

St Ivo School



Newsletter

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that you enjoy the latest version of our newsletter which gives a flavour of the huge variety of activities which students have been involved in this term.

This will be the last newsletter sent home via students as over 90% of parents have now signed up to IvoOnline. This has proved to be very popular with parents allowing access to attendance and behaviour information, for example. If you haven't yet signed up and wish to do so, visit www.st-ivo.co.uk and click the 'Create a new account link'. If you experience difficulties in doing this, please email signup@st-ivo.co.uk. For those parents who cannot or don't wish to sign up then we will post the newsletter home in future. I have no doubt that parental access to pupils' behaviour on a daily basis has been a significant factor in the improvement we have seen this year. Parental feedback on IvoOnline has been exceptionally positive with a greater involvement in their son/daughter's education being a common comment.

Finally I would like to thank you for your support over the last year and wish you and your family an enjoyable and restful holiday.

Yours sincerely

Howard Gilbert
Headteacher

Change to Professional Days

Please note that there has been a change to the Teacher Training Days next year and that **pupils will be required to attend school on Monday 5th January 2009.**

Autumn Term: 3 September 2008 to 19 December 2008

Spring Term: 5 January 2009 to 3 April 2009

Summer Term: 21 April 2009 to 17 July 2009

Teacher Training Days

Monday 1 September 2008

Tuesday 2 September 2008

Wednesday 22 October 2008

Monday 20 April 2009

Monday 20 July 2009

July 2008

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Year 10 Hall of Fame

As Y10 comes to the end of the year we would like to congratulate the following students for their achievements this year

Charlie (10Gi) - football with POSH

Anton (10Wt) - own achievement in Karate and for helping to instruct Junior members of the squad

Sophie (10DI) - competing at national swimming trials in August - good luck

Tom (10Wt) and Mark (10Wt) - Competing at a major football event in Spain

William (10Gi) - competed at a rugby event in Twickenham

Will (10Ci) - played cricket for the county

Scott (10DI) - achievement in Football

The Year 10 girls tennis squad who competed at county level - **Emma (10Cg)**, **Isobel (10Mh)**, **Lizzie (10Hv)** and **Phoebe (10Mh)**.

All Y10 Students who gave such powerful performances at the GCSE evening.

All the Y10 dance students whose performances have improved enormously due to their commitment and efforts.

Amy (10Za) - A superb golfer who is training with the Ladies England Team - a bright future is ahead of her

The Y10 musicians have entertained us in the spring concert and assembly - special thanks to **Tom (10Za)**, **Alex (10DI)**, **Declan (10DI)**, **Becky (10Gi)** and **Sam (10DI)**.

Minty (10Cg) produced an outstanding presentation about her trip to Poland which we used in the assembly and on Holocaust Day

“The Apprentice” was very successfully recreated in Business Studies lessons.

There are lots of Students who have achieved highly this year - their names will be added to our Hall of

Fame next term. Year 10 has been very busy and productive.

The year group is now on work experience which we hope will give them a new insight into the world of work - many thanks to Mrs England for organizing this event.



Mrs Gosney
Head of Year 10

RE department news

Pupils in the RE department have had many exciting opportunities this school year, and they have all been excellent representatives of our school, community and even the country as we have traveled around Europe

Year 7 visits

The Year 7 visited the Ely Cathedral and also had the wonderful Christmas service which “All Saints Church” kindly hosted for us in December.

Holocaust Memorial Day

Year 10 have just taken part in the Holocaust Memorial day during which they were able to listen to and talk with Harry Fox, a Holocaust survivor, and someone who has links with Bosnian conflict and Kenya in the present day. This was a day which touched the lives of many and gave us all a unique learning opportunity.

Auschwitz visit

Year 10 through to year 13 had the chance to go on the trip to Auschwitz - Birkenau, Poland again in February. This was a life changing trip for most of us as we visited places and the people who were affected by these terrible events. The trip will run again in January 2009. Please see Mrs Kenton-Howells for details.



