

St Ivo School Newsletter



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Dear Parent/Carer

It is with pleasure that I write to you at the end of my first half-term as the Headteacher of St Ivo. I've thoroughly enjoyed my first few weeks at the school and have been made to feel very welcome by staff, pupils and parents.

My initial impressions of the school have been very good, there is a strong, positive ethos here and I would like to pay tribute to my predecessor Mr Mahoney, for his excellent work.

As in any school there is always plenty to do and this term we have embarked on a review of the curriculum we offer at Key Stage 4 and our delivery of PSHE. We will contact you if any significant changes are planned.

I hope you and your family have an excellent half-term. School reopens on Monday, October 31st. Thursday, November 3rd is a pupil closure day and is our open evening.

Yours sincerely

Howard Gilbert
Headteacher

The BIG F'IVO

50 years

The Big F'Ivo, a book covering the last 50 years of life at St Ivo is now available. Copies can be bought at £9.95 from the business centre at St Ivo School, The Dolls House and Cadges in St Ives town centre.

It contains many memories with contributions from staff and pupils, and is packed with a host of photographs. Don't miss this opportunity!

Sixth Form News

50 years

Congratulations to the year 13 class who left us in the Summer of 2005. They left the school with some excellent results (97.6% pass rate, 72% A-C grades) and students have achieved their chosen goals. Of the 150 students 100 have gained a place at university, 15 are taking a year out, 3 are returning to study at St Ivo and 31 are now in employment or receiving vocational training tied to work.

Welcome to our new year 12 who have already made a most positive impression. Elections for the vice / chairperson post will be hotly contended and we have four excellent candidates in Alex, Garth, Andrew and Richard.

Mr R Perry - Head of Sixth Form



The sixth form raised over £400 in total for Breakthrough for Breast Cancer, whilst wearing pink for a day. There were some unusual sights! Congratulations to Tom, James, Heather and Emma who collected £106.34 between them.

Design and Technology News

50 years

Congratulations to our Year 11 students who have met their deadlines for course-work. Well done, and keep up the good work.

Year 7 have settled into their design and technology lessons really well, producing some lovely work. From a design point of view they have been very creative and making skills are developing well through our project work. Thank you to all parents for your contributions towards the materials required for these projects.

Coming up for Years 12 and 13 we have a workshop at the Design Museum, followed by a tour around the Science Museum, to mainly look at the recycling, reusing and reducing of various materials, as well as some new innovative materials used by designers today.

Mrs C Morrison - Head of Design and Technology



Aladdin

50 years

This year's school pantomime is "Aladdin" with cast and crew from all years. The performance dates are Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December and will take place in the school hall at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £4 and £2 for concessions.

Mr N. Perry





Congratulations to all those students in year 10 who were presented with Languages' Ladder certificates in French preliminary or Spanish breakthrough in listening and/or reading by Dr Lid King, the national director of languages in the UK, on Thursday, 6th October in the year 10 assembly. Dr King explained to pupils that a knowledge of other languages is essential for a wide range of careers and could enrich people in their personal lives. The pupils receiving the certificates were those who had participated not only in the pilot for the Junior Cambridge University Language Programme last year but also in the pilot for the Languages' Ladder. The pupils sitting the tests have already reached the standard expected at (early stages of) GCSE, Dr King explained to the pupils.



This year, too, in our own pilot, selected pupils in years 9 and 10 at school will be invited to take tests in the languages' ladder, a nationally recognised set of awards available from September 2005 in primary, secondary and adult versions of 8 languages so far (with more to follow). Candidates can take tests in any one or more of the four skills (listening, reading, writing and speaking).

Mrs P. Zahner - Head of Modern Languages

Well done to Year 8 on their work for European Day of Languages on 28th September. Do you still remember any Italian / Spanish?

History Department News

50 years



Most year 7 pupils will be visiting the castles at Mount Fitchett and Hedingham in the week before half term. Year 9 pupils will visit the 1st World War Battlefields in November. This will be a great experience for them, particularly as it is during the month of Remembrance Day. As part of their A2 studies on Ireland, students will spend 4 days in Dublin.

