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Newsletter

St Ivo School

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Dear All

As ever it has been a busy half term for all at St Ivo. In particular, Year 11 and Sixth Form students are now in the midst of written exams, I hope that students feel well prepared and would like to thank both parents and staff for all the extra support they give our students.

This half term sees some staff move on from the school. After 14 years at St Ivo, Mrs Kenton-Howells (Head of Ethics) has taken up an exciting new position at Anglia Ruskin University. Dr Angus (Science) is relocating to Gloucestershire. I would like to thank both of them for their contributions over the years at St Ivo, and wish them every success for the future. Dr Bell (Media and Music) begins her maternity leave, we wish her all the best and hope to share news of her new arrival with you soon.

This half term has not just been about exams. Our sports teams continue to enjoy success, in particular two girls football teams reached national finals this year. The Under 13s fought a very close match, only to lose 7-6 on penalties. They are now ranked second in the country, a great accomplishment about which they can be very proud. The team will also **go on the represent England in the autumn. The Under 14 team's match** was cancelled at the last minute, due to a waterlogged pitch! We hope to be able to share the rescheduled date with you soon. I would like to congratulate all of the girls in both teams on these huge achievements, and also thank Miss Trigg and Darren Marjoram once again for their outstanding coaching and commitment.

Another national event is of course the General Election next month. The school will be holding its own mock election, with Sixth Form students representing the political parties in assemblies after half term. Years 7 to 10 and 12 will all then have the opportunity to cast their vote on Thursday 8th June. We await the results with interest!

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Head's Letter continued

We are looking forward to a range of events next half term. Whilst exams continue for many students, others will be able to enjoy educational visits, including to the Black Country Museum, Dunwich, Rome, Vietnam and Switzerland. We are also keen to welcome our new Year 6 into 7 students and parents to the transition events in July.

I hope you all have an enjoyable half term break, even if some of it is spent revising.

Best wishes



Sam Griffin
Head

Alumni News



The St Ivo School Alumni Association 'Ivolumni' was launched last year as a way for former students and staff to keep in touch. It has proved highly successful with over 270 people having joined so far. We are extremely grateful to the increasing number of Alumnus who are now supporting the school in a variety of ways, such as attending 'World of Work' days, offering workshops for CV writing and interview techniques, and supporting departments throughout the school.

We are no longer using the previously advertised 'Future First' sign-up system. If you would like to register your details, please email Alumni@stivoschool.org stating the year you left St Ivo, and details of what you have been doing since you left. Your experiences since leaving could help to motivate and inspire our current students to feel more confident in making decisions about their future.

You can also follow our Alumni Association on Facebook facebook.com/ivolumni

We'd love you to join our alumni network and stay connected with the school!

Green Fingers Club News

The Green Fingers Club has just held its annual plant sale of school grown bedding plants. We would like to thank all our customers for their support.

Our senior sales team of Sajjal, Emma, Megan, Kara, Samir and Shannon (some of whom are pictured here) have also recently been very busy selling our garden rhubarb at lunchtimes, raising some £80 **which has enabled us to replenish the animal shed's guinea pig stock.** Cookie, a 6 month old male guinea pig, has recently joined us.



The weather, as ever, is providing a constant challenge to us. We would like to apologise to all our loyal leek customers. We had a crop failure last year due to adverse weather conditions in the critical sowing period. We are hoping for better luck this year!



Mrs Coles

Chess Club News



Well done to the St Ivo Chess Club who took part in the Delancey Chess Challenge Megafinal at St Faith's School in Cambridge on 30th April! Representing the school were Joe, Natalie, Jorja, Jack, Liam, Kallum, Megan, Jacob, Vlad, Izzy and Tom. Congratulations to all involved.!

Mrs Clarke

Ethics and Philosophy Department News



We have had a busy couple of terms in the Ethics and Philosophy Department, and students have been involved in many initiatives and outreach activities within the community and beyond.

[Links with Amnesty International, United Nations, Hope Not Hate and Anti-Slavery Commissioner](#)

As part of their studies on human rights the Year 10 GCSE classes enjoyed a visit from *Amnesty International*. Students learned about how the organisation works to challenge human rights abuses around the world, and were invited to consider their own responsibilities in what they buy and where they shop.



