



Left to right: Rachael Mitchell, David Yeo, Robert Sutcliffe, Heather Lonnen and Daniel Plant

## Young Consumer Competition:

Back in February of this year a team of students, coached and managed by fellow student **Daniel Plant**, took part in the national Young Consumer of the Year Competition organised by Trading Standards. The team competed in the first round of the competition beating Colne Valley High School by a comfortable margin. However, in the Kirklees final they were just pipped to the post by Colne Valley who they had beaten earlier that day.

Due to the high scoring nature of that final, the team were able to join Hanson, Holy Trinity, Colne Valley, Allerton and Ackworth to become the sixth team in the West Yorkshire final.

Having drawn a place in the second heat they were able to sit back for a nervous hour and watch the other teams answering questions on Consumer Rights, Finance, Food and Health, Safety and the Environment and finally Europe where they saw Colne Valley narrowly lose out on a place in the final.

Now it was the turn of **David Yeo, Rachael Mitchell, Heather Lonnen, Robert Sutcliffe** and reserve **Josie Foster**. They had a tough round of questions but Greenhead were able to make the final for the second year running with another comfortable victory.

The final was a toughly fought contest which left the audience on the edge of their seats with there being no clear winner until the final scores were revealed. Unfortunately this year wasn't Greenhead's year, losing out on first place and a trip to the national final by only nine points.

By **Daniel Plant**

## THE LAW SOCIETY IS LAUNCHED!

Greenhead is pleased to announce the establishment of its very own Law Society as part of the college's enrichment programme. The society aims to raise awareness and encourage engagement amongst the student body in the English legal system. The first 20 members were a mixture of students who had not studied law and AS/A2 Law students. Under the guidance of the Head of Law, **Neil Harper**, the students organised and participated in a number of activities including a trip to the Magistrates' Court and a question and answer session from a solicitor-advocate working for the Crown Prosecution Service. Next academic year we are hoping to arrange trips to a police station, prison and town hall. A number of speakers will be invited in, including a judge, barrister and

MP. We are also planning our own moot (mock trial). Two current members of the Law Society had this to say, 'The Law Society allowed me a deeper insight into different areas of law not covered in my law classes. I feel it is especially useful for A1s, as the society allowed them to discover what they could do with a Law degree.' (**Becky Newsome**.) **Tom Martin** observes, 'I thoroughly enjoyed the Law Society ... having different perspectives of legal issues was really useful.'

**NHP**



Logo  
by **Carly Turnbull**  
and **Howard Mitchell**.



Iceland team, on the rocks ...

## Iceland 2006:

The Geography Easter Iceland trip was as momentous and exciting as ever. Driving out to a remote part of the island, we were able to go caving in lava formed caves, which are notably different to any in England. Other highlights of the trip were the Gulfoss and Skogafoss waterfalls, the plane journey to the volcanic island Heimaey, and the Breidamerkurjokull and Proglacial Lake. The trip was rounded off with a sight-seeing trip to Reykjavik. The group atmosphere throughout the trip was fantastic and everyone concerned felt that it truly was a once in a lifetime experience. Thank you to our teachers, who gave up their Easter holidays to take us.

By **Robyn Goodier** and **Max Middleton**

## Netball

The 2nd team entered a 1st team competition and were successful in achieving a place in the North East Colleges play off final against Wyke SFC, Hull. The game was closely fought with Greenhead only two goals down coming into the final quarter. The excitement was too much! First we were down, then level, then down but then we scored three goals in the last minute to win by two! Congratulations to the 2nd team for their superb performance in a nail-biting, tense and thrilling match. **SY**

## Tennis Team Update

**Greenhead boys' tennis team secured an outstanding third place in the U19 national finals** held at Bolton Indoor Tennis Arena during April. They achieved a notable victory against Dulwich College; however, they were narrowly beaten by Hills Road Sixth Form College to be denied a place in the final.

Our mixed tennis team represented by **Paul Noble, Alice Holleworth, Joe Wood** and **Daisy Tombleson** also competed at the national finals.

Greenhead College entered two boys' teams in the Glanvill Cup. Our B team were defeated after a close match with South Hunsley School at Kingston Tennis Centre, Hull. The A team recently beat Harrogate Grammar School to reach the regional semi-final. If successful in the next match against Bradford Grammar School they will qualify for the national finals to be held at Queenswood School, Hertfordshire.

