Bronze in the shot-put event at the Commonwealth Youth Games. **Tom** was most

successful as the headmistress in "The Big Book for Girls" and **Harriette** was superb as Lesbia. **Ellie** helped design the set for "Babes in the Wood", our school pantomime and **Stuart** appeared in it as Henchman and King. **Fiona, Leanne** and **Katie** have all been offered places at university. **Marie** and **Jenny** played piano and clarinet respectively for a production of "Greater than Gold" by Roger Jones, under the direction of Mr Carter at Royston Methodist Church on 27 and 28 November. Over twenty students in Years 7 to 12 who are members of the St Ives Youth Theatre performed some items from their summer show "Oliver" as part of the St Ives Christmas market on 5 December. **Josh, Jake** and **Joshua** organized a "guess the baby" competition for Children In Need and raised £11. Year 7 made hampers from donated food items for the Year 7 disco and gave them to local elderly people. **Sophie** was mentioned in the local press for her performance for St Ives Swimming Club in the Cambridgeshire Cup gala, one of the premier events of the county swimming calendar where swimmers compete against the best in the county. Personal best times were set by **Emily, David, Jane** and **Tom**. Individual victories went to **Vicky, Robert, Catherine, Hannah**, with **David** beating the cut off times and the boys' 13 and under freestyle relay team (including D Cummings and M Davis) winning their event.

*Well done everyone!*

## Environmental News



The following pupils took part in the East of England Schools' Festival at Wood Green Animal Shelter on 10 November: **Julia, Ian, Anne, Mary, Kirsty, Hazel** and **Anthony**. The event was organized by Global to Local and HM Government Office for the East of England and sponsored by Anglia TV. The theme of the festival was "Sustainability and Recycling". Mary Andrews and Hazel Shrubbs gave a presentation on the school rabbits, guinea pigs and garden, and Julia Wilson gave

a PowerPoint presentation on the recycling of our animal waste into Crazy Compost. Aquarius, the guinea pig, made her TV debut, appearing on "About Anglia" News, which reported on the festival, and the school has since been asked to furnish details of our projects for possible inclusion into the Royal Geographical Society, QCA and teachersnet websites.

*Mrs P Cole*



## Geography Department News



Over October half-term the geography department went on the "Rift Valley Adventure" to Kenya and had a fantastic time. The visit included going on safari in Nakuru National Park, visiting the hot springs and geysers at Lake Bogoria, watching amazing wildlife including fish eagles feeding on Lake Baringo and lots, lots more. We stayed at Greensted School and later at the Kigio Conservancy Centre—both fabulous locations. Two other major highlights were our visit to a Maasai tribe and then to the Kimbo Primary School. As a consequence of

our visit to Kimbo, our students have been keen to raise money and continue our links with the primary school. The poverty and lack of provision of even the most basic facilities was a stark and unforgettable contrast. As a result, our students are currently running a raffle and are planning a bumper cake stall at the end of term. The photographs and display in the main foyer give a flavour of what we saw!

*Mrs Mottram*

*Head of Geography*



### THE BUSINESS CENTRE

From the start of next term, the School Business Centre will be operating on-line too!

See it at [www.st-ivo.co.uk](http://www.st-ivo.co.uk).

Please save all your used Christmas stamps and take to Mrs Cameron in Repro to boost our Guide Dogs for the Blind appeal!





*Thiepval Memorial*

## History News



This has been a busy term for the department. On 12 November we went to visit the First World War battlefields in France with two hundred Year 9 pupils. The day, though a long one, proved to be a great success, with many moved by the experience of visiting the trenches and some of the thousands of graves on the Western Front.

At the beginning of December the Lower Sixth historians visited Dublin as part of the A2 course on Ireland. We had wall to wall history throughout the trip and those who went have come back with a much wider knowledge and understanding.

NB: To parents/carers of Year 8 pupils: We have already booked our World War I trip for 11 November 2005 when your children will be in Year 9. They will have to have a valid passport to participate in the visit. I hope this gives you enough warning!

