



Business Studies students visit Pepsico world headquarters, New Jersey USA

At February half term Greenhead College Business Studies students visited New York and New Jersey, the highlight of the trip being a visit to Pepsico headquarters to meet Chief Innovation Officer Brock Leach and Antonio Lucio, Senior Vice President, who gave a talk on Building Billion Dollar Brands on a Global Scale.

Whilst in New York City the students had a one day business studies convention with key speakers from the international business community. They also visited the Nynex/Comex Commodity markets, Wall Street and the CNN headquarters in the new Time Warner complex at Columbus Circle.

Teacher **Mark Mitchell** commented on the trip:

"This was a first for Greenhead and a once in a lifetime experience for these students - to spend quality time with such powerful representatives of the global business world was fantastic."

Meeting the Senior Students: "Making People Feel Involved"

The new senior students shared lunch with **Liz Ryan**, Chair of **Governors**, who introduced the Student Governor role and welcomed them to the team. All six students intend to adopt an "inclusive approach" to representing the student community relayed by **Max Middleton** who wishes to "include all students." **Greg West** intends to take an active role as Chair and wants to "try and make a difference." **John Thornton** is impressed by the responsibility students are given at Greenhead echoed by **Kirat Gata-Aura** who feels "we can actually do something in our role." **Katie Liu** wishes to maintain an accessible student council which is underscored by **Zoe Chilton** who hopes to extend the programme of events students can participate

in. This enthusiastic proactive team aims to "make their own map" when planning events feeling that the team's "diversity" is a strength alongside being organised and building on their "positive rapport."

The Senior Students can be contacted on seniorstudents@greenhead.ac.uk or through the main college reception.



Left to right:
Top: Greg West John Thornton Max Middleton
Bottom: Katie Liu Kirat Gata-Aura Zoe Chilton



Left to right: Michael Williams, Joe Wood, Miles Fulton and Paul Noble

NATIONAL SPORTING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Paul Noble, Joe Wood, Miles Fulton and Michael Williams who have qualified for the National Finals to be held at Bolton Tennis Arena. Over 300 teams entered this LTA competition sponsored by Nestlé. This competition is open to players rated 7.1 or below. The boys became Yorkshire champions with convincing victories over local Yorkshire schools and then went on to triumph over Durham Johnston School, the North East champions (6-0 rubbers) and Belmont House, the Scottish champions (6-0 rubbers). **HB**

Rugby: Undisputed Champions

Greenhead College are back on the rugby league map! They were crowned the undisputed **National League and Cup champions**. The prestigious national honour was secured after an 18-8 final victory over Pontefract winning the British Colleges Rugby League Sevens at Huddersfield RFC's Lockwood Park ground.



Hockey: International Success

Another young umpire reaches the top of the tree!

Dan Barstow, aged 18 years, from Greenhead College is the 3rd young umpire this year to join the chasing pack for the 2012 Olympics. Dan will umpire games involving Holland, Spain and Germany.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE/SCOPE DVD COLLABORATION

Health and Social Care students were invited to help the charity **SCOPE** make a training DVD to raise awareness of disability issues. The DVD will be used by Huddersfield University and the local Primary Care Trusts on training courses.

Students participated in a range of activities which involved many of the issues affecting people with disabilities. Volunteers with cerebral palsy and multiple sclerosis talked to the group and invited questions to



inform them about their life styles, needs and aspirations. Initially nervous about being in front of a camera, the group soon forgot their shyness and everyone agreed it had been very worthwhile in terms of bringing disability issues to young people and at the same time gave ideas for training personnel who will work with disabled people. **AT**

STUDENT SUCCESS AT THE MRS SUNDERLAND MUSICAL COMPETITION

Mrs Sunderland prizewinners

Congratulations to **Katie Lodge, Stacey Lupton** and **Hannah Thompson** who won the Edward Wood woodwind trophy, **Ruth Woodhead** and **Katherine Fas** were second in the duet class and **Amy Anderson, Amy Heaton, Charlotte Kitson** and **Naomi Sixsmith** were third in the instrumental ensemble against really high powered opposition.

