

# March 2013



# Newsletter

## St Ivo School

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Dear Parent/Carer

The Spring Term seems to have flown by this year even if Spring has yet to arrive. This Newsletter gives a flavour of the activities undertaken by our students in the midst of a busy term academically.

**I was delighted by the progress which the Under 16 girls' team made in the National Cup Football competition.** There were over 500 entrants so to reach the quarter finals was an outstanding achievement for which the team and the staff involved deserve great credit. There are many other highlights from the term, **but the school production of 'Oliver!' will live long in my memory.** The standard was superb throughout and reflects well on the commitment and talent of so many staff and students. My particular thanks to Miss Crellin who inspired the cast and staff to perform so well.

In the week after half term the governors appointed Mr Mark Patterson as my successor for September. Mr Patterson is currently the Principal of Chesterton Community College in Cambridge, a school which I know well having been the **headteacher there in the 1990s.** I have developed a lot of affection for 'the Ivo' both as a parent and as the headteacher and so I am delighted to be leaving the school in such capable hands. I have no doubt that the school will continue to grow from strength to strength under his leadership.

We are saying goodbye to two members of staff at Easter, Mrs Bye-Duke (Science) and Mrs Sounni (Languages). I would like to thank them for their hard work at the school and wish them well in their future careers.

Finally, may I wish you and your family a restful holiday with hopefully a bit of warm weather!

Yours sincerely

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# Music Department News

## Whole School Concert

On Thursday 7th March all of the clubs run by the music department put together a fabulous concert showcasing much of the talent from within the school. The Advanced Singers, who won their group stage of the St. Ives Young Musician of the Year competition a couple of weeks earlier, started off the evening beautifully with two sophisticated pieces.



Concert band then entertained with the theme tune from 'The Muppet Show' after which Guitar and Ukulele group - run by Mr Burniston - played two numbers fantastically well, especially considering a lot in the group were beginners in September. The orchestra which has grown hugely in size this year did a very polished performance followed by the ever-popular Barber-shop and their 4-part harmonies. The folk group demonstrated some great traditional music and the Samba band absolutely stormed the stage with their beats! Choir's spine-tingling numbers followed by the Year 11 GCSE group's very impressive (but admittedly ridiculous) version of 'Play that Funky Music Ivo' got the second half going, and the evening was finished off by the steel pans' two pieces and Swing Band's jazzy numbers. It was a fantastic showcase of the talent we have here, and we would encourage any musicians - Year 7 up to Year 13, beginner to advanced - to come and be part of what is offered here as the standard and variety really are fantastic. Very well done to everyone involved: you made us proud!

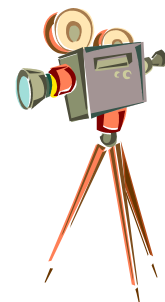
## Rotary Club Young Musician of the Year

Well done to all students who were involved in the 'Young Musician of the Year' competition put on by Rotary Clubs all around the country. There were a lot of local entrants from the school, and many went through to the second round (George, Connor, Jess) or even the third round in Melton Mowbray (Advanced Singers, Mat, Natalie, Will, Luke). The event happens every year, so any pupils who are interested in entering next year watch this space!

Miss Macleod  
Head of Music Dept

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# Film & Media Studies Department News



Our inaugural Year 10 trip to the Warner Bros. Studios Harry Potter Tour and Master Class in Filming for GCSE went off on the first day of this half term and was a resounding success with students and staff alike enjoying the trip and getting educational benefit from it. Please come and take a look at our display in the window of the Resource Centre.

Over the half term break, the third Film & Media Studies trip to San Francisco and Los Angeles ran. Again, it appears that they enjoyed good weather over there and the trip was remarked as being "amazing!" by several staff and students involved. Our next planned trip to California is going to be in February 2015. We will only be returning to Los Angeles that time making the trip 2 days shorter but no less exciting with all of the film related visits scheduled on the normal trip taking place in LA anyway. The trip is open to Year 11, 12 and 13 Film & Media Studies students and we will start to advertise the 4th visit in the second half of the summer term. Displays from the 3rd trip prepared by Sixth Form students Vikki and Sammy are on show in the classroom P27 and in the Resource Centre at present.

