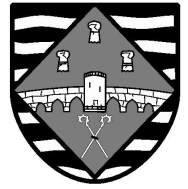


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# Newsletter

St Ivo School

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Dear Parent / Carer

I'd like to start this newsletter by apologising for any inconvenience caused to you or your family by the late closure of St Ivo school on February 8th. Prior to the start of school we were one of the majority of secondary schools still open. I was then informed by some students and parents that they had heard a radio announcement that the school was closed. This had not been authorized by any of the Senior Management Team at the school; as a consequence many students and staff did not attend and so I had no option but to close the school. Before doing this we gathered students together to inform them and to check that it was safe for them to go home.

It is always my aim in these circumstances to make a decision prior to 7.30am unless circumstances changes unexpectedly following this time.

On a more positive note I am pleased to report that two people have been convicted of the vandalism which we suffered last term. Neither was a current or former student of St Ivo.

Yours sincerely

Howard Gilbert  
Headteacher

# Geography Department News

## Year 9 - Japan Day

This has now become an annual event in the geography department and gives all Year 9 students the opportunity to get involved in a range of activities which aim to increase their understanding of Japanese culture and way of life. This year students made and sampled Japanese food, learnt origami, made fans and experienced a Japanese language lesson. They also watched a demonstration of Taiko drumming and a number of students also had the chance to take part in a Taiko drumming workshop.



## Coming up

May - Year 8 students will have the chance to go to Stibbington and actively take part in a river study.

June - Year 12 AS/A2 students will have the chance to go to Snowdonia.

June - Iceland Information Evening for students in Year 10 who are visiting Iceland as part of their GCSE course in July.

## Travel and Tourism

Year 12 Travel and Tourism students will be going to New York in March as part of a Travel and Tourism convention which gives them the opportunity to visit the attractions, learn about customer service and work with staff from New York University Tourism department.



Year 12 will also be visiting Cadbury World and the Marriott Hotel, Huntingdon as part of their work related learning.

*Mrs J Mottram  
Head of Geography*

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# History Department News

## China

The history department is organising a visit to China in October 2008 following our successful visits in July 2005 and 2006 and the one planned for July 2007. The trip is in October because the Olympics are being held in Beijing in the Summer of 2008. The visit is open to historians currently in Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11. These students will be in Years 11, 12 and 13 in 2008. Letters are available from the history department.

## Year 11 Battlefields Tour

In March Year 12 historians will be visiting first world war battlefields in Belgium and France as part of their AS studies. A first world war expert is accompanying the trip which promises to be stimulating and educational.

## Early Warning to Year 8 Pupils

In November 2007 the history department will be taking a one day visit for Year 9 pupils to the very famous Somme Battlefields in France. A passport will be required. Letters will be sent out in the Summer term.

# Rotary Young Chef Competition

The Rotary competition took place on Monday 15th January. Seven year 10 pupils took part and worked really hard in order to cook a two course meal for two people for under £10 in two hours.

The competition was judged by three professional chefs with many years experience within the industry. Ian Cousins was at the University Arms in Cambridge before becoming Centre Manager at the St Ives Recreation Centre. Dom Hall is a past pupil of St Ivo; he has worked at the Old Bridge in Huntingdon, with Gordon Ramsey in London and is presently chef at the Crown at Broughton. The third judge was Dick Forway who was previously a chef in the Royal Navy before teaching catering at C.R.C.

The competition was won by **Tarnia (10Kg)**, who cooked a Chinese stir-fry followed by a fruit fool. The second place was awarded to **Mehmet (10Ms)** who impressed the judges with his chicken and vegetable main course followed by a tahini pastry dessert. Third place went to **Nicola** who made grilled salmon with potatoes and vegetables, followed by a fruit fool.

Tarnia attended the regional final in Stamford on Saturday 10th February (age 14-19) and she succeeded in coming 5th out of 19. Competitors also included catering students. She did exceptionally well. Congratulations!

