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Newsletter

St Ivo School

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been something of a whirlwind this half term and we are now in the thick of the exam season. The exams for both Sixth Formers and GCSE students have started well. I hope that the revision and support from staff and parents is paying off and that students feel well prepared. We look forward to the results in the summer with keen anticipation.

The end of this half term sees some staff moving on from the school. Ms Jones (English) is leaving and will be taking up a new post at Ormiston Bushfield Academy in Peterborough and Mr Hughes (Maths) is returning to Australia. I would like to thank them all for the contribution that they have made to St Ivo and wish them every success and happiness in the future. Miss Harness (Art) is leaving to start maternity leave and we wish her all the best and hope to share news of her new arrival with you soon.

It has been a fantastic half term for wider success in the school. I had the pleasure of attending the National Football Finals last week. On the day I went, our Under 14 team lost 5-4 on penalties but gave a fantastic performance. On the day before the Under 13 team became the national champions. This is a huge achievement and I would like to congratulate all of the girls who competed in the tournament and also thank Miss Trigg and Darren Marjoram for their coaching and leadership skills.

You will read elsewhere in the newsletter about the huge range of activities that have taken place in the school this term. I believe strongly that it is the mix of success in subjects and success in wider activities that makes St Ivo such a vibrant place.

For many of you the half term will be focused on exam revision but remember that all students need to have some form of break whilst they are revising. Next half term will see us welcome our new Year 7 students to the school for the first time. I hope you all have a relaxing half term break (even if you are revising).

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Sixth Form News

Year 12 students are now on study leave for their AS exams, with Level 2 students completing their courses before moving on to Level 3 courses, apprenticeships, college courses or employment. Year 12 students will return to begin their Year 13 studies on Friday, 10 June with a 'welcome back' assembly at 8.30am in the dining hall.

The last day in school for Year 13 students will be Friday, 27 May.

We would like to wish everyone good luck with their exams, and to those students who are moving on from St Ivo, we send our very best wishes for the future.

With the EU referendum now just weeks away, Sixth Form students attended talks by three outside speakers, **Huntingdon MP Jonathan Djanogly**, and **MEPs for the Eastern region, Patrick O'Flynn (UKIP) and Vicky Ford (Conservative)**. All three speakers gave their views on the impact of a possible exit for the UK from the European Union, including issues such as the economy, immigration and security, before taking questions from students. Both Sixth Form students and prospective politics students from Years 10 and 11 were invited.



Another good year of the Faculty Cup. Eight teams entered with the majority coming from Year 12. Fixtures were played regularly on a Wednesday lunchtime over five months. **The final was played between Gorbachev's Galacticos (Year 13 History) and Null FC (Year 12 Economics)**. With special guest Mr Oswell present at the tightly fought final it went all the way to penalties with Null FC coming out on top.

A special 'Thank you' to Jake (Year 13) for organising this year's Faculty Cup.

Sixth Form News

We take this opportunity to highlight some of the fantastic extra-curricular achievements of our Sixth Form students.

We would like to congratulate Diana (13Ma) for winning the European Duathlon Championship, and her sister Amy (12Be) who Diana narrowly beat. Congratulations also to Benjamin (12Cn/Bm) on his selection by the Welsh Gymnastics National Squad to compete with the team at the Celtic Cup and the Porto Cup. Well done to Harry (13Cb) for his voluntary work with the St Ives Food Bank, Addenbrookes Hospital, the Police advisory group and Warboys Cricket Club, and also Laura (13Cb) who volunteers with the sea scouts and is an assistant instructor for sailing. Thank you to Jess (12Py) for her work with the geography department and Ecolvo, and to Rosie (13Gd) whose maturity and calmness helped with a medical emergency in school recently. We would also like to thank Jack (12Al) for his fantastic support of a Year 7 student, and all our Sixth Form Reading Buddies who have done such a great job this year.

Well done to Scarlett (12Ch) who has been selected as one of the 150 state school students who will spend a week at a US university this summer. She was selected from an incredibly competitive applicant pool of the brightest students throughout the whole of the UK: over 1,200 eligible students competed for a place on the programme (over 3000 students applied in total). After going through a lengthy and difficult application process online and with a video interview, she was chosen as one of 175 students to go through into 'the next round', where she went for a weekend residential based in the London School of Economics in April. At this residential, she was assessed on her enthusiasm for US universities, her intellect (through a mock-ACT exam) and her overall participation in the programme. Shortly after this residential, Scarlett was accepted as one of the final 150 students to be a part of Cohort 5 of the Sutton Trust USA Programme, and she will spend a week in August based at Yale University, Connecticut, whilst travelling around the USA to experience many different types of US universities. This is an outstanding achievement for Scarlett.

