

*'Young Ambassadors' for the Youth Sport Trust in conjunction with the Pennine Sports Partnership.*

## "Lighting the torch of tomorrow"



Rachael Kain, Vicky Motley, Ben Raven-Hill and Robyn Stevens are currently operating as role models for sport in the community whilst promoting the Olympic ethos and ideals for London 2012. This worthwhile and exciting venture aims to develop public interest and support for the Olympic games and the group have been working with children "to encourage youth participation in sport" and "by introducing some children to new sports." Next summer this Greenhead student quartet are required to mentor the next batch of ambassadors and teach them the tricks of the trade. Their prestigious and busy post applies for a year. As Vicky Motley summarises "We were selected from our High Schools early last year as gifted and talented sports people and leaders in sport, as well as devoted volunteers with good leadership skills and sports qualifications." Now, the role involves attending conferences and training sessions around the country. This is both satisfying and challenging as Vicky relays. "It's challenging to juggle college work with the role... there's presentations to prepare, tournaments to coordinate and awards to present." A satisfying long term outcome for the group is "hopefully to be able to get involved in staffing at the Olympic Games too when they come to London in 2012 as a reward for our services." Many congratulations and good luck to all concerned!

## Soaring High

Congratulations to Greenhead student **Fiona Hughes** who has just returned from representing Great Britain at the European Youth Winter Olympics (Cross Country Skiing Event.) Fiona attended the one week event in Jaca in the Spanish Pyrenees in February 2007. Prior to the event, Fiona spent a week training in the French Pyrenees to acclimatise as the racing was at altitude.

Fiona has been skiing since she was 8 years old and was 13 when she joined the Great Britain Nordic Development Squad. Her parents inspired interest in this event as they "cross country skied for fun."

It is impressive that alongside studying an AS programme of Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry Fiona has managed to "train most days." Training involves input of between 8 and 12 hours a week using roller skis, running, biking and gym apparatus.

Fiona comments that the most satisfying aspects of training involve "finishing a race. All your hard work has finally paid off. ...getting a good result tops it." Success of this sort involves rising above challenges which Fiona believes can be the potential isolation of solitary training.



Fiona (pictured) preparing to race at the European Youth Olympics in February 2007.

"I train on my own all year round, apart from training camps." How then does Fiona remain motivated for both her sporting aspirations and her full college programme? In short it's a sense of wise time management and thinking of "what you have achieved and what you want to achieve."

Fiona's long term sporting ambitions are impressively mapped out. "My aim for next season is the Junior World Championships, which will be in Poland. The Olympics is my main aim for 2010, but if not 2014." We wish Fiona every success in this pursuit.

Impressively Fiona obtained 55th position in the classic 5km and 52nd in the skate 7.5m. At team level Fiona qualified 18th in the mixed relay and in all of these races "I got my best FIS points to date which should qualify me for the World Junior's next season". **Many congratulations on this outstanding personal and national achievement.**

## PHYSICS OLYMPIAD 2007



Students being presented with their certificates for achievement (l-r: Mr Rostron, Eric Barton, Finn Grimwood, Dr Haggerston, Richard Mellor, Rachel Gregory, Dale Eccleston and Mr Bartlett).

Eight students are to be congratulated on success in the 2006-7 Physics Olympiad. **Rachel Gregory** achieved a Bronze I medal, **Eric Barton, Dale Eccleston, Finn Grimwood** and **Richard Mellor** all gained Bronze II medals and **James Davis, Tom Martin** and **Asher Pemberton** received Commendations. The Olympiad remains the most formidable examination on offer for students of this age group, both in terms of its intellectual demands and its length (3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours!). Well done to all!

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## Close Up on Enrichment:

### 'Make Up Team'

**"The place is the Manchester Royal Exchange....The time 2006"**

The 'My Fair Lady' Make Up (comprising Hair Design) Team travelled back in time as a result of a highly enjoyable and informative visit to the Manchester Royal Exchange.

**"The place is London....The time 1912"**

In order for the team to recreate the period design nuances of 1912, the visit allowed students and staff to spend invaluable time with the resident Hair and Make Up artist. The experience also incorporated a full theatre tour allowing us to leave with many practical and invaluable 'tricks of the trade.'

**"The place is Greenhead College....It's Showtime"**

This extension activity organised by Carol Hibbert allowed the team to produce the required set pieces which ranged from a Covent Garden Street scene to Ascot and an Embassy Ball Scene.



*The My Fair Lady Make Up/Hair Design Team*

### National Young Consumer Competition: Kirklees Round

by David Bruce

With the scores ending Greenhead 140, St John Fisher 72 and Castle Hall 75, the Young Consumers team won the Kirklees round of this national competition in convincing fashion. The team, which consisted of **Tom Watson, Sam Ansell, Wilf Skinner, David Bruce** and **John Callaghan**, will now take part in the West Yorkshire round.

## DEBATING SOCIETY NEWS

After the initial planning meeting, when members decided on the topics to be discussed, there was a successful Any Questions session. Phil Bartlett, Matthew Burrows and Annie O'Gara fielded a wide range of questions from the students. The debates were closely contested.

### **Verbal Guns Left Smouldering in Debating Competition:**

**Max Middleton** and **Morgan Wild** recently participated in the prestigious English Speaking Union Mace Competition. In the first round, Greenhead swept aside a strong Bradford Grammar side in a debate concerning drugs in sport. The second round was hosted by Leeds Grammar School and involved a range of formidable Northern educational institutes. Despite a rallying proposition in favour of television cameras in court, the team was disappointed not to be selected to proceed to a national level. However, such high level competition proved educational, inspiring and thoroughly enjoyable, constituting a very positive experience.