Mr Alexander  
Head of Film & Media Studies Dept

# PE Department News

St Ivo Year 8 rugby team 7-a-side competition at Shelford Rugby Club

This was a 7 team round robin with a plate for the bottom three and cup for the top four.



We lost in the opener to Swavesey 3 tries to 2 - 19-14

We then comfortably beat Manor School, Newmarket College and Ely College – Ely got a couple of tries against us and we ended up 28-15, Newmarket was 36-0 and Manor a fair bit more than that.

We then met The Perse! Best team in it – it was about 5 tries to 1.

Final game was Soham which was another comfortable win – maybe 4 tries to 1.

That left us 3rd and into the cup semi against Swavesey who came 2nd. We lost in the semi 4 tries to three – I think 26-21.

That left Swavesey playing Perse in the Final with Perse almost sure to win as we left as they were just starting.

Overall the team did very well. More training time would have seen us better organised but they handled well given the weather, tackled well in the most part and we had a few who were able to show a good turn of speed. Tries mainly racked up by Speed, Freddy, Gordon and Darer with others grabbing the odd one. Having Will and Olly at 9 and 10 was helpful in setting up a good number of the tries, but the organisation and team understanding of the Perse was at a different level!

Well done to all concerned.

Mr Havard

## Year 9 Football

The Year 9 football team have played some good football without quite getting the results they deserve over the first three rounds of the District Football League. A narrow 2-1 loss to St Peters was followed by a 2-2 draw against Hinchbrooke and a 1-1 draw versus Sawtry. Stand out performers for the team so far have been Jack, Will, Blaize and Oliver.

Mr Daly

## Year 10 Football

The football team have had a strong start to their cup defence, coasting through early rounds, including a convincing victory over Comberton with only ten players. The players have been excellent and have put together some great football in recent matches. A big week coming up with the semi-final on Monday, 18 March with the team hoping to make the final and defend their title.

Mr Slingsby



# PE Department News continued

## Year 11 Football

Results so far: Won 1-0 v St Peter's  
Drew 1-1 v Hinchingsbrooke  
Drew 3-3 v Sawtry

Players involved in the squads were Luke, Thom, Harry, Lloyd, George, Kieran, Michael, Josh, Caz, Scott, Scott, Joe, Ethan, Abir, Ben, Connor, Luke, Bob, Dom, Declan and Albi.

Well done to all players and good luck in the forthcoming fixtures.

Mr Braybrook

## Year 9 Netball

Lots of girls have been involved in netball this term. They have shown fantastic commitment to both practice and fixtures. We have played against the other schools in the district and have won a few games. The highlight of the season has been playing netball in the snow! The tournament is next week and I want to wish the girls the best of luck. I know they will work together as a team and perform well.



The following girls have been involved:

Sophie, Eva, Katie, Martha, Molly, Edith, Milly, Rebecca, Olivia, Lucie, Chloe, Keeley, Maddy, Oliva, Jessica, Fiona, Ella, Alice, Molly, Liberty, Beth, Scarlett, Lauren.

Miss Sherwood

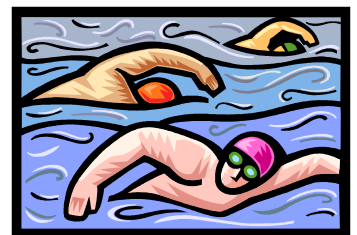
## Year 7 Girls' Hockey

The Year 7 hockey teams have been working hard this term in preparation for their district fixtures and tournament. They had mixed results in their practice matches, with both teams recording a number of wins but also suffering a couple of losses. On Wednesday, 20 March they had their district tournament and played against all other schools in the district. This was a fantastic experience for both teams, with one team progressing through the group stages to the semi-finals. After a tense draw the game came down to penalty flicks, which St Ivo won after 6 flicks. They then played against Hinchingsbrooke in the final but were unlucky to lose 1-90. Congratulations to all involved.

