

# July 2009



# Newsletter

## St Ivo School

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Dear Parent / Carer

I am writing this the day after attending our excellent Summer Concert. A high quality Music Department is essential for any good school and we are fortunate to be so well served by Miss MacLeod and her team at St Ivo. I am also lucky to have a job in which I can go and listen to live music on a daily basis! This newsletter gives you more information about this and many of the other events of the term.

You will be aware that we had our first reported case of swine flu last week. Health advice has now changed to the extent that we may not be aware of any future cases as it is optional for parents to notify us. This seems in keeping with the generally calm, low key approach which seems prevalent in the national advice at the moment. I have attached the latest guidelines for your information.

It is planned to develop our newsletter next year so that each one looks at a particular school issue. If there is anything you would particularly like to hear more about then do let me know.

One aspect which I would ask for your co-operation with is not to drop/pick up your children at the roundabout at the top of High Leys. I am sure that you appreciate that we need to keep traffic to a minimum on the school site for the safety of our pupils.

Finally, can I thank you for your support over the last year and wish you and your family a happy and restful summer.

Yours sincerely

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# End of Term Closing

Please note the school will be closing at 3.00pm on Friday, 17th July.

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## 2009/10 Autumn Term

The first day back for students is Friday, 4th September.

Students in Year 7 and Year 9 should come into school at the usual time of 8.30am. Year 8, Year 10 and Year 11 students will start school at 11.05am when they should register with their form tutors. All these year groups will have normal lessons from Period 4.

Year 12 students should arrive at 8.30am - Induction days: Friday, 4th September and Monday, 7th September.

Year 13 students should arrive at 11.05am and will be able to leave at 1.05pm if timetables and signing on have both been completed.

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## Home to School Transport Applications



Application forms are now available from the school Reception. Spare seat payers on contract buses can also be given the application form on request.

Please note that pupils who currently have a free bus pass, and have had no change in circumstances will not need to re-apply.

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## Transition Information and Advice for New Students

Transition Information and Advice is available for parents/carers from the Transition Information and Advice Parent Partnership Service, ELH 1201, Castle Court, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP, telephone 01223 699194, website [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/pps](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/pps).

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## Governors' News

**Parents/carers' questionnaire:** First, a sincere "thank you" from the Governors to all who responded to our questionnaire during the year. The findings have already been discussed with the Senior Management Team in the School, and will be considered in detail by the Governing Body next term. The results will contribute to our work in the coming year.

**Specialist School status:** We have regularly reviewed the School's progress in implementing its plans for the use and development of "Specialist School" status. Four Advanced Skills Teachers have been appointed – three of them directly funded by the additional funds the status attracts – and are working on specific projects with the aim of enhancing aspects of teaching and learning across the School. Valuable groundwork has also been carried out in developing links with other local schools, including a combined history, geography and literacy project involving our "feeder" primary schools, based around the *Green Knowe* books set at Hemingford Grey Manor House.

# Governors' News continued

Governors were particularly delighted with the achievement of the Geography Department – one of the lead departments in the Specialist School bid – **in achieving “outstanding” status in its recent departmental Ofsted inspection, and add our congratulations to all the staff involved.**

*Unauthorised absence:* We were both surprised and disappointed that St Ivo scored badly this year against **Government targets for “persistent” unauthorised absence, and have given this issue careful attention. Investigation-**revealed inconsistencies in measuring unauthorised absence between schools which are difficult for us to influence. However, problems were also found with our electronic registration system – for example, in registering students who return from lunch a few minutes late – which have resulted in changes. Also, Government policy is now set against study leave out of school for Year 11 students, and this again will result in long term changes, with more revision classes and facilities for independent study in school prior to Year 11 examinations. Good attendance is important for every student to maximise the opportunities the School can offer, and we will maintain a focus on this aspect of school life. Improvements have already been achieved.

*Golf course development:* As you will know, planning permission was given some time ago for housing development on part of the adjacent golf course. Detailed designs for the development have been under consideration by the planning authorities in recent months. We have made representations to Huntingdonshire District Council on those aspects of the development layout which could impact on the School. Also, we have made direct contact with the developers to discuss the arrangements for ensuring, as and when building work starts, safe traffic movement and working practices at times of the day when students are arriving at and leaving School.