Year 8 have also been studying human rights, and the current refugee crisis. They produced posters, art work and poems which Mrs Barkway sent off to the *United Nations*. The UN was so impressed with the work the children produced that they put it all on the UN website to show the work of our school.

Year 8 then went on to study modern day slavery. Mrs Barkway coordinated letters written by Year 8 students and sent them to the UK government's anti-slavery commissioner (Mr Kevin Hyland), asking what the UK does to protect people from being trafficked for exploitation. He was so impressed with the children's well informed questions that he has offered to come into school in the summer term to talk to Year 8 students.



Year 9 have been studying various topics relating to prejudice, discrimination, genocide and torture. Following a visit by Mrs Barkway and Mrs Kenton-Howells to *Hope Not Hate* schools' conference held in London during half term, the charity is hoping to visit Year 9 in the summer term.

[Poland/Auschwitz and Huntingdonshire District Council Memorial Evening](#)



Following our visit to Auschwitz last summer with students from Years 9-13, we were invited to return to the annual Holocaust Memorial Service run by Huntingdonshire District Council. Students from Years 10, 11 and 12 addressed a gathering of local dignitaries in Huntingdon, including our MP Jonathan Djanogly, to tell them about Auschwitz and what they learned from

their visit there and meeting with a survivor. The students involved were excellent ambassadors for our school and related moving stories to the audience, asking them to consider what "never again" means in the 21st century.



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Ethics and Philosophy Department News

Animal Aid

As a part of their studies in A Level Ethics, Year 12 have been looking at animal rights and animal testing in science. We invited a speaker from Animal Aid in to discuss their views. They presented some challenging facts and answered the questions the students had. In the interest of balance, an organisation of scientists who test on animals had planned to come to school, but sadly had to cancel at the last minute.



Visitor from Buddhist monastery: learning to meditate with a meditation teacher



Year 12 enjoyed a visit arranged by Mrs Clarke from a member of a local Buddhist monastery who talked with them about Buddhism. They will also have a visit from a meditation teacher, before they go on study leave, to teach them the art of meditation in the Buddhist tradition. Both of these visits compliment their studies for the Buddhism A Level paper.

Trip to Funeral Directors and the Spiritualist Church

As a part of their studies on death, Year 13 visited a local Funeral Directors. They spent time looking around the funeral home, learning about the work of a funeral directors and then discussing death, bereavement, mourning rituals and cultural variations. This was a unique and fascinating opportunity.



The students also gave up one of their Saturday nights to visit the local St. Ives Spiritualist Church with their teachers, to meet with clairvoyants who believe they communicate with the deceased. Some very interesting and balanced discussions followed our visit.

Food Bank

Students in Key Stage 3 and 4 have been studying poverty and citizenship, and have collected for the local Food bank which is held at All Saints Church. At different times over the past two terms students have visited the church in their Ethics lessons to learn about the food bank and make their own donations to support local people.



Visit to Church, and visits from a Vicar and Curate



GCSE and A Level students have visited the local church to learn about its architecture, history, and significance as a place of worship. They enjoyed the visits and the opportunity to see faith in action.

The students of our eight GCSE and A Level classes and the whole of Year 8 too, have enjoyed various visits to school from the parish priest and the curate. They have discussed ethical issues and other topics on their exam syllabus relating to belief and Ethics. Year 8 learned about the significance of Easter to Christians, and considered if Britain was a Christian country. Year 7 enjoyed visits from the Gideons who talked about their faith and why they hand out free Bibles to people. Year 7 asked excellent questions.

Ethics and Philosophy Department News

Indian Exchange

Many students who were involved in our Indian Exchange, (whether it was our visit out to India to the school we are twinned with in Delhi, or students here who hosted Indian students when they visited our school in return) have maintained links with their new friends and families. The Indian school has produced some art and language work which they have sent to us for another shared learning opportunity. Host families are also staying in touch with their Indian students, enjoying cross cultural links.



Final Word

This is the last time I will be able to contribute to RE department news. After 25 wonderful years of teaching, 13 at the Ivo, I am leaving the school and moving on to a new challenge. Before I finish this news article I would like to take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone in the community at large who has made my job so wonderful and privileged. Whether you are students, parents, visitors, hosts or travel companies (helping us arrange our many learning trips to Poland, India, Rome, New York, Pakistan, Ely Cathedral, Walsingham, Neasden etc), thank you all for your support, and for making the department the wonderful place it has been to work in. Thank you too to my colleagues who give all they have to the school and the children in our care. All students: I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all luck in your coming exams, and all you go on to do. Continue to be brave and strong, and thrive!