Prize winners included **Rebecca Robertson** and **Rachel Spencer**. Special mention must be made of **Stacey Lupton** and **Rachel Spencer** who came first in the duet class and won the Lawrence Turner Trophy for Chamber Music and former Greenhead student, **Sarah Ogden**, who was awarded the Kirklees Young Musician of the year which carries a prize of £700.



Student Achievements: Poetry

Well done to **David Stewart** whose poem has been accepted for publication in 'Free-Falling – a collection of free verse from Poetry Now.' His poem will now go forward to a £10,000 prize competition. **JB**



Oxbridge Offers

Some of the 33 current A2 students with Oxbridge offers

NEW FACES

A Practised Punk!

by Holly Sykes



Brian Talbot is our new music technician and with a BSc (Hons) in Creative Music and Sound Technology, he's perfect for the job. Passionate about music, he has worked in recording studios, with performing bands, and plays bass in a band himself. Music has always been important to Brian since he left school at 15 and discovered music in the form of punk, wild

hair and all! Multi-talented he also designs and makes gig posters to advertise his own gigs. Brian's main plan for the future is 'just to play more music'- a true dedicated musician and interesting asset to the college! Rock on, dude!

“Go with the flow, take each day as it comes!”

by Yue Wang



So says **Gillian Fenney** who's our new EMA clerical officer; Gillian also works in the college Careers Library. After having worked for the Halifax Bank and the Yorkshire Building Society, Gillian came

to Greenhead as she enjoys taking care of young people. It's a change she doesn't regret. "It just felt right when I came for my interview. This is an incredibly friendly place where I feel very welcome," says Gillian, a fun loving lady whose hobbies include skiing, swimming, learning to play the guitar and spending time with her two adorable little boys, aww bless!

Happy Go Lucky

by Kylie Gabriel



Huddersfield-born **Diane Crowe** has come back to Greenhead's kitchens after a five-year gap, attracted by the "nice people and friendly atmosphere." It's Diane who's there to serve the breakfasts and help fill the vending machines-and "muck in with the rest at busy times." The worst part of the job, she says, is

cleaning the fryer, and the best is being with her workmates. Her hobbies include socialising, a bit of retail therapy and cooking (and there's a place for everything on the home menu, she says, with a nod to Jamie Oliver.)

Mum's the word!

by Rebecca Garlick and Holleigh Marsh



Mary Shepherd is a part-time PE teacher at Greenhead College. Born in Plymouth, Mary then lived in Gloucestershire before moving to Sheffield where she completed a BA Hons degree in Recreation Management. She chose Greenhead because "it is a renowned college and I want to be part of it." She teaches Historical Studies in PE and runs the basketball and badminton teams. Outside college her hobbies include playing basketball, travelling in her campervan, skiing and cookery, her speciality being anything by Jamie Oliver. And her main ambition in life... "To be a good mum!"

Long way from home

by Zoe Chilton

Thousands of miles from home, two Kazak students have settled into college life here at Greenhead. **Marina Chernysh** and **Arussiya Mkrtychyan** have come to the college as part of a year-long exchange programme, and are each studying four AS subjects. They say classes here are "far more relaxed than in Kazakhstan, and the teachers treat you more as individuals." Marina mentioned that she particularly enjoys the 'discussions which are allowed to develop in class', which would not be allowed in their lessons at home. Arussiya agrees that 'teachers are just strict enough here.' Both girls will return home at the end of the year to attend university.

GC Careers Services:

"Find a job you enjoy and you'll never work a day in your life." (Confucius)

The Careers department is busy helping AS students to make the right decisions about life after Greenhead. Via the tutorial programme, all have been guided through their **"Options at 18"** and encouraged to book a

careers appointment. As 90% of our intake chooses Higher Education, trips have been organised to several universities and a Higher Education Fair: parents were invited to our Higher Education Evening.