[www.ivohistory.com](http://www.ivohistory.com)

The department is delighted with the website we have set up. Many pupils are using it for research and for exam hints. Besides the more academic side, the site has photographs of trips and some form activities. I can recommend the penalty shoot out!

*Mrs Barnes—Head of History*

### *Adult and Community*

#### *Learning:*

*New for 2005:*

Pilates

Life Drawing

Cookery

Reflexology

French Day Trip

## Adult and Community Learning



Adult and Community Learning are offering a

### Digital Imaging Editing Course

in the New Year.

Monday, 10 January—7 February (five weeks)

1.30 pm until 3.30 pm in Room 21.

If you are interested in this or other courses, please come to our office for further information or telephone 01480 495717.

website: [www.aclearning.org.uk](http://www.aclearning.org.uk)

## ICT News



### **Curriculum news**

Well done to Year 10 pupils. Your year group has achieved an outstanding result in the Using a Computer unit of CLAIT, with 270 pupils passing the assessment – over 90% of the year group! Keep up the good work to receive the full CLAIT award.

### **St Ivo – Online!**

The school website has recently been improved by being redesigned. We hope that this redesign will make the website easier to navigate, and that you will find

the extra information which has been added, useful. In particular, the website now contains an “Events of the Week” page, which has important information and reminders for the week ahead.

A Business Centre website will be set up in January 2005. This will enable parents/carers to purchase stationery and pay for trips securely on-line. Look out for more details in January.

The school also continues to develop on-line learning resources – both on the Learning Zone Intranet, which is ac-



cessed by pupils from the school network, and on the Extranet. The History and Geography departments even have their own websites.

The school web addresses for the different sites are as follows:

School website

[www.stivo.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.stivo.cambs.sch.uk)

The Extranet

[www.stivoschool.org](http://www.stivoschool.org)

Business website (from January)

[www.st-ivo.co.uk](http://www.st-ivo.co.uk)

IvoHistory

[www.IvoHistory.com](http://www.IvoHistory.com)

GeoBytes

[www.geobytes.org.uk](http://www.geobytes.org.uk)

We are also interested in giving pupils ways of accessing their own work, which they have completed on the school network, from outside school. Year 7 to 10 pupils now have Digital Brain accounts, which ICT teachers will be demonstrating the use of in January. Year 11 pupils and Sixth Form students have their own school e-mail accounts. Through these students can transfer work to and from the school network via the internet.

## Drama News



Congratulations to all students and staff involved in our annual Sixth Form production! "The Big Book for Girls" was extremely well received by students, staff, parents and by the author himself—Joe Richards—who travelled up from Totnes in Devon to see his play being performed.

Also well done to the students and staff involved in the Christmas pantomime "Babes in the Wood" - a welcome return for this production, involving students from all year groups!

Watch this space for details of more exciting drama events next term!

## Modern Languages



### Junior CULP (Cambridge University Language Programme)

Thirty-six self-selecting pupils from across the ability range in Year 9 have successfully completed the initial sessions in French or Spanish of the DFES pilot project called Junior CULP. In the launch session on Saturday, 10 November, the French group looked at the life cycle of a tadpole in French and enjoyed playing "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?",

whilst the Spanish beginners' group mastered giving personal information about themselves and their families and finding out about Spanish speaking countries. The pupils now have access to on-line tasks at school and are preparing for the next session at the Language Centre of Cambridge University.

*Mrs P Zahner*

*Head of Modern Languages*



## RE News



In November the RE department took a group of Year 9 students to Ely Cathedral where we took part in lots of activities to explore the theme of pilgrimage with the Education Department. This seemed to involve a fair amount of dressing up! The day was hugely enjoyable and Year 9 students asked thought provoking questions of the staff at Ely Cathedral.