You have all been a privilege to work with, thank you!

Elisa Kenton-Howells

English Department News



The St Ives Rotary Club came into school recently to give prizes to the award winners of their Young Writers Competition. We are very appreciative of the time, effort and money that the Rotary plough back into education.

Well done to all who entered the competition and to those (pictured) who received awards!

Mr Andrews

Dance Department News



This term has seen all of our dance clubs and after school companies begin working on new performance pieces for Ivolution! Students are already very excited about performing and attendance of our dance clubs is at a record high!

This year Miss McAdam and Miss McHugh will be collaborating on a new dance for this years Ivolution. In preparation for this, students attended an audition to become part of this exciting new project. We were amazed to have over 80 students attend! Thank you to each and every one of you who auditioned, and congratulations to those who were selected for the cast and swing ensemble. Rehearsals will begin after school on Thursdays 3 - 4:30pm from 18th May. From September these rehearsals will move to Tuesdays after school 3 - 4:30pm. Please see either Miss McAdam or Miss McHugh if you have any questions.

The Dance Department is also welcoming Wise Moves Dance Company who will be delivering an African Dance Workshop! This will be held on Wednesday 7th June from 2 - 4pm and is open to all students in Years 7 and 8. The cost of the workshop is £12 per student, please check ParentMail as a letter was sent out in April. This proves to be a very exciting workshop in which students can learn a new style of dance lead by a professional dance artist and perform their work to friends and family at the end of the day!

Finally may we congratulate all Year 11 and Year 13 BTEC dancers who have successfully completed their BTEC Dance Level 2 and 3 courses! It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you over the last 2 - 4 years and we wish you every success in the future. See you in August for results day!

Miss McAdam

Resource Centre News

Exam Season is upon us

Good luck to all the students facing exams in the coming weeks, external and internal. Many students have made use of our facilities and don't forget that we are open:



08.30 – 17.30 Monday – Thursday

08.30 – 17.00 Friday

Make full use of copies of [revision guides](#) and [textbooks](#) to help you through the exam time.

Easter Opening

For the first time, the RC opened its doors at Easter to [Y11s](#) as well as [6th form](#) over the Easter Holidays. Many made the most of this opportunity to take advantage of the quiet environment. May your hard work be reflected in your results.



Quiet Working Area

We are pleased to announce that the [Quiet Working Area](#) has expanded. It is now situated to right of the entrance. Aimed specifically for [studying](#) and [quiet reading](#), [KS3](#) and [GCSE revision guides](#) and [text books](#) have been relocated to complete this excellent study facility and is already proving very popular.



All Change!!

In order to accommodate this new study area, we have re-located our [comfortable seating](#) along with [Teen Issues](#), [Fun Facts](#), [Graphic Novels](#) and [Quiz Corner](#). Watch out for more changes in the new academic year!

If you need help finding a particular resource please check the library [catalogue floor plan](#) or [ask](#) a member of staff who will be happy to help.



[Q. Can I borrow it for free from the Resource Centre? Q. Is the latest title available? Q. Is there a book that can help with my homework?](#)

[A. You can now check our stock on the Catalogue from home \(as well as school\) at using the search box at: <https://u009006.microlibrarian.net>](#)

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Resource Centre News



Info Skills – RE Year 7 Hajj Project

The final part of Year 7 infoskills portfolio involved research using different mediums for the **RE Hajj project**. Students gathered information from books, websites, an animation and an interview culminating in a ‘**mini Hajj**’, following the route taken during the pilgrimage with models of sacred landmarks along the way. The research provoked empathy in order to answer the question “**What would a Muslim miss if they didn’t go on Hajj?**” Year 7 students are now expert at finding resources themselves; extracting information and using a variety of sources to give depth to their research, as well as acknowledging their sources. Looking forward to building on these in Year 8.



