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Newsletter

St Ivo School

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Dear Parent/Carer

When we were awarded Humanities College status in 2008 my hope was that it would enable us to improve our students' understanding of many of the global issues which could affect them in their adult life. I am delighted, therefore, with our recent award of Fair Trade status. In addition we are now planning to gain International Schools Award by the end of the year (see page 2 for more details).

For those of you with children in Year 11 or 13 this may be my last newsletter to you in which case many thanks for all your support of your child's education during their time at St Ivo, and I hope that you will be celebrating excellent exam results in the summer!

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Lodge (Music) at the end of term and I would like to thank her for her commitment to the youngsters during her 12 years at the school. She has given unstintingly of her time both in and out of school and has supported a huge number of extra-curricular activities.

Finally, I hope that you and your family have a very happy Easter break.

Please note the school reopens for students on Tuesday, 17 April 2012.

Yours sincerely

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Geography Dept News

Fair Trade Status

As a direct result of the range of events carried out in the geography department over recent years St Ivo School has been awarded Fair Trade Status. This has included a range of activities which have promoted the Fair Trade ethos. Typical events include the Fair Trade stall run by staff and students during Fair Trade fortnight which has been an annual event over the last 10 years. More recent events have included the St Ivo Fair Trade Christmas Stall and Quiz which has involved local junior schools as well as the town. Fair Trade products are now increasingly used in school and include refreshments at open evenings and other social occasions; Fair Trade footballs – PE dept, and Fair Trade bag design – Art dept.

This award now fully recognises the hard work not only by Mrs Morey who has lead the initiative, but also the work of a large number of students throughout the school, including the sixth form who have given up their time and energy to this project. Well done!

International Schools Award

Having already obtained the foundation and intermediate International Schools Award the department is now co-ordinating the bid to gain the full award by the end of 2012. This is a scheme run by the British Council and is a framework for international partnerships and global learning. It gives recognition for international work carried out by all departments in the school and aims to create a better understanding of the social and cultural diversity in the world and to create equitable and sustainable relationships. To this end the school is involved in a number of projects throughout the year which act as supporting evidence. These include:-

- Cultural Lessons, European Day of Languages, Foreign Languages Theatre Visit - MFL dept
- Japan Week - Year 7, Fair Trade events, Save the Albatross Campaign - Geography dept
- The Somme visit - Year 9 - History dept
- Twinning with school in Pakistan through GSP programme, teacher exchange and many activities including Video conference and shared lesson with the school in Pakistan - RE dept
- Trip to Auschwitz and Holocaust Memorial Day - RE dept.

Visit to Japanese School

Darron Gray while on a family visit to Japan at Easter, is going to visit the tsunami hit Samuraimama Junior High School in Iwate, Japan. At the time of the disaster some of our Year 7 students who were studying Japan wrote to the students by way of support. We have letters back from the class which are now displayed in the department. Darron, who also speaks Japanese hopes to learn more about the school first hand and develop this link in the future possibly by video link / reciprocated visits.

Year 12 Snowdonia Trip – in the two weeks running up to the Easter holidays Year 12 geography students have the opportunity to visit Snowdonia as part of their AS level course. Supporting their exam preparations they and Year 13 students, also have a workshop with the Chief Examiner for geography on Thursday 19 April.



Year 13 Docklands – a visit to the London Docklands museum and a study tour of the dockland redevelopment area took place in March.

Geography Dept News continued

Coming up

Year 7 Japan Week	11 – 15 June
Year 8 Trip	18 – 21 June
Year 9 Trip	12,13,15 June
Year 12 Trip	25 June
Year 10 Visit to Iceland	14-18 July

South Africa Trip – Oct 2012 – newsletter regarding inoculations, kit list and trip information will be out in the summer term.

Mrs Mottram
Head of Geography Dept

Switzerland Ski Trips

The Sixth Form and Year 11 Ski/Snowboard trip to Crans Montana in Switzerland had excellent snow conditions for the February half term. Forty four students were on the trip and varied from beginners to advanced skiers/snowboarders.

The Year 10 Easter trip to Switzerland departs on Friday, 30 March and in the summer term we take 145 Year 8 students to Torgan for a week of outdoor and adventure activities.

The February and Easter trips for 2013 will be launched before June half term.

Mr Crisp, Mr Havard and Mr Cook.



