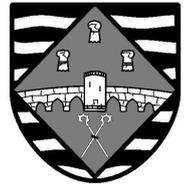


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# Newsletter

St Ivo School

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Dear Parent / Carer

A central aim for all schools is to provide students with a range of opportunities and experiences. As you can see from this newsletter there is no shortage of these at The Ivo! Indeed, I have been very impressed with the range of opportunities offered to youngsters which I view to be exceptional for a school.

This term has seen the launch of our new options process. The new system has been developed following extensive consultation with students, staff and a sample of Year 9 parents. Our hope is that it will help Year 9 students to perform as well as they can in their GCSEs.

We are also starting the process of applying for Specialist Schools status. We aim to submit an application in October and if successful, this will provide over £1 million to the school over a five year period. We are discussing with departments which specialism to apply for but I am keen that the whole school benefit from this injection of funds. The application is being led by Mr McGarry. Please contact either of us if you have any queries regarding this.

Yours sincerely

Howard Gilbert  
Headteacher

# Geography Department News

**Year 12 and Year 13** Travel and Tourism students are off to New York in a few weeks time. They are attending conferences as well as looking at the visitor attractions and researching case study work.

**Year 12 students** will also be attending a workshop on customer service at the Marriott Hotel, Huntingdon as well as Cadbury World, 'Bournville'.

**Year 13 students** are working with the Tourist Officer at Kings College next week as part of their Heritage Tourism module.



*Mrs J Mottram  
Head of Geography*

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# History Department News

## **Year 12 - Battlefields Visit**

AS historians will be spending four days in Belgium and France in March. The visit is an important part of their study of World War One.

## **Year 8 reminder - November 2006**

In November the current Year 8 pupils will go on a visit to the Somme Battlefields in France. All those travelling will need a passport. Be prepared!



*Mrs J Barnes  
Head of History*

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# RE Department News



*John Rawls II*

This term has been busy arranging the trip to Rome which all Ethics students at GCSE and A level have been invited to go on. We will be going in April and there is much excitement about this. We will be visiting the Coliseum, Pantheon, Vatican City, Sistine Chapel, and hope to have Mass with the Pope.

Before Christmas our Year Sevens took part in a Carol Service at St Ives' Parish Church. This was a lovely opportunity for us all to get together and start the festivities in style.

The Year 12 Philosophy students braved two Sunday mornings to visit two local churches - one in Holywell, the other in Huntingdon, to look at different ways in which Christians worship and assess the claims to religious experience. Many thanks to all those involved in these events.

*Mrs E Kenton-Howells  
Head of RE*

# Ecology News

As part of our A2 ecology module, our class has been involved in the Big School Bird Watch run by the RSPB. The survey is in order to monitor bird populations in the UK to compare changes in numbers over time. The reason for this is the worry over the rapid decrease in numbers over recent years. We observed and recorded the maximum number of each species we saw in different sites around the school. We found that the school gardens and the hedges surrounding the basketball courts was where the largest variety of birds was found. Overall we saw 14 different species with the most common being the black headed gull followed by blackbirds. Whereas the more unusual species found were the goldfinch and wren.

We hope that our results will be of help to the RSPB and useful in further conservation of British Birds.

Dr Eaton's Ecology crew are:

**Sian** (13Sa)  
**Fiona** (13Dn)  
**Francis** (13Pr)  
**Emily** (13Ri)  
**Laura** (13Ri)  
**Andy** (13Mm)  
**Claire** (13Mm)  
**Clara** (13Wl)  
**Amy** (13Ja)

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# Dance Department News

Years 10 & 11 GCSE Dance groups recently had the unique and exciting opportunity to work with the highly acclaimed Richard Alston Dance Company for a day. Within their workshops they were challenged to learn set repertoire from the company's performance of 'Overdrive'; choreograph their own solos, duets and group work based around the repertoire. Their group performances inspired from the workshops can be seen in our annual performance of Spotlight.

Spotlight is upon us! This performance has grown in popularity over the years and shows a collection of dance styles such as Contemporary, Ballet, Street Jazz, Tap and many more. The annual Spotlight performance features many students from all year groups performing dances they have choreographed themselves as well as dances from extra curricular clubs, GCSE, AS and A2 classes.

Spotlight performance dates are:

Monday 13th March 7:00 - 9:30pm

Tuesday 14th March 7:00 - 9:30pm

Thursday 16th March 7:00 - 9:30pm

Tickets are available from the Business Centre and will cost £3.00 for adults and £2.00 for children and concessions.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our annual Spotlight performances.

*Mrs F Barley*



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# Drama

Year 9 Performance Evening took place on Tuesday 7th February in the Drama Studio. It was an evening of short plays starring:-

**Lisette** (9Be)

**Alphie** (9Be)

**Sam** (9Ry)

**Laura** (9Pa)

**Louise** (9Wx)

**Emily** (9Wx)

**Georgia** (9Ea)

**Rachel** (9Pa)

**Phil** (9Be)

**James** (9Be)

Well done to all involved for their hard work and dedication!