Miss Shipley

## District Swimming

This year St Ivo were hoping to keep hold of the District title, having won it back from Hinchingsbrooke the previous year. The quality of swimmers in the team was exceptional, with the school fielding a full team for all year groups. Despite fierce competition from Hinchingsbrooke and Sawtry, St Ivo were confident that their results would put them in a good position. The relays were what made the difference as St Ivo were able to retain the trophy for a second year. Congratulations to everybody involved and thank you to the Sixth Form and Year 11 leaders for their excellent support.



Miss Shipley

# PE Department News continued

## Girls' Football

St Ivo School entered the Girls' National Cup Football Competition for the first time this year, putting forward both under 13 and under 16 age groups. Both teams progressed easily through their first few matches, although the U13s were knocked out having made it through to the last 32 in the country. The U16s continued to progress through and reached the quarter finals. They played at home against Drayton Manor (last year's champions) and were supported by both staff and students from the school. They were unlucky to go 1-0 down from a penalty and despite fantastic team play were unable to equalise. This was a fantastic achievement by both teams - congratulations girls!

Miss Shipley

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## Sixth Form News

We've reached the Nationals! Last weekend the Sunday Times, in a report looking at desirable places to live, described St Ivo as having a 'highly thought of sixth form'. Not bad huh!



Students continue to work hard towards their exams and we are very proud of the voluntary work many are doing too. The Year 7 Reading Scheme has been a huge success with over forty students benefiting from one-to-one reading sessions with a sixth form mentor. The SMILE mentoring scheme is helping many younger students with various personal issues. Many thanks to all those sixth formers who tirelessly offer their support every week.

The new Year 13 Ambassador scheme (much like the old Prefect system that many of us remember), where students volunteer an hour of their time once a term to act as 'the face of St Ivo' at the main reception desk, is going really well. Students help out with admin tasks and escort visitors around the school. Thank you to our upper sixth students – it's a real success.

The sixth form committee are busy arranging the sixth form Ball set for 5 July. This year's theme is Masquerade – congratulations to the winner of the design a poster competition, Grace. The committee are in discussions with the site manager about the possibility of re-vamping the common room and computer areas.

The Faculty Cup is hotting up. There are seven teams in the competition and most teams have played either 4 or 5 matches. Last year's champions, The Winners, were narrowly defeated in the last match by Classic 8. These teams, plus the Samba Princes have a realistic chance of grabbing the trophy. At the other end of the table several teams including 'the pride of the sixth form' Baracks Boys, the Maths team, Daves Angels and Fullmans Flowers are scrambling to avoid relegation to Year 11!



As always the sixth form did us proud with a vast array of daft costumes for Comic Relief. They have come up trumps in March with many enlisting on the Anthony Nolan Trust Bone Marrow register.

We look forward to a couple of months of very hard work followed by the summer exam season. Results day is 15 August.

Mrs Perry

# Design & Technology Department News



As always this has been a very busy term in the design and technology department. GCSE projects in Resistant Materials, Graphics and Electronics have been in full swing with pupils and staff working together for many hours to produce yet again some outstanding outcomes. The deadlines have now passed and we are busy marking and moderating work for sending off to the exam board. We are again very pleased with the standard of work that has been submitted and congratulations should be extended to all pupils and staff who spent many hours in lesson and more significantly out of lesson time to achieve the design folders and finished practical that we

**now have in the rooms. There will once again be the 'Solutions' exhibition evening run jointly with the Art department on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May where you will be able to come along and see a good selection of finished practical work. This is always a most impressive sight and a way of seeing the quality up close.**



A level practical work in Resistant Materials and Graphics is also coming to a close with Easter being the deadline. Again the standard is high and we are extremely happy with the standard of finished work that we are starting to witness showing not only excellent practical skill but also attention to detail. A selection of finished work will also be on show at the 'Solutions' exhibition but we are also inviting the Rotary Club of St Ives in to judge these for possible recognition in the 'Young Designer' competition.

St Ivo design and technology department also sent three teams to Ramsey school in February to take part in the Rotary Technology Tournament. We had teams from Key stages 3, 4 and 5 with teams made up of four students in each. The challenge was a difficult task and all teams were commended for their excellent team work, well thought out designs and good application to problem solving in the day-long event. Students enjoyed the experience and had the opportunity to compete against other local schools and test their design skills under pressure.