Keep up the good work everyone!

We are looking forward to a busy and productive final half term with many events planned for Year 12s, which include the trip to the UCAS Convention at ARU, the Higher Education Parents/Carers Information Evening (23 June), the Nottingham University Open Day trip and the Driver Safety Event at Huntingdon race course. Letters for the Information Evening and Driver Safety Event will follow shortly.

Mrs Perry, Mrs Rix and Mrs Gosling



Science Department News

Revision sessions from KS3 - KS5

There's been a huge revision buzz about science this half term. Exam classes have been joining Just in Time Revision sessions before exams, drop in and structured revision sessions before and after school, as well as KS3 students making sure their knowledge is up to scratch popping in on Wednesday - Friday lunchtimes to KS3 drop in help sessions. KS3 drop in sessions will continue to run every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtime for the rest of the term. Students can come for as much time as they need and can also use the space to do homework.

St Ivo's Summer of Space

Absolutely loads has been going on recently to celebrate all things space at St Ivo!



Rocket science - Our rocket seeds are growing! As part of a national experiment aimed at finding out whether seeds placed in space for 6 months can grow as well as control seeds that have remained on Earth, we are growing rocket in the Science department. At the moment all the plants look healthy, but the final assessment of the plants' heights will really tell whether the lack of gravity has affected the seeds' growth.

Carolyn Crawford speaker – We were privileged enough to have the University of Cambridge's Pubic Astronomer, Carolyn Crawford, come to St Ivo on Tuesday 3rd May to talk to staff, parents and students. Carolyn showed us some mind-blowing pictures of space that were taken with some of the most powerful telescopes on Earth. She told us about her voyages to Hawaii to ensure she can carry out her experiments without interference from light and clouds, as well as answering questions about whether she thinks we will live on Mars and what will happen when our galaxy collides with another galaxy. Students were enthralled and inspired by Carolyn – a wonderful experience and opportunity for our students.



Enjoying science reading challenge – Key Stage 3 Students have had their noses in science books this half term since the launch of the Enjoy Science Reading Challenge. Already we have almost 200 students having completed a bronze level, almost 50 achieving silver and 22 amazing students already achieving a gold... and there are still 3 weeks to go. Many students have gained special space stickers for reading space books, as well as for designing space themed bookmarks and attending a special screening of the Martian film in the Resource Centre, complete with popcorn! Science wishes to thank the Resource Centre for all of their support in the Challenge.

Science Department News continued

Y7 Space trip

Year 7 had an out of this world experience at the National Space Centre in Leicester back in March. Activities included the Tim Peake Launch experience, a visit to the planetarium and a workshop all about life in space where they were able to test the effects of a vacuum on a marshmallow. A fun and fact filled day was had by all as you can see by the photos below!



Miss Prunty

Year 12 Physics – Gold CREST Award & Industrial Cadets Gold Award

St Ivo Physics Department are pleased to announce that six Year 12 students, working alongside local St Ives company Webtec, successfully completed their six month Engineering Project in April. Their project was to redesign a digital hydraulic multimeter and to put forward ideas to improve it. They represented the school brilliantly during their assessment day and presented their findings to engineering experts in a confident and clear manner.

Bethany, Sam, Tom, Kieran, Jamie and Mika all pulled together as a team and have each achieved the Gold Crest Award and Industrial Cadets Gold Award for their hard work. The mentoring company was very impressed with the team's ideas and how much knowledge each member has gained during the project.

Well done to all six students!