*Miss V Baldwin*

# Music Department News



Two big annual events have taken place this half term, both with the express purpose of getting as many pupils involved in music making as possible. The first was the Key Stage 3 Play Day. The orchestra played music from Harry Potter and the choir sang Gospel music and 'Beautiful' by Christina Aguilera. The joint item this year was 'Paris Angelicus' by Cesar Frank. Over 150 students took part and the quality of performance, based on only 3 hours rehearsal, was excellent - well done!

The Primary schools' Play Day took place on February 7th. Year 5 and 6 pupils were welcomed to St Ivo and had the opportunity to be involved in large scale music making.

Good luck to music exam pupils for next half term. Congratulations to **Alex** (12Py) for setting up and writing music for a new school orchestra (rehearses Fridays 3.40 - 4.30 in L5) and **Hazel** (11Cd) for arranging music for the Senior Choir.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING AS MANY PARENTS AS POSSIBLE AT OUR ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT - MAY 11th & 12th. BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

*Mrs A Gilbert  
Head of Music*

Congratulations to the Year 10 GCSE pupils who visited Houghton Primary with their African Drumming Ensemble. The pupils - who were very small in comparison - really enjoyed this. The performance fitted in with a fortnight of lessons the infants were having on the culture of Africa.

*Miss R McCullough*

Well done to all pupils who took part in the Rotary Young Musician of the Year competition on Saturday but particular congratulations and good luck to **Ady** (8Hv) and **Inde** (8Hv), **Gareth** (8Gi) and **Jonnie** (8Hv), and **Jane** (12Td). These pupils won their classes and go forward to the regional heat in March.

Congratulations to **James** (9Be) who has just won a bursary of £500 donated by the Huntingdon Male Voice Choir. James will also be invited to perform at future events the Huntingdon Male Voice Choir are arranging. James hopes to purchase a new trumpet with his winnings.

There were three other competitors, 2 flautists and a cellist plus James playing trumpet. The competitors could be accompanied or play independently. The event was held at Hinchingbrooke House on Monday 6 February.

James attend the Royal College of Music junior department in London every Saturday which he joined in September 2005.

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## Green Fingers Club

**Tim** (7Kf) has just been awarded £100 from SISA to develop an electronic scare-crow using wind / solar power. Congratulations Tim!

The Green Fingers Club grows vegetables to feed the school rabbits and guinea pigs and also sells excess vegetables to staff to generate income to help pay vets bills as well as supplying the science laboratories for experiments.

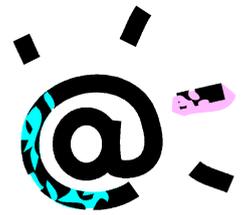


We grow organically (that is we don't use chemicals) and because our garden attracts a variety of wildlife, our cabbages suffer from pigeon damage! - Hence the need for an environmentally friendly bird scarer!

Our thanks go to SISA for their support.

*P Coles*

# School Website



Apologies to those people who were unable to access the school website during January. This was due to circumstances beyond our control.

Our alternative address for accessing the website is

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

Both this and the original address will work - but you may find the above easier to remember!

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Liam** (8Gd) for working really hard in his English lessons. Well done Liam!

**James** (12Wf) acted in the Merry Wives of Windsor at the Playhouse in Norwich in January, and is currently rehearsing a part in the rock musical "Tawny" (being performed in June). Good luck James!

We also wish good luck to **Kim** (12Wf) who is rehearsing for "Sparkleshark" with St Ives Youth Theatre (to be performed 1st-4th March).

Congratulations to **Caroline** (12Wf) on passing her driving test on 31st January.

Good luck is also wished to **Lucy** (9Ke), **Bryony** (9Ke) and **Tash** (9Ke), who are doing their rock 'n' roll and street dance exams in February.

Congratulations to **James** (9Ke) on getting into the County cricket team.

Well done to **Rory** (9Ke) who played rugby for county; his team beating Norfolk 19-0.

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## Sixth Form News

- 95 students have applied through UCAS for university places. Offers are being received all the time; some after interviews and others without. We wish all our students good luck with their applications.
- 10 students are applying through the Arts Foundation route to Cambridge Regional College.
- The new Sixth Form student committee is in place and has made a good start to their work. The main posts are

Chairperson  
Vice Chairperson  
Treasurer  
Secretary

**Andrew** (12Se)  
**William** (12Py)  
**Grace** (12Bd)  
**Alex** (12Py)

The history department took 31 students to a conference on Lenin and the Bolshevik revolution - the theme of a module in the A/2 level course. Four lectures were given by top academics including Professor Robert Service and Professor Chris Read.

Year 12 and Year 13 students tackled issues concerning local transport during assemblies conducted by Cambridgeshire County Council and Huntingdon District Council. After a presentation, discussions took place and students were asked to complete questionnaires outlining their views.

*Mr Richard Perry  
Head of Sixth Form*

Thank you to everyone who supported the Quiz Night in November, with 19 teams and over 140 people it was a great night. The winners were team 'Octopus', and nearly £400 was raised - all of which will go towards purchasing items from the schools' wish list. We hope to organise another Quiz Night and BBQ during the summer term, up to date details can be found on the school website next to SISA.