Rome

The A level and GCSE students visited Rome, where we stayed in a beautiful villa and had the opportunity to see this historical

city and understand its importance on the world stage as the centre of Roman Catholicism. We were able to discuss important ethical issues with representatives of the Church and form our own opinions about what we saw and heard. This was good revision for the student’s exams. The Pope was visiting George Bush this time so we were unable to have an audience with him as we did last trip. It was an excellent trip nevertheless and it complimented beautifully the A level and GCSE syllabus and gave us much to discuss during our debates on history, religion and politics when we returned home.

Soweto Gospel Choir

The A level students also visited the Soweto Gospel Choir as a part of their studies on Black theology. This was a fantastic evening out and we were delighted when they were playing at Nelson Mandela’s concert last week.

Thanks to everyone who made this year so successful. We wish all of our students success with their coming examination results.

Mrs Kenton-Howells
Head of RE

Food Technology news



Rotary Young Chef competition

Tom (10Mh) won the area final of the Young Chef competition in January of this year. He impressed the judges with his skill and flair in the kitchen, his organization and methodical way of working. Tom has a real talent for cooking and can cook a full range of dishes. He represented us at regional level and achieved a good report from the judges. Well done, Tom!

Catering students perform in Houghton!

Three catering students and Head Chef, Mrs Watton (!) cooked a 3 course meal for 13 guests as part of the Lit. Skills visit to Houghton. The Chefs, **Daniel (10Wt)**, **Tom (10Mh)** and **Nathan (10Gd)** had only 2 hours to prepare, cook and serve the fol-

lowing menu:

Golden Vegetable soup with homemade bread (using Houghton Mill flour)
-0-
Pasta with creamy garlic sauce
Pasta with tomatoes and tuna
Mixed Salad
-0-
Lemon meringue pie
Rhubarb and apple crumble with custard

A veritable Feast! Very well done lads.

Marian Watton
Head of Food Technology

Industrial Visit

6 members of the AS food tech group went on a visit to Purina - Nestle pet food factory in Wisbech. The purpose of the visit was to link with industry, and learn about systems and central implementing quality control, mass production, HACCP, testing panels, packaging food into pouches, traceability and how computers work in the manufacturing process and we were certainly not disappointed.

Lucy (12Mb)

Design and Technology news

Rotary Young Designer

Congratulations to **Rebecca (12Mb/Ca)** who won the Young Rotary Designer competition and has competed with her AS level graphic coursework project in the District final at Kettering on July 12th. (Result not known at time of print).

Her Next generation blackberry along with associated advertising gained very high marks in her exam moderation and impressed the judges of Rotary who came from successful local businesses.

The Chief Judge expressed admiration for the standard of Paperwork.

Technology challenge

Congratulations to the four team from St Ivo who represented the school for this years technology challenge in the areas of Electronics, Resistant Materials, Graphics and Food. Teams of three were selected on guidance of good technology work throughout the year and were from years 8 and 9.

Well done to:

Electronics - **Jojo (8Cd)**, **Sam (8Cd)**, **Jamie (8En/Mx)**

Resistant Materials - **Matthew (8Go)**, **Evie (8Mn)**, **Sophie (8Ty/Md)**

Graphics - **Jack (9Rb)**, **Sam (9Ax)**, **Duncan (9Rb)**

And Particular congratulations to the Food team who won their competition. This team was made up of - **Laura (9Rb)**, **Leah (9Cc)**, **Tim (9Ax)**

KS4 - GCSE pupils

Congratulations to many Y11 pupils who produced some excellent quality coursework this year. Many very skillful outcomes were shown at the evening 'Solutions' exhibition and Photos will be placed on the D&T site. Well done for all your hard work.

Mr Burry
Head of Technology



Above: the winning design for Rotary Young designer.