Visit by Zoolab UK

In January, Zoolab UK, a specialist provider of animal handling workshops, brought their rainforest roadshow to Year 9 geography students. The visit was designed to compliment the topic being studied in geography of ecosystems, and in particular rainforests. The students were able to have hands on experience of learning about how animals such as snakes, tree frogs, giant African land snail, tarantula and scorpions, among others, have adapted to live in this unique environment.

RE Dept News

International Learning

Global Schools Partnership - Pakistan

We have had a successful eighteen months being twinned with a school in Rawalpindi, Pakistan and the children have been undertaking many projects around school in different departments. Only this morning 7MR and Mrs Moore were able to share a lesson with their friends in Pakistan. Using the wonders of technology we were able to see each other's classrooms, and thirty children from each school were able to communicate with each other using live video conferencing. The children managed to talk to each other throughout the lesson for 52 minutes and talked on topics such as their visits to the zoo, hobbies, favourite food, sports, music and of course the cricket!! The teachers from both schools have also been able to carry out a successful teacher exchange when Mrs Kenton-Howells went to teach in the school in Rawalpindi and Islamabad, and Humaira Hameed, teacher from Roots School, spent time in the Ivo and Westfield Junior School back in January. These visits have helped inform future projects and shared learning initiatives between our school and schools abroad.

A huge well done to 7MR and Mrs Moore though who really have been today's stars and represented our school beautifully.

Mrs Kenton-Howells
Head of RE Dept

Health & Social Care News

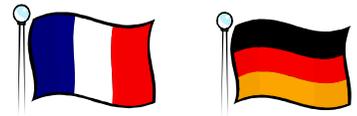
As part of the double Health and Social Care 'A' level course, we study the role of the Environmental Health Officer within the Huntingdonshire District Council. On Monday 5th March we visited the waste recycling plant at Waterbeach to find out about the waste disposal and recycling facilities. I was given a tour of the plant and was able to view the landfill site, compost facilities and the MBT facility which sorts recyclable materials from the general waste (black bin). Although the trip did not last long I was able to learn about the management of waste in the area and any other businesses that contribute to the job.

A week later, Heather Nicholson (a student Environmental Health Officer) came to talk about the other aspects of environmental health; how the department is run and how they deal with members of the public. I was able to gain a great insight into how much the District Council play a major part in our lives. From the food we buy and the house we live in to the waste we throw away, the Council is involved in one way or another. As an outcome of this visit and trip I have gained a great deal of knowledge that can be used in my A2 coursework.

Ketrina
Year 13 student.



MFL Dept News



The term opened with a group of Year 9s celebrating Epiphany French style with team games, shopping for drinks and eats in French at the assistants' "shop" and a taste of a "real" *galette* which the teachers had brought back from France! The French epiphany ceremony ended with Louise finding the *fève* in her slice of *galette* and true to her right our queen ordered us all to find some chocolate and sweets to eat.

Theatre performances in French and German were enjoyed by Year 9 pupils later in the term and all were surprised that they understood most of what was going on. If you want to find out what a huge bunny was up to in school do ask Year 9. Our thanks to Mrs Meadowcroft for her hard work in organising the performances and to Mr Perry for helping us with the drama studio and the lighting.

Year 8 pupils have been busy on Mondays after school learning Italian and Spanish. The Spanish group have just sat their Spanish exams in listening and reading. The rumour is that it was all easy! Could it be due to the good teaching pupils got? Our thanks to Miss Jimenez for volunteering to run this course free for pupils.

When the Year 9 course in Italian ended in the first term, the Year 8 course started in the second term and it must have been a lot of fun from the laughter we could hear in the room below! In addition to pupils in Years 8 and 9 a number of other pupils including one in Year 12 have been learning Italian with Mrs Champley-Potter.

Many of the after school Year 11 workshops and writing sessions in French and German have been very well supported by pupils this term and pupils have been particularly gracious in their thanks for the efforts teachers and others have made. Even the toughest teacher can't help smiling when thanked for her efforts. With regard to the Saturday events in French and German, I am not quite sure who had more fun. The pupils of German enjoyed a hilarious performance by the 2 German assistants, Herr Hoenig and Frau Wieser. For years to come we will be thinking of rain every time we see a shower head! At the French event, some of the French group enjoyed themselves so much that they were not keen to leave at 1.30! What is clear is that the performance in the oral examinations were all the better for the practices and the after school and Saturday fun.

Year 12 German group have also been enjoying a first. In the past 2 weeks, they have been learning about German music in an excellent 2 week presentation by the assistants and tested out their knowledge in a quiz.