Ladies, teenagers, girls, mums, sisters, aunty, and granny.

You are all invited to the St Ivo School Association's

## **"Ladies Fashion Show and Sale"**

**On Thursday March 16th 2005 at 7.30pm**

Tickets are £2.50 and include refreshments, which will also be available during the evening

High street prices of good quality ladies clothing from outlets such as Gap, Marks and Spencers, Ralph Lauren, Next, British Home Stores, etc and catalogues at  
**MUCH REDUCED PRICES.**

There will be room available to 'try before you buy'  
For tickets please contact Nicki Coulter at 01480 301637, or visit the SISA page of the school website.

**SISA**

**200 Club**

Many parents would like to support St Ivo School Association but are not sure how, and may not be able to attend the events that we organise.

The SISA 200 Club offers a simple way for you to support our fund-raising activities for buying those little extras that may otherwise be unattainable.

You have the opportunity to purchase a 'number' or 'numbers' from the 200 Club at the cost of £ 1 per number, per draw (£12 per year).

Each month all the numbers go into the draw and three are selected. First, second and third prizes together will account for 50% of the total 'pot'. The remainder will go into SISA funds. There will be no roll-over because only those numbers which have been allocated will go into the draw.

*For further information please telephone Nicki Coulter (01480 301637), or visit the SISA page of the school website to download an application form.*

Please help us to support our school!

Winners of the 200 Club for the November 2005 draw are

**Mrs S Moore, Mrs Judith Ongeru and Monica Stevens**

# Sports News



The **Year 8 Hockey squad** are district champions for the season 2005/2006, after winning the year 7 championship last year. They won all their games in the district tournament beating all local schools including a 7-0 victory over Ailwyn school, Ramsey.

They finished third in their section at the county U13 mini tournament in November. They are now preparing for further fixtures in February and March.

Congratulations to **Fiona, Laura, Emma, Chloe, Hannah, Jennie, Emily, Phoebe, Jennie (Capt), Evelyn (G.K.)** and **Sophie**

The **Community Sports Leaders group** have successfully organised and completed four district basketball competitions on separate occasions. They have shown a high level of commitment and enthusiasm throughout the four dates. Many thanks to all involved:-

<b>Jon</b> (10Di)	<b>Megan</b> (12Se)	<b>Tracey</b> (12Se)	<b>Callum</b> (12Ba)	<b>Nick</b> (12Se)
<b>Adan</b> (12Ba)	<b>Matt</b> (12Ba)	<b>Emma</b> (12Wf)	<b>Lisa</b> (12Bd)	<b>Michael</b> (12Td)
<b>Luke</b> (12Se)	<b>James</b> (12Ba)	<b>Tom</b> (13Sa)		

Special thanks to **Jon** (10Di) and **Josh** (12An) for refereeing on four occasions.

*Mr D Varey*

## Year 7 Basketball

Year 7 basketball district competition was held at St Ivo in late January. St Ivo entered an A and B team into the competition - the A team eventually taking 3rd place. There was some outstanding performances from both teams. The boys involved were:-

<b>Josh</b> (7Bt)	<b>Michael</b> (7Bt)	<b>Alex</b> (7Lw)	<b>Alex</b> (7Lw)	<b>Lewis</b> (7Ln)
<b>Anthony</b> (7Rb)	<b>Alessio</b> (7Bx)	<b>Corey</b> (7Bz)	<b>Dale</b> (7Bz)	<b>Callum</b> (7Ma)
<b>James</b> (7Bt)	<b>Lewis</b> (7Cc)	<b>Aaron</b> (7Bw)	<b>Billy</b> (7Rb)	<b>Adam</b> (7Bt)
<b>John</b> (7Bx)	<b>Duncan</b> (7Rb)			

Well done to all the boys.

## Year 8 Basketball

Congratulations to the Year 8 A and B teams who finished 2nd and 3rd in the district tournament. In league 'A' St Ivo won their league, winning all their games convincingly against Longsands, St Peters, Ramsey and Sawtry. In league 'B' St Ivo won two games and drew against Hinchingsbrooke to finish second in their league. In the playoff St Ivo beat Longsands 7-2, but in the final the 'A' team lost narrowly to Hinchingsbrooke to finish second overall. The following boys took part:-

<b>Miah</b> (8Bs)	<b>Adam</b> (8Gi)	<b>Alex</b> (8Gi)	<b>Tom</b> (8Bs)	<b>Pat</b> (8Bs)
<b>James</b> (8Va)	<b>Barny</b> (8Mh)	<b>Mark</b> (8Bs)	<b>Tom</b> (8Va)	<b>David</b> (8Va)
<b>Alex</b> (8Bb)	<b>Stuart</b> (8Ci)	<b>Josh</b> (8Hv)	<b>Amit</b> (8Gd)	

## Year 9 Basketball

Two teams entered the district competition held at St Ivo Recreation Centre. Both teams had mixed results and played very well. Well done to all boys involved and hopefully next year the teams will make further progress.



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