*Premises:* Yet again the Premises Team has been busy throughout this school year, continuing to improve the school environment for the benefit of both students and staff. The Governors would like to thank the Team for all of the hard work carried out both during the school terms and holidays. We have a busy summer break with various improvements planned in the School.

The School took over the running of the canteen in September last year and we have seen an increase in the quality of food and an increase in diners throughout the year. We would always welcome any suggestions from students, parents and staff for any improvements at the dining hall, including suggestions for new recipes. The menu is now available to be viewed on the School website, and once again any feedback on this would be appreciated. The Catering Manager and her team have done a wonderful job and the Governors would like to express their gratitude and say thank you for everything they have achieved over the last twelve months.

We have continued our drive to reduce energy costs and promote recycling throughout the School and we are now seeing the fruits of our labour. In addition, the Premises Team has been exploring the benefits of growing our own food for sale in the dining room. We are hoping to experiment with a small selection of fruit and vegetables over the summer break and into the autumn term. Hopefully, if successful, we can develop this further over the coming years. We would hope to be able to report progress on this over the next twelve months.

*Personnel:* The Personnel Committee has undertaken an in-depth review of all their statutory and optional policies in order to ensure that all are reviewed and updated by an agreed timetable. In undertaking these reviews, it has been possible to examine each policy document in depth to ensure it is up to date and contains all the necessary components. Two of the main reviews have resulted in an updating of the Equality and Exclusion of Pupils documents.

*Finance:* **Setting the School's budget for 2009-2010 proved a challenging and frustrating process. This was always going to be the most frugal year in the current Comprehensive Spending Review cycle, but it would have proved extremely difficult to balance the current financial year's budget without the benefit of the additional funding gained by Specialist School status. As it is, some of the School's development plans have had to be scaled back – for example, the plan to reduce the size of tutor groups in next September's Year 7 – but all core activities have been protected.**

# Governors' News continued

All the School staff worked hard over a long period to achieve Specialist School status, rightly expecting this status to bring significant extra funds for new developments and projects, and Governors share their disappointment that the School's budget has remained so tight.

Our financial position continues to reflect the lower funding provided by Government for schools in most of Cambridgeshire compared with neighbouring areas – schools in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Essex and even Peterborough still receive more money per student than St Ivo. We fear there can be little doubt, however, that the pressures there will be to limit public spending over the next few years will mean continuing financial pressures on schools. The battle to secure equal funding for Cambridgeshire schools remains as important as ever – an issue you may wish to have in mind when politicians are canvassing for your vote sometime within the next 11 months.

*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 schools continues and in accordance with Government's recommendations, the School has also extended its work with other local agencies. The school works very closely with these agencies to ensure that our students and their families receive the support and advice that they need.

The adult community learning team has continued to work hard to provide a varied range of courses for you to enjoy. The team are constantly adapting the courses to meet your needs. 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. The St Ives Prospectus will be out in the summer with many new courses for you to enjoy.

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## Year 8 News

Year 8 students held a Summer Fayre during lunchtime to raise money for their chosen charity, Starlight, a charity which aims to grant wishes for seriously ill children. There were stalls selling cakes and drinks, a tombola, a penalty shoot-out, and students were invited to 'Throw a Wet Sponge' at the Head of Year and Assistant Head of Year. In total £120 was raised.

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## Summer Concert

The Music Department's Summer Concert took place in the school hall on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July. It featured the talents of most of our extra curricular groups which had been rehearsing hard since the Christmas and Spring concerts. Despite exams and the lure of the summer sun, students tirelessly rehearsed to make this year's event bigger and better than ever! All year groups were represented in a huge variety of musical styles from singing to samba.



# Year 7 News

A great year for Year 7 with everyone gaining at least their Bronze Certificate. A special mention goes to Jess 7Mj who has received her Diamond Certificate for 400 points.

## Talent Competition

30 acts auditioned for the Year 7 Talent Competition. A panel from the Year Council discussed each act and selected the following for the final held on Monday, 6th July:

Sam - Piano  
Scott, Katie, Sophie, Collette and Taylor - Dance  
Molly - Majorettes  
Emily - Singing

The winner will be announced in the final assembly on Monday, 13th July.

Well done to everybody who has been involved and thank you to the Year Council for organising the event. All money will go towards the Year 7 chosen charity, Cancer Research UK.