In Key Stage 3 we have also been most impressed with some of the skills and outcomes that have been in evidence over a range of projects that we cover. Some new topics have been covered and with the help of pupils we have been able to test and try out some good new resources for future rotations.

Mr Burry

## 'Solutions Exhibition'

**Wednesday 22nd May 2013**





# Geography Department News

LONDON DOCKLANDS - Year 13 have recently been to the London Docklands and have been looking at the urban renewal in and around the East End of London as well as visiting the Dockland museum.



NEW YORK - Year 13 geographers and travel and tourism students have also had the great opportunity to go to New York before half term. This visit allowed students to visit all the key tourist sights while getting an understanding of how a world city functions as well as operating as a major tourist attraction. Heavy snow falls during their stay added to the challenges of getting around but an additional highlight this year was the chance to go to a Broadway show.

This is an annual visit and is open to all Year 13 geography and travel and tourism students. The next visit is planned for February 2014 and letters will be made available to students in the summer term.

SNOWDONIA – Year 12 students are taking part in the annual visit to Snowdonia. This trip has now been run by the department annually for nearly forty years and is both very popular and highly valued. Students get a chance to appreciate the wonders of the dramatic glacial scenery as well as an understanding of the human geography in such a rural region.



FAIR TRADE FORTNIGHT – this has been a very successful event once again. Annually as a 'Fair Trade School' the event is marked by promoting Fair Trade products at both break and lunch time. A big thanks goes to Mrs Morey and her team of volunteers who have manned the stalls during this time. Nearly £800 has been raised which will go towards a number of Fair Trade projects.

Year 9 visit by Zoolab UK - Zoolab UK visited Year 9 students with their animal handling workshop earlier this term. The rainforest roadshow was designed to compliment the eco-systems and rainforests topic being studied in geography lessons. The students gained hands on experience of learning how such animals as snakes, tree frogs, giant African land snails, tarantula and scorpions, among others, have adapted to live in this unique environment.

Coming up soon:-

SOUTH AFRICA – OCTOBER 2014. After our very successful visit in the autumn term plans are coming together for a further visit in October 2014. The letters with further information will be available in the summer term and will be given out to the current Year 9 students taking geography next year as well as current Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12 geographers.

ICELAND – Year 10 GCSE students are off to Iceland in the summer term. There is an information evening for parents 'and carers' on Wednesday 26 June at 5:00pm in the school canteen.

DUNWICH - YEAR 9 students will have the opportunity in the summer to go to Dunwich and Aldeburgh as part of their course on coastal erosion and defence. Details to follow

EAST OF ENGLAND SHOW - Students who have been regular members of the lunch time 'Geography Club' which has been run each Wednesday will have the chance to go to the East of England show in July.

Mrs Mottram

# Science Department News

The big event for the Science department this term was the Year 7 zoo trip when 260 students visited Colchester Zoo over the course of two days. While they were there students were studying adaptations, how animals are adapted to their natural environment. Students observed the animals in their enclosures and attended a talk from the Zoo staff to help them complete worksheets on the topic. They also got to see a number of interesting demonstrations and some students even got to hold animals like cockroaches and stick insects.

The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Club continue to be busy. This term we have been designing and making aeroplanes to see what makes a plane fly further as well as performing some chemistry experiments we can try at home (safely!)

In sixth-form the A-level physicists visited the University of Cambridge to learn about High-Energy Particle Physics, the day consisted of a mixture of lectures and practical activities to give students an insight into the life of a university physicist. Meanwhile A-level biologists have been looking at biotechnology and making bacteria glow in the dark by inserting genes from jellyfish. The BIO-IVO committee have also been raising money for SPARKS and the Alzheimer's Society by holding cake sales at lunchtime. Lastly the Medical Committee continues to meet to provide support and advice to all students who are considering studying Medicine, Veterinary Science or Biomedical Science at University. The group as a whole has just started writing a blog about the latest interesting medical stories that are in the news.

