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Newsletter



St Ivo School



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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to welcome you to another school year at St Ivo, and an especially warm welcome to all of our new Year 7 families. Students have settled in very well over the last few weeks, and are enjoying their lessons plus the great number of extra-curricular clubs and other opportunities available to them.

The start of term has also seen a number of staff join the school or move in to new roles. They too are already settling in and making an impact on the school and lives of our young people and I wish them every ongoing success.

Most notable perhaps has been the introduction of both the new uniform and the House system. We have received numerous comments from members of the local community about how smart our students look. You will read later in this newsletter about the exciting opportunities our House system brings for student leadership. Students (and staff!) are already getting into the competitive spirit, and our first competition winners have been announced.

Our Open Evening last week was a great success with over 1000 visitors. There was a very large number of exciting activities around the school. Many prospective parents and students commented positively about the vibrant, welcoming atmosphere and sense of ambition in the school.

Next half term also promises to be a busy time. Year 7 go on their first school trip with the History department. This is rapidly followed by the first Music Concert of the year on 7th November and our annual dance show 'Ivolution' on 14th and 15th November with over 160 students participating.

Thank you to everyone who has made it such a great start to the year. I hope everyone has a refreshing half term.

Sam Griffin
Headteacher

House System News

Our new House system has got off to a flying start! Every student is in one of five Houses, 350 students per House. It's great to see the positive impact it is already having. Seeing students from different year groups working together is one of the main benefits, and this is something that is starting to happen more and more. There have already been lots of events for students to get involved in and the competition is certainly heating up for House points! The competitive nature of some staff certainly came out during the Macmillan cake sale event!

Events so far have included:

- Macmillan cake sale – winners Wheatsheaf House
- Year 7 singing competition – winners Crosier House
- Year 8 singing competition – winners Bridge House



House assemblies also took place last week. There will be many more events and competitions from many subjects and areas in the school planned for later in the year, watch out for details on social media and on the House notice boards in reception!

Every Friday we publish the House points totals on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, and students can see the star students and point breakdown for the previous week displayed in the noticeboards in the main foyer. Look out for our star students of the half term, these will be announced on social media on Thursday 19th October.

Each House is led by a member of staff who acts as Head of House, together with a House Captain from the Sixth Form and (soon to be appointed) Vice Captains from Year 10 & 11. Other opportunities for student leadership are being developed.

House	Head of House	House Captain
Bridge (Green)	Mr Thorne	Molly 12Ch
Crosier (Purple)	Miss McAdam	Scarlett 12Ch
Leger (Red)	Mr Dominy	Oliver 13Ca/Gt
River (Blue)	Mr Sears	Bethan 12De/Bd
Wheatsheaf (Gold)	Mrs Brading	Jasmine 12Mx



Ben Daly
Director of the House System

Congratulations to the House Captains!

Languages Department News

Languages Film Club

This is a new club aimed at students in Year 9 and above who are interested in film and languages. This half term we have been showing 'La Folie, Pas du Tout' or 'He Loves Me, He Loves Me Not' starring Audrey Tautou. This taut thriller has been well-received by our audience, who are enjoying the many unexpected twists and turns (not to mention the popcorn!).



Discussions are ongoing for our film next half term - it will be a German film but there are so many fantastic ones to choose from, we're having difficulties making up our minds. If anyone has any ideas, please talk to Mr Murphy or Mrs Clarke.

Look out for the posters after half term - everyone welcome (age permitting).

Mrs Clarke



Year 7 Foreign Languages Spelling Bee

Once again this year St Ivo Languages Department has 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. This term all pupils are practising translating and spelling a list of fifty words using their French and German alphabets against the clock. In the next stage of the competition (Spring Term), ten class champions will be chosen, and from these ten we will select four school champions. At each stage of the competition a further 50 words will be added.

Good luck Year 7! Enjoy the competition, it is fun and great for your language skills.