Greenhead girls' team beat Bradford Girls' and Ampleforth Girls' to reach the regional semi-final of the Aberdare cup. They were beaten by national defending champions Woodhouse Grove 4-2. **HB**

## Ballroom Brilliance

**The A2 Leavers' Ball on Saturday 3rd June, 2006 was a glittering occasion.**



Photograph courtesy of John Woods Photography

The Galpharm Stadium Huddersfield played host to a varied programme of events including a Bucks Fizz Reception, Steel and Jazz Bands, Disco, Magicians, Caricaturists, Mime Act, Chocolate Fountains and a spectacular Fireworks Display. A formal dinner was also enjoyed. 425 people attended the event which was instrumentally organised by **Tom Gedman** and **Beckie Lee** of the Ball Committee.

## Schools' Analyst Competition 2006

Greenhead usually puts forward three teams of year one Chemistry students for this annual competition. The teams for this year's competition were:

**Team A: Carmen Elliott, Adam Hague and Richard Mellor**

**Team B: Jenny Norcliffe, Mitesh Patel and Tom Wise**

**Team C: Bernadette Khodaghalian and Elizabeth Sykes**

The competition, held at Huddersfield University, involves using analytical

techniques and equipment not generally available in schools and colleges. The students are given a particular problem which they must solve, as a team, in a set time limit of three hours.

All three teams performed extremely well and gained much from the experience in terms of applying their knowledge to a new situation and working as a team. Team A achieved a silver standard and only missed out on gold by the narrowest of margins. 'It was hard work but fun' was the overall

student opinion, so congratulations to them all! **MBA**

Team A:

**Richard Mellor, Carmen Elliott and Adam Hague**



## Student Achievements: Debating Success

Over the last term the Debating Society has had debates on religious cartoons, smoking bans, Iran and nuclear production, private education and abortion.

For the first time the College entered two national debating competitions. One competition was run by the English Speaking Union (ESU) where we were represented by **Jack Watson** and **Alex Hutton**: the other by the Oxford Union Society (OUS) where the speakers were **Max Middleton** and **Hannah Martin**.

In the ESU competition we were the unanimous choice of all the judges in the West Yorkshire round and many of the audience were surprised that we didn't progress from the Northern Regional round. In the OUS competition the first round was for 'The North' and over 60 teams participated. The Greenhead team were one of the winners and progressed to the national finals in Oxford. The gruelling final lasted over 10 hours and the team had to prepare and argue their way through four different debates against more seasoned debaters. Though the team didn't make it to the last stages they learnt a lot and feel more confident about next year's competition.

Congratulations to all members of both teams.

Eight Chemistry students entered the 2006 Chemistry Olympiad, an international competition designed to find the best Chemistry students in the world.

Our students performed extremely well:

**Silver Awards: Rehaan Khan and Rhys Griffiths**

**Bronze Awards: Jenny Whitehead, Mohammed Ajmal, Rehana Younis and Tanya Addy**

**Commended: Anna Wright and Harriet Frain**

Congratulations to all on an excellent achievement. **MBA**

Back Row: **Rehaan Khan, Rhys Griffiths, Mohammed Ajmal & Rehana Younis**  
Front Row: **Jenny Whitehead, Tanya Addy & Harriet Frain.**



## Chemistry Olympiad 2006

# NEW FACES

## Welcome Jenny

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Jenny Lindsay has joined Greenhead as our Senior Administration Officer. Formerly, Jenny worked as Service Administrator in the Adult & Community Learning Service. Professionally, Jenny has worked in a variety of organisations including the Health Service and Local Government. Jenny was attracted to Greenhead, “because of its reputation and the friendliness of the staff and Senior Students I met at interview.” It is good to hear that “my initial impression at interview has proved to be sound, and I really enjoy the friendly atmosphere and the variety of the work.” Variety is the word, as Jenny’s role encompasses admissions in the Spring term and currently preparation for Day 1 student induction in the Summer term, to name but a few. Jenny has “taken over... from Vilma Clayton” and recounts how she appreciates “Vilma showing me the ropes for several weeks before she retired.” Greenhead is a new working

environment for Jenny as it “is the first job where I have worked term time only” meaning that hopefully there will be “more time to pursue my (recently neglected) hobbies of stained glass and cross stitch.”

### ....and Farewell Vilma:

Vilma Clayton recently bid colleagues a professional farewell owing to retirement. Vilma started at Greenhead in April 1994. As Student Admin Officer, Vilma had responsibility for student files, UCAS references, Tutor support and many other tasks. Wendy Scott, Chief Admin Officer, comments that as a colleague “Vilma is unflappable, capable of an enormous work load” and has a “great sense of humour.” We wish Vilma every happiness in her retirement.