PE and Sport news

Tennis

Congratulations to **Emma (10Cg)**, **Isobel (10Mh)**, **Lizzie (10Hv)** and **Phoebe (10Mh)**, who made it to the county final for under 15 tennis.

County Championships

Congratulations to all the athletes who had success at the county championships. In particular well done to **Holly (9Ww)** who qualified for the East Anglian Athletics Championships, and came 5th in the 200m final.

Mr Havard
Head of PE department

Geography news

Snowdonia

Yr 12 geographers have just returned from a four day trip to **Snowdonia** where they learnt a lot about heavy rainfall! The visit was underpinning much of the glaciation and human geography that they will be working on at A2 level as well as understanding the work that goes on in a National Park

Iceland

Yr 10 geographers are off to **Iceland** at the end of term. This is a visit that is open to all GCSE geography students and includes a flight to the recently formed volcanic island of Heimaey as well as trips to hot springs, geysers, waterfalls and glaciers. Details of the next trip – in July 2009 will be made available to all Yr 10 geographers at the beginning of September.

Japan Day

Yr 9 geography students have just taken part in a Japan day where all students were able to learn and understand more about Japanese culture and lifestyle. Students had a demonstration by taiko drummers as well and learning some basic language skills, about Japanese art, food as well as origami.

Stibbington river study

Yr 8 have been involved in a river study at Stibbington – a great response by students which resulted in booking extra time at the centre and running the trip over 5 days !

Advanced notice

In September information will be available about the possibility of a visit to New York for travel and tourism students. This has been a very popular trip run by the travel and tourism department over the last four years and is open to Yr 12 students and will be taking place in March 2009.



St Ivo Ballroom Club

The club has had a very successful term of activities. Students have attended two Anglia Events dances and the Cambridge Dancers' Club Summer Ball.

At the Anglia events the juniors have met Lilia Kopylova and Darren Bennett as well as Matthew and Nicole Cutler. They thoroughly enjoyed the cabarets presented by both couples.

The senior students visited Blackpool on 27, 28 of June and had the wonderful opportunity to dance in the Tower Ballroom to the playing of the Express Orchestra. Dancing

in this impressive ballroom enabled the students to demonstrate their skills.

A new beginners class for years 7,8 and 9 will be available on Wednesday lunch times in the school hall next term. Come along and learn to dance "strictly" style.

Mrs L Bartlett



Modern Foreign Languages



Trips and exchanges

Preparations are being made in the MFL department for the coming year. Look out in September for letters inviting pupils in year 8 to participate in trips to Normandy in March and Koblenz/Cochem in July. Sixth form students of languages will be preparing for work experience in France and Germany and year 10 and 11 pupils of German will be able to take part in exchanges.

Intermediate Chinese

In addition, we are also launching in September a short programme of intermediate Chinese for those pupils who have taken the beginners' courses in the past 2 years. Participation will be by invitation but if you think you are eligible and we have missed

you out by mistake please do come along to room 7 and collect a letter.

Junior CULP Spanish

Those in years 9-13 interested in Junior CULP Spanish will find a course just for them and will also be able to collect a letter in the Autumn Term.

EDL

And who can remember what EDL is? EDL is on September 26th and celebrated across Europe. At St Ivo we mark the day in year 8. Do get ready for the 2008-9 MFL quiz. Mrs Meadowcroft is writing questions as we speak.

Catherine Lewis prize for languages

And finally.... Congratulations to this year's winner of the Catherine Lewis prize for languages. **David (11Mc)** a multi-linguist who has taken the chance to study 4 languages (French, German, Spanish and Chinese) whilst at St Ivo is our deserved winner this year. David is hoping to study languages at "A" level in the coming year.

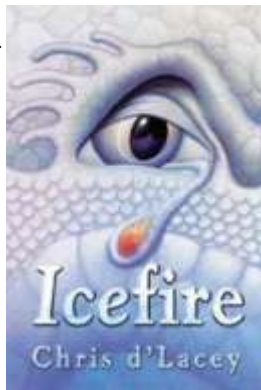
Schöne Ferien ! Bis bald !