Dr Flower

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## Red Nose Day 2013

Year 7

The Year 7 Council raised an extra £70 for Comic Relief through running a cake stall during break time. The students took control of running the stall and making the cakes, doing an excellent job. 7Bc have raised an additional £40 by **running some events during lunchtimes, including 'guessing the number of sweets in a jar'**. 7Pa/Hn also ran a cake stall raising even more money for the Year 7 charities.

A special mention to Callum who held his own fundraising event for Comic Relief. He made a selection of paper aeroplanes and asked other students to make a donation to fly them in a competition held in the gym.

A big well done and thank you to everyone who has contributed!

Miss Sherwood and Mr Daley

The school organised a number of events and activities during the week leading up to Red Nose Day. These included a tuck shop, book sales, jelly bean sorting, custard slice competition, 'Hunt the Red Nose' competition and the sale of a St Ivo School Recipe Book. Students donated £1 for a non-uniform day with Sixth Form students wearing fancy dress, while members of staff filmed a music video which was shown during morning registration in exchange for a £5 donation from each tutor group. A total of £2,170 was raised for Comic Relief - **a fantastic achievement and 'Thank you' to everyone.**



# Anthony Nolan Trust

Over 50 sixth formers and some young members of staff recently took the opportunity to join the Anthony Nolan register. They gave a small sample of saliva that will be processed and recorded on an international databank and used to match them to patients who would otherwise die from leukaemia or other forms of blood cancer. There may only be a **one in a thousand chance that any one person's bone marrow might prove a match, but it appears that St Ivo School** offers a particularly good source of donors! In recent years quite a few pupils, some staff and a governor have all gone on to donate their healthy stem cells to give someone else the chance to live. Anyone who missed the recruitment event can still go on to register online via the Anthony Nolan website.

Mrs Meadowcroft

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## Driver Safety Event

Firefighters and community safety officers visited St Ivo School on Friday, 22 February to teach Year 12 students about safer driving and peer pressure as part of a multi-agency Drive 2 Arrive campaign.

Year 12 students took part in the event, which included a number of interactive workshops asking students to think about what they can do to avoid road traffic collisions. In one activity, a group of students were given a number of different scenarios, such as wet weather and talking on your mobile phone, and asked to demonstrate how this would affect their stopping distance at 30mph. They were then asked how long it would take them to stop at higher speeds to reinforce the difference that just a small increase in speed can have between life and death.

The morning ended with a DVD and talk by guest speaker Nick Bennett.

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## Rotary Young Chef Competition

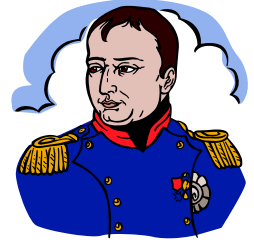
Congratulations to Scott (11Yo) on reaching the Rotary Young Chef Regional Finals held in January at Hinchingsbrooke School. Although he did not win, Scott did very well and achieved top marks for hygiene.

Mrs Gordon



# Resource Centre News

Year 8 History Project –We have just finished the Year 8 Napoleon Project in the RC, where the students researched and debated on whether Napoleon was a hero or tyrant. Their research was done using a variety of media, including journals, internet, books, cartoons and paintings and DVD clips. The children enjoyed finding out about this incredible leader, and came away with their own opinions, taking into account both sides of the argument. They worked really hard and especially enjoyed the debating. Well done Year 8!



World Book Day - Following the success of the BBC “Great British Bake Off” we decided that our theme for World Book Day this year would be a cooking one. We asked the students and staff to give us their favourite recipes, hopefully having tried to make the dish themselves. We received a variety including; salads, roasts, savoury dishes, cakes, desserts and milkshakes. We have compiled these into the ‘World Book Day St Ivo School Recipe Book’. Two copies are available to look at in the Resource Centre.

Comic Relief – We had several different activities going on in the RC recently to raise money for Comic Relief.

Recipe Book - We made the book available to purchase.

Custard Slice Competition - **Three of the RC staff spent their Mother’s Day making custard slices, and the students paid to vote for their favourite.** Those who voted got a small slice of the winning batch.

