

Newsletter

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Dear Parent/Carer

You are probably aware that I'm finishing as Head of St Ivo School this Summer, having been here since 1993, and I'm delighted to say that the governors have appointed Mr. Howard Gilbert to be my successor. Mr. Gilbert is currently head of Soham Village College, having previously been head of Chesterton school in Cambridge. He has a strong track record in headship, and has been a key member of Cambridgeshire Secondary Head's group for a number of years. Our chair of governors, Mrs. Sue Campbell, writes:-

"We are delighted with the appointment of Mr. Gilbert, who we believe shares in our values and aspirations for St Ivo. His reputation as a Headteacher in Cambridgeshire is first rate, and we look forward to working with him over the coming years."

Obviously Mr. Gilbert is currently involved in his own school, but I'm sure he will want to meet parent/carers of the new intake at our session in July.

The season of exams is upon us, with Year 11 having already started their GCSE programme, Year 10 doing science modules and Year 13 leaving school this Friday. In addition, many Year 12 students have module AS exams at this time. We wish them all every success, and would ask that you continue to be as supportive as possible to them during this period.

I hope your holiday period goes well. We re-open to pupils on **Monday, 6th June** at the usual time.

Yours sincerely

Michael Mahoney
Head

Design and Technology News

Rotary Young Designer Competition

This year we also had entries from the Art and Design sixth form groups. The range of work varied from sculpture, textiles printing through to a water feature. The winning student will represent us at the regional finales in October with their design ideas.

The winners of the competition are as follows:

First prize	Jo for her Concept Speaker Design and Prototype Mode.
Second	Jack for his Garden Gate.
Third	Jay for his Copper Water Feature.
Highly commended	Gareth for his Child PlayGym.

Congratulations to all of the students who presented their work on the evening. It was a very impressive collection of work and a tough call for the judges. Well done.

Solutions Design Exhibition is taking place in the week after the half term holiday. This is a current collection of GCSE coursework from all areas of design and technology completed by our Year 11 students this year.

We would particularly like to invite parents of all students in Year 10. At the moment they are starting their coursework projects and it would be very useful for parents to come along and get some advice about how you can support your child through the coursework project. You will be able to see for yourself the type and standard of work required. All staff from the department will be on hand to give information on Wednesday 8th June in the Design and Technology Department from 6.00pm to 8.00pm, please try to come along.

See you on the 8th.

Mrs C Morrison
Head of Technology

Year 7 Visit to Thorpe Park

The Design & Technology department are offering an educational visit to Thorpe Park to enable pupils in year 7 to gain a better understanding of:-

- Structures
- Motion
- Systems and Control

These are areas of the KS3 curriculum which pupils will be studying in more depth during year 8. The D&T department feels this trip offers them an excellent opportunity to experience first hand how technology works in a real life setting; one which they find interesting and exciting.

The visit will be split over 2 days, with half the year group going on each day.

Day 1 - 7Bb, 7Bl, 7Ci, 7Wr, 7Za

Day 2 - 7Bs, 7Gd, 7Gi, 7Hv, 7Va

See a copy of the letter outlining details on the schools website www.st-ivo.co.uk

Mrs R Mason
Design and Technology

Food Technology

Congratulations to **Clare** (10Ty) who took part in the Rotary Young Chef national final on 30th April. Finalists had travelled from as far as Wales, the South of England and Norfolk, and the competition was of a very high standard. Clare did well, producing an excellent three course meal in the time allowed.



Clare was not placed in the top 3 but did exceptionally well to represent the St Ives district in the final. Once again - well done Clare!

Miss E Thrussell
Food Technology

Drama Department News

Congratulations to all Year Eight forms for an excellent and most successful drama challenge evening. Every form participated and performed in front of over 200 friends and families.

Our judges included two sixth form theatre studies students - **Harry** (13Py) and **Tom** (13An). Many thanks to them and to all our entries, most notably to the eventual winners



8Wf **Gemma, Emma, Christina, Zoe, Harriet, Natalie, Chantelle, Emily, Louise, Sophie** for their winning piece on “Bullying”.

*A Crellin
Head of Drama*

Resource Centre News

Carnegie Shadowing

The shadowing process has begun! The Carnegie Award is a national prize, given by Children’s Librarians for an outstanding book for children and young people. Following the announcement of the shortlist at the end of April, the Resource Centre and English department are working together to encourage students to come together, read all 6 titles and discuss their views on them. The group will meet every Wednesday lunchtime in L1, writing reviews for publication on the Carnegie website and culminating in a group vote before the national winner is announced on 8 July. *Will St Ivo mirror the judges or will we disagree?*

Titles this year are:

Millions by Boyce, Frank Cottrell (The film, directed by Danny Boyle, is due for release at the end of May)
Looking for JJ by Cassidy, Anne
Al Capone does my Shirts by Choldenko, Gennifer
Heartbeat by Creech, Sharon
The Star of Kazan by Ibbotson, Eva
The Scarecrow and his Servant by Pullman, Philip

Our special thanks to Laura (7Gi) for her invaluable help in the Resource Centre at lunchtimes.