## Royal Naval Honour for Robert Garner

Congratulations to Robert Garner (19) a former Greenhead student who has been awarded the Sovereign’s Sword. This annual honour is presented to the Young Officer who has achieved “**the highest and most outstanding level of overall performance under training.**” HRH the Duke of York presented Robert with his sword at a ceremony held at Britannia Royal Naval College. Robert’s achievement is impressive as over 400 young Officers graduate from the college each year. As Robert recalls, “The presentation completed an amazing period - it was great to have my parents and friends present...Life as a Young Royal Naval Officer is challenging in all respects but is all the more rewarding for that...I plan to continue my Royal Navy career for a long time.” We wish Robert continued success for the future.



# GC Careers Services:

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

**In the summer term, all A1 students:**

- attend our "What's Ahead?" conference which includes speakers from universities and major employers across Britain
- shadow a professional person at work or hone employability skills in a chosen project as part of PaWS week
- learn how to apply to UCAS electronically
- learn how to write an effective personal statement or CV
- have the opportunity to attend

college trips to the universities of York, Newcastle, Northumbria, Oxford or Cambridge.

Remember, students can still book an individual careers appointment for advice and guidance. **RB**

## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

### JUNE

- Mon 19 Project and Work Shadowing week  
 Thu 22 A2 General Studies exam (9.00am)  
 Sun 25 A2 PE Mountain Walking Practical Assessment (until 27th)  
 Mon 26 A2 lessons commence  
 Governors meeting 4.30pm

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- Wed 28 PaWS Debriefing and Report session (12.55pm)  
 Oxford Open Day Visit (until 29th)

### JULY

- Thu 6 Cambridge Open Day Visit (until 7th)  
 Fri 7 DOE Qualifying Venture (until 11th)  
 Sun 9 Art trip to London (until 12th)  
 Tue 11 Oxbridge Meeting (12.50pm)  
 Fri 14 **College closes**  
 Mon 31 DOE India Trek (until 16th Aug)

### AUGUST

- Thu 17 **AS/A-level results published**  
 Thu 24 GCSE results published  
 DOE Qualifying Venture (until 28th)

### ACADEMIC YEAR 2006/7

- Tue 29 Enrolment Day for new students

### SEPTEMBER

- Fri 1 **A1 lessons commence**  
 Mon 4 **A2 lessons commence**

## Creativity is the Word!

## UK Writing Competition 2006

**Congratulations to Edward Dyson and David Stewart, two Greenhead English students, on their UK Writing Competition success. Edward and David are amongst five national winners who receive an ipod Nano and have their story published. Edward's story "The Girl and the Trolley" and David's entitled "The Cell" will be published on-line and a copy lodged with the British Library. As David Page, an adjudicator, comments "we have maintained our usual high standards in judging whether a story is good enough to publish...and the authors should feel pleased with themselves."**

# Spring Concert 2006 and Reflections of Concerts Past:

The editor met with Angela Griffith, a member of the Music department to reflect on the recent Spring Concert: An Evening of Music (4 April) alongside previous concert preparations in which Angela has been involved at Greenhead. Angela is retiring this summer after joining the college in 1987. The recent concert featured a varied repertoire, ranging from the electric guitar strains of Satriani to Franck's vocal duet *Panis Angelicus*.

The String Ensemble, Chamber/College Choirs and Wind/Swing Bands comprise this Enrichment Concert which offers an inclusive programme as there are no auditions for participants. Lunch time rehearsals, involving a significant staff and student input, allow 'solo spots' and ensembles to perform side by side. Special thanks should be extended to Brenda Burhouse, the accompanist, who supported soloists at the concert and plays for the AS/A-level Music recitals. Angela believes that the most satisfying aspect of concert preparations is "encouraging students of all abilities to perform together." One of the most memorable concerts for Angela was Haydn's "Toy Symphony" originally performed in October 1999 by the String Ensemble with Greenhead staff who played instruments ranging from bird whistles to trumpets. Recently, Angela reprised the event at the October 2005 concert as it was "such fun to do."



**Out Now!** The Greenhead Spring Concert CD. Recorded live at Greenhead College. Available from the Music Department Office.



All hail Macbeth!



## A2 Theatre Studies Production: 'Macbeth'

It is a brave venture for amateurs to undertake a performance of one of the world's most famous tragedies. The A2 students involved in this performance acquitted themselves brilliantly and produced a genuinely fresh and arresting version of the play. Buckets (literally) of blood being carried across an increasingly stained white floor cleverly signalled the dominant imagery of the text and the potential of the bloody 'butcher and his fiend-like queen'. The witches were illuminatingly presented as sexy and seductive. Draped alluringly in the white and red of the set, they were visually connected to the theme of carnage.

At the same time, their suggestive intonation and body language made very convincing the idea that they wanted their wicked way with Macbeth!

All the individual performances were impressively focused and the central role was exceptionally well carried out: **Chris Harrisson** brought an impressive maturity to the part, delivering the lines with clarity, subtlety and intelligence in his portrayal of the tormented tyrant.