## Termly Quiz/merit average

The challenge has been taken up again! Who will be king of the quiz or merits for the summer? At the time of writing, 7Me lead the way for the quiz. The merits are very close each week—7Ry and 7Gs receiving the plaudits for the last two weeks. Results will be announced in final assembly.

Mrs Slater and Mr Braybrook.

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# The Times Spelling Bee

All Year 7 students participated in an initial spelling contest to find a team to enter for the first Times Spelling Bee. This gave us a team of three, Steffen, Lily, Danni plus the reserve Sadie. The team practised once a week and at home on the Times web-site. Just before Easter they went off to Kettering to take part in the first round. After a nail-biting competition, and that was just the staff, they won their heat with Steffen as the last man standing in the knockout round.

This took them to the semi-final in Leicester the week before half term. The competition was much harder in this round but they managed to finish fifth out of ten pulling themselves up with a brilliant team round in the second half.

Many congratulations to the team and thank you to the parents who supported them throughout the contest.

Mrs Senior.

# History Department News

Year 7

Students have been busy taking their summer exam, and studying the Renaissance and Reformation.



Year 8



Students greatly enjoyed the trip to the Black Country museum on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2009 as part of their study of the Industrial Revolution. Furthermore many students have signed up for the Somme battlefields trip in November as part of the Year 9 course on World War I.

Year 9



Students have been discussing the extent to which Hitler and the Nazis fully controlled the German people 1933-45.

Year 10

Students should be congratulated for working very hard on their GCSE coursework. Their most recent essay has discussed; To what extent were the 1960s the best of times, or when things went wrong in society? Many interesting views were exchanged!



Year 12

All students worked very hard towards their two summer module exams on: Germany 1933-63, and Pitt to Peel 1783-1846. They are now studying introductions to their A2 modules on: Ireland 1798-1921, and Russia 1894-1924. Many have also opted to go on the popular trip to Dublin in November 2009 as part of their Irish studies.



Community Links by the History Department



An exciting recent development has been the filming of a local history DVD with Year 9 and members of the local community about St Ives and the Second World War. This was launched on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June, and for sale at £7 from the school business centre and local town library. Furthermore, on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July the department has organised a trip to Ypres for adults from the local community to reflect upon the impact of the First World War.

Well done to all students who continue to work hard in the department, and help to make it an exciting, fun and high performing place to study history. Best wishes for the summer holiday!

Dr Craig  
Head of History

# Geography Department News

Year 10 GCSE geographers are going to Iceland at the end of term as part of their course. This will give the students a real chance to look at 'The Land of Ice and Fire', swim in the famous geothermal Blue Lagoon and fly across to Heimay, Iceland's most recently formed volcanic island.

Year 12 geographers are off to Holkham Bay and Wells next the Sea in July as part of their A2 geography course-work.

Year 9 geography classes have been experiencing a Japan week which has involved students in a range of activities to help them to learn about Japanese culture and society as well as the geography of the country. Activities have included learning something of the language, Japanese art and food as well as origami.



Year 8 geography students have also recently had the opportunity to carry out a river study at Stibbington which enables them to try out first hand - without getting too wet, a range of measuring techniques, in the river.

Some students also had the opportunity to participate in a project known as the Colliers Green Focus: exploring the environment through photography (<http://photonet.org.uk/colliersgreenfocus>), run by Colliers Green Focus in partnership with a number of schools in Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Leeds, London and Manchester. The students involved in the project were given a digital camera to use throughout the day at Stibbington to take pictures of the landscape around them, with an emphasis on developing a sense of place. A professional photographer and a consultant from the Geographical Association were on hand throughout the day to provide advice to students. This gave another dimension to the fieldwork the students carried out and having reviewed their photographs, one photograph from each student will be presented in the projects online gallery. Selected work from participating schools will also be shown in an exhibition at the Royal Geographical Society in October.

Where do St Ivo pupils get to in the summer? – please help

If you are away locally or abroad this summer the geography department would like to hear from you! Please send us a post card or bring one back at the beginning of next term from anywhere in the world. We are aiming to put on a huge display of post cards of where pupils and staff have visited during the summer whether it is Cambridge or the Caribbean, St Ives or St Moritz – we'd like to hear from you!