*Hilary Forber
Resource Centre Manager*

Adult and Community Learning

Taster Classes 11-13 July

Come and try a course, or two, or more, during the evening of the above week.

Try before you buy!

We have new and tried and tested subjects for you to dabble in.

Make some pasta, get an insight into your family’s history, be guided through accountancy qualifications— these are just a few of the tasters on offer. Sign up that week and save £5.00.

Please get in touch and see what we can offer you for the coming academic year, for either personal or professional development.

**Telephone 01480 495717
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Geography Department News

Year 7 students are off to the East of England show in June where they are looking into environmental issues.

Year 8 students have recently been to Stibbington near Peterborough doing a river study.

Year 9 students will soon have the experience of a 'Japanese Day' in which students will have the opportunity to learn about the geography of Japan as well as different aspects of Japanese culture. They can be involved in a variety of Japanese activities organised by the department as well as by a number of outside speakers.



Year 10 geographers will be out and about in St Ives over the next few weeks as they gather information for their GCSE coursework.

Kenya 2006

Letters will be available for those geographers following the GCSE or AS/A2 level courses next year who are interested in going to Kenya in October 2006.

Travel and Tourism

Year 13 students have recently been punting in Cambridge as part of an organised event which forms the final part of their course, while Year 12 students will be going to Hunstanton to carry out their market research. Leisure and Tourism GNVQ students have also been to Cambridge to look at its appeal as a tourist attraction.

*Mrs J Mottram
Head of Geography*

History Department News

Year 8 - BLACK COUNTRY MUSEUM

The department is looking forward to taking 200 members of year 8 to the Black Country museum in June.

Reminder to all year 8 pupils: In November when you are in year 9 we shall be taking a visit to the WWI battlefields in France. Letters will be coming out after half term - if you wish to go you will need a passport.

At the end of GCSE and A2 exams the history department is taking forty three students to China where they will spend time in Beijing and Xian visiting the Great Wall of China and seeing the Terracotta Army now regarded as the 8th wonder of the world.



*Mrs J Barnes
Head of History*

Year 11 & 13 visit to China

RE Department News

The RE department is taking GCSE year 10 group to Walsingham in June 2005. This is the third year we have run this visit. We are guided around three different places of worship - a Russian Orthodox chapel converted out of a railway station waiting room, a Methodist chapel and the Anglican shrine. It is an essential experience for students preparing their coursework module which covers the way music, art and architecture helps worshippers. It concludes by asking the challenging question "All worship is a waste of time because people cannot be sure God exists. Do you agree?"

Walsingham is a compact village in the middle of the Norfolk countryside and we are hoping it will be a sunny day!



*Mrs D Wilson
Head of RE*

Sports News

Over fifty students from Year 7-10 took part in the first round of the Track and Field Cup. There were many outstanding individual performances, and the inter-boys (Yrs 9+10) came second in their competition, only 4 points behind the winners, Impington. As many of them were year 9, all bodes well for next year.

Certificates will be awarded to the following students as they scored more than 17 points in their event:-

Kate (200m Long Jump)
Harvey (Hurdles & TJ)
Richard (200m & TJ)
Tom (High Jump & 100m)
Santino (100m)
Mehmet (400m)
Matt (Shot & 100m)
Luke (High Jump)
Christian (Hurdles)
Peter (1500m)
Gian (200m)
Marc (400m)



*Mrs J Slater
PE*

Congratulations to **Sophie** (7Bb) who at the Cambridgeshire County Championship on 19th May achieved the following national swimming rankings

Rank			Time
5	Age (12), Female,	50m Backstroke	33.90
11	Age (12), Female,	200m Backstroke	2:35.92
9	Age (12), Female,	100m Backstroke	1:13.04



Congratulations also to **Caherine** (8JN) who was selected to swim in a National Competition in Swansea. She swam 200m backstroke and 100m backstroke, winning both her heats.

Rosie (9Hn) is sailing for Cambridgeshire at the National Regatta in July and in the National Championships.

Young Enterprise

INVENT

We would like to notify customers and shareholders that we have ceased trading. We will be able to offer our shareholders their share money back at 35 pence per share. To claim their money, we ask them to come to reception at lunchtime between the 6th and the 16th June. Unfortunately no money will be able to be collected after this date. We have thoroughly enjoyed this experience and would like to thank our customers and shareholders for supporting us throughout. We are hoping to continue Young Enterprise next school year with a new range of products, so look out for us then!