This year we have been very fortunate with our three foreign language assistants, Herr Hoenig, Frau Wieser and Mlle Fleutelot. All three have entered into role play and situational work with enthusiasm and have acted their part very convincingly be it as shop assistants, foreign teachers wanting to bring pupils to visit historic sites in the UK or employers looking for new employees. Between them they have created excellent training resources on aspects of their country's culture for teachers. We have enjoyed them presenting the materials this year and have the materials now for future reference. Sadly, on Monday 19th March, we had to say "good-bye" to Herr Hoenig who has worked for us since September in a voluntary capacity. Initially intending to stay until the end of November he quickly agreed to stay on for a month or so extra, much to our great delight. We thanked him for his work in a little tea/coffee and scone session after school and we wish him all the best for the future.

Latin

The current year 10 course in Latin has just concluded with excellent results in the written examination papers. The essays this year on a variety of topics such as slavery and the eruption of Vesuvius were most creative in their content and presentation (emails and news articles to mention but two styles). Just before the end of the course, we all enjoyed a day at the British Museum on 10th March and heard an excellent talk on the "gods and goddesses of Roman Britain". Early for the 30 minute talk on the rise and fall of Rome in 30 minutes, we also managed to "gate crash" accidentally a talk on the lion hunt and saw a comparison between finance in Roman times and in modern Britain. Our thanks to Mr Cook for making this trip possible.

MFL Dept News continued

At the end of the Easter term and the beginning of the Summer Term, interested Year 9 pupils are looking at the destruction and excavation of Pompeii. Apart from watching some videos and photographs we are reading some extracts from Pliny and learning a little vocabulary and grammar. Pupils in the current Year 9 will have the chance to follow a course in Latin in the next academic year. More details to follow.

Year 7 pupils will be invited immediately after Easter to a 3 session Latin taster on the three Mondays leading up to half term. Letters will be available online in the first week back and pupils unable to print off a letter can collect one from Mrs Scally in the office opposite the headteacher's study any day at lunchtime or from Miss Shipley or from Mrs Zähler in room 2. Miss Shipley will explain all in one of the Year 7 assemblies.

More details about the Year 8 Latin tasters will follow in letters in the latter part of the next half-term and will be available in the next newsletter.

P.R.Zähler
Head of Modern Languages

Music Dept News



The Spring Concert on March 15th was a resounding success, with the biggest audience yet and 12 different groups performing. The quality was – once again – outstanding, and Miss Macleod, Mrs Lodge, Mr Prakash and Miss Gammon were extremely proud of all the participants. We would still love to see more and more people joining the 10 extracurricular clubs the department has to offer! The next concert is the Lower School Concert on Thursday 28th June.

Gamelan Event

On Tuesday 8th May, 4 Year 7 classes along with the Year 10 GCSE music group and some A level musicians will be hosting a musical event using the Javanese Gamelan that the school has been loaned for the year. The Cambridge Gamelan ensemble will be joining us for the evening and playing some more complex pieces. Traditional Indonesian food will be provided by students in the Catering department and the event will be raising money for the St. Ives Acorn Cancer Support Group. The event will be at 7pm in the main hall.

Other Musical Events

On the Jubilee weekend, the Swing Band, Barbershop group, Samba Band and Junior Choir will be taking to the streets of St. Ives and performing to the public, either in the market square on Saturday 2nd June (Samba and Junior Choir) or at the big music concert on Sunday 3rd June in Hill Rise Park (Swing Band and Barbershop). Come along and hear them make music, and join in the fun! The Samba band will also be getting up early on Sunday 8th July to support Miss Macleod on her leg of the Olympic Torch Relay through St. Ives – be ready for a loud wake-up call!



Miss Macleod
Head of Music Dept

History Dept News

Year 7

As part of the History Department's community link with St. Ives, winning castle models were recently displayed in the Norris Museum. This display complemented a medieval activities session at the museum, thereby helping to increase visitor numbers at this valuable local place of interest in the town.



Year 8



A trip to the Black Country outdoor museum is running in June 2012 as part of their study of the Industrial Revolution. Letters for this popular trip have been handed out. Payment and slips are due by 17th April 2012.

Year 9

Many students have shown excellent effort in producing high quality assessment essays on: 'To what extent should the 1920s in America be remembered as good times or bad times?'. Their research covered such topics as the economic boom, Hollywood, Flappers, prohibition and Al Capone, Jazz, Black Americans and the KKK, and the Wall Street Crash. Students drew fascinating parallels with the 'credit crunch' and banking crisis facing the world today.



