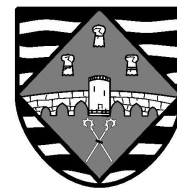


St Ivo School Newsletter



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Dear Parent/Carer

It's the time of the year when examinations come to the fore with Year 9 SATs in early May, GCSEs starting and AS and A2 examinations looming large for students (and teachers!). I've been impressed with the willingness of the teachers at St Ivo to help students by seeing them individually and by offering extra revision classes. If your son or daughter is taking examinations then I wish you well as I know it can often be an interesting time for parents too!

This newsletter gives a flavour of the numerous activities that have taken place in school. One of the advantages of a large school is the sheer number of opportunities available to students and it is great to see them take advantage of these.

As I write this newsletter we are nearing the end of our consultation on the timings of the School Day and on the possible uniform change to polo shirts. Thank you to all parents who responded and to those who came to our consultation evening this week. I will be writing to you immediately after half-term with the outcomes of both reviews.

Yours sincerely

Howard Gilbert
Headteacher

History Department News



In June Year 8 historians will visit the Black Country Museum where it is hoped they will have both an educational and enjoyable day.

Year 11 Revision

Revision classes will take place for GCSE history exams on Tuesday June 6th at 3.30 p.m. for Paper 1 and Tuesday June 13th at 9 a.m. for Paper 2.

Year 11 Visit to China

A group of 25 will visit Beijing and Xian in July - a marvellous end for these lucky students, to their GCSE studies.

*Mrs J Barnes
Head of History*

Geography Department News

At the beginning of May Year 8 geography students had the opportunity to take part in a river study at Stibbington.

Coming up:-

Year 7 - the majority of Year 7 students will be going to the East of England Show in June as part of their study of local environmental issues.

Year 9 - over a two day period in June Year 9 geography students will be involved in a Japan day event - a wide range of activities have been organised including outside visitors demonstrating martial arts, drumming, origami as well as language classes and cookery.

Year 12 AS/A2 students will be off to Snowdonia at the end of June looking at National Parks and environmental issues as well as glaciation.

*Mrs J Mottram
Head of Geography*



Travel & Tourism Trip to New York

As part of the new AS/A2 Travel and Tourism course which commenced in September 2005, a group of students from Years 12/13 visited New York for a four day study tour designed to enhance student understanding of the travel and tourism industry.

During their stay the students visited many of New York's most famous tourist attractions, (students were encouraged to assess the nature of the facilities provided and in particular consider aspects of customer service) including Central Park and relevant attractions (e.g. Strawberry Fields - memorial to John Lennon), Rockefeller Centre - Top of the Rock (new attraction providing superb views across the city), Empire State Building, Grand Central Station, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island (immigration museum). The trip also included a Rolling Seminar, taking in Harlem, and the Upper West and East Side of New York as well as Manhattan. This tour included a thought provoking visit to Ground Zero where students took the opportunity to reflect and pay their respects to those who lost their lives.

One of the highlights of the trip was a visit to New York University. Leila Rach, an eminent figure in New York's Travel and Tourism Industry and the Dean of the Preston Robert Tisch Centre for Hospitality, Tourism and Sports Management, kindly hosted a morning for our students at the Preston Robert Tisch Centre. This was an extremely valuable experience and one from which students gained an awful lot, both in terms of content related to their course and in raising their aspirations for further study / work in the tourism industry.

The trip was a real success and the students we took were a real credit to St Ivo School. We are hoping to run the trip on an annual basis and further strengthen our links with New York University.



Music Department News



It has been a busy half term for the music department. Firstly there was the Summer Concert on the 11th May at which around 150 pupils took part, including 80 Year 7 pupils. Highlights of this event included the big Year 7 Choir, contributions from both Year 10 GCSE sets and a performance of a composition by one of the Year 11 GCSE group. A big well done to all extra-curricular groups for working so hard over the last term and a half to put on an evening of such high quality entertainment.