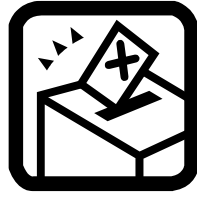
Andrew (Managing Director) 10Cd

Jonathan (Human Resources and Product Development Manager) 10Mc

Michael (Financial Director) 10Cd

Sixth Form News

The Sixth form were directly involved in the general election on May 5th, especially as almost 80 year 13 students were first time voters. To help them with their decision each of the candidates for the Huntingdon Constituency was invited to address the students. For four lunchtimes Jonathan Djanogly (Conservative), Steven Sartain (Labour), Derek Norman (UKIP) and Julian Huppert (Liberal Democrat), attended a question and answer session. On May 5th sixth formers were asked to vote for their preferred candidate, and in a tight race the Liberal Democrat representative won. Student turnout for the talks was very high - well over a hundred for some lunchtimes - showing that there is a strong interest in politics amongst St Ivo students. High quality student questions also impressed the candidates.



The group of 35 students who visited Barcelona over the Easter holiday had a fine time experiencing much of the culture and social attractions that the city had to offer.

25 students were accompanied by Mr Perry and Mr Os- well to attend an A/2 level politics revision conference in London on April 26th. Leading academics and examiners lectured the students at a very worthwhile event.

Thank you to all the 37 year 13 students who volunteered to put their names on the bone marrow donor register for the Anthony Nolan trust. Thanks also to Mrs Barnes for organising the assembly and follow up clinic for the volunteers. Several of our students have regularly given blood throughout the year, whenever the blood donor unit visits the Burgess Hall.

Good luck to all our students in year 12 and year 13 about to face the challenge of modular exams and especially to all those leaving St Ivo this Summer. The current year 13 students have been a delightful group of students - hard working, genuinely interested and keen to put something back into the school.

*Mr R Perry
Head of Sixth Form*

Business Centre Update

Most books, equipment, tickets and trips that are available to purchase through the Business Centre will soon be available on line at

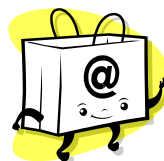
www.st-ivo.co.uk

In order to use the website you will need to contact us so that we can issue you with a pin number. Either write into the school or telephone me on 01480 375431, or email me at finance@st-ivo.co.uk

When you first sign on you will also be asked for your e-mail address so that when the facility is available, we can e-mail all school letters to you. Once you are in the website you will be able to access letters regarding trips.

I would like to encourage you to use this facility as it will reduce the amount of cash being brought onto the school site and also the number of cheques being written.

Unfortunately though, as Barclays charge the school for this facility when you purchase on-line you will be charged an additional 3.5% on the total sale to cover these costs.



*Mrs B Kessel
Finance Manager*

Modern Languages

An information evening for the trip to Koblenz in July 2005 for participants and parents will take place on Monday 13th July in the Keep from 6.30pm.



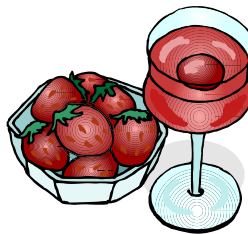
Deposits are currently being taken for the French trip for Year 8 pupils in October 2005 (n.b. the pupils concerned are now in year 7).

*P. Zahner
Head of Modern Languages*

Music Department News

Watch out for music events happening next half term: the annual Summer Concert this year takes place on Friday 1st July and with all extra-curricular groups taking part as well as strawberries and wine 'al fresco' after, this promises to be a most enjoyable evening.

Finally, all the best of luck to our Year 11,12 and 13 musicians sitting exams this Summer.



*Mrs A Gilbert
Head of Music*



Congratulations to the following students who have passed music exams.

Claire (9Hn) who passed her grade 3 piano exam with merit.

Lauren (10Mc) Grade 7 Piano and Grade 3 Violin (Distinction)

Louise (10Mc) Grade 3 Keyboard (pass with Honours)



Ice-Cream tubs Wanted

If you have any empty ice-cream tubs to spare, please give them to the Science technicians, who would be pleased to receive them.

**Adult and Community Learning
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require**



CLASS TUTORS

for daytime and evening courses starting
September 2005

Topics could include:

Beauty Care	T'ai Chi/Martial Arts
Ornithology	DIY
Astronomy	Plumbing
Car Maintenance	Languages
GCSE/A level all subjects	Keyboards (musical)
Antiques	First Aid
Dancing	Creative Home Ideas
Computers	Lifestyle/Wellbeing
Local/Natural/Family History	Herbal Medicine
Picture Framing	Time Management
Drama/Singing	Childcare
	Stained Glass

We will also consider other subjects

Contact the number below for an application form or send a CV to:

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