

# Newsletter

## St Ivo School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Our efforts in fundraising for the tsunami disaster saw us raise in excess of £5000, a huge achievement by all concerned. Thanks to all of you for your support with this work, which spanned some five or six weeks in the end.

As we move into the Easter holiday period, it is important to recognise that for Year 11 and Year 13 students this is not a typical 'break' but a serious opportunity to embark upon their revision programme. As difficult as this may be, please help in whatever way possible to make the best possible use of this time. In addition, if you are able and willing to help as an examination invigilator, please could you contact Mrs Mary Chapman. This is in readiness for the summer examinations and Year 9 SATs.

I hope you have a good holiday. We re-open to pupils on **Tuesday, 12 April 2005.**

Yours sincerely

Michael Mahoney

Head

## History Department



to cross the Channel because Calais was shut!

Year 12 students recently spent four days in Belgium and France on the First World War Battlefields. This is the year group who missed out on the Somme visit in Year 9 when, having arrived at Dover, they were not able

They were able to take in the sights they missed then, plus many more. We learned a lot and had lots of fun ... and loads of Belgian chocolate!

*Mrs J Barnes*  
*Head of History*

## ICT News

We are pleased to announce that the school has passed all the preliminary phases of accreditation for the Key Stage 3 ICT pilot assessments. The majority of Year 9 will be involved in this pilot, and will also complete a school ICT assessment based on issues surrounding the A14. Please encourage your child to prepare for this assessment by looking at the material on the ICT section of the Extranet ([www.stivoschool.org](http://www.stivoschool.org)).

We are likely to be trialling the electronic distribution of letters to parents/carers of Year 9 later in the summer term, in addition to paper copies, to see if parents/carers would prefer this method of communication. Details will follow and be put on the school website when the pilot is due to start.

Year 10 are making fantastic progress with CLAIT. We now have over 110 students who have achieved the full award. The first 51 of these have recently been presented with their certificates.

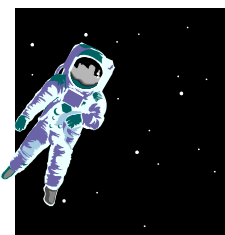
ICT plans for the summer term include the upgrading of the PCs in the N19 and T6 computer suites. More interactive whiteboards and data projectors are also being installed around the school.

The school is collecting Tesco Computers for Schools vouchers. We are running a competition to see which form and year group can collect the most – so please hand any vouchers you may have to your child to bring into school.

## Resource Centre News

The Resource Centre has been host to the Year 8 Space Project. This resource-based learning project has been a resounding success. Well done Year 8 for all your hard work. We're looking forward to seeing the space magazine after Easter.

Exam worries?



Don't let SATs or GCSEs get you down. Drop into the Resource Centre for loads of hints and tips on how to plan and do your revision. We have also got copies of the revision guides produced by all the departments. Find out which books, CD-roms or web-sites can help you.

*Hilary Forber*  
*Resource Centre Manager*

# 50th Anniversary of St Ivo

St Ivo School was opened in September 1955. We are now approaching our 50th anniversary and to celebrate we are planning lots of activities. These include the musical "Guys and Dolls" to be performed in November, a 1950s school day and an anniversary ball on Friday, 25 November at the Burgess Hall. Tickets will be £30 per head. More details will appear in the next newsletter, but if you wish to reserve tickets please contact Judith Barnes at St Ivo.



## Design and Technology News

Year 11 have now completed their major piece of coursework by the deadline of 14 March. Well done to all those students who have put in a tremendous amount of effort and time into this important piece of work. We have some excellent examples and these will be on view at our annual Solutions exhibition that will be held on 9th June. We hope that many of you will be interested in looking at the work on display. I would in particular like to invite parents/carers of Year 10 students to that evening, as the Year 10s are now in the situation where they are doing the same sort of work. Parents/carers can support students during extended pieces of coursework like the "Design Project" which is 60% of the final GCSE. So come and see us and we can help you to do that.

We are looking forward to the 3rd May when our students, both in A level design and Art and Design, are entering the Rotary Young Designer Competition. We always send representatives to the regional finals and this is a great opportunity for students to present themselves and their work to a wider audience.