Geography Department News

50 years



Year 10 have been to Dunwich and Aldeburgh on the Suffolk coast to look at coastal erosion and management as part of their GCSE course.

Yr 12 AS geographers have been to the North Norfolk coast stopping at Wells-next-the-Sea, Holkham Bay and Hunstanton. Here they looked at coastal geomorphology and collected data for their coursework.

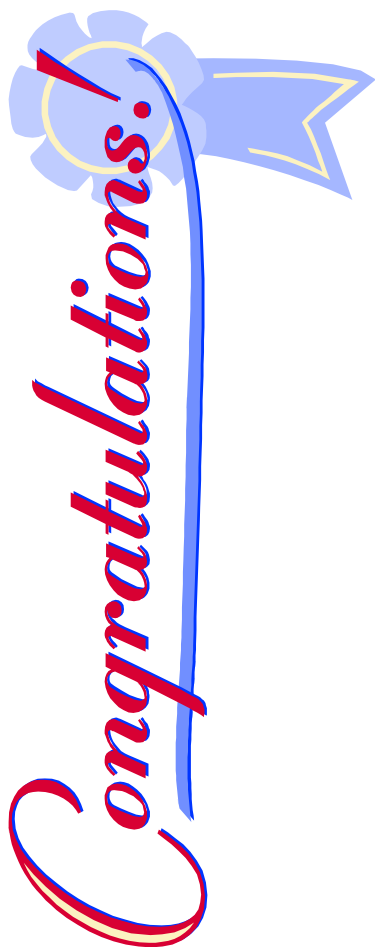
Yr 12 and Yr 13 geographers are attending a Sixth Form lecture at Cambridge University before half term. It is organised by the local Geography Association and the speaker is from the Environment Agency on 'Flood Control and Management of the River Gt Ouse'.

Yr 12 Leisure and Tourism students have been to Hunstanton to carry out a tourism survey.

Visits abroad

An information evening was held in September for parents / carers of those students going on the geography department visit to Kenya next year.

Travel and Tourism AS students have confirmed plans to go to a Travel and Tourism conference in New York, in March.



A big thank you to our old year 11 now year 12. They supported a South African Orphanage for 3 years called Rehoboth. Their final gift was £600; money which will buy much needed equipment and toys.

Thank you to a lovely year group, from Caryl Lambert & Marie Mitchelson

Jasmine (8Gd) has written an excellent newspaper article about an incident within the book 'Holes', by Louis Sachar (when Sam, the Onion Man kisses Katherine Barlow). Well done Jazz!

Sammy (9Be) wrote a terrific story about homelessness.

Natasha (9Ke) swam in a WING (air cadets) competition, receiving silver in individual medley and backstroke, and she got through to the regional competitions. She also swam 50 lengths in 25 minutes for the BHF charity, raising £102.

Alisha (9Ke) represented Cambridgeshire in a golf competition.

James (9Ke) had cricket trials at Lords.

Rory (9Ke) had county trials for rugby, and his team, the STAGS, won the county championships.

Rosie (10Hn) won 1st Girl at Paxton Youth Sailing Competition.

Luke (10Hn) achieved second place in 2ft horse jumping class at Manor Farm.

Holly (10Ta) is taking part in a dance performance for local dignitaries to celebrate Trafalgar Day.

In the Huntingdonshire festival of Dance recently, **Catherine** (9Hl), **Matthew** (8Bs), **Emma** (9Wx) and **Jasmine** came 3rd and received Bronze medals.

Three year 13 art students, **Jessica**, **Guy** and **John** were awarded an Art Bursary and spent 3 days print-making at the Curver print studio.

Hannah in year 12 won 2nd prize in this years NADFAS Regional Art competition.