Secondly, a big congratulations to **Ady (8Hv)** and **Andy (8Hv)** who came second in the final of the Rotary Competition in the ensemble class. Finally, good luck to those pupils doing practical music exams next term, and of course to all Year 11, 12 and 13 pupils doing external exams.

Mrs A Gilbert

Sixth Form News

Good luck to all our Year 12 and Year 13 leavers who we hope will fulfil their ambitions in the world of work and in higher education after their exams.

Thanks to the 30 Year 13 students who offered to put their names on the bone marrow donor register for the Anthony Nolan trust. A clinic was held for these students on 18th May.

A useful evening was held for students and parents/carers of Year 12 students contemplating university applications in 2007. A number of presentations were given to clarify issues concerning H.E. applications.

We are delighted to find that 35 students in Year 12 have committed themselves to work on Millennium Volunteer projects. These commitments are serious and will involve many hours of work in local community projects.

Mr R Perry
Head of Sixth Form

Drama Department News

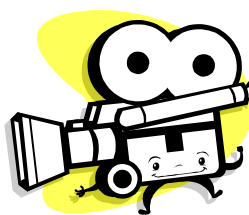


After a very successful term which saw Year 12 & 13 Theatre Studies students perform some highly original and professional examination work, this term it will be the turn of our Year 10 students to showcase their work. You are invited to join us for an evening of GCSE Drama on Wednesday 28th June in the Drama Studio at 7.30 p.m. Entrance is free.

The Year 8 Interform Drama Challenge was a highly competitive event with very strong entries showing a diverse range of performing styles. The winners - 8Mh - with their piece on "Drink Driving" were highly praised by the judges as were the other forms competing. Congratulations to all involved.

Miss A Crellin and Mr N Perry

Media Studies



In preparation for GCSE Media Studies starting in September, 35 staff and students will attend a day's course at the National Film Theatre, London, examining the representation of 'Teen rebels' in cinema. Further details from Miss V Baldwin.

Catering News



The Year 10 Catering groups have visited The Dolphin Hotel in preparation for their two weeks Work Experience. The students have to do a catering based work experience in order to complete a project which represents 20% of their final grade. The students walked around the kitchens and saw the large scale grills, cookers and mixers. They also spoke to the Head Chef and found out about who worked there and what their job entailed. A trip like this is vital so that they experience a commercial kitchen. Also Ken Smith, Head Chef of Pembroke College in Cambridge, is coming in to speak to the students about his work and the vocational opportunities open to our students.

Mrs M Watton

Nestle Purina Visit Wisbech

Year 12 food technology students were treated to a very interesting visit, by Nestle, when they were able to see first hand industrial processes. The visit began with the students watching a product panel, where the technologists performed sensory analysis on random samples of pet food produced the previous day. Next there was a very interesting talk on the factory, with reference to management, turn over and production. The tour around the factory floor high lighted manufacturing on a large scale, special attention was made to the pouche packaging where we witnessed 14 pouches per second being made and filled. This method of marketing the product is used increasingly in human food production and many parallels can be drawn between the two industries. Useful learning took place which supports a section of the AS specification. All enjoyed their visit.

Mrs J Abblitt

Health & Social Care

In February a group of Year 12 AVCE Health and Social Care students went on a visit to Hinchbrooke Hospital. We visited Holly Ward (children's ward) and interviewed the ward manager. She spoke to us about the new building which will cater more fully for all the medical needs of children. We then had a look around the ward to analyse how the needs of the children could be fully met.

It was an interesting and rewarding afternoon which really helped the students complete their portfolio for this unit.

Mrs M Watton

R.E. Department News

This half term we were able to reflect on our trip to Rome which twenty of us went on during the Easter holidays. We have shared photographs and memories of the things we experienced. Year 11, 12 and 13 students made up our group and we were very proud of their behaviour whilst we spent three very busy days seeing the sights. They have been able to benefit from their experiences personally and academically, as not one lesson goes by when the Vatican or the Papacy doesn't crop up on our exam syllabi. One of the highlights had to be the Papal blessing that was read out during our audience with the Pope, when all the staff and pupils of St Ivo were blessed. A big well done to all the students who went, they were brilliant representatives of the school.