All hail and congratulations to all concerned. **SC**

# Engineering Education Scheme:

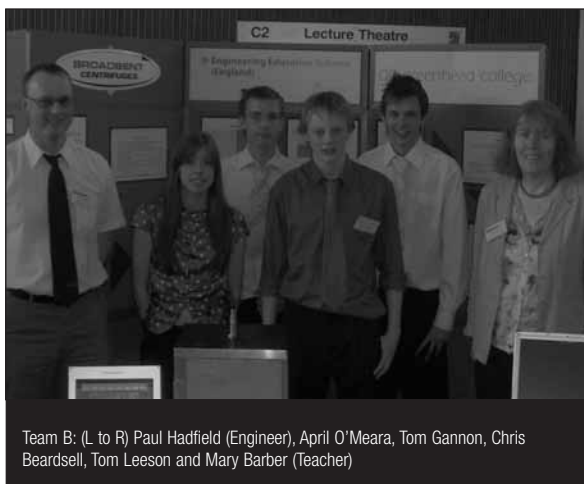


Team A: (L to R) Tim Haigh (Engineer), Sophie Cocker, Finn Grimwood, Asher Pemberton, Alex Hall and Fanny Walshaw (Teacher)

This was another very successful year for both teams who were lucky to be working with the same companies as last year. Team A gained an insight into the electricity industry working with CE Electric, the organisation responsible for electricity distribution. Their project involved designing a remote method of ‘racking out’ an oil switch in a sub-station in order to maintain the switch. At the Manchester University residential at Christmas, a prototype solution was designed which could save the company time, money and, above all, lives.

Team B worked with Thomas Broadbent and Son, a Huddersfield engineering company which manufactures industrial centrifuges. The project involved testing and designing a device to detect when a centrifuge becomes full. The team was successful in producing a prototype solution which if taken up by the company would save them a significant amount of money.

Both teams gave excellent presentations at the Celebration and Assessment Day and were highly commended by the assessors for their reports as well. Well done! **FW/MBA**



Team B: (L to R) Paul Hadfield (Engineer), April O'Meara, Tom Gannon, Chris Beardsell, Tom Leeson and Mary Barber (Teacher)

# SPORT NEWS

## Greenhead Harriers

On 2nd April an elite band of athletes competed in the Baildon Boundary Way Half Marathon. The gruelling, hilly course was made even more demanding by earlier heavy rain which caused the majority of the 13 mile course to be ankle-deep in mud.



After 13 miles of mud, sweat and tears Greenhead Harriers' finest bask in the glory of a successful half marathon.

Under these conditions, **Chris Miller**, **Nat Tonner** and **Sana Khan** turned in excellent performances: Chris Miller finished 19th overall in a very strong and experienced field. The older generation were ably represented by **Tom Rowley**, **Mike Pickerden** and **Peter Edwards**. On 7th May, **Peter Hoyle** finished an exceptional 13th in the 10 mile Bluebell Trail off-road race in Halifax. He performed very confidently against fit and experienced adult fell and distance runners. Peter Edwards, meanwhile, provided evidence that the old and frail are still capable of running up hills. Congratulations to all the young distance runners who have supported this project and competed in some very demanding races. **PE**

## Hockey

2005/06 has been the most exciting and successful hockey season in the history of the college. Six students have represented the county, two internationally and one as an official, umpiring international fixtures. The mixed team won the Yorkshire Merit League and Cup, and were unlucky to lose in the National semi final of the Sixth Form Colleges Cup at Bedford against Peter Symonds from Winchester. The girls' team won the NE BCS Tournament and were placed fourth at the National Championships. The boys' team produced an amazing season, winning the NE Boys' BCS Tournament, taking fifth place at Loughborough and were crowned National Champions in the BCS Knockout Cup beating John Leggott SFC from Scunthorpe in the final at Oxford. A fantastic season and thoroughly deserved champions. **CW**

## Basketball

Having come top of the BCS NE league for the season, Greenhead were drawn to play Scarborough in the play offs. After a convincing win, Greenhead faced local rivals, Huddersfield New College, in the finals. Greenhead had 'nothing to lose' and 'all to play for' in this nail-biting match, as they had already lost twice to them in the season. It was a basket for basket match until the third quarter when Greenhead went down by 18 points. The determination of the team, especially **Michael Greenfield** and **Jozef Romaniewicz**, was amazing. They refused to give up! **Nathaniel Akins** played to perfection and contributed a massive 45 personal points. All this, combined with a fabulous team performance, meant they clawed back the deficit to

win 88-86. A momentous game!  
Congratulations also go to **Taurean Von-Rollock** who was voted Players' Player of the Season 2005/6.  
**MSH**