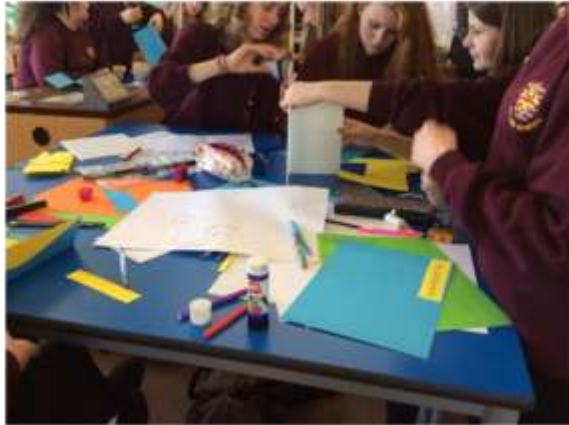
Mrs Fisher



Science Department News continued

2020 STEM Scholars

St Ivo's continued participation in the 2020 STEM Scholars project has seen Year 9 students designing an eco-friendly building that collects and uses its own water.



They incorporated a filtration system, moisture sensor and pump into their building to ensure that water can be cleanly supplied to the rest of the building. Students were also selected to take on a challenge with their parents - cracking a code and developing a structure that could safely deactivate a suspicious device!

We have two students heading off to Lancaster University in July, Finlay and Aniela, for a residential STEM course for which they won free places, as well as two Year 9 students, Casey Norman and Maddie Eidt, heading off to Southampton in June, also winning two free places.

Our Year 12 STEM Scholars have been helping out in lower school lessons, running sessions in STEM club and creating videos to teach others online. All in all, we're having a great time being part of this programme and promoting STEM across the year groups in school.

Dr Angus

Resource Centre News

Resource Centre: a countdown of the Spring half term

5 weeks until the Literary Festival at the end of June. 5 authors (including Costa Prize winner, Frances Hardinge) will visit in addition to activities and workshops. In the build up to the festival, join the **'Passport to Summer Reading Challenge'** where students are challenged to read books from different genres. There are prizes up for grabs along the way; the big prize being a Kindle Fire, all sponsored by *Tesco Express, St Ives*. Parents and students can participate by buying a raffle ticket (50p each from the RC) for prizes including: a *Cambridge Satchel* bag, tea for two at *Slepe Hall*, £50 *Boden* voucher. Look out for quizzes, competitions and further information.



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Resource Centre News



4 books to complete the Bronze level of the **'Enjoying Science Reading Challenge'**, run in collaboration with the Science Department. Year 7, Year 8 and Year 9 students receive stamps, stickers and merits in exchange for a science-related fact from a book they've read (the variety and depth of knowledge has astounded RC staff!). The challenge increased in difficulty through Bronze and Silver levels, culminating in Gold, when students have been demonstrating their knowledge by producing a review (by podcast or a postcard) of their favourite Science book. These will be forwarded to Tim Peake on the International Space Station, to highlight how enthused St Ivo are by Science. Students will be receiving their certificates shortly and there will be some prizes for the best review. There is still time to compete the challenge (closing date: 10 June 2016).

3 activities to support and promote the challenge:

- Dr Carolin Crawford, *Professor of Astronomy at Cambridge University*, fascinated her audience with talk of galaxies, black holes and living on Mars!
- The popcorn was out again for the thrilling film showing of **'The Martian'**, and the students described it as "heart-stopping", "exciting" and "amazeballs".
- There is still time to enter the **'Design a Space-Themed Bookmark Competition'** (closing date: 10 June) and take part in lunchtimes, where students will put science to the test.



2 ways to make the most of the RC during exams. We are open between 8.00am and 5.30pm Monday-Thursday (5pm on Friday) so please visit:

- For individual or group revision
- To make use of the facilities, including revision guides, PCs, books and study guides

We wish students every success and best wishes in your future endeavours, Year 11, Year 12 and Year 13.

1 opportunity to fill your CV and increase your skills base (Yes, that's you: Year 7, Year 8, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11). Applications are now open to volunteer as a Summer Reading Challenge Assistant at the Public Library this summer. If you missed the Library stall in the RC, collect more information and application forms from the RC or your local library.

Blast Off! Have a great holiday and we look forward to seeing students for the Year 7 Hajj project, borrowing from different genres to fill your Passport to Reading, the Literary Festival, as well as the usual crowd.



Art Department News

The GCSE Art/Design Technology Exhibition was held at school on Wednesday 18th May. There was a wide range of fantastic work on show, highlighting the work of our talented students. Here is a small selection of the work displayed for those that missed this event:



Technology Department News

We are very proud of the quality of work that was on show during our GCSE Design and Technology Exhibition recently. Pictured here are some examples of the work on show—well done to everyone for some outstanding pieces!