Wow! Full text research articles – available at St Ives Public library – **free of charge!**



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Coming soon:

Year 6 visits, Year 10 into 6th Form day, Carnegie Winner Announcement, Shelf Help, Public Library visits (8th and 14th **June**) to “**encourage some young adults (years 7-13) to volunteer to help us out during the summer holidays.**” Speak to St Ives Library staff and collect an application form at lunch on these days

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Resource Centre News

Literary Festival: 3rd -7th July 2017

With only a month to go, the Resource Centre is fired up about this year's festival. Highlights include visits from **Julian Sedgewick** and a gaming workshop run by CRC's **Michael Warburton**. Welcome back **Marcus Alexander** and **Olivia and Laura's Illustration workshop**. Lunchtimes will be devoted to giving you the unique opportunity to speak to our visitors and ask those questions you've been dying to!

Year 7's have been creating their trailers based on books, which will be shown at the glitzy **Oscar Evening** award ceremony held during the literary festival.

Look out for more information, events and information after half term. Exciting!



New in the RC

A collage of book covers and promotional text. At the top, there's a banner for "New Fiction in the Resource Centre" with various book covers. Below that, a section titled "The CILIP Carnegie Medal Shortlist for 2017 AVAILABLE IN THE RESOURCE CENTRE" shows more book covers. To the right, there's a section titled "How to get teens to read?? Is your teenager a reluctant reader? Want to find good ways to encourage them to read? Check out this article for ideas at: http://www.common-sense-media.org/blog/9-ways-to-get-teens-reading/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social". At the bottom left, another section asks "WHY NOT CHECK OUT THE NEW DVDS IN THE RESOURCE CENTRE??" with more book covers.

For Ideas to help your teen read, see:

https://www.common-sense-media.org/blog/9-ways-to-get-teens-reading/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=social

The Resource Centre Staff

Geography Department News



We have been 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 now like to take this opportunity to wish all our students the very best of luck with their GCSE and A level exams. Please remember there are a wide range of revision resources on the department GCSE blog <http://www.geobytesgcse.wordpress.com> as well as on the Year 11 and 13 Schoology pages and please also see the department twitter feed [@StIvoGeographers](https://twitter.com/StIvoGeographers) and department facebook page (St Ivo School Geographers) for reminders and further details regarding revision opportunities. Students should see their individual teachers if they have questions or require any further support.

After half term, we have a busy schedule of fieldtrips, including a visit to Dunwich and Aldeburgh for our Year 9 students who are going on to study GCSE Geography. Here they will be undertaking fieldwork to support their studies of coastal environments and collecting data which they will be using for one of their GCSE exams in Year 11. We also have 66 Year 10 students looking forward to a visit to Iceland towards the end of the summer term. Our Year 12 geographers going into Year 13 will also be planning and organising their own independent studies and fieldwork as part of their A Level course.

Mr Chambers
www.geobytes.org.uk

Science Department News

Tassomai Revision

Tassomai has continued to support students with science revision this half term. It is a multiple choice question based programme that organises and adapts to the individual learner and guides them through their revision. It works on the idea of little and often, helping students revise every day for just a short amount of time instead of less effective, longer sessions with large gaps in between. Both Year 10 and Year 11 students have signed up and are using it frequently. There are prizes for reaching milestones that encourage the students to keep going!

Year 11 Exam Preparation

Exams are here and we continue to help students to prepare for them. The Science department continued to offer a range of support sessions at lunchtimes throughout this half term. In addition, there have been Monday and Wednesday sessions rotating between biology and chemistry and physics for Year 11 students. Just in time revision sessions are also being offered before exams.

Mr Slingsby

Physics Challenge Summer School

Congratulations to Year 12 Physics students Minhaj and Adam who have been invited to attend the Senior Physics Challenge Summer School at Cambridge University. They have put a lot of time and effort into practicing challenging Physics questions online and have been chosen to be two of the 30-40 places available in the UK. A huge well done to both of them!