Bonnes vacances ! A bientôt !

Resource Centre News

Chris D'Lacey

This term saw the visit of Chris D'Lacey, author of books such as 'From E to You', 'Fly Cherokee Fly' and the Pennykettle Dragons series of books. Most of the year 7 forms enjoyed an interesting and humorous presentation by Chris, encouraging the children to write (especially when told how much an author earns!!).



Games

We have 3 new games to play at lunchtimes: Blokus Duo, Tantrix and No Stress Chess. Come and check them out. We also have a game designed by **Sam (8Cf)** and created in RC Crafts called 'Save the Polar Bear'. This was made to celebrate Chris' visit, and he saw it being played on the day he came – well done Sam!

Computers

We now have 16 new computers in the RC. Don't forget, if you want you can book a computer at lunchtime for school work.

Books

We have just spent £2000 on new fiction, including The Mallorean series, more Fighting Fantasy Gamebooks, the winner of the Carnegie Award 'Here Lies Arthur' and more of the Cat Royal series. Check them out! We have also spent £5000 on new non-fiction, including some revision guides.

Thanks

We would like to thank **Alex (9Bt)** and **Michaela (10Ci)** for their help in the RC.

Crafts: We have been continuing with our crafts every Wednesday, and this term have been making dragons, squirrels and dragon's eyes to welcome Chris D'Lacey. Since his visit we have been making flags of the world to celebrate the Olympics.

Best Reader

Our best borrowers this year in Yr 7 are **Mikolaj (7Di)** (1st), **Matthew (7Po)** (2) and **Maria (7Cb)**. For Year 8 it is **Beth (8En/Mx)** (1), **Sam (8Cf)** (2) and **Lewis (8Ro)** (3). In Year 9 it is **Louis (9WW)** (1), **Shazzan (9AX)** (2) and **Kathryn (9BW)** (3). Well done to you all and keep on reading!!

Competitions

To accompany the visit of Chris D'Lacey we teamed up with the Art Department to organise a competition to make a 3D dragon. The children made some incredible creations out of clay and paper, and Chris chose 'Splodge' a 3D paper dragon as the winner, the creator being **Robyn (7Di)**. Congratulations Robyn!!

Tell Mel

To celebrate the National Year of Reading for July we set up a post box in the RC. Year 7, 8 and 9 were given a postcard each to write what they were reading and what fictional character from a book they would like to be.

Governors' News

Parent Governors: We currently have vacancies on the governing body for Parent Governors. School Governors play an important role in the leadership of any school, setting strategic aims for the school and challenging and supporting the management team, as a "critical friend". The role of School Governors is not all meetings and reading reports: as the following news items will show, Governors at St Ivo are currently involved in a number of "hands on" projects which will help to shape the school lives of our students, and the School's future.

Being a Governor does require some time commitment, but the opportunity to influence our children's education and to make a contribution to the St Ives community make it very rewarding. If you would be interested in joining the governing body next term but want more information, please contact Howard Gilbert or the Chair of Governors, Sue Campbell.

Specialist Status: In a year of many achievements, the highlight was undoubtedly St Ivo securing "Specialist School" status. The Governors congratulate all the staff involved in this year's successful bid, and also thank again the many local people and businesses who sponsored the bid, without whose support it could not have succeeded. Although the School applied for and has been granted Specialist status as a humanities school, this does not mean that science, technology and other areas of the curriculum will receive any less attention. Governors firmly believe that the "humanities" status encapsulates the whole ethos of St Ivo - as an inclusive school, working closely within its community, and helping its students to play a full role as future citizens in their society - and will bring benefits to all areas of the curriculum.