Jelly Bean Sorting with a Straw – Winner was Katlyn 11Yo with 36 jelly beans sorted; runners-up were Spencer (7De) with 34 and Fiona (9Sa) with 26.

Guess the weight of the sweets, bag and red nose – The actual weight was 221g. Two people were closest – James 13Ti and Sam 12Bs.

Hunt the Red Nose Sticker Hunt – Two people found all the stickers this year – Joe 9At and Emily 11Me/Jamie (8Mv)

Altogether we raised £35 for Comic Relief. Thank you to everyone who took part and contributed, especially the winners.

Competitions –

Twelve words of Christmas Competition - We held a competition to come up with the best 12 word Christmas story. The winner was Jamie 8Mv and the runner up was Joe 9At. Well done everyone.

Easter Quiz – Look out for our Easter Quiz - winner gets an Easter egg!!



Craft Weeks – We held a Chinese New Year Craft Week just before Chinese New Year where we made dragons and lanterns and found out a little about the festival.

# MFL Department News

Year 11

Our Year 11 GCSE students are approaching the end of their courses and are now in the final part of their revision for listening and reading. The French examinations are on 13<sup>th</sup> May and the German ones on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. It is now essential that all students are revising vocabulary from their coloured sheets or using the lists online at [www.ocr.org](http://www.ocr.org) and are practising with past papers. These, too, are available online at [www.ocr.org](http://www.ocr.org) as well as in class.

Useful revision books are available online or at the school business centre for Year 11 students wishing to purchase more revision books for French and German.

Advance notice for parents/carers or Year 10 students taking French and/or German.

The first (REAL not mock) speaking assessments for students in Year 10 will take place in the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May. Students will be given a 10 minute slot in which to complete their examination in speaking. Each speaking assessment counts for 15% of the total mark.

To give students extra preparation time the department will be running 4 after school workshops as follows and each Year 10 student will be given an invitation (in the form of a letter given out in class) to one of the workshops which are listed below:

*Year 10 German workshop on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April in room 2 from 3-4 p.m.*  
*Year 10 French workshop on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> April in room 2 from 3-4 p.m.*  
*Year 10 German workshop on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> May in room 2 from 3-4 p.m.*  
*Year 10 French workshop on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May in room 2 from 3-4 p.m.*

Parents/carers who are concerned that the letter may not reach home are asked to email Mrs Zähler who will ensure that an email invitation is sent in addition to the letter. Here is the email address: [pzahner@stivoschool.org](mailto:pzahner@stivoschool.org)

P.R.Zähler

Year 7

Year 7 students have been given the opportunity to take part in the Languages Challenge. Some students are getting support from family or friends to complete their tasks, thank you for your support if this is you. In the lunchtime club with Mrs Moore in March we are looking at the culture section: listening to music, reading magazines and watching films (in French and German). Please ask Mrs Moore if you would like more information about the Languages Challenge. It is not too late to start, and you would get accreditation from the Anglian Ruskin University upon completion!

Mrs J Moore



Latin tasters

Year 7 students have been invited to apply for a place on the Year 7 Latin tasters on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> and Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April. Any student who has missed the deadline for this but is still interested is asked to see Mrs Zähler in room 2. There are a few spare places but not many. Miss Shipley will lead the tasters in room 3.

In the Summer Term, interested Year 8 students will be invited to Latin tasters on Monday 10 and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June.

H.Shipley and P.R.Zähler

# 'Oliver!'

Congratulations to everyone involved in the production of 'Oliver!' at the Burgess Hall in February. The show was a huge success, with wonderful performances from all members of the cast, and fantastic support from the lighting and sound technicians, and the members of the orchestra. A big thank you to all staff who supported the students in this production with choreography, costumes and props, and in rehearsals, and to everyone who attended the three evening performances.

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## Chess Club

With Sixth Form students as members of the St Ivo Chess Club the pressure was on for Year 9 student Joe (School Chess Champion 2012) to retain the title. In a nail-biting finale between the lower and higher school, Joe was victorious for a second year.

