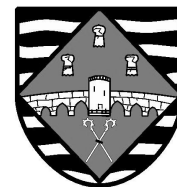


St Ivo School

Newsletter



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Dear Parent/Carer

As always this has been a busy term for the school community. In many ways the Autumn Term is the 'powerhouse' of the year and the bedrock on which the Spring and Summer Terms are based. This term we had a lot of structural changes to embed with a new school day, new curriculum in Year 10, a two week timetable and changes to our uniform. Given the number of changes the term has gone remarkably smoothly and this is a tribute to the professionalism of staff and positive attitude by pupils. The initial issues with polo shirts have now been resolved and we now have all sizes available and a choice of cotton or polyester/cotton; so we are now in a position to see the whole school in full uniform in January and I'd like to thank you for your support in this.

The emphasis is now shifting from structural change to a strong focus on classroom practice and pupil engagement and I will say more on this in the next newsletter.

At the time of writing it looks like our initial bid for specialist status has been unsuccessful as we should have had an inspection visit by now. We know that it is a small percentage of applicant schools who are accepted in each round and so we will listen to any feedback we receive and re apply in March. I know of one school who changed two words and achieved success!

The standard of our Arts productions continue to be a real strength. 'The Government Inspector' by Gogol was of an exceptional standard, particularly for such a challenging play. In addition, our annual school pantomime and the Christmas evening of dance were impressive.

Term finishes at 11.50 a.m. on Wednesday, December 20th and pupils return on Thursday 4th January. Thank you for all your support of your son/daughter's education this term and best wishes for a restful and peaceful holiday.

Yours sincerely

Howard Gilbert
Headteacher



Modern Foreign Languages News

Junior CULP

Both the Spanish and Chinese groups in Junior CULP are working well and pupils (and staff attending) are making good progress. The pupils in the Spanish group can now name classroom items, give personal information such as who they are and where they come from and order drinks in a bar – in Spanish, of course. Those in Chinese can ask and answer questions about themselves and their families, describe famous people from across the world and buy T-shirts in a wide range of colours. Pupils and staff in both groups were clearly delighted to receive a smart folder for their work in Junior CULP from the Language Centre at the University of Cambridge. The technical team at the centre are pleased that the pupils are making good use of their free time-limited CD which triggers a link with the Language Centre's web-site and allows users to access the on-line CULP materials available also to the adult learners at the university.

Our next awaydays at the university are on 9th December and 18th December.

Year 8 German

The booking for the Koblenz trip is now complete and we are once more pleased with the popularity of this trip which offers pupils the chance to visit a range of beautiful towns in the Moselle and Rhine Valleys and to try out their German whilst also having a lot of fun.

Year 8 French

We are planning a trip to France for pupils in year 8 in the summer and details will be available in the Spring Term

Year 9 French

The day trip in March to Boulogne has proved to be popular and booking will soon be completed. There are a few spare places so if any remaining year 9 pupil would like to take part, he or she is asked to see Mrs Zähler as soon as possible. The cost of the trip is £43.

Year 10 German

Plans for a year 10 exchange with the Georg Büchner School in Stadtallendorf are underway. Further details are available on the Business Centre website and from Mrs Meadowcroft.

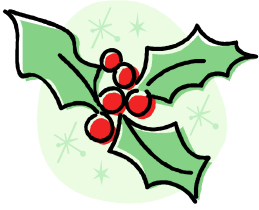
Year 10 French

Applications are being taken for attendance at the French conference in Cambridge for GCSE pupils. The letter can be viewed on-line or a paper copy obtained from staff in the department.

Year 12 French

Pupils are preparing to attend an AS French conference in Cambridge.

Geography Department News



Kenya

During October half term 27 students and staff had a very successful visit to Kenya. The visit was based in the rift valley and we had the opportunity to go on safari in Nakuru National Park, as well as visiting Lake Baringo and Bogoria to see a vast variety of wildlife as well as the hot springs and geysers. We were lucky enough to visit a Maasai tribe, a giraffe orphanage and a tea plantation and so much more. While staying at the Kigio Conservancy we were also officially invited to the opening of a new environmental education centre in the Malewa valley, supported by the Tusk Trust.

The highlight however has to be our return visit to Kigio primary school. Our students had already raised over **£2,300** through a sponsored fast, a golf tournament and cake stall held at school. This money has now gone to start a library at Kigio school and to finance some additional building work. **Many thanks** to everyone who supported our efforts and especially to **Needingworth football club** for the football kits and **Cambridge United** for the footballs - everything was really appreciated.