Geography Department Photograph Competition – in conjunction with Cambridge Geography Association



For the *Geography Department Photo* competition we want you to take photos from your summer holidays. These could be from anywhere in the world. They need to be sent as attachments to [dgray@stivoschool.org](mailto:dgray@stivoschool.org), including your name, key stage and exactly where it was taken. It will be judged within school and the prizes will be vouchers to the value of £25, £15 and £10 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

There is also a unique and exciting chance to win an

## **'Amazing flight over Cambridge in a Vintage Aircraft.'**

Just take your digital camera with you on your travels around Cambridgeshire over the summer. Take a photo which you think captures

## **"Cambridgeshire: A different view".**

Send it, as an attachment, to the above email address, including the relevant information. Please make sure it is no larger than 1Mb and is a JPG file. The best from each key stage will be forwarded to the professional judges and the Cambridge Geography Association.

Deadline for both competitions is September 9<sup>th</sup> 2009. Happy Snapping!!



Sustainability has become a buzzword for our environmental future and as such is a vital part of the geography curriculum at school. Although the term is banded about in the media at will, it cannot be taken lightly; it certainly is not at St Ivo School where we realised a long time ago that as far as the environmental education of staff and students is concerned sustainability is *what we do*. Eco-Ivo is the group in school which oversees all environmental and ecological issues and each term we introduce a new initiative which builds on the ones that have gone before. **All decisions taken regarding the school environment is almost a “collective contract” to change lifestyles and not simply an ‘add on’ to make us look good and win us an Eco-Schools green flag.**

Having said that, winning the green flag and being the first secondary school in Cambridgeshire to do so, is one of our aims and a great motivating force! This year has been a busy one and below I have listed the activities that have taken place. We are so pleased with the success we have achieved to date - **a direct result of the students’** willingness and serious commitment to take on board initiatives to change. What has been so encouraging is the idea of responsibility that we have reinforced. If present pupils in school- the engineers, the economists, the scientists of the future - are given the opportunity to understand the environmental roads to go down and why, then there is hope for them, their children and the planet.

For all that is listed below may I say a big thank you to the students and the staff who have been so supportive, and especially to Rachel Yorke who so ably took over my Eco-Ivo role whilst I was away. Rachel has introduced some wonderful ideas that have required total student involvement.

Here is what has been achieved:

- Litter has been a major environmental theme since January. The school has had a bad litter problem and it needed to be addressed. Activities centred on raising awareness of what damage litter can do and active solutions to put this right. Assemblies, geography lessons and tutor time were all used to good effect. Amanda Crellin did a wonderful job getting the drama department to put on hard-hitting sketches to push the point home. Extra litter bins were installed. Staff and students became more vigilant and the school site began to look a whole lot cleaner. **An art exhibition, “Metamorphosis- or ‘a load of old rubbish’ is being held in school as I write, with the theme of litter as art.**



- Fairtrade is an ongoing belief in school and an integral part of the KS3 curriculum in both geography and RE. A popular Fairtrade fortnight was held in March and Fairtrade products continue to be available to staff in school. Our school commitment to Fairtrade is something that is planned to increase in importance over the years and this is reflected in our application to become a Fairtrade School where we have joined forces with the St Ives Fairtrade Seeding Committee.



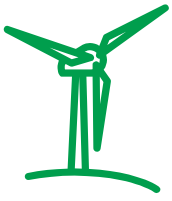
- **The sixth form held a “swishing” event where clothes donated by students and staff were exchanged. The response was fantastic and as Mrs Akers, who superbly organised the event, commented, “It had all the anticipation of a Harrod’s sale and Gok Wan was given a run for his money!” The important message of clothes saved from going into landfill was not forgotten. This is an annual ‘must do’ event.**

Green Britain Day was celebrated this month by asking Year 7 parents to pledge to make one part of their everyday routine more eco-friendly, for example, switching off the TV and computer from standby each evening or making an effort to use less water. Students in geography lessons were asked to add their pledges- all on re-used paper. One large footprint was put together in the Hall at the end of the day! We have pledged.

Next year our theme will be energy reduction. Simply put, we are a big school and have a responsibility to conserve energy and save money. We have already started this by inviting CEES (Cambridgeshire Environmental Education



# Eco-Ivo News continued



Service) in to school to demonstrate to Year 7 classes how solar panels and wind turbines work. Students had great fun in their geography lessons measuring the amount of energy created. With next year in mind they have teamed up to form a public-private partnership with a company from Hardwick called GEO. Parents of Year 8 students will be invited to take part in some home-energy monitoring and our “energy explorers” will be developing some exciting initiatives. Watch this space!