Year 9 Foreign Languages Translation Bee

For the first time, this year we have entered all of our Year 9s for this national competition. The competition runs along similar lines to the spelling bee which pupils entered in Year 7. However, instead of single words, pupils are translating full sentences against the clock. In class students have been enjoying pitting themselves against the timer and each other. The competition has three stages and at each stage a new tense is added. Therefore by taking part, pupils are perfecting their past, present and future tenses. This is excellent preparation for GCSE. Good luck Year 9!



Goethe Institut Competition

Sophie in Year 12 has won a Goethe Institut competition to design a new logo. Her prize of a week-long work experience trip to Germany is fantastic, it will improve her language skills, confidence and her (already high) motivation.

Her entry looked very professional - a very well deserved win.

Mrs Moore

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Languages Department News

Stadtallendorf Links

On Monday 9th October members of the St Ives Council visited the school with their counterparts from Stadtallendorf. This included the Burgermeister (Mayor) Christian Somogyi & the St. Ives Town Mayor, Cllr Philip Pope. The party were given a tour of the school in German (by our Year 11 students), asked questions in German about their visit by Year 12 students, as well as meeting Mr Murphy and Mr Griffin to discuss strengthening the links between our schools and towns.



Mr Murphy

Year 8 German Café Dialogues

On Friday, 22nd September Year 8 Germanists put their language skills into action by recreating an authentic scene in a German café. Students acted out the roles of a waiter or waitress taking the orders of their customers. Students had to order a *Vorspeise*, *Hauptgericht*, *Nachtisch* and a *Getränk* (starter, main course, dessert and a drink)! Lots of interesting food and drink were ordered and brilliant German spoken! This **contributes to the students' current topic of *Einkaufen und Essen*** (shopping and food) where students have also produced engaging menus in the target language which are proudly on display within the school. *Sehr gut gemacht!*

Mr Porter



Vaughn and Alex in a German café!



Maya is the waitress but what will Lana order?

Chess Club News



A busy start for the Chess Club this term with new and old faces appearing from all years. We have moved to L14 with Mr Thorne now available to challenge anyone who is feeling lucky!

A big well done to Megan G and Natalie C for attending the Cambridge Girls Chess Initiative at Sidney Sussex College on 1st October. The next meeting will be in January 2018, details will be sent nearer the time.

We are also contacting other secondary schools in the area to arrange some inter-school matches - so watch this space! We will also again be entering the Delancey Chess Challenge in 2018 which encompasses both a competition within the school and in Cambridge around March/April time.

Mrs Clark

Dance Department News



The Dance Department is off to a flying start this term with the return of our annual whole school performance of "Ivolution"! This year we have over 160 students from all year groups participating and promises to be yet another fantastic show! Dances include students own choreography, all of our clubs and after school companies and BTEC assessment work. Ivolution will take place at the Burgess hall on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November, tickets will be available to purchase via ParentMail when we return from half term. We look forward to seeing you there!

With a slight change to this year's calendar the Dance Department will be performing the annual Dance Dash for Children in Need this year on Friday 17th November. Our Year 11 BTEC dancers are choreographing their Michael Jackson medley ready to perform in as many locations as possible including St Ivo, a number of local primary schools and St Ives town centre! If you would like to sponsor us in this challenge please visit <http://www.justgiving.com/stivodancedashcin>. Thank you!

We are delighted to announce that Year 11 student Melissa has successfully auditioned and secured a place at the Centre of Advanced Training at DanceEast! This is a huge achievement and very exciting training opportunity for Melissa; she will receive training in Contemporary, Ballet, choreography, health, and have the opportunity to work with professional dance artists and perform on a professional stage. We wish you all the very best of luck for the future!

We would also like to congratulate St Ivo Alumni student Colette Guitart who recently featured in Pixie Lott's new music video for her new release "Won't Forget You". Colette has become a fantastic role model for our younger dancers proving that dedication, passion and hard work will work in your favour! Colette recently joined Reflex Dance Company for a technique class helping them to improve their performances ahead of Ivolution. Colette's father Jordi Guitart also joined the Department recently providing a Jazz workshop to our Year 10, 12 and 13 BTEC students in preparation for their assessment work.