Please come and look at the photographs and display in the main foyer !

Iceland - Year 10

This year we are taking a group of Year 10 GCSE geography students to Iceland - this is a new venture which will underpin many of the topics we cover in geography.

Year 9

In January all Year 9 geography students will have the opportunity to be involved in a Japan Day where they will learn about Japanese culture and amongst other things try out Japanese food, origami, artwork and watch a taiko drumming display.

Some Year 9 students have recently also been involved in a **World Health Day Summit** which is a joint project involving the geography and maths department and is supporting research being carried out in conjunction with Durham University and the Geography Association.

Travel and Tourism

Students in Year 12 have recently been to Slepe Hall and Stansted airport as part of their course and will have the opportunity to visit New York in March where we have links with New York University Travel and Tourism department.

Sixth Form News

The sixth form have been very busy this half term raising money and raising awareness of several charitable causes; poppies were sold for remembrance day, several activities were organised for Children In Need, a collection was made for Aids Awareness selling ribbons on December 1st. The annual party for some residents from the Papworth settlement for the disabled was held in the Keep on Wednesday 13th December.

So far 65 students from Year 13 have made applications to University. Many interviews and auditions have taken place and good offers have been received.

History Department News



Year 9 visit to the Somme Battelfields

200 members of Year 9 visited France in November as part of their study of WWI. The whole experience was a thought provoking one and one that will stay with pupils for many years to come.

Year 13 visit to Dublin

Year 13 history students have just returned from a four day visit to Dublin where they visited a number of places of historical interest. They had talks on different aspects of their A2 course on Ireland and were able to experience much of the culture and history of the country.

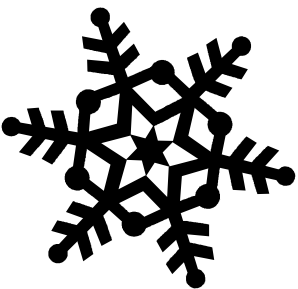
Year 7

Over the last few weeks Year 7 pupils have been consolidating their knowledge of medieval castles by constructing motte and bailey castles, stone castles or weapons used to attack castles. The standard of the models is incredible. The year 7 pupils have really enjoyed this activity. The models will be judged - there will be a variety of categories. Prizes will be awarded before Christmas. Many thanks to all the parents who have supported the efforts of their children.

Art Department

Mr Lewis Chapman, a trainee Art teacher on placement at St Ivo, has been surprised and touched by the commitment and hard-working attitude of all the students, both those he has taught during school time and those attending an after school workshop. During the after school workshop, students explored working both as a group and individually, making a display outside room A3 of some of the work produced. It is a mixture of energetic and focussed work. He is sad to be leaving to go to his next placement school and will miss the St Ivo students.

Congratulations and Well done ...



Congratulations to **Beverley 8Cc** who went to an Irish Dance Feis and won the following medals: Reel 2nd, Light Jig 2nd, Hop Jig 6th, Slip Jig 1st, Light Trophy 5th, Heavy Jig 4th, Traditional Dance 2nd, Heavy Trophy 5th, Two Hand 4th, Championship 6th.

Well done **Kirstin 8Ln/En** for keeping silent for a whole school day to raise money for children in need.

Mrs Perry would like to congratulate the following students for their super work in English this term: **Michael 7Bn, Farehar 7Bn, Nadiha 7Bn, Sophie 7Ty and Lydis 7Ty**. Well done.

Congratulations to all students who performed or participated in the production of "**The Government Inspector**" at the end of November.

Over 350 people came to see the show and commented on what an enjoyable evening it was. The standard of talent and professionalism was extremely high. Many thanks to everyone who gave their support.

Year 7 District Rugby Tournament

An excellent performance from both teams, unfortunately not quite making it through to the semi finals and finishing off a great season. Well done to all players involved: **Barney, Liam, Tansel, Tom, Henry, Tom, Nick, Steven, Sam, Innes, Tom, Jacob, Joe, Joey, Cuthbert, Damon, Joseph, Callum, Jaime, Oli, James, Fazal, Johnny, Ryan, George.**

Year 10 Rugby District Tournament Winners beat Hinchingsbrooke 5-0 in the final. Very well done to all the boys involved.