OFSTED: Governors were pleased with those aspects of the school which were rightly praised by OFSTED following inspection - including improved attendance and behaviour, the outstanding contribution to the School made by the Sixth Form, the curriculum changes and breadth of extra-curricular activities, and the general "happy family" feeling in the School. We are not, however, complacent. The School already has actions in place to address the areas identified by OFSTED for further improvement, among them the more effective use of data to measure and monitor student progress, the effective monitoring of teaching and learning objectives, and the development of strategies to raise achievement, particularly by boys at key stage 4. In the coming months, we will

monitor the effectiveness of the School's strategies, in the light of this summer's exam results and other information and data which come to us during the year.

Curriculum: The School curriculum is constantly evolving, sometimes in response to needs identified by the School, other times in response to government initiatives. Whilst at the same time maintaining a more traditional curriculum, St Ivo has extended the range of vocational courses offered and these now include BTEC sport, ICT, Car mechanics, Hair and beauty (at HRC) and a business vocational course. Some sixth formers take vocational courses in Travel and Tourism or ICT, and from next September the School will also offer Preparation for Working Life and Public Service as additional options.

The new 14-19 diploma is timetabled to be fully implemented by 2013, although some courses will be available as early as this September. Each diploma will be equivalent to six GCSEs. Schools and colleges are required to operate as a network, and St Ivo has been working closely within the Huntingdonshire Consortium to prepare for the new qualification. The Consortium has already submitted a successful bid for the Creative and Media Diploma, and St Ivo, in partnership with HRC, St Peters and Sawtry VC, has received approval to deliver the ICT Diploma, which will start in September 2009. As the diploma courses will include distance learning, Room 19 in the Main Block has been refurbished to provide video conferencing.

Our Curriculum Committee's terms of reference include the analysis of student assessment data, derived largely from public examinations, to enable Governors to set tough but realistic targets for students in Y8 and Y10 for achievement in their SATS and GCSEs. Governors were pleased to note that, in 2007, 64% of St Ivo students achieved five A to C grades at GCSE (including English and Maths) which was the highest for a non-selective school in Huntingdonshire and in the top four in Cambridgeshire. In the Sixth Form, the contextual value added score (a sophisticated measure of student progress) was 1,024 last year, putting the School in the top 25% of sixth forms.

Premises: Our Premises Committee has had another busy year. The School will be taking over running the dining hall in September, which gives a great opportunity to improve the quality of meals - and, we very much hope, encourage greater use of the catering facilities. Our existing policies for energy

saving and recycling have continued throughout the School, and will be developed further next year. With rising energy costs, such improvements have now become even more important. Students continue to play an integral role in promoting recycling on the School site.

The struggle for space on a cramped site has been a serious problem for many years. We are currently looking at ways of increasing the number of classrooms, and this will become an important issue in the future. Unfortunately, temporary solutions, in the form of mobile classrooms, have proven to be necessary recently, but work has already begun investigating a permanent replacement for mobiles, in the form of new buildings.

Governors very much appreciate the work carried out by the site team at St Ivo: a great deal of work and effort is required to ensure that the School remains a safe and clean environment for both students and staff.

Finance: Given the very obvious pressures on Government finances in the current economic climate, we are conscious that the School can expect tight funding settlements in the next few years. The additional funds which come from being a specialist school will, therefore, be particularly valuable, in enabling us to deliver our plans to support and improve teaching and learning. In the current financial year, part of the specialist school money will fund a reduction in class sizes in Year 7 from September, the appointment of three advanced skills teachers, investment in ICT resources and an increase in technician time.

Community: Our Community Committee has once again looked closely at the many ways in which the School integrates with the local community. The close liaison with other local schools, to ensure a smooth transition for children from primary to secondary schools, was identified by OFSTED as very effective. In accordance with Government's recommendations, the School has also extended its work with other local agencies, to provide support and advice to our students and their families.

The adult community learning team has continued to work hard to provide a varied range of courses for you to enjoy. They are always ready to accept your suggestions for both educational and leisure subjects, so let them know if the course you want to take is not in the prospectus - coming out during the summer.