Our next big trip is to Neasden Hindu Temple in North London in February with the whole of Year 10 as part of the PSE cycle. The building has been recently completed, funded entirely by the local community, and is extremely im-

pressive. It has been visited by royalty—and now Year 10. This is the first time we have offered this opportunity and it forms part of the school's Ofsted Action Plan. We hope that it will provide students with an insight into the contribution of the Indian community to architecture and culture within the UK. Please feel free to ask me any questions you may have about this visit, or any other matter concerning RE.

*Mrs D Wilson*  
*Head of RE*



## Music News



The autumn term contains the biggest musical events of the year with our two Christmas concerts. Numbers both participating and in the audience continue to increase with nearly two hundred students taking part and nearly four hundred in the audience. The standard of music continues to go from strength to strength both instrumentally and vocally, and while it is extremely difficult to pick out one item, it is safe to say that with the variety of repertoire, there will be something to suit all tastes!

Students have worked extremely hard all term preparing the music and they were a

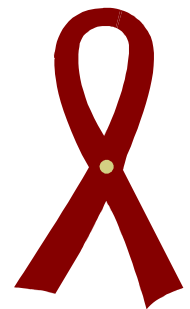
credit both to themselves and to the school. Many thanks from all music teachers for taking part and making the concerts such enjoyable events.

Congratulations to **Tammy, David, Sam, Rebecca** and **Christina** for success in their practical music exams and also to **Jonathan, Lauren, Hazel** and **Danielle** for achieving Grade V theory.

*Mrs A Gilbert*  
*Head of Music*



**FUNDRAISING**  
**Children In Need**  
**The grand total raised by St Ivo was £2,181.39**  
**World Aids Day**  
**Total raised: £104.46**



# Resource Centre News



We would also like to say a fond farewell to **Mrs Ashcroft** who leaves this term for pastures new, including a long holiday in New Zealand. Our best wishes and thanks from all users of the Resource Centre including "Books Over Breakfast" and the Homework Club.

Best Borrowers Autumn Term 2004

Year 7:

**Jevan: 1st**  
**Robert: 2nd**  
**Katie: 3rd**

Year 8:

**Sheree: 1st**  
**Ho-Jin: 2nd**  
**Anthony: 3rd**  
**Chelsea: 4th**

Year 9:

**Saima: 1st**  
**Rebecca: 2nd**  
**Samantha: 3rd**  
**Herman: 4th**

Year 10:

**Christopher: 1st**  
**Alexander: 2nd**

**Alexander: 3rd**  
**Remi/Arooj/Adam: 4th**

Year 11:

**Robyn: 1st**  
**Sean: 2nd**  
**Abigail: 3rd**  
**Tina/Tobias: 4th**

The Resource Centre would like to say a special thank you and Merry Christmas to all our helpers. **Jevon, Hazel, Sophie, Evelyn** and **Jade** all warrant a special mention.

*Hilary Forber*

# Food News



It has been a busy time for the Food department. On Saturday, 6 November, staff and students from the A level food group attended the British Nutrition Foundation Conference in London and listened to presentations on topical issues as diverse as the innovation of healthier foods to diet and happiness, and the development of lower fat ice cream.

The conference is staged to promote new developments and ideas in the food industry and we all felt that we had learnt so much, and to spend our Saturday in this way was very worthwhile.

On Thursday, 25 November students from Years 9, 10 and 11, accompanied by Mr Baron, Mrs Watton and Mrs Abblitt, visited the ever popular Good Food Show. The day was a great success and everyone came home excited about what they had seen and done, not least watching the cookery demonstration where Antony Worrell Thompson, Toby Tobim and Ed

Bain made a very tasty stuffed chicken dish and a colourful ratatouille. Afterwards, when Antony went around a packed theatre with the microphone, the cameras focused on two of our students—**Shane** and **Hannah**. Their questions were duly answered and they were rewarded with Antony's very special oven gloves. Others were 'beside themselves' at having seen Jamie Oliver in person! We all left the NEC tired but happy and all the richer for our experiences.

*Mrs Abblitt*  
*Food Technology*

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