Three members of the club (Joe, Mika and Sam) have achieved sufficient points to play in the 2013 **Megafinal Delancey UK School's Chess Challenge which will take place in Ely on 19 May 2013.**

We have had a great couple of terms in Chess Club this year. Our numbers have doubled and although we are a small club the standard of play continues to rise.



The Chess Club welcomes new members at the beginning of each school year. The first term is your chance to learn **the game or some new moves and tactics** and **Spring term includes the school's tournament.** In the Summer the club is open if you wish to continue to play friendly matches.

Mrs Edmunds and Mr Alexander

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## Thicket Path

Message from Cambridgeshire County Council:

The maintenance work on the Thicket Path between Houghton and St Ives has now been completed and the path is re-opened. We thank you for your patience and apologise for any inconvenience this closure might have caused.

# Year 7 First Aid

Year 7 students have been learning basic First Aid life saving skills. Students are being shown how to deal with casualties whilst keeping themselves and the casualties safe. They are being trained to recognise a suspected heart attack, to deal with severe bleeding, choking and how to resuscitate. Training is being given by cover supervisors who are qualified Heartstart instructors, during PSHE lessons with the aim that all Year 7 students will have reached the approved standard to receive a certificate before the Easter holidays. The course is supported by the British Heart Foundation who have generously supplied all the essential resources including lesson plans, DVDs and books for each student.



Earlier this term, Year 12 students attended a St John Ambulance course held in the school, to learn essential First Aid skills. The aim was to ensure students have the extra knowledge prior to moving on to either work or higher education.

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## Careers News

Preparations for this summer's Year 10 Work Experience are well underway with over 160 students already placed. The current Year 10 have shown a real enthusiasm for finding placements and have worked particularly hard to do so, resulting in more than half the year group placed ready for July. As a reminder to parents and carers, the deadline for out of county placements is 1 May 2013. Audits are now being carried out on all providers to be certain that every placement has a safe and healthy environment for our student to enjoy their experience in the world of employment. Should anyone wish to offer a work experience placement to St Ivo, please contact the coordinator at [dcarpenter@stivoschool.org](mailto:dcarpenter@stivoschool.org) for details and any assistance required.

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## Eco-Ivo News



In 2013 so far it has been a case of Right at Home, Home and then Away.

Right at Home (St Ivo School):

In school, the students were concerned that teachers were leaving computers and projectors on in classrooms when there was no lesson being held wasting valuable and expensive energy. The Eco-Ivo committee decided to hold a competition to design some wallpaper that could go on to staff computers to remind them to switch off their computers. Original, cleverly-worded designs were submitted and the winning entry can be seen below.



# Eco-Ivo News continued



This message was on staff computers for six weeks this term and the result was that the electrical consumption and thereby the carbon footprint was lowered considerably amongst the teachers at the school. An environmental success!

## Home (St Ives):

Holt Island Nature Reserve, an island in the River Great Ouse, is on St Ivo's doorstep. The school is a proud member of the Friends of Holt Island Nature Reserve (FOHINR) and the Eco-Ivo committee has been taken on a conducted tour of the site. Close ties are kept with the FOHINR and students have now been invited to design a Visitor Survey for the Family Fun Day on Friday May 31st. between 11.00 and 3.00. Two students an hour will conduct the survey as visitors arrive. The information will prove invaluable for future events and planning for the reserve. We look forward to it!

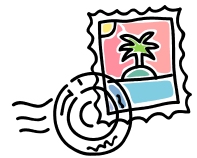
## Away (Africa and the Pacific Ocean):

Africa: We are proud to be one of the few secondary schools in Cambridgeshire to have been awarded Fairtrade status. Each Fairtrade Fortnight (at the end of February-beginning of March) a large quantity of Fairtrade products is ordered from Traidcraft and sold in school. This year we exceeded sales levels for previous years owing to the generosity of students and staff. Stalls were superbly manned by sixth formers, as well as by students from KS4 and 3, twice a day in two school sites - the Keep and the main block corridor. Nearly £800 was raised and we are waiting to see if we can specify that it goes to a co-operative in Kenya. Fairtrade assemblies were held to raise awareness of the need to think about the economics of what we buy, who we buy it from and how much we pay.