We look ahead to another interesting year as the town, the country and on a global scale people adopt strategies to conserve and reserve and protect. With Eco-Ivo, St Ivo School is right in the forefront of all this.

Any parents who have ideas that we can use please do not hesitate to contact me at school. Environmental awareness is all around us, it is not confined to school and together pupils and parents CAN and WILL make a difference.

Mrs B Morey  
Eco-Ivo  
Geography Department

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## Art Department News



We have had a busy term seeing both A Level and GCSE Exhibitions put up and taken down. Both shows draw large crowds and thanks must go out to all those that spent the evenings at the shows, and to everyone who was involved.

Our A Level Exhibition and fashion show this year was entitled ‘**The underground**’, which saw the Craft block transformed into the London tube stations, including beggars, buskers and tube maps. The fashion show entertained us all with collections of clothes for all occasions from casual to bridal wear. The models were so professional. There were applauses galore. **Thanks must go to Bridget’s father for the lighting.**

With the A Level course expanding every year we thought we would celebrate by taking the students on a big trip, this year the destination is Venice. The students will spend their time visiting various sights and galleries. Bon Voyage for the last week of term.

**All of Year 7 have been very busy with the ‘Metamorphosis (or a load of old rubbish)!’ Project. We celebrated this work with an exhibition of the paper silk and recycled rubbish images. The exhibition was held in the evening and the artwork was for sale (a lot of ‘red’ sold stickers appeared on pupils’ work during the evening) with funds going back into the Art department for future projects. Thanks must go out to all those that donated recyclables to be used in this topic and to Su Johnson who co-ordinated it all.**

We have to say a sad farewell to Miss Watkins who has been with us through two maternity covers and now is moving onto pastures new. Good luck in the new school, you will be greatly missed. Therefore, welcome back to Miss Harness.

# MFL Department News

## French and German Trips

32 Year 8 pupils spend an enriching 4 days in Normandy and recorded their thoughts and ideas in a booklet specially written by Mrs Land. Pupils were moved as always by the scenes in the 360 degree cinema in Arromanches and enormously enjoyed Coutances which Mr Francis persuaded us all to add to the programme. We are grateful to him for adding all sorts of historical detail, such as when we walked around the ramparts in Boulogne. As so few other people were in the museum in Bayeux the day we were there, we were able to get an excellent view of the Bayeux Tapestry, which of course is not a tapestry but an embroidery. We were delighted with the way in which the pupils studied the scenes so carefully. We were also very pleased with the huge efforts pupils made to speak French at every opportunity and the efforts they made in completing their visit booklet. Congratulations to the winners of the booklet competition.

Year 10 pupils of German participated this year in an exchange with students from Stadtallendorf.

The worst bit of an exchange is when you first arrive. You recognise your partner from the photos, your host family is smiling and welcoming, but everything is unfamiliar, and how will you manage at mealtimes? At least, I always thought that was the worst bit for pupils. The exchange group this year had a very different answer. The worst bit was saying goodbye to their German partners at the end of the return visit! Judging by the hugs, tears **and need to get the English partners back out of the Germans' minibus to Stansted, I'm inclined to believe them.**

In Germany initial worries faded away quickly, as we enjoyed sightseeing in Fulda, Kassel, Rüdeshheim and Marburg, shopping opportunities and ice cream parlours. Unexpected highlights were delivering an English lesson in **the local primary school and exploring English/German phrasebooks. Music to a German teacher's ears were the complaints at the end of the week about the 'amount of German going on in my head'.**

The sun shone for us in Germany and did so again, thankfully, in England where we enjoyed making and racing rafts on Grafham Water, punting at Houghton, days in Hunstanton and Cambridge, plus bowling, Activity World and a last night barbecue. Families made sure that our German guests experienced traditional English food and found out about our way of life.

**The best bit of an exchange, for me as a teacher, is seeing pupils' confidence develop and their language improve.** When I asked the pupils what the best bit was, the group unanimously said it was meeting their partners again. Not surprising, then, that they are hoping to arrange visits privately over the coming months.