Year 10 Football National Cup

Year 10 travelled to Deeping school in the 3rd round of the National Cup and put on an excellent display winning 7-0.

In the 4th round Ivo travelled to Stanground school, where a hard fought game in terrible conditions finished 2-1 to Ivo, with each player showing great character and attitude. Congratulations to all players involved and we hope to continue these performances into the 5th round in the new year. Players involved: **Luke, Josh, Peter, Joel, Lewis, Liam, Harvey, Tom, Connor, Scott, Leon, Jack, Kieran, Guiseppe.**

Year 8 Football

The boys are through to the 2nd round of the county-cup after two impressive wins against Neale Wade (6-1) and Kings Peterborough (14-1). As the holders the team will be looking to go all the way again this time around.

The lads have also booked their passage through to the quarter-finals of the Year 8 Coca-cola cup after the first round win against Longsands (3-0). The Year 8 football squad are: **Dan, Jack, Thomas, Jonathan, Jack, Max, Allesio, Oliver, Ryan, Cameron, Anthony, Ben and Adam.**

Year 10/11 Basketball - two teams took part in the district tournament held at St Ivo Rec. Well done to all those who took part.

Year 8 Hockey

The Year 8 hockey team have played really well this year in both matches and the District tournament. We have had lots of players to practise and at times have entered two teams in events. In total we have won 5 matches, drawn 7 and lost 3. Well done to everyone:- **Beccy, Gemma, Daisy, Emily, Lauren, Pamela, Kate, Amelia, Rachel, Katie, Kate, Chloe, Fiona, Holly, Molly.** See you all next year including new players who come to practice!

Year 7 indoor cricketers are working hard to prepare for their tournament in March. New players welcome.

District Cross Country

St Ivo School was very well represented at the District Cross Country at Hinchingsbrooke Park in early December. **Helen 9BI** won a medal for first place in the Junior Girls race. Helen then showed outstanding kindness by promptly giving her winners medal to **Daley 8Bt** who is a visually impaired student at St Ivo for completing the course. Daley was "guided" around the course by a 6th form student who deserves special praise - **Charlotte (12Cz)!** Well done to all concerned.

Sophie 9Bb swam at the **Division 8 swimming championships** in Ipswich in September, representing the District in both Freestyle and Backstroke. She was so successful she went through to represent the Eastern Counties in the ESSA National Finals in Manchester. Unfortunately Sophie was injured and unable to compete, but we wish her good luck in her future events.

SISA PARENTS FORUM

How do you feel about Parents Evening?

St Ivo School Association would like to invite parents and carers to a meeting in the community lounge at 6.00pm on Wednesday 10th January 2007.

Parents Evenings..... *"what do I do, her teacher is not here"*

"That's a laugh, can't see who you want, when you want."

"I know they're getting on well, do I still need to go!"

"Can't hear what they're saying; other parents are too close!!"

"My son says he's been told to come to Parents Evenings, is that right?"

"I never get long enough to talk to her teachers."

"I never know when it's my turn!"

Come along and talk to Mr Gilbert, Mr McGarry and the SISA team, discuss how parents' evenings work and how they might be improved. This is **your chance** to have **your say** about how you feel about Parents Evenings.

Refreshments will be provided.

An questionably exciting night was had by all at the **Quiz Night** on Saturday 2nd December with over 80 budding masterminds in attendance. Great fun, great food and great fund-raising, and over £250 was raised. Thanks to everyone who turned out on such a cold night to make it a success.

We are still collecting any old white schools shirts and blouses you may have after the change to polo shirts.

We will be sending them out to Malawi where they will be handed out to children who cannot afford school uniform.

Please send them into reception.
(washed and ironed please)

Winners of 200 Club draw May 2006

1st prize Elaine Matthews
2nd prize Judith Onger
3rd Prize Anne Bannell

June 2006

1st prize Julie Curtis
2nd prize Liza Nicholson
3rd Prize Anne Adamson

July 2006

1st prize Anne Necus
2nd prize Donna Himes
3rd Prize Kim Elstub

August 2006

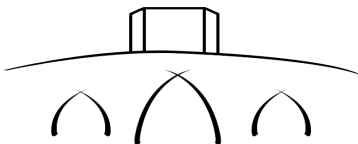
1st prize Patricia Hanson
2nd prize Jane Seymour-Shove
3rd Prize Julie Curtis

September 2006

1st prize Alison Ward
2nd prize Sarah Fry
3rd Prize Donna Himes

We will be holding fund raising events throughout the year. If your company is able to match funds raised by SISA, we would be very interested in hearing from you.