We have had some successful projects from our Key Stage 3 pupils and we are very proud to congratulate **Rebecca** (9De) and **Christina** (9Wd) for excellent metalwork; **Mary** (8Ke), **Rachel** (8Jn), **Hannah** (8Pa), **Jenna** (8Ke), **Elizabeth** (8Ke), and **Chelsea** (8Jn) for decorative boxes; **Callan** (9El), **Holli** (9El), **James** (9Hy), **Tanya** (9Da), **Faye** (9Da) and **Rachel** (9Da) for fuse testers; **Emma** (7Gi), **Harry** (7Gi), **Alex** (7Gi), **Sophie** (7Bs), **Alex** (7Ci) and **James**

(7Ci) for jitterbugs and puppets; **Josh** (7Ci), **Simon** (7Bl), **Rachel** (7Ci), **Christina** (7Wr), **Alyssa** (7Wr) for jitterbugs; **Herman** (9Di), **Anne** (9Hy), **Rebecca** (9De), **Katie** (9De), **Alexandra** (9 Di), and **Danielle** (7 Ab) for consistently good work both in folder and computer design work for 2D design project; **Maria** for super effort with 2D design; **Thomas** for very good effort in 2D design; **Elizabeth** for good work in 2D design; **Isabelle** (8Ly) for excellent home baking project; **Chloe** for excellent home baking; **Stacey** and **Sammy** for good effort in home baking.

Thank you for your support with the contributions you made at the start of the year for the design and technology projects. The extra funds make it possible for us to include a much wider range of activities and experiences for our students. Have a nice Easter.

*Claire Morrison, Head of Design*

# Year 12 Art Trip

## Caravaggio—The Final Years

Looking at Caravaggio from photos or prints never does the work justice. Only on the large scale will any artist realise the true majesty of his creations. Year 12 were amongst hundreds of other international visitors to the 'Final Years' exhibition. Under the sombre lighting stood some of Caravaggio's most prestigious and appreciated compositions. The 17th century artist is most famed for his constructive use of light and shadow, which particularly emphasises the dark religious and mythological scenes. Most of the

group who left the National Gallery, including those who were previously not fans, felt overwhelmed and inspired by the exhibition. A visit to Caravaggio's works in full is extremely rare, so the productive day was praised as a 'once in a lifetime' event; one that would hopefully inspire many future artists.

*Matthew*

## RE News

### New York

Just before half-term the RE department took twenty examination students from Years 10, 11, 12 and 13 to New York for four days. We visited a gospel service on the first night, which was intensely moving. Over the next few days we visited St John the Divine, St Patrick's Cathedral and a Buddhist temple, and attended a Religious Studies conference. We also visited the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island and Ground Zero. It was a fascinating experience enjoyed by students and staff alike.

### Neasden Temple

Two coach loads of Year 10 students visited the amazing Hindu temple in Neasden in February. We were shown around by very informative guides. We attended a worship ceremony and visited the on-site museum. Students behaved impeccably, taking a lively interest in the life of the community, and asking lots of questions.

*Mrs D Wilson*  
*Head of RE*



**SISA**  
**CAR BOOT SALE**  
**Saturday, 7th May 2005**  
**£5 pitch**  
**8.30 am set up**  
**No need to book in advance**

## Geography Department News

The Geography Department has recently held a Fair Trade stall at school. This was to mark Fair Trade Fortnight and the work carried out by Year 8 geographers. The stall was run by students and is linked with the Fair Trade shop in the Free Church, St Ives.

Year 8 students have the opportunity after Easter to go to the River Nene and do a river study, which is part of their course, while Year 7 will later have the chance to visit the East of England Show to look at environmental issues.

Year 13 Travel and Tourism students went to King's College, Cambridge, to look at heritage tourism, while Year 12 students have been to the Destinations Travel

Show at the NEC and to the Marriott Hotel, Huntingdon, looking at customer service. This complements the visit they also made to Cadbury World a few weeks ago.

The Leisure and Tourism group will also be going to Cambridge to look at the tourist developments in the city.

*Mrs J Mottram*  
*Head of Geography*

## Sixth Form News

### Red Nose Day



The Sixth Form organised a number of activities for the Red Nose Day charity appeal.

A lunchtime of entertainment including a band with Mr Oswell on banjo and "a makeover" for John, raised £130.

### Politics Department

The Politics Department ran a visit to a revision conference on American politics on Wednesday, 9th March. Fifteen students attended the event in London.

### UK Youth Parliament Elections

Congratulations to our successful candidates, especially **Joe** who will be the new representative at the Youth Parliament for north west Cambridgeshire/Huntingdon.

Congratulations to our students for their successes in the January AS and A2 level modular exams, especially **Amy** who achieved in spite of the fact that she needed surgery in hospital days after those exams, and **Katie** who achieved C grades in A/S history and English whilst in Addenbrooke's Hospital

*Mr R Perry*  
*Head of Sixth Form*

## Young Enterprise

Young Enterprise allows young people to start up their own companies. Young people learn how to build up a new business from scratch. These companies are run like real companies with directors, shareholders and products. We would like to welcome you to a new company run by Year 10 students, **INVENT**. We currently sell incense holders (£2) and incense sticks (10p). The incense holders are hand-made by us from clay and hand painted in a variety of colourful designs. They will make a colourful addition to any room and will provide your family and friends with an alternative gift. Visit **INVENT** in K9 on Monday lunchtimes. Look out for us in the main school foyer on Wednesday lunchtimes and during evening events at school.