Year 11 pupils had such fun in the first mock town event that we ended up running 2 more (one in French and one in German) and taking a group of pupils to the equivalent event in Sawtry. The coursework sessions after school run in the Easter Term were well attended and not just because of the biscuits and juice on offer! Pupils wrote lots of additional coursework and raised their marks as they did so. As always the Saturday masterclasses **in both French and German proved to be great fun for pupils and adults involved and brought out the pupils' best French and German.** This year older pupils who had enjoyed such events when they were in Year 11 gave up their free time to support younger pupils. The typically French and German lunches which Munchkins organise for us were mentioned in the event evaluations by pupils as one of the many highlights so thanks once again to Munchkins.

Year 12 and 13 pupils of German returned from a conference in London full of news of the latest events in Germany and inspired with ideas for their coursework and oral topics.

In the coming year we are planning a short visit to a Christmas market for those unable to visit Koblenz this summer. Following that also in December we are running a visit to a French Christmas market for Year 8 pupils **French and will be staying at a château and making "crêpes" in the evening. At Easter we are running a trip to Koblenz for Year 8 pupils of German.**

# MFL Department News continued

It has been another successful year of Junior CULP courses at St Ivo. First to finish were the Year 8 Junior CULP Chinese group in the Autumn term and their calligraphy can still be viewed in the department. The Year 9 Junior CULP Spanish group celebrated the end of their course with juice and cake, lots of cake and a short while later heard just how well they had done in the ASSET examinations in March. The Italian group who started in January are still going strong, enjoying their course so much that they are still working right to the end of term and looking forward to GCSE. Congratulations to all participants.

Parents/carers who are interested in their children learning additional languages might like to know that we are running Junior CULP Italian for beginners in Year 9 and for GCSE in Year 10 for the coming academic year. Details are available from Mrs Champley-Potter and will be sent home in a letter in early September.

In addition, we have planned a short course of 15 weeks of Latin language and culture. The course will be of interest to those who are fascinated by languages as well as those who wish to read law, medicine, languages, history or philosophy at university later. Letters asking for expressions of interest will be given in September to all Year 8 pupils to take home. Classes will be held after school on Mondays from 3.10-4.10p.m. and the first trip of the course will be on Saturday, 17th October to St. Albans where we will be visiting the Roman theatre, the museum and the mosaic flooring and hypocaust explanation. Older pupils wishing to join the course are welcome to apply, too, and should see Mrs Zähler for details. There is no charge for the course but the trip will cost approximate £20.

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## Food Technology Department News

Year 7 have Licence to Cook!

This year has seen the launch of the government initiative 'Licence to Cook' which ensures that all senior school aged children learn basic culinary skills, methods and processes. So far, parents have sampled koftas, macaroni cheese, flap jacks and vegetable chowder.

The second phase of this scheme starts in 2010 when the students will be cooking vegetable lasagne, marble pear traybake, ratatouille and risotto!

**Every Year 7 student was given a free recipe book in June ..... so KEEP COOKING!**

Marian Watton  
Head of Food Technology

# Rotary Young Chef of the Year Competition

The annual Rotary Young Chef of the Year competition was held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January from 6pm until 9pm.

We had 6 contestants from Year 10 who are studying GCSE Catering. The students gain many benefits from entering the competition as well as being able to showcase their culinary talents. We were delighted by the skills shown by the students; Ben made his own pasta, Oliver made a delicious mushroom risotto and Amy cooked a crown roast of lamb.

The overall winner was Aaron who presented the judges with 2 perfectly cooked dishes; filo wrapped salmon parcels with vegetables followed by shortbread hearts with fresh cream and raspberries. This was a very professional looking dish and the shortbread melted in the mouth. In second place was Greg and Oliver took third place.

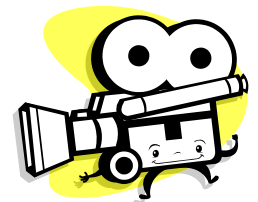
Aaron was entered for the district competition which was held at Hinchingsbrooke School on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Aaron added a starter of fresh figs, parma ham and buffalo mozzarella to the two dishes he had cooked in the previous round. He was not placed but really did himself proud in a very tough competition.

Well done to all our contestants.

Marian Watton  
Head of Food Technology

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## Film and Media Department News



St. Ivo School were this year represented for the first time at Cambridgeshire County Council and the Cambridgeshire Education ICT Service's prestigious Young People's Film Festival. The event, which took place on Thursday 9th July at the Cambridge Corn Exchange saw St. Ivo competing in the 14-16 category.