*Mrs M Watton*

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## Real Care Babies

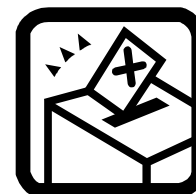
Forty five Year 10 students will be experiencing life with a newborn baby in the house. Students taking GCSE Child Development have the opportunity to take home a real care baby for a weekend, changing nappies and rocking him to sleep! A computer in the baby records all activities.

*Mrs M Watton*



# UK Youth Parliament

Earlier this term, four brave students put themselves forward as candidates for the United Kingdom Youth Parliament. They were contesting the seat for Huntingdonshire and North West Cambridgeshire. **Alice (11Hn)**, **Robert (9Gd)**, **Alex (8Rb)** and **Ben (8Rb)** had to write a personal manifesto and present their ideas to all the students in school.



Between 22nd and 26th January voting took place under strict County Council regulations. 1,650 students cast their votes, representing an impressive 90% turn out. The National officials took away the ballot boxes on Monday 29th January and we await, with great anticipation, the final results.

The UKYP gives young people between the ages of 11 and 19 a voice at a national and on occasions an international level. In the past elected members have represented their constituents as far a field as Edinburgh and Brussels.

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## Recycling



Chris (Year 9) and a team of Year 9 students have made a great job of coordinating our recycling from school. We now have an extra three large wheelie bins and 30 extra small green bins and have been able to cut down our waste going into landfill by a bit more than a third so this is really saving money **and** is good for the environment. We are also setting up an Energy Saving/Eco Schools committee with involvement from this Year 9 team and with the help of Mr Cook through assemblies, some students from the other year groups.

*Tricia Gibbons  
Premises Manager*

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## Music Department News

The most exciting event to take place this half term is the group of workshops for Year 9 run by Irokko. These people are African artistes - actors, musicians and dancers who are working with the whole of Year 9 over three days to give pupils practical experience of these 3 art forms. I am certain that pupils will get a huge amount out of workshops and come home buzzing!

We wish the fourteen Associated Board exam candidates luck for their practical exams next half term.

Finally, many congratulations to the Rotary Young Musician of the Year participants - **Katie (7Bn)**, **Suzanne (11Ti)**, **Rosie (11Hn)**, **Jonny (9Hv)**, **Gareth (9Gi)**, **Lucy (11Ei)**, **Kieren (7Ty)**, **Robyn (10Wx)** and **Jane (13Th)**. The standard was extremely high and competition was fierce.

Good luck to Jane Cummings who goes through to the next round!

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# Congratulations to ...



Congratulations to the following sixth formers who have successfully completed the 'Better Together' volunteer training course over the last nine weeks.

**Claire**  
**Frankie**  
**Jess**  
**Katie**  
**Jess**  
**Hannah**  
**Lucy**

**Rachel**  
**Emily**  
**Maya**  
**Amy**  
**Suzanne**  
**Tess**  
**Laura**

**Jodie**  
**Kim**  
**Pippa**  
**Alex**  
**Sian**  
**Zoe**  
**Sian**

Congratulations to the sixth form who raised £144.83 on World AIDS Day which was given to the charity dhiverse.

Congratulations to the **Year 9 basketball team** who were joint winners of the district tournament.

Well done to **Ross (7Ty)** who is working really hard in English and to **Kieran (7Ty)** and **David (7Ty)** too - some super work this term.  
*Mrs K Perry*

## News from 7Os

**Eleanor** is performing at Skegness Butlins with her dance school.

**Alysha** is performing at the Royal Albert Hall.

**Carmen** has completed all 12 swimming grades.

**Joseph** successfully passed his piano preparation test.

**Emily, Chloe** and **Charlotte** achieved awards for trampolining.

**Charlotte** passed grade 1 piano.

**Michael** passed his 'A' licence in go-karting.

**Emily** has become a junior judge for baking.

## News from 10Ke

**Bryony, Lucy, Natasha, Mary** are in a LA Dance show.

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# Technology Coursework nears Completion

After a year of designing and making, Year 11 GCSE coursework is coming to a conclusion. Some excellent pieces of work are materialising and some that are very unfinished. The last push is on with technology staff still offering their lunchtimes and prepared for after school workshops.