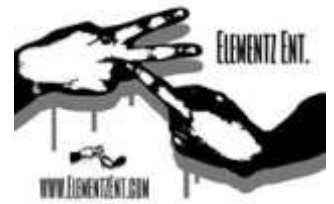
The Dance Department also welcomed local dance practitioner Jack Stinton who worked with our Year 11, 12 and 13 BTEC students. He spent the day developing their choreographic skills in preparation for up-coming tasks the students will complete as part of their BTEC course. This was a great opportunity for our students to work with a variety of stimuli and gain valuable knowledge from a working choreographer, thank you Jack!

Congratulations to all that our dancers have achieved in the first half term, we hope you'll be able to join us for Ivolution to see the product of all their hard work!

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Dance Department News continued

The Dance Department would like to congratulate current Year 13 BTEC Dance student Sophie, and St Ivo Alumni student Mina, who have gained places at Lindon Barr's street dance youth company "Elementz Entertainment"! The company perform at local, national and international competitions and performance platforms and is a fantastic opportunity for them both. We wish you all the very best of luck for the future!



Miss McAdam

Music Department News

The music department held two new house events in the first week of October for Year 7 and 8, to encourage more singing and to prove how musical our students are when they work together and put their minds to it! Year 8 performed a Mash-Up of various songs, and Year 7 competed house by house singing some new songs. In Year 8 Bridge House won as the most tuneful, confident and energetic performers, and in Year 7 Crosier House took the title for the best performance. Mr Griffin and Judith Barnes (one of our governors) came to watch and judge the events, and the feedback from them and the various other staff who came to see what was going on has been overwhelmingly positive. The department was very proud of the effort put in by the students and by the excellent outcomes.

Miss MacLeod



Resource Centre News

Welcome Back! Thanks to your visits, the Resource Centre is buzzing with activity: reading, homework, revision and some of our highest issues ever. It's great to see you all making the most of this amazing facility!

Independent Research: Year 7



It's been a pleasure to welcome Year 7 students who have made an impressive start to their academic career, working towards independent research during the 3 dedicated lessons in the Resource Centre. Students have learnt how to independently locate resources, effectively research from them and then apply this knowledge. Complimenting work in English lessons, we've been very impressed with the



facts found about the characters and events of **Homer's Odyssey** and look forward to seeing the skills learnt applied to other subjects in the future.

Independent Research: Y12 EPQ

Students researching for their Extended Project spent an intensive hour concentrating on boosting their research skills. Thanks to the **PLUS** method (Purpose, Location, Use, Self-Evaluation) and the University of Leeds activities on questions definitions, search techniques and the advantages of using **Boolean logic**, students have the foundations for an incredible research experience. Happy Investigating!

Happy Birthday! 13th September

ROALD DAHL 🏆

We celebrated this momentous occasion with lots of Roald Dahl activities, as well as a vote for **St Ivo School's favourite Roald Dahl book**. Matilda was this year's choice. Many thanks to all Year 7s who voted.



New Bookmarks – designed by you: Year 7

Did you enter your bookmark design to support your House? Look out for your design, reproduced and ready to be useful after Half Term! Thank you to all who took part.

A House that Reads is a House that Succeeds



House Reading League Table

Which House is reading the most? Check out the League table in the RC and on the Noticeboard each week. House points for each person in the House that reads the most at the end of each half term. If it's not your House this time, increase your reading!

Zoella has been joined by **Tom Fletcher** in launching **book clubs**:



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Resource Centre News continued

Look out for **new book releases** in time for Christmas including David Walliams, Wimpy Kid, Tom Gates, Bleach. Check the new book spinner in the RC. Alternatively, borrow from this terms most **popular titles**:



Future Events

Acknowledging Sources: Year 7 continue to learn research skills in **Geography**. This time we're looking at the importance of referencing.

Creative Writing Workshop: The English Department have arranged for writer Dave Smith to run a day of workshops in November.

Children in Need: Activities to raise money will take place all week culminating at lunch on 17th November when there are various activities to raise money for Children in Need; 20p per entry.