## The Pacific Ocean:

Our environmental work with the RSPB to try and save the albatross chicks continues. We have formalised the collection of used postage stamps by having student-made collection boxes in high-profile places, such as, the new Leisure Centre and also large buckets at strategic points in the school where staff and students can deposit stamps. These are collected by one of the staff and taken to the RSPB headquarters at Sandy, Beds where the money raised goes to support the valiant work undertaken by the scientists and conservationists with the albatross chicks, mainly on Midway Island, in the Pacific Ocean.



PLEASE SEND ALL USED POSTAGE STAMPS TO SCHOOL.

I cannot finish this environmental update without mentioning the work that Mr Nunn (Geography Department) is doing in our school and with the local St Ivo feeder primary schools. He is in Snowdonia with Year 12 geography students, as I write this, but would like you to know that he has put together a combined programme for the measurement of waste in an attempt to reduce the amount that is thrown away by local schools. He will have much more to report in the end of academic year newsletter in July.

Eco-Ivo students want to wish you a happy Easter-time. Eat Fairtrade chocolate and recycle all the packaging.

Mrs Morey  
Eco-Ivo





# Adult Learning and Skills - St Ives

## Summer Term - 2013

Course Title	Start Date	Sessions	Time	Cost
Fit and Active for Life	24/04/13	10	1430-1530	£49 (£37)
T'ai Chi Chuan – Beginners	29/04/13	9	1900-2000	£49 (£37)
Beginners Indian Cookery	22/04/13	4	1900-2100	£42 (£32)
Sri Lankan and Goan Cookery	24/06/13	2	1900-2100	£29 (£24)
Cookery - Tapas, Tacos and Tortillas	22/04/13	5	1915-2115	£57 (£44)
Breadmaking	04/06/13	4	1915-2115	£42 (£32)
Patisserie – Beginners	23/04/13	4	1915-2115	£42 (£32)
Cookery – Chocolate Heaven Baking	05/06/13	4	1915-2115	£42 (£32)
Celebration Cakes – Beginners	24/04/13	4	1915-2045	£39 (£30)
Animal and Character Cup Cakes	04/06/13	4	1915-2045	£39 (£30)
Watercolours – Beginners	23/04/13	9	1000-1200	£85 (£64)
Watercolours – Mixed Ability	30/04/13	9	1900-2100	£85 (£64)
BBC First Click Beginners Computing	Various	3	Various	FREE
Boost Your Computer Skills	24/04/13	4	1930-2130	£42 (£32)
Microsoft PowerPoint	23/06/13	5	1900-2100	£59 (£45)
Beekeeping Taster	12/06/13	1	1900-2100	£5 (£5)
Dressmaking – Mixed Ability	23/04/13	10	1915-2115	£89 (£71)
First Aid 'Baby and Child'	11/06/13	1	1900-2100	£14 (£11)
Counselling – An Introduction	01/05/13	10	1900-2100	£95 (£76)
St Ives "Green" Show Home Visit	23/04/13	1	1845-1945	FREE
Holiday French	05/06/13	5	1845-2015	£47 (£36)
Holiday Italian	24/04/13	5	1930-2100	£47 (£36)
Holiday Spanish	13/05/13	5	1915-2045	£47 (£36)

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## One Day Workshops

<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2013</b>			
Course	Cost	Course	Cost
Cup Cake Workshop – Ingredients included	£25(£21)	Basic Car Maintenance	£25(£19)
Authentic Indian Cookery Made Easy	£39(£29)	Breadmaking – Beginners	£29(£22)
Fly Fishing for Beginners	£33(£27)	Creative Copper Clay Jewellery	£39(£30)
Tiffany Glass for Beginners	£39(£30)		

<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013</b>			
Course	Cost	Course	Cost
Blacksmithing for Beginners	£25(£20)	Cute Cookies and Biscuits	£19(£15)
Authentic Indian Cookery Made Easy	£39(£29)	Cookery – Flavours of France	£38(£30)
Getting the Most from your Digital Camera	£25(£19)	EBay – Beginners	£17(£13)
Willow Basketmaking	£39(£30)	Mosaic in a Day	£39(£30)

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