Fancy having a go at a new language?

Like to chat with the locals on holiday... on the Costas... in the Algarve... in the Black Forest?

Curious about how other nations think...like the Russians, the Japanese, the Chinese or the Israelis?

Think you may like it, carry on with it and get yourself a better job in the future?

Want to see what it's like on a university campus and make new friends from other schools in Cambridge?

If the answer's 'yes', how about spending a few days taking a stab at Spanish, Portuguese, German, Russian, Japanese, Chinese or Hebrew at Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge?

We are running two 3-day short courses for young people in beginner languages in July and August:

Portuguese, Japanese, Hebrew, Polish
(Monday July 28 – Wednesday July 30)
Spanish, German, Russian, Chinese
(Monday August 11 – Wednesday August 13)

Have some fun from 10.00 to 3.00 each day on campus and learn something new (voluntary contribution: £25 per course).

Ask your teacher for a registration form and sign up by 22/7/08

For more information
email routes@anglia.ac.uk
or phone 0845 196 2967

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Monday – Wednesday 6.30-9.30pm

New! Course Programme for 2008/2009

We are delighted to announce our new programme of courses is now available.

<p>Aero, Boat and Car Modelling Antiques, Collectables and Auctions Aromatherapy Art for Starters: Drawing for Beginners; Watercolours for Beginners; Soft Pastels; Acrylic Painting Astronomy Babysitting Ballroom Dancing (various levels) Belly Dance (various levels) Body Massage Book-Keeping and Accounts - Levels 1 and 2 Car Maintenance Basics: Are you Ready 4 the Road? Chi Kung for Health and Relaxation CLAiT Community Sports Leadership Award (CSLA) Computing: A Gentle Introduction; Computers Don't Bite; OnLine Life; Touch Type Crash Course; Touch Type Plus+ Cookery: Best of British Food; Men in the Kitchen; REAL...FOOD...FAST; Vegetarian; Traditional Indian; Taste of Italy (inc Revisited); Italian Desserts; Taste of Thailand; Spanish; Sugarcraft and Cake Decorating Counselling Skills Certificate Level 2; Skills and Theory Certificate Level 3; Counselling Taster Day Creating Your Professional Image Creative Writing: Starting to Write; Creative Writing Workshops (for those with some experience): Identifying Ideas; Strong Male Characters; Strong Female Characters Curtain Making & Soft Furnishing; Make a Padded Pelmet in a Day; Make a Roman Blind in a Day; Professional Curtains in a Day; Swags & Tails DIY: External House Maintenance; Planning a Kitchen/Bathroom; DIY & House Maintenance; Plumbing & Heating; Tiling; Changing Doors, Locks & Skirtings Digital Darkroom for Beginners (Adobe Photoshop) Dog Training ECDL: All levels including individual units ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages): English for Work English GCSE Exercise Up Your Street Family History: Family History and the Internet; the Essential Guide; Putting Down Roots; Putting Leaves on your Tree Fashion Design/Dressmaking Finding Your True Colours Workshop First Aid: Until Help Arrives Flower Arranging Food Hygiene and Safety French: All levels including qualification courses</p>	<p>Gardening: RHS Certificate in Horticulture Level 2 Gardening Workshop: Make and Take a Hanging Basket German: Beginners Golf (various levels) Guitar (various levels) Guitar Workshops: It's not Rocket Science; Pickin' the Tempo; Why the Folk in Guitar; Blue is the Colour; Rock of Ages; Give us a Song Mate; You Hum it, I'll Play it; It's all the Gear; Bringin' it all Back Home History: Water Water Everywhere, Fenland History 1600-2008; In & Out of the St Ives Union Workhouse; Strong Minded Women - the Early Suffrage Movement; the Great War in Cambridgeshire; Upstairs, Downstairs - Life in the Victorian Household Indian Head Massage Italian: Beginners and GCSE Jewellery Craft Law GCSE Make-Up Workshop Maths: GCSE; AS Level and A2 Level Meditation: Meditate Your Way into Calm with the Help of Sound, Colour and Crystals; Meditation Workshops: Touching Base and Staying Grounded; the Creative You; The Powerhouse Within; All We Need is Love; The Power of What You Say; That's What I Call Imagination; Intuition Ornithology Pottery Professional Image Workshop Psychology AS Level Pilates Reflexology SAGE - Computerised Accounts (in-house certificate) Salsa Dancing (various levels) Salsacise Share Trading for Complete Beginners Simple Sums for Grown Ups Sociology AS Level Spanish: Beginners; Intermediate and Holiday Stretch and Go T'ai Chi Chuan (various levels) Tennis, including Tennis for Children Top to Toe Workshop Wardrobe Planning Workshop Watercolours (various levels) Website Building Wines: Wines of France; Wines, Festive and Food; Wines of Europe (excluding France); Wines, New World (excluding the Americas); Wines of The Americas; Wines of the World Yoga (various levels) Your Style, Your Way Workshop</p>
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To enrol or for full course details please visit: www.aclearning.org.uk