The Resource Centre Staff

Science Department News

Prince's Teaching Institute

St Ivo Science Department is proud to announce we have been awarded the Prince's Teaching Institute (PTI) Mark of excellence for 2017. The PTI is supported by the Prince of Wales and its aim is to recognise and encourage further the development of excellent practice in schools.



The Science Department has taken part in the schools programme and has been awarded the prestigious mark for the work it has done in a range of areas. The Science Department looks forward to continuing to work with the PTI in the coming year as it looks to develop further and continue to enthuse and spur on the next generation of scientists.

Dr Flower

Year 11 External Mock Success

The science department is pleased with our excellent above average performance of the majority of Year 11 students who participated in the external mock in May last year. To continue this trend we continue to expand the resources available through Schoology. These along with drop in sessions (see page 10) should be of particular help to Year 11s preparing for mocks. Please email cmarshall@stivoschool.org if you need more information.

Ms Marshall

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Science Department News continued

STEM club

Our scientists of the future in Key Stage 3 have been attending STEM club on Thursday lunch times. They are currently designing and building a landing craft that will carry an Egg-naut to safety during re-entry! Once this is completed we are hoping to embark on **this year's BP Ultimate STEM Challenge** where groups will enter a national competition where they design and build an efficient way to generate electricity using water. As part of the challenge, the students should be able to gain a Bronze CREST award!



Mrs Durman

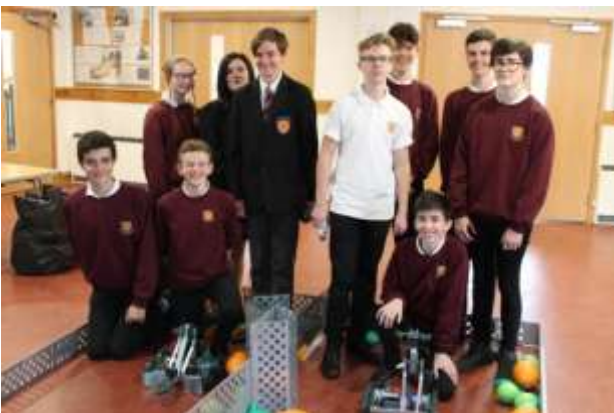
Biomedical Club

Biomedical club has discussed moral dilemmas, personal performance, volunteering opportunities, interview skills and much much more. Everything we do has a scientific bias (with particular focus on medical, veterinary and health-related careers) though the skills are useful to all. There has been lively discussion about the ethics of being a human being and the decisions that need to be made when in awkward situations, about how to come across as amazing in interviews and whether work experience or a gap year makes a real difference. All those Year 11-13 who are interested should come to S2 on a Wednesday lunchtime!

Mr Powell

Sixth Form Poster Competition

This year sees the return of the popular Sixth Form poster competition. Any Sixth Form student studying a science subject is encouraged to submit a poster about an area of science in the news that interests them. The deadline for poster submissions is the 1st November. Last year there was a panel of judges comprised of members of staff as well as professionals from industry and the University of Cambridge who gave out a £150 prize to the winner. We hope to repeat the success of last year- the bar has been set high! Parents will also be invited to the event so they can see what our Sixth Formers have found out!



VEX Robotics Competition

On the 15th September, ten of our Year 10/11 students went to Longsands Academy to represent St Ivo in the VEX robotics competition. They had been working on their robots every lunchtime since July, building them from scratch! On the day there was some real engineering at work as both teams worked fantastically together to improve and at times repair their robots as the need arose. Well done!

Mrs Durman

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Science Department News continued

Support in Science

The Science department are putting on a number of lunchtime drop in clubs for extra help with homework or class work. See the list below and feel free to pop in if you get stuck or wish to boost your understanding!

Years 7-8:

Key Stage 3 Drop in: Tuesday Lunchtime in S9 (Miss Reali now Mrs Ash)

Years 9-11 GCSE:

Chemistry Drop: Tuesday & Wednesday Lunchtimes in S4 (Ms Marshall)

Biology Drop in: Wednesday & Thursday Lunchtimes in S9 (Miss Reali now Mrs Ash)

Physics Drop in: Friday Lunchtimes in S2 (Mr Powell)

Years 12-13 A-Level:

Biology: Come and find us as and when needed.