Languages Department News

Cologne Trip

We had a fantastic trip to Cologne with Year 9 Germanists over the bank holiday weekend. The programme started with a trip to the chocolate museum and factory. Here we saw the process the famous Lindt chocolate goes through, and we got to walk through a 'rainforest' and taste both the bean and the finished chocolate in the huge chocolate fountain! The informative German guides spoke excellent English and we learnt a lot.

After looking through the huge chocolate shop we took a walk on the banks of the Rhine and then took a leisurely river cruise, enjoying the beauty of Cologne city: the famous breathtaking cathedral, beautiful bridges and stunning modern architecture. Pupils were able to explore the centre of Cologne and saw the famous cathedral. The shops were open this year and pupils enjoying using their German in both clothing shops and food outlets. Some enjoyed the famous Italian ice-cream cafes.

The following day was Phantasialand - a mix between Disneyland and Alton Towers where pupils could take in a show or 4D cinema (in German), watch an amazing BMX display or the brave could indeed travel on the highest log-flume in Europe; go on the 65 metre drop tower; rapids and log-flumes; or classic flying chairs, it was great fun for all! There was an educational benefit too, as pupils were able to mix with Germans and try out their language skills further.

On our return journey on Sunday, we stopped in Aachen, famous for "Printen" gingerbread.

During this trip pupils HAD to put their German language skills to the test as they tasted German cuisine and treats and experienced the pedestrianized town centre. Well done to all pupils for their excellent behaviour on this trip.

Mrs Moore



Languages Department News continued

Mother Tongue Other Tongue

Pupils in all year groups have been offered the opportunity to take part in the national Mother Tongue Other Tongue competition, organised at a local level by Languages East.

There are two entry levels to the competition: students can write a poem in their home language but must write a paragraph to explain the poem to accompany it; the second option is to write a poem in a foreign language e.g. French or German. Students do not need to write a paragraph to accompany this. The first attempts have already been handed in and teachers have so far enjoyed reading poems written in languages including: French, German, Italian, Lithuanian, Urdu, Hungarian, Czech, Slovak and Polish. The Languages Staff will decide on the best entries from each year group before these are entered into the competition. Students can make more than one entry for consideration.

Good luck!

Mrs Moore

Year 7 Spelling Bee Success for St Ivo Linguists

Anna S and Anna H participated in the Languages Spelling Bee Regional Finals in Peterborough.

Reaching the regional finals was a great achievement - of the nearly 11,000 pupils who were in the initial stage of the competition, only around 100 made it to this stage. To reach this stage Anna and Anna had already come top of all our Year 7 students who were entered for the competition.

The standard was high and a wide range of schools were represented, including a large number of independent schools, but the students performed really well, making their teachers and parents very proud indeed. In the competition, students had one minute to correctly spell and translate as many words as possible using the French, German or Spanish alphabet sounds. Both students were incredibly impressive, translating and spelling the words at lightning speed.

The top four pupils in each language progressed to the national finals. Anna S was a hair's breadth from victory, and had to take part in a 'sudden death round' for fourth place.

Well done to both girls - they are an inspiration to the language students at St Ivo.

Mr Murphy



Languages Department News continued

Taster sessions in Latin for pupils in the current Year 7

Year 7 pupils, learning Latin is fun so do come along and meet Cerberus the dog, Caecilius the banker and his family in our taster sessions this term. You will find out **what learning Latin is like and see whether you'd like to join the beginners' course** next year.



This year our Latin tasters will be held after school from 3-4 p.m. on Tuesday, 21st June and/or Wednesday, 22nd June. You can sign up for one or both of them.

Letters will be sent home via Parentmail immediately after half-term but parents/carers of pupils who **already know they'd like to come along can simply email me at pzahner@stivoschool.org**. We will find space for all applicants.

Information about after school classes for Latin

Pupils in the beginners' group which meets on Mondays after school from 3-4 p.m. in room 10 will continue to meet at the same time for the rest of the term.

Pupils in the level 1 group which has met on Tuesdays met for the last time on Tuesday, 24th May. Pupils have worked hard and will be sitting their final exams on the Thursday before half-term (Latin language) and the Monday after half-term (Roman Civilisation). We wish all level 1 pupils every success in their examinations.