Attending the **"What's Ahead?"** conference in June and using our award-winning careers library should help Confucius's statement become a reality. **RB**

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

APRIL

- Mon 24 A2 Art Practical Exams start (2 weeks)
- Tue 25 AS PE Revision Workshop
- Wed 26 Music Recitals (until 3rd May)

MAY

- Mon 1 Bank Holiday
- Wed 3 AS Medieval History Unit 3 Open Book
- Mon 15 AS/A-level exams commence
- Tue 16 Students meeting with PaWS project leaders/supervisors
- Fri 19 Last day of AS teaching
- Fri 26 Last A2 classes
College closes

HALF TERM

JUNE

- Sat 3 A2 Leavers' Ball
- Mon 5 College opens
Staff INSET during next two weeks
- Mon 12 Art Show Private View (7.00-9.00pm)
- Wed 14 A2 General Studies exam (1.30pm)
- Fri 16 Meeting with Supervisors and Project Leaders (am)
What's Ahead Conference (am)
New A2 Timetable Administration session (am)
- Mon 19 Work Shadowing/Project week
- Thu 22 A2 General Studies exam (9am)
- Mon 26 A2 Lessons commence

NO UNAUTHORISED DISRUPTION TO TIMETABLE FOR NEXT 3 WEEKS

- Wed 28 PaWS Debriefing and Report session (12.55pm)
- 28/29 Oxford Open Days
- Fri 30 Last day of exams

Food Hampers News Update:
Thank you for your donations

Thank you to all the contributions which parents, guardians, students and staff made to the Christmas Food Hampers as reported in our previous edition. 60 hampers were made up and distributed to the National Children's Centre as a result of your generous donations.

STUDENT PERCEPTIONS: POST GREENHEAD

Forget sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll...!

For a first year undergraduate, Freshers' Week is the epitome of university life; a time to make friends and get used to life away from home. Whilst studying Public Relations at Leeds Metropolitan doing well is one of my top priorities.

Have fun and live life to the max but just remember, if you spend more time partying and blowing your student loans rather than staying in and doing that important essay, you're not going to pass the first year; thus no entry into the second year.

Work first and play later!

Rajinder Kaur Thind is in her first year on the Public Relations Undergraduate Course at Leeds Metropolitan University and left Greenhead College in 2005.

Meet Greenhead's Language Assistants ...



The Language Assistants 2005-06

The college community is enriched every year by the presence of the Language Assistants who undertake invaluable work with students and staff. **Valérie Santos, Estelle Kobylinski, Nathalie Bonnetier** and **Manuel Guérin** work with French students whereas **Jana Amling** and **Jütte Backhaus** work with German students. Students studying Spanish work with **Carmen Ruiz Muñoz** and **Gema Iniguez Ruiz**, and **Monica Estienne** has been working with students studying Italian.

Nathalie has been impressed by the *“friendly atmosphere at the college and its hard working students.”*

This is echoed by Valérie who has found the whole college *“lovely and very welcoming.”*

Monica has *“enjoyed the relationship with students which was fantastic. The experience has made me grow as a person as well.”*

Manuel has *“especially enjoyed the atmosphere within the language department and within our staff 5-a-side football team.”*

Our afternoon at

by Sarah Moore

Spring Grove Primary School



Natalie Robinson and Sarah Moore work with year 1 pupils on creating the Pearl Dragon.

We had been asked if we wanted to be involved in doing a workshop for about 30 year 1 children at Spring Grove Primary School. 8 Theatre Studies students were really interested and in the end we were so glad that we had chosen to take part. At Spring Grove they were having a themed week on the Chinese New Year and we devised a workshop based on that theme.

We also performed a short story based on the race of the animals showing how these then became the names of the twelve years in the Chinese calendar.

We had a lot of fun working with the children and were very grateful to have the opportunity. It was a brilliant afternoon as the children were a pleasure to work with and we would gladly do it again.