DT Engineering Education Scheme

St Ivo's six Year 12 Engineers - Adam, Seb, Niks, George, Jack and Ishmail - worked very hard on their 6 month project with sponsor company Webtec this year. They were very successful on the celebration and assessment day and were one of very few schools who were judged as '**Highly Commended**'. The judges complimented the team on their professionalism, as well as how clearly and confidently each team member presented their role in the project. During the day, there was hardly a moment when the team did not have interested mentors from engineering companies, students or teachers from other schools surrounding their display stand asking questions. It was a very busy day but the team worked together well and successfully completed the Engineering Education Scheme. They were also judged against the Crest Award criteria and all members achieved a Gold Crest Award for their hard work. The students also achieved the Industrial Cadets Gold Award. These 6th form boys were a credit to the school throughout this project and put a vast amount of work into ensuring they would be successful. They have learnt a lot about the stages involved in researching and designing an engineering concept as well as time keeping amongst other things. Huge congratulations should be passed onto them for all their achievements over the past 6 months.



Mrs Fisher

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Science Department News continued

Key Stage 3 STEM Club

Our KS3 scientists have been working hard on Wednesday lunchtimes this half term to create a hologram out of their mobile phone. They have also been competing with one another to design the best paper helicopter, using nature to inspire their designs.

2020 STEM Scholars Smallpiece STEM Day

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. Twenty students have now been selected as STEM Scholars and invited to take on a challenge with their parents - cracking a code and developing a structure that could safely deactivate a suspicious device!

2020 STEM Scholars Residential

LANCASTER
UNIVERSITY



As part of the STEM Scholars programme we also have students who have won free places on residential STEM courses in July. Going to Lancaster University are Carla and Fraser, to study Nuclear Engineering, while Robert heads to Newcastle University to study Advanced Marine Technology.



Biology Challenge Results

Year 9 students took on the national Biology Challenge during science week. The results are out and we had great outcomes. Kara was awarded Silver for her performance, whilst Jack, Theo, Jake and Tilly were awarded Bronze. There were also 7 highly commended performances and 5 commended performances. Well done to all the students!

Willow Bark STEM Project

Year 13 Chemists have been working to extract a molecule from willow bark that could help us to make more aspirin. They have been using their practical skills learnt throughout their A level Chemistry course and the samples that they have extracted will be sent off to RLC-Lab for analysis.

Cyber First FREE Courses



We have been invited to ask students to attend the FREE government run CyberFirst courses. See below for details and contact Smallpiece on 01926 333200 or email cyberfirst@smallpeicetrust.org.uk to book.

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Science Department News continued

CyberFirst Defenders <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/cyberfirst-defenders>

A free four-day residential and non-residential course aimed at 14 to 15 year olds (Date of birth 1/9/2001 to 31/8/2002). The course provides a valuable introduction to the tools, knowledge and skills required to build and protect small networks and personal devices.

CyberFirst Futures <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/cyberfirst-futures>

A free five-day residential and non-residential course aimed at 15 to 16 year olds (1/9/2000 to 31/8/2001). Ideal for students looking to study computer science at AS/A Levels, or equivalent. Students will explore advanced cyber security threats to devices, apps and software and investigate ways of protecting them.

CyberFirst Advanced <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/information/cyberfirst-advanced>

A free five-day residential and non-residential course aimed at 16 to 17 year olds (1/9/1999 to 31/8/2000). This is designed to expand the knowledge of anyone studying computer science at AS/A Levels or equivalent, or for any student who has a real interest and aptitude for computers.

Dr Angus-Cole

Eco Ivo News

This half term Eco Ivo has been proud to announce to the whole school that we have once again received Fairtrade status! The bid for this gets harder at each renewal, but St Ivo has gained the renewed status at the highest of the Fairtrade grades. We have held Fairtrade status, as a school, for many years now, as we consider it to be an important part of our lives both inside and outside school.



Eco Ivo is also continuing the planting work on the corner of the Westwood Road cemetery site, just beyond the Recreation Centre car park. Local work is important, and we have worked with St Ives in Bloom to make this a pleasant part of our very local area. Bat and bird boxes have been placed there and now we are researching ways to fund raise to buy a recycled bench to be located on the site.

*Mrs Morey
Eco Ivo Club*



Languages News

Spelling Bee

Once again this year St Ivo Languages Department entered all of Year 7 for the Foreign Languages Spelling Bee. This national competition is for students in Year 7 who are beginners in a foreign language. By taking part pupils practise and improve their vocabulary, spelling, pronunciation and memory skills in French and German. In September all 297 pupils practised translating and spelling a list of fifty words using their French and German alphabets. At the next stage of the competition, ten class champions were chosen, and from these ten we selected four school champions. At each stage of the competition a further 50 words were added.