Chemistry: Tuesday Lunchtimes in S8 & Friday Lunchtimes in S9

Physics: Come and find us as and when needed.

Engineering Club

Engineering club has looked closely at opportunities in the local area. With engineering being such a broad and varied subject, it has been a great opportunity for pupils to discuss and discover different specialisms and find ones that are of most interest to them. There is currently a great deal of excitement about the possibility of Year 12 and Year 13 pupils combining forces to build and design their own remote control car. The aim is for this then to compete in a national competition. A great amount of focus is placed on pupils experiencing lectures and open engineering days at local universities, with opportunities throughout the year. So if you have a passion for engineering or simply want to find out a bit more about what it involves come along to S14 on Monday lunchtimes.

Mr Smalles



Royal Society of Chemistry Book Reviews

A shortlist of six fantastic books are currently being reviewed and judged by our esteemed panel of student judges along with over 300 groups of young people across the UK. Their challenge is to decide the winner for the Royal Society of Chemistry Young People's book of the Year award. This involves emailing interesting questions to the authors, group discussions, a panel video and photo submissions for the competition.

Dr Meadows

UCAS Support



Year 13 students are being offered 1:1 mentoring and support in their STEM UCAS applications from Ms Marshall alongside the support offered by science teachers, form tutors and the Sixth Form team. Students in Year 12 are receiving regular input through email bulletins. Ivo Aspire (with Ms Marshall Thursday lunch) offers all students (not just STEM) assistance in preparing to become a strong candidate for Russell Group/Oxbridge Universities.

Ms Marshall

Geography Department News



Department Awards

We are delighted to have been awarded the Princes Teaching Institute Mark for the fourth year running and we have been re-designated as a Centre of Excellence and recipient of the Secondary Geography Quality Mark for the next 3 years. Our Centre of Excellence status recognises the work we are doing to disseminate good practice in geography locally and nationally, providing professional support and ideas in a wider context beyond the department. We would like to thank staff and students for all their hard work in helping us to be successful in gaining these awards.

Year 8 Grafham Trip

In October, 138 of our Year 8 students took part in a fun filled trip to support their 'Rivers' topic work run by the Grafham Water Centre. This provided students with the opportunity to consolidate and visualise what they have been learning about in the classroom. The day started at Brampton Mill, canoeing on the Great River Ouse, enabling them to explore a variety of river landforms, including a flood plain, river cliff and slip-off slope and explore the river processes involved in their formation. The afternoon involved developing map skills such as 6 figure grid references through an orienteering activity at Grafham Water, culminating in a team building challenge. Students were incredibly well behaved throughout and were great representatives for our school.



Royal Geographical Society's Geographer of the Year Competition



A number of KS4 and KS5 students took part in our Geography House competition. Mahil (Year 12 - Crosier) and Megan (Year 10 - River) won the school house competition, gaining 50 house points and a £10 Amazon voucher each. The top 7 entries from across KS4/5 have also been entered for the RGS's 'Geographer of the Year' competition. The entries consist of posters (KS4) or essays (KS5) exploring the question "Our Favourite Place" giving students an opportunity to research and develop the physical and human processes that have shaped a place and which have determined the characteristics and identify it has today.

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Geography Department News continued

Year 12 Geography Ambassadors

We now have thirteen Year 12 students who have signed up to this year's Geography Ambassadors programme supporting the work of the department and helping to raise the profile of our subject during the year. Some of our ambassadors have already helped out at the recent Open Evening and over the next half term they will be supporting a number of lower school geography activities, for example the World Wise Quiz.