*Jonathan and Michael*

# Sports News

## Football

Year 7 Cup. Well done to the boys who played in the semi-final of the County Cup. They were narrowly beaten 2-1 in the last minutes of extra time. Throughout the other games this season the team has remained unbeaten with the B team also playing two and winning two—a very successful season! Well done to all involved.

*Mr Varey*  
*PE Department*

## Rugby 7s—Sixth Form Sport

The school rugby team has been involved once again in the annual round of seven-a-side competitions. This has been a “summer” game which tends to be hard, fast and exhausting.

Our first competition—the Cambridgeshire 7s at Hills Road went well as a learning experience, but we only won one game. The following week at the Hinchingsbrooke 7s we won our group and qualified as top scorers only to go out in the semi-final against a team we had already beaten in the group stages. On the day **Adam** scored an amazing 48 points. **Peter** was our Player of the Tournament.

Finally, we attended the National Schools’ 7s at Rosslyn Park Rugby Club in London. Here we were drawn against Kelly College, Bedford School and Clifton College. The team was excellent with some outstanding performances. However, we were unsuccessful although we did manage to score in each of our games.

Congratulations to the boys involved: **Ben, Alex, Micky, Peter, Adam, Oli, Oli, John, Oli, Ross, Dan, James** and **Chris**. These boys have been captained very successfully all season by **Alex**.

Well done boys!

*Mr C Havard*  
*PE Department*

## Year 7 Indoor Cricket

Sterling performances from the squad: Won 1—lost 2: **Harvey, Simon, Sam** (captain), **Tom, Tom, Tom, Cameron, Stuart** and **Matt**.

*Mr Lane*

Congratulations to **CLARE** (10 Ty) who won the district final of the Rotary Young Cook of the Year competition on Saturday, 19 March. There were sixteen finalists competing at the competition held in Spalding. Clare impressed the judges with her range of skills and the quality of all her three courses. Clare now goes on to the national final which is to be held on 30 April. Once again, well done Clare and good luck for the national final.

## Pupils' Achievements

**ALISHA** (8 Ke) has joined the county match squad for golf. **BRYONY, MARY, LUCY** and **NATASHA** (8 Ke) all took part in a dance show in St Neots. **JACK** (10 Bt) raised (£170) for Comic Relief with a sponsored swim at the Recreation Centre, where he swam forty lengths. **SAMANTHA** (10 Ty) and **CHARLOTTE** (Y12) are going to Barcelona in the Easter holidays to represent the UK in a dance competition - Good Luck! **LAURA** (9 De), **REBECCA, RACHEL, KATY, ADAM, CARRIE-ANNE, DONNA** and **CLAIRE** raised over £150 for the tsunami appeal by organising a sponsored "Stay Awake" during half-term in St Ives Parish Church. Congratulations to **CLARE** (10 Ty) who won the district final in the Rotary Club regional final of the Young Chef of the Year competition on 19th March. Congratulations to Y10 Child Development groups who have started to take the Real Care Babies home. A great start to this exercise and good luck to those who still have to take the babies home! **JENNY** (12 Ja), **RICHARD** (12 Ei) and **STEPHEN** (12 Ei) represented St Ivo School in the National Schools' Analyst Competition, one of sixteen teams taking part in the regional heat at the University of Hertfordshire. They spent the day carrying out various chemical analysis tasks, which taxed their brains at times! A sterling effort from a small group of Year 10 and 11 students as part of the Upper School Drama Workshop, who performed some original comedy sketches in the School Hall on Friday, 11 March, raising money for Comic Relief.

## Food Technology News

In order to get an insight into what happens in industry and to understand how technology links with food processing, the AS food technology group visited Nestle Purina at Wisbech. The factory unit deals entirely with pet food, but we identified many procedures which occur in the human food industry and we were treated to a most informative and enjoyable visit.

On the actual tour of the factory we saw how computers are used in manufacturing to check critical control points and how the product was made, starting with raw materials and ending with a saleable food. We

focused on the pouch packaging and learned about the huge growth linked with this way of marketing food. The food technologist actually sampled the dog food made at the factory, but no-one from St Ivo was quite brave enough to do the same!

*Mrs Abblitt*  
*Food Technology Department*

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