Our finalists had to learn 150 words, as well as be able to translate and spell them against the clock. Emily, Teodora and Davina represented St Ivo School at the Eastern Region Finals in Peterborough. The pupils were well prepared, having shown the dedication to practise at lunchtimes in the languages department as well as at home. The standard was high – it was a pleasure to see these talented Year 7 linguists compete. It was a close run competition, and we did not make it to the National Finals this time. However the pupils left with their heads held high and their school is very proud of them indeed! A big thank you and well done from the Languages Department to all Year 7s who took part - especially our finalists.



Year 9 Cologne Trip

On the May bank holiday weekend, a group of forty Year 9 pupils travelled with the Languages Department to Germany. After an early start, we arrived in the beautiful historical centre of Cologne. Our first stop was Lindt. Although a Swiss company, the chocolate is actually produced in Germany. The pupils saw chocolate in production, learnt about the history of chocolate and got to sample the real thing fresh from production. Next we visited **Cologne's Roman Catholic Gothic Cathedral** – a list of superlatives would hardly do this justice. After a panoramic cruise along the Rhine, we were exhausted and ready for bed!

After a day of culture, day two was all about fun. We spent the day at Phantasialand Theme Park. On day three we visited Aachen (the westernmost city in Germany). The Unesco world heritage town is steeped in history, formerly the residence of Charlemagne, and, from 936 to 1531, the place where 31 Holy Roman Emperors were crowned.

Mr Murphy, Mr Lane, Mrs Moore and Mrs McCartney were delighted with the way the students bravely tried out their language skills and were excellent ambassadors for the school. Well done to Year 9!

Mr Murphy

Classics Department News

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 taster will be held after school from 3-4 p.m. on Monday 19th June.

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 except on Monday 19th June.



Pupils in the level 1 group which has met on Tuesdays will meet for the last time on Tuesday, 23rd 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 24th 2017. Pupils not able to locate their result on "Go4schools" that day can email me.

Mrs Zähler

Charity News



We are pleased to confirm that the amount raised on our non uniform day this month for the Alzheimer's Society was £1201.44!

We can also confirm that the final total raised by the amazing Dance Dash was £552.37, bringing the total raised for Comic Relief to £1842.10.

THANK YOU to all who contributed to help us raise these fantastic amounts!



Art News

Many thanks to everyone who came along to the GCSE Art Exhibition last week, to see some superb work on display.



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 Monday, 5 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, 26 May. All Year 13 students have been invited to attend the Book Return morning and Leavers' Ceremony on 7 July. It is important that school text books are returned once the exams have finished, so they can be available in departments for next year's students to use. The Leavers' Ceremony will be a formal opportunity for students to celebrate their time in Sixth Form. We are then looking forward to seeing everyone later that evening at the Sixth Form Ball.



We encourage all Sixth Form leavers to follow our Alumni Association on Facebook [facebook.com/ivolumni](https://www.facebook.com/ivolumni)

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.



The ever popular Sixth Form 'Bake Off' competition will take place on Monday, 12 June. This will be a Year 12 interform competition with the much coveted 'Bake Off' trophy up for grabs. After the winner has been announced the cakes will be sold with the proceeds to go to Great Ormond Street and Addenbrookes hospitals.

Pictured: winning entry from 2016 (12Wt)

We are looking forward to a busy and productive final half term with a number of events planned for Year 12s; these include the trip to the UCAS Exhibition at ARU (21 June), the Higher Education Parents/Carers Information Evening (22 June), the Driver Safety Event at Huntingdon race course (28 June) and the Nottingham University Open Day trip (30 June). Letters for the Information Evening and Driver Safety Event will follow shortly.

We take this opportunity to say 'Farewell' to Mrs Kenton-Howells who is leaving after 13 years of tutoring and teaching at St Ivo, and to thank her on behalf of all the Sixth Form students she has supported over the years.

Mrs Perry, Mrs Rix and Mr Hedges

Sixth Form News

Dragons' Apprentice Challenge

Following the Cambridgeshire Finals of the Dragons' Apprentice Challenge, held at The Junction in Cambridge on Thursday, 27 April, I am pleased to announce that St Ivo School Business & Economics Department had two winning teams from Year 12.