Open Evening

The department would like to thank this year's Year 12 and 13 Geography Ambassadors who helped at the successful October Open Evening. The department was buzzing with Year 6 and 11 students and parent/carers. Some of our Geography Ambassadors also supported our Fairtrade initiative by serving Fairtrade tea and coffee. For anyone that missed the evening, our A Level Geography options brochure with full details of the A Level Geography course at St Ivo can be downloaded here <http://www.geobytes.org.uk/Geobytes%20Files/ALevel/ALevelGeographyStIvo.pdf>

Geography at University

Our Year 13 students are currently in the midst of writing personal statements and preparing their UCAS applications. We have several resources on our website to support students through this process. Whilst there is specific support for those wishing to study Geography at University, there are many resources regarding UCAS and writing personal statements which should be useful to all of our students regardless of the course they are applying for. Our supporting resource page can be found here: <http://www.geobytes.org.uk/geographyuniversity.html>.

Mr Chambers



Charity News



The Macmillan cake sale (further details on page 2) raised a wonderful £1,037.89. Thank you to everyone who helped us raise this total.

Our Sixth Form (and staff!) will be dressing up in pink for 'Pink Day' on Thursday.

Classics Department News

Classical Civilisation

The new Classical Civilisation GCSE has had a great start this term, with 24 students taking it as an option subject in Year 10. Currently studying the Greek and Roman gods and the 12 labours of Hercules, the students are finding their feet and really starting to engage with these ancient cultures.

The study of classics is experiencing something of a renaissance in the world of academia. It has found its way out of the classrooms of the privately educated and is enjoying a surge of popularity in the mainstream, with drives from universities such as Oxford and Cambridge helping to raise its profile. It is an incredibly important subject when it comes to understanding our own culture, therefore it is encouraging to see St Ivo embracing this trend and not just allowing it to benefit the privileged few.

The newly formed Classics Department offers Classical Civilisation at both GCSE and A level and continues to offer Latin as an extra-curricular subject. We have recently collaborated with the Art Department with regards to a trip to Rome and Sorrento in the summer and we are very pleased with the popularity of this trip amongst our cohort. Looking forward to the year ahead, we are expecting a talk aimed at Year 9 from an Oxford Classicist, a trip to the British Museum and our first cohort of Year 13s sitting their A level exams. All very exciting!



The British Museum

Mr Thorne

This term in our extra mural programme we are offering a very interesting talk by an excellent speaker.

Saturday, 18th November, 2017 (10-11.30am)

Why not put this date in your diary now ?



This talk is directly relevant to the GCSE Latin and GCSE Classical Civilisation topics of religion but all who are interested are welcome. Those connected with school wishing to attend please email sscally@stivoschool.org. Other adults with no connection to school apply through ACL at <http://www.aclearning.org.uk/> *Please note children under 16 who are not St Ivo pupils must be accompanied by an adult.*

'Nisi Vita Sanguine - **Curse Tablets from Roman Britain**'

'The act of cursing another person is as old as culture itself, and the curse tablet phenomena is well documented throughout the ancient world. Over 300 have been recovered from Roman Britain and are unique in the entire Roman Empire, both in their content and their delivery. From the petty theft of a humble cloak, to unrequited love, the curse tablets from Roman Britain are the real and thoroughly modern Romano-British, warts and all'.

Paddy Lambert (BA Hons) is a Supervisor at Oxford Archaeology East. Paddy specialises in the history and material culture of the Roman world, with special interests in cultural syncretism and epigraphy. He has worked extensively on Roman sites across the UK and in Europe, most recently working on an extensive Roman villa complex in Somerset.

Look out next term for our talk on Pompeii and Herculaneum, a topic which continues to fascinate us all.

Classics Department News continued

Latin

The summer results achieved by 20 pupils in Latin were excellent and we congratulate them all. In our 2017-18 programme we are running the following examination courses in Latin:

GCSE Latin	In the curriculum and after school
Level 2 Latin and Roman Civilisation	At lunchtimes on Tuesdays
Level 1 Latin and Roman Civilisation	After school on Wednesdays
Beginners' Latin	After school on Wednesdays

Mrs Zähler

Key Stage 4 News

PiXL Celebrating Success Award



Congratulations to Emma, Ian, Hannah, Sarawar and Jesseca for being awarded the PiXL Celebrating Success Award. The students attended the award ceremony which was held in the Central Hall in Westminster, London and were presented their award by James Cosmo.