Laura Burgess and Neil Heeley at the Salters Award ceremony

Science Successes

Salters Biology student Adam Hopwood and Salters Chemistry student **Laura Burgess** (attended Greenhead 2003-2005) were both presented with a certificate and £100 for achieving 3rd highest total score in their respective subjects. The prizegiving ceremony took place at the Salter's Institute in London on 8th December, 2005. Dr Neil Heeley and Mr David Greenwood attended. DG

SPORT NEWS

NE Colleges Merit League

Well done to the Basketball, Hockey, Netball and Soccer (1st and 2nd XI) who have all reached the play-offs. The final will be in Scarborough at the end of April.

BADMINTON

Both the Boys' and Girls' Badminton teams have qualified for the Yorkshire and Humberside U18 finals, meanwhile in-college tournaments are underway in singles, doubles and mixed doubles. See the notice board to find out the 'Greenhead Champions.' **MSH**

Mixed Doubles Tennis Team

The team reached the semi-finals of the Nestlé under-19 mixed doubles competition with victories over several Lancashire schools. Although narrowly beaten by Pocklington School, York, in the semi-final by four games, the team qualified as best runner up for the National Finals. **HB**

Hockey

The hockey teams have ensured an exciting season end securing places at the British Colleges National Final weekend at Loughborough University, finals day of the BCS Men's Knockout Competition, the Yorkshire Merit

League final and the quarter final of the Mixed Sixth Form Colleges Cup. **Congratulations** must also be extended to the Men's Hockey Team who have scooped the title of National Champions. **CW**

Duke of Edinburgh Award India Trek

Many of you will have noticed the phrase, "buy a ticket, save an orphan" on recent charity gig posters. 16 Greenhead students visit Northern India this summer and will be taking with them a vast amount of money, which you have helped to raise, to an orphanage in Leh. What started as a summer trip, trekking around the Kashmir region of India has now become one big charity event. From guessing the last three digits of a £50 note, listening to bands play at the Gas Club, dancing the night away at a Ceilidh, the group has raised over £1700. This amount will go extremely far in India to help the orphans. As well as visiting Buddhist temples, Delhi, Dharamsala and Amritsar, they will be taking a detour in Leh to present the orphanage with the

money. After all the hard work the Ceilidh and gig involved, not only have they raised a lot of money for a good cause, but come together as a group and had lots of laughs at the same time. Though the fundraising has now finished, the excitement of the trekking and rafting round India has only just begun!

By Lyndsay Harris



Fundraising at the Ceilidh

NATIONAL FINALS IN LOUGHBOROUGH

Well done to all the 60+ students who represented Greenhead College and the NE region in Loughborough at the beginning of April. Greenhead was the largest participating college in the whole country.

The role of honour includes:

Kim Johnson, British Colleges Champion in Girls Tennis, **Helen Calverley**, Bronze Medal in Badminton, **Estelle Wilkinson**, 4th in Girls' Squash and **Andrew Uttley**, 7th in Boys' Squash. The Girls' Hockey team came 4th, the Boys' Hockey and Girls' Cross Country teams came 5th and the Girls' Basketball team came 'slam dunking and funking' into 7th place overall. Finally, the Girls' and Boys' trampolining teams came 7th and 6th respectively.

These efforts contributed to the NE region being overall Girls champions and 6th in the Boys' event. Overall, the NE finished 2nd, their highest position for a number of years. **SB**

Football 1st XI

The team has continued their fine form and finished the league programme unbeaten, with just one draw. With 11 A1 students out of the squad of 16 players, signs are very encouraging for next season. **RF**

3rd XI

The performance of the 3rd XI has improved this year due to the promotion of players from the 4th XI and a better team spirit. There have been victories against Oakbank Sports College (4-1) and Pontefract (7-1) as well as drawn games against Mirfield and Penistone. The team has qualified for the 'knock out' stage of the Yorkshire Merit League. **MPI**