Practical deadline;- 1.30 Monday 26th February.

Folderwork deadline:- 1.30 Monday 5th March

DON'T PANIC GET HELP!

# English Department News

The English department, led by Mrs Senior, are once again running their Reading Mastermind challenge with all of Year 7. Popular books this year appear to be the Captain Underpants series! The first round will take place after half term, so all of Year 7 should have reading to keep them busy next week.

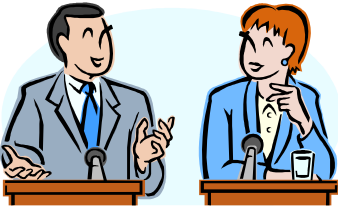


The final, with the traditional black leather chair, will follow shortly after.

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## Sixth Form News

The first few weeks of this term are dominated by modular examination at A/S and A/2 level. We wish all our students the best of luck.



The new sixth form debating society opened its doors on Wednesday 7 February with the provocative debate - "this house believes that women are better equipped to rule the world". Thanks are due to **Jonathan** for organising the society and the first event.

In the week of January 22nd to 26th school wide elections were held for county representatives to the UK youth parliament. Thanks are due to the many sixth formers who helped to run the election, ensuring an efficient and fair voting process was conducted. To ensure authenticity ballot boxes were used on loan from the local council.

### History Trip to London

32 students attended a conference on the theme of Lenin and the Bolsheviks revolution and heard a variety of speakers such as eminent historians Professor Robert Service and Professor Chris Read.

*Mr R Perry  
Head of Sixth Form*

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## Year 11 Prom

The Year 11 Prom will be held on Wednesday 4th July, in the Burgess Hall.



# Sports News

In the 5th round of the National Cup the Year 10 football team hosted the fixture against the Northampton School for Boys. The Ivo went onto record a brilliant 4-1 win with a fantastic hat trick from **Leon (10Pa)** and a great strike from **Tom (10Ms)**.

The Ivo rolled on into the 6th round and an away fixture against Dukeries College in Newark. The Ivo came out on top with a 4-0 win in difficult conditions against a strong team putting on a fantastic team performance and winning many fans from the home team supporters. Goals coming from **Harvey, Josh (2)** and **Tom** sealed their place in the last 16.

**Luke**  
**Josh**  
**Lewis**  
**Joel**

**Peter**  
**Leon**  
**Tom**  
**Liam**

**Harvey**  
**Connor**  
**Scott**  
**Josh**

**Keiran**  
**Guiseppe**

Congratulations to all members of the squad:

The team would also like to thank parents/carers and staff for their continued support as their progress has continued through the tournament.

## Year 7 Basketball

Well done to all the pupils who took part in the Year 7 County Basketball tournament. We entered two teams, with both sides playing some excellent basketball. Our 'A' team finished a very creditable second.

## Skiing

On Friday 9th February seventy Year 11-13's depart for Crans Montana for the upper school ski trip. At Easter thirty five Year 10's are going to Arosa in Switzerland.

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# TO DIE FOR

Year 11 are staging their own production 'TO DIE FOR' on 1st and 2nd March 2007. The play is entirely student based. It's written, directed and produced by Mark (11Js) and has a production team of solely Year 11. They have got funding, local and national press and some very special guests on the performance nights.

'TO DIE FOR' is set in Nazi Germany in 1941 and focuses on one family. The father of this family and his best friend from school decide they have had enough of the Nazi regime and so lead a movement against the Nazis. Unfortunately for them, they are betrayed by friends and neighbours. The best friend escapes and the family are taken captive. Act Two sees the family's fight for survival as they are under interrogation. Each family member shows remarkable strength of character. It is a story of hope and faith, but above all, love. Who survives? Come and see the play to find out.

Proceeds from 'TO DIE FOR' will be donated to Yad Vashem who ensure the world never forgets about the Holocaust.

1st/2nd March 7.30 in the School Hall  
Tickets £5 adults, £2.50 concessions  
Available from the Business Centre or on the door.

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