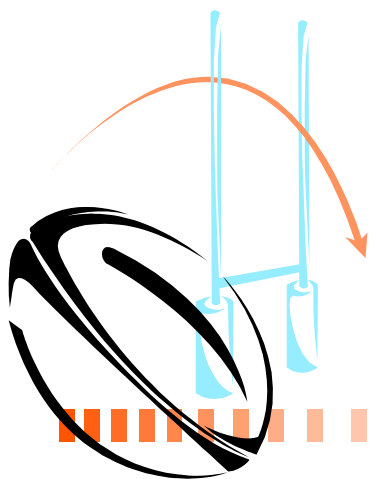
Hannah (9Pa) was selected in September for the Norwich City Football Club Girl's Centre of Excellence.

Sam (9Pa) won 5 trophies in the UK Federation of Majorettes national championships at Camber Sands. Sam's troop, the Blue Vision Twirling Team won 35 trophies overall.

Thomas (11Mc) who is part of Team KnK, went to Spain to test drive Karts in the Formula BMW championships.



Congratulations to **Charlotte** (10Hn) who won 'Huntingdon Garden and Leisure' Photographic and drawing competition. Pictured is Charlotte with a representative from Huntingdon Garden and Leisure and Q103.

**Year 9 Rugby**

A good season with a mix of results after drawing the first game against Longsands the boys produced an excellent performance to beat Sawtry. They also played well against a very strong Hinchingsbrooke side. All the boys played well throughout the 3 matches, **Matt** captained the side and led by example with some excellent performances. Well done to all who played!

Mr D. Varey

Year 10 Rugby – Daily Mail Cup 2nd Round

After a narrow victory over Hinchingsbrooke the Year 10 team progressed to the second round of the Daily Mail Cup with an away fixture at Kings, Peterborough. The game was hard fought – but became even harder when **Josh** went off the field injured. We eventually lost 43 – 12. Both tries set up by **Adam** who had a good run to set up the try of the game for Matt Taylor. Man of the Match was **James** – playing his first game of the season.

The team now compete in the Daily Mail Vase – we look forward to our first fixture. Well Done.

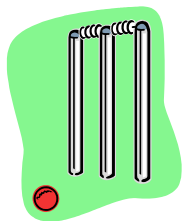
Mr C. Harvard.

Year 8 Rugby

Congratulations to the year 8 rugby team who remain unbeaten so far this season. Longsands were defeated 27-7 and Sawtry 22-5, and in the process the year 8 team have played some excellent rugby. Over 25 boys have been regularly attending training. Captain **Alex** and **Aidan** have been outstanding in the backrow.

Year 7 Cricket

Over 25 students have been attending Cricket Club in the Recreation Centre on a Friday lunchtime. Next term St Ivo host an indoor 6 aside tournament.

**Boys Hockey**

Boys hockey club, which runs after school on Fridays at the outdoor centre, has got off to a good start. About 20 boys are coming for skills coaching and small game practice. Fixtures started on October 14th against Kings School, Peterborough with further matches to come. The club, organised by T.A. Abbi Holland, who is helped by Year 11 students **Kate** and **Peter** has room for more boys who would like to try this fast, skilful game.

Year 7 Netball

The girls teams taking part in the District Tournament came 1st and 5th places.

Girls Hockey

Year 8 came 1st in the District Tournament. Well done to all the girls from Miss Sherwood and Mrs Clifton.

*Guys & Dolls**50 years*

The Dance, Drama, Music and Technology departments are joining forces this year in a whole school production of “Guys and Dolls”. This will be performed in the Burgess Hall from Monday 28th November to Thursday 1st December 2005.

Tickets are available from the Recreation Centre Reception Desk (£2.50/£4). Book yours as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.



St Ivo School

1955 - 2005

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Many events are taking place to celebrate

~ 50 years of St Ivo School ~

The book launch of "**THE BIG F'IVO**" took place on Wednesday 12th October. You can purchase a copy for £9.95 from school, or Cadges or the Dolls' House in town.

A **1950s SCHOOL DAY** will be held on Friday 25th November – details to follow.