Year 10

Students should be congratulated for working very hard on their GCSE Controlled Assessment on Britain in the 'Swinging Sixties'. They have also recently been studying the USA 1945-70 about the Red Scare and Black Civil Rights Movement, and are revising for their Y10 exams.

Year 11

Well done to Year 11 who are still working hard towards their GCSE examinations. Booster sessions still run every Wednesday in the department from 3pm-3.45pm.

Exam Success



Year 12

Year 12 Students and staff found the department's trip Berlin enjoyable and invaluable. It was linked to the AS module: Germany 1933-63. The tour included Brandenburg Gate, Potsdamer Platz, Goring's Air Ministry, Topography of Terror (former SS and Gestapo HQ), Neue Synagogue, and northern Mitte (a preserved pre-war Jewish area), Sachsenhausen Concentration camp, the stadium built by the Nazis for the 1936 Olympic Games, and Wansee Villa where the 1942 conference decided upon the 'Final Solution' against the Jews.

Year 13

Year 13 are working hard towards their A2 examinations. The deadline for handing in coursework on Russia is Professional Day 16th April 2012.



Community Links

Recent developments have included Year 7 (see above) model castle exhibitions. In addition, a local history book about St. Ives is being written. This will be published and available for sale shortly.

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.

Dr Craig
Head of History Dept

Ballroom Club News



The ballroom club, although small this year has been very active. Once the beginners learnt to dance the basics in waltz, quickstep, social foxtrot, cha cha cha, rumba, jive and samba, they attended a tea dance in St Ives. The adults at the dance were very impressed with the students' enthusiasm and demeanour.

The next dance they will be at is at the Burgess Hall in April. Here they will have the opportunity to dance on a much larger floor, joining students (adults and children) from one of the top Ballroom schools in Cambridge. They will also meet some of the past ballroom students from our St Ivo club.

Many of our past students are now competing for their universities and others have joined the general competition circuit.

New beginners are always welcome. Club lessons are at lunchtimes on a Wednesday, with intermediates meeting on a Friday afternoon.

Mrs Bartlett.

Year 8 Netball



This term the Year 8 netball squad has worked really hard. A core team of girls have attended most practices and worked hard to improve their skills and techniques. We have won most of the matches we have played this season and at the district tournament we came second in the league, qualifying for the county tournament next year.

Well done to all the girls, especially Emma, Lauren , Megan, Sophie, Chloe, Lucie, Edith, Scarlett, Molly, Rebekah, Eva, Katie, Hannah and Lily. See you next year.

Mrs Kemp.

Work Experience

Work Experience 2012 is off to a flying start with over half the year group already placed or waiting to have own placements approved. The Easter holidays are the perfect time for students to look for own placements, either with someone that they know, or with a company that specialises in their area of interest. Help is always available for students and parents who are seeking own placements. The Careers Office sees students every lunchtime and emails (dcarpenter@stivoschool.org) are always answered promptly.

Mrs Carpenter
Work Experience Coordinator.

Resource Centre News

Christmas Competition Winners – We held several competitions in the Resource Centre just before Christmas.

- Mrs Mitchell did a Chocolatey Christmas Quiz, winners being Jasmine 7Mr, Chris 7Mr and Emily 8Ww.
- She also held a “Twelve Days of Christmas” Quiz for tutor groups, the winning group being 8At, with the runners up being 7Jo.
- We also held a Christmas Limerick Competition to win a cuddly Elf. The limerick needed to start with “There once was an elf from the Ivo” and needed to follow the rules of writing limericks. The winning limerick was composed by Naomi 10Md/Bf.
- Finally there was a Connect 4 competition, the winner being Charlotte 8Wh, with the runner up being Joe 8At.

Well done to all who took part, particularly the winners.

Easter Competitions – We currently have several more competitions running in the RC.

- Mrs Mitchell is holding her Chocolatey Easter Quiz, with an obvious prize! Pick up a question sheet. Closing date is Tuesday 27th March.
- We are holding a True or False? Competition this Tuesday and Wednesday at lunchtime - come and join in!



World Book Day St Ivo Fact 4 U Book – Many thanks to all those students and tutor groups who gave their fantastic fun facts to us for the St Ivo Fact 4 U Book. This book is being published and will be available to look at in the Resource Centre at the beginning of the summer term. Come and check it out!

Guess
who's
coming
to the
Resource
Centre?



Someone is coming to the Resource Centre.

Keep a look out for more clues.