The Dragons' Apprentice Challenge is an enterprise scheme run for Sixth Form students in association with the Cambridge Centre for Voluntary Service (CCVS). The challenge provides a platform linking students from schools and colleges with local businesses and local charities/community groups. It offers Year 12 students the opportunity to experience setting up and running a business, gaining organisational and job related skills and learning about the work and beneficiaries of their designated charity. When the challenge commences teams of young people are matched with a local charity or community group and a local business mentor (their dragon). Their challenge is to "turn £100 in to £1,000 or more" for their charity/community organisation.

Students met their 'dragons' from Deloitte at the end of October where they also met their charities and began thinking of ways to generate funds in an enterprising way. Our students have organised baked sales, discos, sold pancakes and even some handmade candles in vintage tea cups – really tapping into a recent trend. For the finals of the competition, held to celebrate the success of all participants, the teams had to display how they made their project work and face up to the challenging questions posed by the judging panel of 'Super Dragons'.



Empire team pictured with their Dragon trophy and their Adviser 'Dragon' Andrew Harper from Deloitte, and Beth Green representing their charity Centre 33.



The 7 Marketeers pictured with Debbie Townsend the Mayor of St Ives and their certificates for Best Display & Presentation.

Many congratulations to Matthew, Emily, Evan, Eva, Will, Lauren and Tabitha from Empire team who were overall winners in the 2017 Final. They also won the award for The Most Profit, raising over £861 for local young peoples' mental health charity Centre 33. Also winning an award for the Best Display and Presentation were The 7 Marketeers team made up of Tiago, Lewis, Freya, Jacob, Michael, Ben and Jordan. They raised £386 for The Friends of the Rosie. In total St Ivo Sixth Form Business & Economics students have managed to raise nearly £1250 for these very small charities in just over 4 months, a fantastic achievement and something that will make a real difference to the local community - well done to all involved!

Sixth Form News

Faculty Cup

In this year's Faculty Cup we had a record amount of teams and I think this really showed in the quality of football. There were 10 teams in total and this therefore meant that we had two leagues of five. There were 3 teams considered as likely winners this year all with high hopes of winning. One of those teams was Null FC which were the current holders of the cup from last year. This year was the first year that an all girl's teams entered the tournament and the team did very well just missing out on a place in the quarter finals. Another team that stood out for me was the Further Maths group, despite their footballing abilities they brought character and fight to every match they played, and they also had golden boot winner, Tom.

The best game of the tournament was between Ice Age Milan and Burnos. Ice Age Milan were clear favourites but crashed out of the tournament.

As we got into the final stages of the tournament all three favourites had been knocked out and this caused a bit of a stir in the changing rooms from a couple of players. The final was played on the 24th April in the Rec Centre sports hall and it was a £1 to watch because this was the first time in the tournament's 25 year history that it was a charity event. The two finalist teams were Burnos (Business) and Integer Milan (Maths). Business were clear favourite and after 20 minutes they went 1-0 down to Maths after a superb strike from Louis, Maths were holding on for dear life and in the final minute Ben pops out of nowhere with an equalizer to take it to penalties. After 5 penalties it was all square and into sudden death. 5 more sudden death penalties and still all square, then up steps Jack and scores the penalty and then it was Business best player of the tournament and also the most composed, Jimmy, who steps up and misses the penalty to give Maths the faculty cup trophy. In total we raised over £150 for Cancer Research and I would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the players and spectators that donated.

Here are some of the awards:

Player of the tournament: Ryan
Top goal scorer: Tom
Most Improved: William
Fans player of the year: Tom

*Review by Faculty Cup organiser,
Year 13 student Jack Jefferson*



Integer Milan



Burnos

Year 12/Year 13 Cup

This year saw the very first Year 12/Year 13 Cup Competition. Students have participated in a number of sporting fixtures throughout the year which have proved highly competitive! After four matches, the scores were drawn at 2-2, Year 12 having won at Netball and Football, and Year 13 coming out tops in Basketball and Rugby. A series of Rounders matches were organised for Friday, 5 May to decide the outcome. Unfortunately, Year 13 did not field the required number of players and Year 12 were awarded the win by default, and therefore overall victory in the competition. I have been delighted by the spirit and enthusiasm with which students have participated and am looking forward to next year's competition!

Mr Cook