Learning Performance: 31st October 2017

All students will be having the chance to get some brilliant revision tips and advice from an inspirational and experienced group called Learning Performance. This is perfect as our students prepare for their mocks in November/December and begin to think about what revision techniques work best for them.

Prom and Yearbook Committees

Students have been made aware of their chance to take a lead role in planning and organising our Year 11 Prom and Yearbook. Applications were to be made to the Head/Assistant Head of Year and the membership of these will be announced after half term.

Year 10 have had a great start to the new term. The students have been settling into their new GCSE subjects with a great deal of enthusiasm and dedication. Students have also been looking ahead to the summer term and have begun to think about what they could do for their work experience placement in July. This is an exciting opportunity for each individual student to think about their future career path and gain valuable two weeks worth of experience in the workplace. If you would like more information on this, there is a handbook for parents that can be accessed via the school website. Mrs Carpenter coordinates this so if you have any questions please just get in touch at dcarpenter@stivoschool.org.

Careers Department News

Year 10 are already showing their enthusiasm for Work Experience by visiting the Careers Office to discuss their ideas for July. If your child has a placement in mind, please ask them to see Mrs Carpenter for help with paperwork or writing an application. The work experience coordinator will be available on a drop in basis during the Year 10 **Parents/Carer's Evening on Thursday 14th December** to talk about any ideas for a placement or answer questions. Please feel free to contact me by email with any queries in the meantime at dcarpenter@stivoschool.org



*Mrs D Carpenter
Work Experience Coordinator*

Student Achievement News

Well done Jake for your great achievement—please see below for a write up by his instructor.

Solo Glider Pilot Celebration for Jake

Jake decided to start flying as part of his Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) bronze award scheme, which required him to learn and develop a new skill, whilst he was also studying for his GCSE exams at St Ivo School.

He joined Nene Valley Gliding Club (NVGC) in November 2016, achieving his solo status whilst flying one of **the club's two**-seat training gliders, the Twin Astir, on August 26th 2017. His achievement is impressive when considering his actually airborne time was only just over 9 hours with 54 winch launches and he already has his eyes set on progressing towards the higher status of the Bronze award, which is also recognised as part of the DofE Silver award.

We have now seen a *new record* being set at NVGC as Jake is our first young pilot to attain solo status at the age of 14, which is no mean feat.

NVGC members are fortunate to have in their club a team of highly skilled BGA accredited instructors, one of these **Roger Emms (Jake's grandfather)** has been a member for **31 years** and is currently the club's Deputy Chief Flying Instructor. Jake is seen here with his grandfather Roger after his successful solo flight.



Jake is one of a growing number of young pilots at NVGC who we hope will remain with us and become our future instructors. Further club details are available on the NVGC website <http://www.nvgc.org.uk>.

David Coker

Sixth Form News

We have had a great start to 2017/18 and we are delighted to see that our Year 12 students have settled in so well. We were very pleased to meet so many parents/carers at the Year 12 Information Evening on 21 September and hope you found the opportunity to meet with your son's/daughter's form tutor helpful. If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like a copy of the Parent Handbook which was available on the night, please ask your son/daughter to collect a copy from the Sixth Form Office in the Understudy.



This year's UCAS application process is now in full swing for Year 13, with 6 students having made Oxbridge applications. The majority of Year 13 continue to research universities and work on their applications.

Those students not applying to university are attending sessions to help prepare them for making apprenticeship or job applications. This half term they have been working on their CVs and will be looking at interview techniques and having mock interviews after the half term break.

Mr Witham, our post-16 careers adviser, is in school every week and any students in Years 12 and 13 who would like his help should ask their form tutor to arrange an appointment for them.

Alumni Visit



We were delighted to welcome back former student and recently qualified corporate lawyer Annie McElwain when she visited a recent Year 13 assembly to talk about the UCAS process and her experiences as an undergraduate. Annie also spent an hour in the school's Law department discussing her training and qualification as a solicitor with the current A level students. Annie studied Law, Politics and History at St Ivo and then went to the University of Leeds to study Law. We are always pleased to welcome

alumni back to speak to our students about their successes and wish Annie the very best of luck indeed. We hope to continue to work with Annie and look forward to welcoming her back again in the future.