The film, *Eco Ivo: A Documentary about Rubbish* by Lauren (10Ww), Molly (10Ww) and Samantha (10Cc) scooped 3rd prize in their section, and accompanied by Film and Media teacher, Mr. Alexander, the girls received their award from a representative of the sponsor, *Luminus* and Master of Ceremonies, film director, Martin Tempest.

It was a very well supported evening by Primary, Secondary and Special Schools from all around Cambridgeshire. Everyone there came dressed to impress and the whole event had the genuine feeling of a miniature Oscars Ceremony. Amongst dignitaries from the Film industry who were present was the guest of honour, actor Jack Scanlon who played Schmueel in the 2008 British feature film, *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*.

The awards ceremony brings to an exciting climax a two week work experience placement that the girls have had, working as film makers for the Film and Media Department here at school. On Friday 3rd July at the midway point they also had a day trip to see how the professionals do it at Pinewood Studios where Sam spotted Jack Black on the set of his latest venture, *Gulliver's Travels*, and we all stood on the *CBBC* set as they made their weekend show with *Ed and Oucho T. Cactus*.

Mr S Alexander

# Dining Hall News

Huge improvements in the take up of meals in the Dining Hall since September!!!!!!

During this school year our students have enjoyed 13,136 meals compared with just 3,144 for the previous academic year! The proof of the pudding is in the eating! The absolute proof that our newly designed menus prepared from fresh locally sourced ingredients have gone down very well with our customers!!!



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## adult and community learning



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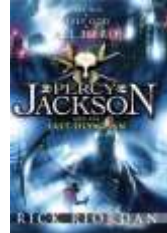
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Look out for our brochure delivered to local homes week beginning 17 August.

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# Resource Centre News



## Competitions

We have had lots of competitions and quizzes recently.

For Red Nose Day in March we had 3 quizzes and other activities, and raised £14.20 in the process. The winners of the Red Nose Day Team Quiz were Lily 7Cs, Laura 7Cs, Isabelle 7Cs and Sadie 7Cs, the winners of Mrs **Mitchell's Chocolatey Easter Quiz** were Harry 7Me and Jennifer 7Gs and the winners of Hunt the Red Nose were Sam/Emily 8An and Rosie and Emma 8De .

In April we had an Easter Quiz with the winners being Rebecca, Lauren and Ashleigh in 7Sl and Emma in 7Me. We also had a Sci-Fi Quiz where the winners were Samra 8Da and Michael 7Cs.

We have just held a Connect 4 Competition which was very successful, the winner being Chris 9Gr and the runner up being Sam 9Cf. Mrs Mitchell once again did her quiz, this time entitled **Mrs Mitchell's Sizzling Summer Quiz**, the winner being Kathryn 10Bw, and the runners up being Hannah 7Me, Joseph 9Sk and Charlee 10Cc - chocolaty prizes all round!

## New Books

We have recently spent £2000 on new fiction, £3500 on non-fiction and £400 on a brand new stock of DVDs for you to borrow – **don't forget to get your fiction for the summer holidays.**

## Crafts

We recently held a Craft Week in which we made a Summer Reading Mural, which is on display in the RC window. The children came up with funny ideas as to where you can read a book this summer, and drew a picture of it. **Suggestions included 'on an elephant', 'in a hostage situation' and 'in a fire' (book wouldn't last long!)** Look out for forthcoming Craft Weeks – we are making masks in September.

## Scary Story Competition

We had a visit from a storyteller called Polly Howat in April, and following this we held a Scary Story Competition **to find the best scary story. There were 2 winners, the pupil's choice being Connor 8Cn and the staff choice being James 9Gr.** Thanks to all who took part. Look out for the publication of the St Ivo Scary Story Collection in the RC in the autumn.

## New Borrowing Limits

From September Year 10 and 11 can borrow 6 books for 4 weeks – more for longer. The 6<sup>th</sup> Form will be able to borrow 8 books.

## D of E helpers

Thanks to our helpers this year – Alex, Alex and Joseph have produced sterling work and earned their D of E badges in the process.

# Resource Centre News continued

## Information Skills

We have held Year 9 Information Skills and the Year 7 Hajj Project in the RC recently – well done to those involved.

## 14+

Remember if you are aged 14 and above we have a special set of 'Young Adult' books just for you. Authors include James Paterson, Stephanie Meyer, Stephen King and Meg Kosoff.

Mrs Mitchell.