Please send your details into school and I will contact you, or phone me, Nicki Coulter 01480 301637



Shake off the winter blues and learn something new!

***** Enrol from 3 January 2007 *****

***** Christmas Gift Tokens Available *****

The following courses are available from January:

Evening Courses:

Aero Modelling	Digital Imaging Taster	Pilates (Beginners/Improvers)
Art for Starters	Digital Scrapbooking	Plumbing and Heating for the DIY enthusiast
Astronomy	Dog Training	Reflexology
Maths4Living	Dressmaking/Fashion Design	Salsa Dancing (Beginners/Improvers)
Basic Expedition Leadership	English for Speakers of Other	Self Defence through Karate
Baby Massage	Languages (ESOL)	Share Trading for Beginners
Babysitting	e-type — learn to touch type	Stress & Relaxation, Understanding
Ballroom Dancing (Beginners/Improvers)	European Computer Driving	Sugar Craft
Beauty Bible	Licence (BCS Levels 1 & 2) & Level 3 (Advanced)	T'ai Chi Ch'uan for Beginners
Belly Dance (Beginners/Improvers)	Family History	Thai Cooking
Body Massage	French for your holiday	Understanding and Managing Your Costs
Car Maintenance	French wine appreciation	Wardrobe Healthcheck
Carefree Computing for Cowards	First Aid - Learn to Save a Life	Watercolours (various levels)
Chi Kung for Health and Relaxation	Flower Arranging	Website Creation Taster
CLAiT (Computer Literacy & Information Technology) (Beginners)	Food Hygiene	Website - Create Your Own
CLAiT Plus Level 2	Gardening Certificate - Growing Fruit & Plant Propagation	Yoga & Relaxation (all levels)
Complementary Therapies	Gardening, RHS Certificate in Horticulture	Yoga at Work
Computerised Accounts Levels 1 & 2	Golf for Beginners	Weekend Workshops:
Computers for the over 50s	Indian Cookery	Beauty Bible
Counselling Skills & Theory	Indian Head Massage	Golf for Beginners
Certificate Level 3	Karate	Learn to Make a Roman Blind Look, Think and Feel Younger Make Professional Curtains
Counselling Skills Certificate Level 2	Latin Dance (Beginners/Improvers)	Meditation
Creative Patchwork	Little Bags and Boxes	Stress & Relaxation
Creative Writing	Look, Think and Feel Younger	Wardrobe Healthcheck
Curtain Making & Soft Furnishings (Beginners/Advanced)	Ornithology	Working with Willow
DIY	Personal Safety	
Digital Photography	Photography, Black & White (Intro)	

For course details and to enrol visit our website: www.aclearning.org.uk

Or call: 01480 495717 / 01480 375308

Disability Discrimination Act 2005



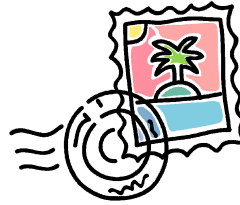
As a result of the above legislation secondary schools are now required to publish a disability equality scheme. The DDA definition of disability is a person who has 'a mental or physical impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities'. The Disability Discrimination Act broadens the definition to include unseen disabilities, e.g. cancer, HIV infection, multiple sclerosis. Disability therefore covers a wide range of mental and physical impairments including those affecting mobility, hearing and sight, learning difficulties including dyslexia, and medical conditions including mental health problems.

The first part of this process is ensuring that there is consultation with disabled people to formulate the disability equality scheme and action plan.

All members of the school community are invited to complete a questionnaire. This can be found at www.stivoschool.com – click on the link to disability equality scheme questionnaire. This will be available from Monday 18th December to Sunday 28th January 2007. If individuals would prefer a hard copy then please contact the school.



Guide Dogs for the Blind



Please remember to collect all the stamps from your Christmas cards and bring them into school for our appeal.

Stamps should be cut off the envelope leaving at least a 5mm border around them.

Please take your stamps to the Reprographics Department - Thank you



Recycling Team

Many thanks to the committed team of recyclers, managed by Chris 9Mh, who collect and empty the green boxes from classrooms. Chris' team consists of:-

Josh 9Mh, Will 8Bx, Scott 8Bx, Ben 9Mh.

Merry Christmas

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