A **50TH ANNIVERSARY BALL** will also be held on Friday 25th November 2005 from 7.30pm to 1.00am in the Burgess Hall, St Ivo Leisure Centre. Tickets cost £30 - contact the school reception or Mrs S Campbell or Mrs J Barnes, c/o St Ivo School, for more details.

On Saturday 26th November after the Anniversary Ball the school will be open between 11am and 3pm for ex-pupils who might like to see how the school has changed since 1955.

From Monday 28th November to Thursday 1st December, St Ivo will be presenting the production **GUYS AND DOLLS** every evening at 7.30pm in the Burgess Hall. Tickets available from the St Ivo Leisure Centre.

In the evening of Friday 10th February 2006, on the anniversary of the school opening ceremony, the **RADIO 4 'ANY QUESTIONS'** programme will be taking place in the Burgess Hall.

Next half term year 7 will have the opportunity to take part in a trip to Ely Cathedral. This will give students the opportunity to find out the fascinating history of this building and the local area, as well as to find out about how this site has been used as a place of worship for over a thousand years.



On 1st November year 12 students will spend the day with an organisation called Damaris within school, and have the unique opportunity to be an African "President for the Day". This will enable students to discuss the problems facing Africa today, understand how these problems have occurred and how debt relief might help the African Nations. It complements A Level courses such as History, Law, Politics, Geography and Ethics, but is also invaluable for our own personal knowledge of current affairs.

Mrs E Kenton-Howells - Head of Religious Education

St Ivo School Presents...
By kind permission from Josef Weinburger

GUYS & DOLLS

By Frank Loesser

BURGESS HALL
Mon 28th Nov
Thur 1st Dec
2005

7.30 pm

Tickets Available from the Dec Centre

Tickets £2.50 and £4.00

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The Dance Department has had a busy start to the term! Students from the Ivo Dance Company were invited to a workshop ran by Maria Blundell from the Cambridgeshire County Youth Dance Company. The workshop gave our students an insight into the work of CCYDC. A number of St Ivo dance students were successful in the first auditions for the company and were recalled for the following auditions at the end of October. If students are successful they will become part of the elite dance company which is based at The Junction in Cambridge. They will perform at a number of venues around the county and finish their tour with their final performance at The Junction.

Sixth Form students took pleasure in watching the recent performance of the Siobhan Davies Dance Company at the Cambridge Arts Theatre. We have a unique and exciting opportunity for Key Stage 3 students to watch the highly acclaimed Union Dance Company perform at the Mumford Theatre in Cambridge. Union Dance Company will be performing new and exciting work in November which explores a diversity of culture through breathtaking choreography, music, film and stunning visual effects. Union Dance Company is internationally acclaimed for its culturally diverse mix of contemporary dance, hip hop, martial arts and streetwise wit.

'Spotlight' has always been a favourite dance spectacular at St Ivo. This year will be exciting; showing breathtaking dance performances by a number of students. Auditions for 'Spotlight' will be held after half term; all welcome! There will be a competition running for the most impressive poster for 'Spotlight 2006' so start thinking now for your entry!!

I have been impressed by the enthusiasm of all students attending extra curricular dance clubs at lunch times and after school. All students are welcome with all abilities. If you haven't already tried a dance club then check out the dance notice board and clubs list and come along!

Miss F Bartley - Head of Dance

*Music Department News**50 years*

Watch out for two big musical events next half-term! St Ivo musicians will be performing at a special concert for children given by St Ives orchestra on Saturday 26th November. The programme will include favourites such as 'Peter and the Wolf', 'Bare Necessities' and 'Circle of Life'. The venue is the Free Church in St Ives, starting at 7.30pm.

Also at the Free Church is our annual Christmas concert on Thursday 15th December, starting at 7.30pm. The format this year is slightly different in that the evening will be a more traditional service of nine lessons and carols, interspersed with musical items from extra-curricular groups. It promises to be a really special evening in a lovely setting and I do hope to see you there.

Finally, best wishes to those pupils taking music exams this half term.