Mrs E Kenton-Howells
Head of Religious Education



Design Technology News

Congratulations go to all of our Year 13 A2 Design students for entering the Young Designer of the Year Competition organised by the Rotary Club UK. We were delighted to award 1st prize to **Tania (13Sa)** for her point of sale display unit designed for K&M a local firm. Second prize was awarded to **Chris (13Dn)** for his concept design for a CD to go. Third prize to **Ed (13Pr)** who designed an internal shop sign for a music shop in Cambridge—The Rock Room. Highly commended was **Dean (13Th)** with his concept design for the Cricket Club in St Ives.

We would also like to welcome all of you to our annual Solutions Exhibition showing Year 11 GCSE project work and some AS/A2 Design work.

Pupils who are studying Design and Technology in Years 8, 9 and 10 will be taken to view the exhibition during school time. However, parents are really welcome and will find viewing extremely useful when it comes to supporting sons and daughters over the coming GCSE years.

We hope to see as many of you there as is possible. Best Wishes.

*Mrs C Morrison
Head of Design*

Science Department News

The Science Department took nearly 250 Year 7 students on day trips to the North Norfolk Coast looking at marine life. Part of the day was spent visiting the Sea Life Centre at Hunstanton, where Miss Kenefick in particular fell in love with a family of otters we have seen growing up over the last few years. There was also a talk about sharks—appropriately in front of a tank containing sharks. We also took a boat trip around Blakeney Point to see the colony of common and grey seals, which is increasing in number.

As usual with this annual trip, a good and informative time was had by all, although for the first time some groups got very wet due to heavy rain during the boat trip.

Mr B Carter

Mathematics Department News

Following the UK Maths Challenge for Year 10, **Vito (10Ta)** did particularly well. Not only was he the best gold award winner in school but he was also chosen to go through to the next round, called the OLYMPIAD CHALLENGE. Only 400 out of 195,000 candidates nationwide were chosen so this was a very impressive achievement! We now wait with excitement to see how he managed in this second round and if indeed a place at a Maths Summer School will be won!

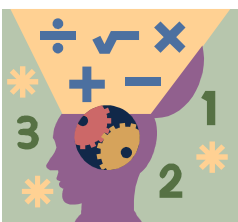
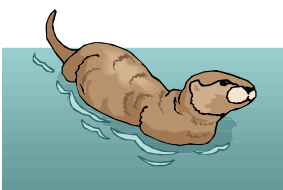
Mrs S West

Adult & Community Learning

Adult & Community Learning's 2006/2007 brochure is now online

at www.aclearning.org.uk

View and book over 50 new courses.



Achievements ...

Year 9 Football

The Year 9 football team won their 2nd County Cup in three years. They are undefeated in League competition and only lost in the Year 8 County final. This year they won the final in style with a 7-0 victory.

Year 7 Football

The Year 7 Football Team were also a Winning Team, being awarded the County Football Cup. It was a very exciting final going all the way to extra time. We eventually won 2-1 to lift the Year 7 County Cup.

Golf

This year we entered four teams into the British Heart Foundation golf championships raising £550. The team of three, **James, Chad** and **Patrick** all from Year 9 won the regional heat at Brampton Park Golf Club and have made it through to the national semi-final.

Well done ...

Congratulations to **Emma Year 13** for completing the London Marathon in a very good time and raising over £1,700 for charity.

Louise (9Wx) gained a merit in her Grade 3 violin exam.

Annie (9Wx) passed her Grade 4 flute exam.

Nicola (9Wx) passed her horse riding exam.

Sophie (9Wx) passed with distinction her Grade 5 ballet exam.

Harry (9Wx) has finished her Chemo treatment and is doing well.

Gemma (9Wx) has passed her Grade 5 ballet and modern exam with distinctions!

Emma (9Wx) danced at Sadler's Wells with the star of Billy Elliot!