**Don't forget to come and get your books for the Easter holidays.
Happy Easter from the Resource Centre.**

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Summer Term Courses

Course Title	Start Date	Weeks	Time	Cost
Ballroom, Latin and Sequence Dancing – Beginners	23/04/12	10	1930-2030	£50 (£38)
Ballroom, Latin and Sequence Dancing – Improvers	23/04/12	10	2030-2130	£50 (£38)
BBC First Click Beginners' Computing - Daytime	14/05/12	3	1000-1100	£10 (£10)
BBC First Click Beginners' Computing – Evening	15/05/12	3	1845-1945	£10 (£10)
Cookery: Curry Evenings	23/04/12	5	1915-2115	£49 (£37)
Family History – Intermediate	23/04/12	5	1915-2045	£42 (£32)
Jewellery Making – Beginners	11/06/12	6	1915-2045	£36 (£27)
Reflexology	23/04/12	5	1915-2115	£49 (£37)
Zumba Fitness	23/04/12	10	1915-2015	£50 (£38)
Cake Decorating – Roses NEW	24/04/12	5	1915-2045	£47 (£36)
Cake Decorating – Back to Basics	12/06/12	5	1915-2045	£47 (£36)
Creative Writing – Beginners	24/04/12	10	1915-2115	£89 (£67)
Guitar Beginners	24/04/12	10	1900-2000	£49 (£37)
Sign Language – An Introduction NEW	24/04/12	10	1900-2100	£89 (£67)
Boost your Computer Skills	25/04/12	6	1915-2115	£59 (£45)
Cookery: Spanish Fiesta	02/05/12	5	1915-2115	£49 (£37)
Digital Photography – Beginners	02/05/12	10	1900-2100	£89 (£67)
DIY: General	25/04/12	6	1845-2115	£83 (£65)
DIY: Revamp Your Kitchen	13/06/12	4	1845-2115	£55 (£43)
EBay – How to Buy and Sell	25/04/12	1	1900-2100	£16 (£12)
Facebook – An Introduction	18/04/12	1	1900-2100	£16 (£12)
Holiday French	13/06/12	5	1845-2015	£45 (£34)
Grow Your Own – From Pots to Allotments NEW	25/04/12	5	1900-2100	£49 (£37)
Holiday Italian	02/05/12	5	1915-2045	£45 (£34)
Song writing – Beginners NEW	24/04/12	9	2000-2100	£49 (£37)
Sugarcraft for Cakes – Sweet Peas, Lilies & Roses	25/04/12	5	1915-2115	£49 (£37)
Sugarcraft for Cakes – Bridal Bouquet NEW	13/06/12	5	1915-2115	£49 (£37)
Yoga and Relaxation	25/04/12	10	1930-2100	£68 (£51)
Zumba Fitness	26/04/12	10	1300-1400	£50 (£38)

Adult Learners' Week
12th – 18th May 2012
Half Price Cupcake, Jewellery and Make-Up Course
Call us on 01480 495717 for further details

Saturday Workshops

Saturday 21st April 2012			
Course	Cost	Course	Cost
Bead & Wire Jewellery Design	£31 (£27)	Cookery: Tastes of Italy	£31 (£27)
Digital Photography – Beginners	£55 (£46)	Make up Workshop	£55 (£46)

Saturday 12th May 2012			
Course	Cost	Course	Cost
Basketmaking with Willow	£42 (£32)	Cup Cake Decoration	£31 (£27)
Drawing Back 2 Basic	£37 (£28)	Emergency First Aid at Work	£46 (£38)
Family History & The Internet	£25 (£19)	Family History – Maps & Surveys	£32 (£24)
Bead & Wire Jewellery Design	£31 (£27)	Mexican & Tapas Cookery	£36 (£28)
Make up Workshop	£55 (£46)	Curtain Making – Tassels /Cords in a day NEW	£25 (£19)

Saturday 23rd June 2012			
Course	Cost	Course	Cost
Basic Car Maintenance	£16 (£12)	Cup Cake Decoration	£31 (£27)
Indian Cookery – Curry Kitchen	£37 (£28)	My Ancestors were Georgians	£32 (£24)
Mixed Media Art	£32 (£24)	Mosaic in a Day	£37 (£28)
Bead & Wire Jewellery Design	£31 (£27)	Curtain Making – Swags & Tails	£42 (£32)
Make up Workshop	£55 (£46)	Digital Photography – Beginners	£55 (£46)
Italian Cookery – Tastes of Italy	£31 (£27)		

Full details of our courses can be found online at
www.aclearning.org.uk
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