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## Student and Staff Achievement

Many St Ivo students and staff participate in events and activities outside of school hours, and we take this opportunity to mention some of their achievements this year.

Congratulations to Frances (8Cb) who has been selected to represent the East of England in the regional young riders dressage competition in July. This puts her in the top 20 riders under 25 years, and in the top 5 for the under 16 age group.



Project Bush School, Gambia 2009 - Three students have been selected to take part in a UK Scout expedition to The Gambia in North West Africa to renovate a building and make it suitable for teacher accommodation. Lorna (9Mn), Alex (10Rb) and John (11Mr) will be involved in the project which will enable the small village of Jiroff to attract teachers from the capital Banjul and offer a better standard of education for the pupils of the primary school. Whilst in Africa the students will be helping with the refurbishment of the building, and also experiencing the Gambian culture and learning firsthand about the issues that face African youth as they work alongside local teenagers on the project.

A requirement for the students taking part is to raise funds for the project before the trip which is planned for December. **They have organised numerous events including a 'Gig for Gambia' with local bands taking part including We are Super Heroes, Faster Mutley, Violet Park, Beyond Vanishing Point, and The Great Aziz.**

Sarah (8Cn) and Beverley (10Cc) have competed in many Irish Dancing competitions this year. Most recently they competed at an Open Feis National Competition where Sarah won 4 medals, and Beverley won 3. Well done to you both.



Congratulations to Tracey Morton and Beverley Hall from the Dining Hall, who took part in the Moonlight Walk in aid of Breast Cancer Research and raised £520 in sponsorship.

Mr Cook, Mr Lane and Mr Braybrook completed the Three Peaks Challenge over the May half term in a time of 22 hours 48 minutes.





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## Swine Flu Awareness

9 July 2009

Dear Parent /Carer

With the summer holidays approaching and the number of swine flu cases in the region continuing to rise, I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the advice we have been given by the NHS and Health Protection Agency about dealing with any cases of swine flu we may have in the school in the future.

National guidance has recently been updated so that school closures are only likely now in exceptional circumstances, and preventative anti-virals drugs will no longer be routinely offered to large groups of school pupils. As swine flu starts to circulate more freely in the local community, these measures are no longer effective, as people may be exposed the virus outside school, or as soon as they have finished a course of drugs.

The most important advice we have been given is that children who have symptoms of flu-like illness should stay away from school until they have recovered and are free of symptoms. This is to avoid spreading the infection as much as possible.

You can check any symptoms online at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk) or call the Swine Flu Information Line on 0800 1 513 513. If you are still concerned, stay at home and call your GP, who may suggest a course of anti-viral drug treatment. This is designed to reduce the symptoms and help a quicker recovery.

If your doctor does advise anti-viral treatment for a child, please let the school know as soon as possible.

It's important to point out that the vast majority of people who have swine flu make a quick recovery at home. However, you should do what you can to prevent the infection from being spread to others by ensuring your family take some simple precautions:

- Covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue when possible.
- Disposing of dirty tissues promptly and carefully.
- Washing your hands frequently with soap and water to reduce the spread of the virus from your hands to your face or to other people.
- Cleaning hard surfaces (such as door handles) frequently using a normal cleaning product.
- Making sure your children follow this advice.

Yours sincerely

Howard Gilbert  
Headteacher







## **ST IVO SCHOOL**

### **JOB VACANCY**

#### **General Assistant in the Science Department**

- **part-time position 10 hrs a week - term time only + 5 days (7.5 hrs permanent, 2.5 hrs temporary until 31/8/2010)**
- **to work daily from 2.00 – 4.00pm**
- **SCALE 1 Point 12 (£7.56 per hour)**

Required from 4 September to work 2 hours daily 2.00pm – 4.00pm term-time only + 5 days. Your duties will be to assist the science technicians in the department and ensure that apparatus required for science practicals is cleaned in accordance with health and safety regulations. You may also be required to undertake clerical duties as and when required. Training will be available.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

All appointments are conditional and subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure.

Please complete an application form available from the school website and a letter of application stating your reasons for applying for this role. Please contact Jane Jest, secretary as soon as possible.

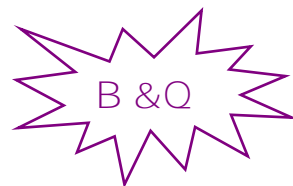
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