Mrs Perry wishes to congratulate **Georgia, David, Gemma, Katie, Matthew** and **Natalie** (all **7Bx**) for some super topic work on 'A Future School'. Well done.

Well done to **Ellen (10Ti)** for her super work in English—keep it up Ellen!

James (9Ke) is going on a cricket tour with Huntingdonshire County this summer to Guernsey.

Joshua (9HI), scouted by Peterborough United, has been invited to attend a School of Excellence for a 10 week course. He is currently three weeks into the course.

SISA news

200 Club

Many parents would like to support St Ivo School Association but are not sure how, and may not be able to attend the events that we organise.

The SISA 200 Club offers a simple way for you to support our fund-raising activities for buying those little extras that may otherwise be unattainable.

You have the opportunity to purchase a 'number' or 'numbers' from the 200 Club at the cost of £1 per number, per draw (£12 per year).

Each month all the numbers go into the draw and three are selected. First, second and third prizes together will account for 50% of the total 'pot'. The remainder will go into SISA funds. There will be no roll-over because only those numbers which have been allocated will go into the draw.

For further information please telephone Nicki Coulter (01480 301637), or visit the SISA page of the school website to download an application form.

Please help us to support our school!

SISA Car Boot Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported this event on Saturday May 6th.

We had 45 cars turn up, it didn't rain (!) and we made over £200.

Thank you for your support and as usual the funds raised will be put towards extra resources for our school.

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

If you are visiting the market in St Ives on Monday 29th May, please consider using Slepe Hall field.

From 7.30am until 3pm,

50p per car.

Provided by SISA

Fund Raising for Charity

Smartie Challenge

7Bx organised a Smartie Challenge, with students paying £2.50 each to enter the competition to see how many smarties they could suck with a straw and place in the correct coloured bowls. The winner won a box of smarties and contestants could eat however many smarties they had 'sucked'.

Coin Chucker Challenge

7Lu raised £26.95 with a game to see who could throw a coin the furthest and land it in a bucket. **Dan (12Td)** was in the lead for some time but **Tom (7Ln)** and **Max (7Ln)** fought it out to the last throw, Max coming away with a hand crafted trophy and a large bag of fun size sweets.

Year 9

Year 9 have continued to raise money for the Tsunami. It was felt in our year group that this was a matter which could not be forgotten. **9TI** started the ball rolling by holding a charity football and netball match, raising about £60. During this term **9Wx** raised a further £60 through donations and events held out of school. **Mary (9Ke)** and **Lucy (9Ke)** raised another £60, completing a sponsored silence in school for a period of 13 hours. The school has sent out the first instalment of the monies raised by the whole school. It was used to purchase 80 bicycles. This was a priority as no transport was available for students to get to school therefore no learning was taking place. With the help of Tricia Gibbons, Premises Manager, we will liaise closely with those in Sri Lank to ensure the money is spent in the most effective way.

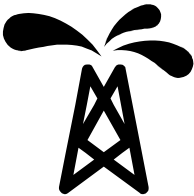


Emily (9Wx)

Mrs J Slater—Assistant Head Year 9

Year 11

Peter, Michael and **Ross** (all from **11Os**) decided to raise money for a water tank for a school in Africa. They organised sumo wrestling in the school hall at lunch-time. Pupils enjoyed the sight of staff wrestling each other to the floor. The sporting teachers were Miss Jane Kelly (German), Miss Shelley Monk (Geography and Assistant Head of Sixth Form), Mr Paul Barron (Technology), Mr Mike Oswell (Business Studies and Economics), Mr John Roberts (Geography) and Mr Alex Readyhoof (Science). **Ross (11Os)** also had his head shaved. A cheque is on it's way to South Africa.



News from the Resource Centre

On Tuesday 21st March there was a performance in the Resource Centre at lunch break by Fire Poet, Philip Wells. A poetry competition set by Resource Centre was won by **Katrina (7Bw)**, who won a book of Philip Wells poetry.

Carnegie shadowing, organised by the English Department and the Resource Centre is taking place now. This involves pupils in Years 7 to 9.

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