Or call: 01480 495717 / 375308

The office will be closed from July 23 – August 25 inclusive. Please bear with us as we will call you back / confirm your place(s) when the office re-opens.

The New HPV Vaccine

Will your daughter be in Year 8 from September 2008?

The Department of Health funded **Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination** will be offered to **all girls during the school year September 2008 - July 2009** to protect them against cervical cancer. Cambridgeshire Community Services (Provider arm of Cambridgeshire PCT) are employing a team of nurses who will be visiting all Cambridgeshire Schools on a rolling programme, to ensure all eligible girls can receive their 3 doses within the school academic year.

An explanatory letter, consent form and leaflet will be sent to all parents with girls in

Year 8, **early in September 2008**, using the normal school - parent mail system. Please ensure that you return your signed consent form back to your daughter's school as quickly as possible after receiving them in September so that your daughter can be vaccinated when the Nurses visit her school.

There will be a lot of national publicity about the HPV Vaccination Programme on television, radio and in the press, starting early in September.

If your daughter is away from school on the day of the planned session, there will be further opportunities for her to be Vaccinated.

All girls who are over 13 years old (currently in school Year 8) but under 17 years old (currently in school year 11) **on 1st September 2008** will be offered the vaccination before the end of July 2011 in a government-led systematic catch up programme.

For further information you can go to www.immunisation.nhs.uk/hpv. If you require the information about HPV vaccine in another language please go to www.immunisation.nhs.uk/library/publications/translations

History Department News

Y9 Somme trip November 2008

The department is currently planning to take 5 coaches on the Year 9 trip to the Somme battlefields. As part of a new community liaison initiative linked to Humanities Specialist Status, the department is offering approximately 20 places to parents/carers of Year 9 students (in November 2008), and members of the local community. The trip will leave at 4am and return around 11.30pm. The cost will be approximately

£38. All adults will need a valid passport. If you are interested, please contact Dr Craig by letter or email at mcraig.cgz@e2bn.net. The closing date for applications is Friday 5th September. If applications exceed the number of places, a lottery system will be used. If your application is chosen, Dr Craig will contact you by Friday September 12th to discuss payment and provide details of final arrangements.

Adult Community Learning St Ives

Family Learning

If anyone in your family would like to take part in our free Healthy Cookery Saturday workshops please email: office@aclearning.org.uk or call **01480 495717 / 375308**. If you can register an interest and leave your details with us, we can then programme a workshop and get back to you with more information.

Touch Type crash course

Learn the basics and benefits of touch typing in just five hours. Increase your speed, accuracy and confidence, and overcome postural problems that could lead to stiffness or RSI. Gain a new skill for life. This course is very well suited to parents, carers, students and families. A concessionary fee is available for under 18's on this course. Two young persons can attend for the price of one if accompanied by a paying adult.