Latin results will be available on the GCSE results day, Thursday, August 25th, 2016. Pupils not able to locate their result on "Go4schools" that day can email me.

"A" level Classical Civilisation



We are very pleased to let you know that we have received funding from "Classics for all" to run "A" level Classical Civilisation from September 2016. For those fascinated by the classical world or who are studying "A" level English, history or politics, this amazing course would be an ideal additional, possibly 4th, subject. In the course, we will be focussing on Greek literature (Homer translated into English) and Athenian democracy in the first year and Roman literature (Virgil in translation into English) and the Augustan principate in the second year. Please do let Mrs Zähler or Mr Thorne know if you would like more information.

Mrs Zähler

English Department News

Young Writers at St Ivo

The Rotary Club continue to support and nurture writing at St Ivo School. The Rotarians funded a writing workshop last autumn including the purchase of books for students by the writer, Tamsyn Murray. The workshop included a mixture of St Ivo students and groups from local primary schools. This led to an increase in the number and quality of entries for the annual Young Writers' competition.



There were two categories which St Ivo students could enter: the 11-15 category and the 16-18 category. The 11-15 category was won by Theo in Year 8 - competing against students up to three years older than himself. His piece of writing had a strong impact, caught the judges' imaginations and was a well-deserved winner. Minhaj of Year 11 won the senior prize with a carefully constructed and stylishly written story. Both students were awarded cash prizes and also invited to a dinner at the Dolphin Hotel where all the winners of the various youth-orientated Rotary competitions were treated to a sumptuous meal and an evening of fine performances.

All schools around St Ives must be very appreciative of the time, effort and money that the Rotary Club plough back into education - it is a fine example of local businesses giving back to their communities.

Mr Andrews

Dance Department News

This term the Dance Department saw the return of our Easter Showcase which took place on Wednesday 20th April in the main hall. Throughout the evening students performed their own choreographies as well as work from the clubs and companies they attend. Our audience also saw assessment work from our BTEC Level 2 and 3 students. Our dancers have once again raised the bar with a very high standard of work of which we are incredibly proud. Congratulations to all of our performers who work so hard to achieve their very best, and thank you to all the friends and family who support them.

Ivolution rehearsals are already underway! All of our clubs and companies have begun rehearsing their new dances ready for Ivolution 2016 to ensure the very best performance! Please note there will be a meeting with students who wish to choreograph their own dances or lead a younger group of students before the summer holidays, date to be confirmed.

We are delighted to announce that our dance and music students who performed in the Samba dance at last year's Ivolution have been invited to perform at the local Sainsbury's School Games, and Houghton and Wyton village fair. We are all very excited about this performance opportunity and have begun rehearsing in preparation. (Houghton and Wyton fair - Saturday 2nd July.)

Congratulations to our Year 11 BTEC Level 2 dancers who have completed their course. It has been an absolute pleasure working with you over the last 2 years (and 3 years before that!) and to have watched you grow into incredibly talented dancers. I look forward to working with some of you next year and wish you all the very best with the rest of your exams!

Miss McAdam

Food Department News

Year 10 Visit to Slepe Hall and Catering Task

During week commencing 9th May Year 10 catering pupils undertook their first controlled task for their GCSE in Catering. The project theme was 'Afternoon Tea' and pupils have spent time researching and planning a suitable set of dishes that could be served for afternoon tea.

To help with research students enjoyed a trip to Slepe Hall Hotel in St Ives where they were served a traditional afternoon tea. Not only did students get to enjoy that, they were also given a tour of the kitchens to see the equipment used and see how food safety and stock control are implemented in a hotel kitchen.

45 pupils spent 2 ½ hours producing 4 dishes for their project. The weather was very warm and temperatures soared in the kitchens. Despite this, throughout the task pupils remained calm and focused and the final results were outstanding. A great experience for all pupils and one which the Food department are very proud of. Well done everyone!



At Slepe Hall



A mouth-watering selection of student's dishes!

Mrs Evans & Mrs Barratt

Holly

On Tuesday 10th May Holly (Rotary chef winner St Ivo School) was invited to join the Rotary Club as a guest for their Festival of Youth evening.