Celebrating Achievement

Congratulations to the Sixth Form students (*pictured on page 3*) who have been appointed as House Captains: Molly (Bridge), Scarlett (Crosier), Oliver (Leger), Bethan (River), and Jasmine (Wheatsheaf).

Congratulations again to Year 12 students Emma, Hannah, Sarawar, Jesseca and Ian who attended a celebration event at the Great Hall in Westminster where they were awarded certificates for excellent progress in their GCSEs. See page 14 for more information.



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Sixth Form News

University Challenge

Once again, St Ivo Sixth Form won the regional heat of the Schools' University Challenge competition which is run by Lincoln University, qualifying for the Final with the second highest score nationally. The team consisting of Milly, Declan (Captain), Sam and Oli performed superbly in the Final at Lincoln University on Friday, 22 September and finished in a respectable third place, just 5 points below the winners.

Volunteering and Charity Events

We are very pleased that so many Sixth Form students have volunteered to help in lower school.

81 Sixth Form students have volunteered as 'Reading Buddies' for Year 7 students to support them with their literacy skills.

22 Year 12 students have signed up to support students through the 'SMILE Project'.

Congratulations to the ten Year 13 SMILE mentors who have been awarded their Peer Mentoring ASDAN certificates.

Toilet Twinning



13Cb have recently received certificates for three toilets that they have 'twinned' as a result of fund raising for their form charity last year. 1 in 3 people across the world don't have somewhere safe to go to the toilet and bad sanitation is one of the biggest killers in the world. Access to clean water and toilets is something that we often take for granted and whilst in Year 12, the students (now 13CB) decided to raise awareness and support the charity "Toilet Twinning" (<https://www.toilettwinning.org/>). Every £60 raised pays for a latrine slab and pit to help build a toilet in areas of the world less fortunate than ours. Through a series of cake stalls organised by students in the form during Year 12 they successfully raised £184, enough to twin 3 of our toilets to help build 3 in areas of need, one in the Democratic Republic of Congo, one in Sierra Leone and one in Uganda. Well done 13Cb!

Pink Day

Thursday, 19 October will see virtually all of our students take part in 'Pink Day' for Breast Cancer Research. This is a charity that St Ivo Sixth Form has supported for a number of years.



Year 12 v Year 13 Cup

The first match of this year's competition was girls' netball, and congratulations to Year 12 who won with a score of 7-5. The next match will be boys' rugby after half term.

Thank you to everyone who attended our very successful Open Evening on 12 October, especially the many students who represented our school as ambassadors for subjects and the Sixth Form as a whole.

Mrs Perry, Mrs Rix, Mrs Gosling & Mr Hedges

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Weekday Courses Nov/Dec 2017

- Cake Decorating Beginners £47
- Ultimate Home-Made Pork Pie £20
- Chocoholics £25
- Bistro Cookery £45
- Sewing: Make a Coat for Your Dog £39
- Sewing: Making Clothes £55
- Beginners' Buying on eBay £19
- Photoshop - An Introduction £59
- Website Design for Beginners £49
- Computing for Beginners £5
- CV Writing Skills FREE
- Indian Head Massage £35
- Wellness Boost £45
- MakeUp MakeOver £35
- Bridge £50

Saturday 18 November

- Families in the Kitchen - Cupcakes £20
- Vegetarian Indian Delights £39
- Watercolour - Pen and Wash £39
- Christmas Mosaic £38
- Introduction to Flash Photography £35
- Body Massage £49 per couple
- Emergency First Aid £59/69
- Creative Writing - Magical Story Book £39

Saturday 2 December

- Christmas Cupcakes £25
- Sugarcraft Characters £25
- Christmas Needle Felting £36
- Christmas Appliqué
& Decorative Stitching £45
- Botanical Watercolour - Holly and Ivy £45
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