CLEANERS WANTED

Cleaners wanted at St Ivo School. Hours to be negotiated, Pay £6.17 per hour (pay increase pending).

If interested contact the school on 01480-375434.



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Eco-Schools

As a school St Ivo has always taken environmental issues seriously and the geography department clearly understands the responsibility of teaching about climate change; but now the time has come for the whole school to start working towards a more sustainable future where we are adapting our everyday routines and habits to guarantee a cleaner healthier school environment. As a Humanities School we are now in the forefront of how schools are adapting and changing in this way.

Trish Gibbons, the Premises Manager at the school, has been hard at work throughout this year. The following is all down to her. Read what is going on in school already!


 **Recycling paper:** 2 large skips of paper and cardboard have been recycled every 2 weeks during term time, which saved the school a huge £3,000! This money has gone into the EcoSchools budget to help us create even greater savings.

 **Using less electricity:** More money has been saved by switching off computers and not using 'stand-by'; just two of the ways that our consumption fell by 50,000 units from the year before. Incredible!


 **Using less oil.** A whopping 10,000 litres of oil was saved in 2007/2008, when only 60,000 was ordered instead of 70,000 the year before.


Mrs Gibbons says, "Careful monitoring of our heating has resulted in these savings. We actively turn off electrical appliances whenever possible and take care about the use of energy at all times. We are continuing with our efforts to replace old fittings with energy-saving ones."

Now it is time for the rest of the school to follow this good example. So that St Ivo can be proud to improve the school environment and increase awareness of the level of responsibility of the students as "citizens of the world", the following initiatives will take place from September 2008:

 **Plastic bag free zone:** From the beginning of term, each member of staff and each student of the school will have a "bag for life" given to them by Waitrose supermarket in St Ives which is supporting St Ivo School in its eco-school achievements. We are hoping that everyone will understand the need to use these bags that last and not bring the plastic throw away bags on to the school site, as they are environmentally unacceptable.

A display will be up in the main reception area at the beginning of term, which will outline the reasons for taking this initiative. Bags for this display have been kindly donated by the Just Sharing Shop in the Free Church, Market Hill, St Ives.

 **Fairtrade tea and coffee:** Fairtrade and what it stands for has been taught in the school geography classrooms for many years as part of the Year 8 chocolate project. Now we need to bring the basic tenets of fair trade right in to all aspects of the school. From September staff will be encouraged to drink only tea and coffee from Fairtrade regulated growers. The Rainbow Co-Op store has generously donated sample Fairtrade supplies to start staff on their way. Fairtrade beverages, as well as sugar and hot chocolate will be available for sale to staff from the canteen. It is hoped that all members of staff will purchase their jars of coffee and bags of tea from this source, so that we can be seen to be good role models in supporting Fairtrade. As a continued part of our commitment, only drinks from companies monitored by Fairtrade will be offered at parents' evenings, school meetings and SISA events. We will be buying our supplies from the Rainbow Co-Op, Burleigh Hill, St Ives who have been fully supportive in this initiative by the school.

 **Low energy lightbulbs:** Wherever possible in the school, low energy lightbulbs will replace existing "old style" bulbs. Every member of staff will be supplied with a low energy lightbulb on the first day of the new academic year and it is hoped that they will convert their homes to this style of bulb, if they have not already done so. We would also wish that parents would continue this theme at home.

These initiatives are for the start of term. Many more are in the pipeline for the rest of the year. St Ivo School is working towards silver status in Eco Schools, which it hopes to be awarded this academic year. If there are any parents who are knowledgeable about moving towards a fully sustainable school, we would love to hear from them. Any ideas and suggestions will be gratefully received. We believe this to be a partnership between school and home for the benefit and education of the students.

So, watch this space for more interesting Eco Schools News!

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