It was held in the Meadow Suite of The Dolphin Hotel. It featured the successful participants in the various Youth Competitions and highlighted the work the Rotarians do with various young people's organisations. Holly's menu for the 2nd round of the competition, which took place at Hinchingbrooke school, was on display, as well as the photos and article in the local newspaper. Well done Holly!

Mrs Watton

Food Department News continued

Year 11 Catering Practical Exam



A selection of the wonderful meals!



The Year 11 Catering students in February successfully completed their final practical exam. The task was to design a two course meal suitable for a special diet. Both groups worked extremely hard to create some fabulous culinary delights. This ranged from meals for high protein diets, lacto vegetarian to more complicated dietary needs such as coeliac disease. We had homemade spinach and ricotta cannelloni, stuffed chicken parcels with duchesse potato, marinated tuna steak with seasonal vegetables and crispy chicken in homemade brioche served with sweet potato chips. Desserts included: Chocolate mousse, crème brulee, fruits tarts, tiramisu and homemade brownies.

The students showed professionalism throughout and high presentation skills. We, in the food department are very proud of each and every one of them and wish them luck in their future.

Mrs Watton

Geography Department News

Just before the Easter break, our Year 12 Geographers went on a very successful residential to Snowdonia studying glacial landscapes and energy production in North Wales - a great time was had by all.



We have been very impressed by the hard work and effort that our GCSE and A level Geographers have been putting into revision with lunchtime and afterschool department revision sessions being very well attended. We would like to wish all of our students the very best of luck with their GCSE and A level exams. Please remember there are revision resources on the department GCSE blog www.geobytesgcse.wordpress.com as well as on the Year 11/12/13 Schoology pages and please also see the department twitter feed @StIvoGeographers and department facebook page (St Ivo School Geographers) for reminders and further details regarding revision opportunities.

As we start the summer term, we have a busy schedule of fieldtrips including a Year 9 visit to Dunwich and Aldeburgh to study coastal environments and a visit to Holkham Bay for our Year 12 students as they begin their A2 course by undertaking a study on plant succession on sand dunes ecosystems.

Mr Chambers

Eco Ivo News

This term Eco Ivo has been busy talking to the Head, Mr Griffin, about whole school environmental projects, ordering trees for the school site from The Woodland Trust (we will hear at the end of the summer whether we have been successful in our bid), planning more planting sessions with the St Ives in Bloom group and organising a visit to a local primary school to talk about Fairtrade and the work that Eco Ivo do in St Ivo school.



Mrs Morey and the Eco Ivo Team



History Department News

Year 7

Year 7 are currently studying the Tudors, as part of their preparation for the forthcoming Summer exam. Can you remember the rhyme about what happened to the six wives of King Henry VIII? Divorced,?!



Year 8



The scheme of work this year is about revolutions: English Civil War, American War of Independence, and France 1789. A trip to the Black Country museum is planned for June 2016 as part of their most recent study of the Industrial Revolution.

Year 9

Students have been studying 'To what extent did Hitler and the Nazis fully control the German people 1933-1945?' They will shortly be studying turning points during World War II 1939-45, including the Dunkirk evacuation, Battle of Britain, the Blitz, Hitler's invasion of the Soviet Union, Pearl Harbour, the D-Day landings, the defeat of Germany, and the dropping of the atomic bombs on Japan.



Year 10

Year 10 are studying International Relations 1943-1991, a module about the cold war between the superpowers of the Soviet Union and USA. Relations improved and worsened during a series of events, including the Cuban Missiles Crisis 1962. Controlled assessment on the Vietnam War will begin in September of Year 11.

Year 11

Year 11 are working hard towards their GCSE exams. They face 3 exams on International Relations 1943-1991, Russia 1914-1939, and Britain 1931-1951 (sources). Booster sessions are every Monday 3.15-4.15pm after half term. In addition, 'Just in Time' sessions from 8am on the morning of an exam, or 1pm if the exam is in the afternoon. All students have been issued with revision workbooks, and podcasts by Dr Craig are available on the website stivoschool/subjects/history.



History Department News continued

Year 12 and Year 13

Sixth form history students have been working hard towards their AS and A2 modules including:

The Cold War in Europe 1941-1995; Pitt to Peel 1783-1853.

Russia – coursework; Ireland 1798-1921.

Regular revision sessions will be running up to the exams.

The department wishes you every bit of luck!

After the Year 12 AS exams, Year 12 students will focus on their module about Britain and Ireland 1798-1921, and begin to prepare their coursework module on the beginnings of the Cold War.

In July, a group of 21 sixth form historians will be travelling to Berlin and Prague in order to further study the impact of the Cold War on these two iconic European cities.

Well done to all students and staff who continue to work hard in the department, and help to make it an exciting, fun and high performing place to study history.

Mr Bamber



Year 8 News

Tara and Alice from 8Re, along with Mr Attwood, visited The Woodlands Centre at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital to deliver gifts their form had organised as part of the Year 8 focus on local charities.

The following response from the unit manager sums up how the gifts were received: 'The thanks and emotions which we all experienced from people who are attending the Woodlands Centre for chemotherapy treatment or for a consultation with one of our Oncologists demonstrated how **much your fund raising is appreciated.**'

Well done 8Re, you've really made a difference to people's lives.

Alice received our Headteachers award for being the student who on average is working most above her target grades.

Kylie our merit mascot has been won by 8HI, Ph, Re, Sn and Wn over the last few weeks and now its the final push until the end of the year to see who will keep him forever!

Mr Braybrook, Mrs Daniell and the Year 8 Team



Year 9 News

Hopefully, you will now have received (via your son/daughter) a letter with acknowledgement of their options choices for Year 10. This is an exciting time for each student, as they now have ownership of their curriculum. But, there are still 7 weeks to go with a lot to do.

At the beginning of this term, we held our praise assembly, giving out awards from the previous term. Once again, many students have received their bronze, silver and gold certificates for the achievement of merits. Gabby (9Au) and Shauna-Dee (9Co) are the first two students to receive their platinum certificate for receiving 400 merits. Many congratulations!



Further awards:

No Loss of Merits Charlie (9Ja/Ms)
100% attendance Laura (9Yo)

Tutor group merit award 9Bf
Tutor group attendance award 9Bf

Mrs Slater and Mr West

Careers and Work Related Learning News

With only a few short weeks to go until Year 10 Work Experience, over two thirds of the year group are placed with their paperwork returned and are all ready to experience the world of employment. **Half-term is the perfect opportunity for those students who haven't sorted out their placement to find something they will enjoy, and help and advice is always available from the Careers Office.**

Students on the Iceland trip may arrange to work the two days afterwards with their placement provider or, with the approval of subject teachers, come into school and make the most of a valuable opportunity to get some coursework done.



Mrs D Carpenter
Work Experience Coordinator

Cambridge News Education Awards

Nominations are now open for the Cambridge News Education Awards. Parents may wish to nominate students, the school will be making nominations in several categories. The deadline for nominations is 17th June.

For more details and to nominate see <http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/Nominate-Cambridge-News-Education-Awards-2016/story-29288394-detail/story.html>

PE Department News



On Wednesday 25th May we took 8 students who are interested in golf to the European PGA Championship at Wentworth. The students had a fantastic day and even managed to get some photos with the celebs!

Mr Braybrook

National Cup Football News

The under 13 girls' football team who are now **NATIONAL CHAMPIONS**, with the under 14 girls' squad being ranked second in the country! Huge congratulations to both teams!

The under 13s (Years 7 & 8) played their National Final at Reading FC's Madejski Stadium on Tuesday 17th May, as part of the Playstation Schools Festival. A first half goal from Abby and two in the second half from player-of-the-match **Lucy O'Brien** led to a final score of 3-0 for victory against Thomas Telford. A phenomenal achievement for the whole team, becoming national champions in their first year playing 11aside!

The following day saw the under 14 team (Years 8 & 9) also take on Thomas Telford at the Madejski. Player-of-the-match Katherine Speed scored the first goal of the match towards the end of a tense first half, with her free kick in the 58th minute resulted in an own goal by Thomas Telford. Stoppage time allowed Thomas Telford to equalise and the match progressed to penalties, where we were defeated 5-4. A superb effort from the under 14s though, who are now second in the country!

Many congratulations to both teams, all the girls have worked so hard this year – this success is testament to their dedication, enthusiasm and will to succeed.

It isn't quite over yet for the school's football season. The under 12 girls are through to their National Cup semi-final, and without conceding a goal so far! They should be playing their next match the week after half term.

Miss Trigg