**Max Middleton**

## Close Up on Enrichment:

### Mock United Nation Conference

On Saturday, 18th November, 18 excited students set out for a UN weekend in Manchester. We provided three of the 120 delegates who had gathered from all over the country. The opening ceremony included a speech from the Deputy Leader of the Zimbabwe Liberation Movement, who is currently in exile in Britain. We debated and amended resolutions for each scenario in our committees in which our delegates actively took part in debates and suggested amendments to resolutions.



On Sunday we debated a further issue in joint committees before attending the General Council where we had an Energy Debate.

**Ashley Cattell** was the star of our delegation, scooping an award for commended delegate in the Ecology and Environment Committee.

We all had a great time!  
by **Lucy Eastwood**

## SAILING & WINDSURFING



*Participants pictured with Mr Brodie-Browne and Mrs Credland are: (l-r) Anne Hollingworth, Ayelet Melman, Elliot Ferryman-Avery, Richelle de Bokx and James Solan.*

Congratulations to three of our sailors, **Stewart Selbie, Richelle de Bokx** and **Ayelet Melman**, who successfully completed a range of skills including helming a Pica sailing dinghy in moderate winds, the practical capsized drill and man overboard recovery to gain their Royal Yachting Association level 2 qualifications.

Also qualifying this time were five windsurfers, **Anne Hollingworth, Maddy Heginbotham, Kate Keeley, Steven Bedford** and **Edward Hall**, and one sailor, **Elliot Ferryman-Avery**, who each achieved their RYA level 1 qualification and are now able to participate in their chosen sport and hire equipment anywhere in the world.  
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# NEW FACES....

## Web Wonder:

**Paul Holden** (E-Learning Web Developer) spends "most of my time working on the college internal and external websites. I'm mainly involved in upgrading and rewriting the databases." An exciting current project involves "setting up a Virtual Learning Environment (like an online classroom) for the staff and students." Paul is a Huddersfield University graduate (BSc Hons Computing Software Development.) Prior to joining Greenhead he has "worked for Airbus in Hamburg Germany, where I was a web developer working alongside the design of the aeroplanes." Paul is now navigating the literal college campus noting "it's pretty big!" and is enjoying the "relaxed and informal atmosphere" because it "makes for a nice working environment". As a keen football fan Paul enjoys both "playing and watching." His allegiance is to "Huddersfield Town" and he tries "to get down to the Galpharm as much as I can." International travel also holds interest for Paul who last year "spent 10 months backpacking around the world; that was one of the best things I've done and definitely gave me the 'travel bug' - it'd be great to do a similar trip again in the future!" In the meantime it's good that Paul has travelled to Greenhead where he is a welcome addition to the college community.



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## Catering with Care:

Welcome to **Claire Ashton** who joins the college as a Catering Assistant. Claire appreciates "working with the staff and in an enjoyable atmosphere." Claire's prior professional experiences within a catering environment make her a valuable asset to our resident Catering team. Working at Greenhead appeals as she is "interested in working with the students in the community." The holidays are also ideal, as Claire has two young children. Claire's hobbies include swimming, music and reading.



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## Source Support:

**Claire Berry** (Student Support) is "really enjoying her first year at Greenhead." Claire particularly enjoys "working with and helping young people." Perceptions of Greenhead so far are that "the college is a super friendly place to work" and that the Christmas production (My Fair Lady) "was fantastic." Outside of college Claire enjoys "spending time with her three daughters and going on as many holidays as possible." Claire is also a Leeds United fan remarking "The Championship is where it's at, the Premiership is soooo last year." It's great to welcome Claire as part of the Greenhead team.



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## Invaluable International Assistance:

Greenhead's Language Assistants 2006-07 have provided excellent input and support for our Language students. This international team (pictured) are a vital part of the college community offering an indispensable curriculum enhancement. Supporting the French curriculum are **Emilie de Gonzaga**, **Sandy Labatut**, **Noel Christe** and **Manuel Guerin**. German students enjoy tutelage from **Vera Butz** and **Katharina Mitsche**. **Nuria Monfa Solanilla** and **Maria Fernanda Garcia de la Barrera** work with Spanish students and **Monica Estienne** provides Italian provision. Manuel enjoys working at Greenhead because it provides an opportunity to meet people from different countries and

backgrounds every year. Maria comments that working at the college "helps me with my career prospects" and allows her to maintain fresh relationships with the college community. "Interesting, challenging and entertaining" are the three words Noel uses to sum up the Greenhead experience. With a professional background in Painting and Building alongside a degree in English/French Language and Literature students benefit enormously from this diversity of experience. Thank you to all of our Assistants and we wish them continued professional success for the future



Top LtoR: Noel Christe, Katharina Mitsche, Sandy Labatut, Vera Butz, Manuel Guerin  
Front LtoR: Emilie de Gonzaga, Monica Estienne, Maria Garcia, Nuria Monfa

## Greenhead Christmas Appeal



We are pleased to announce that we raised £2,800 - enough to buy a fully kitted-out classroom, train a significant number of teachers and buy a range of teaching materials for use in the developing world. We shall be presenting this to Oxfam in the near future.

Well done, and thanks to everyone who contributed: this will make a positive difference to many lives.

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# SPORT NEWS

## 1ST XI FOOTBALL:

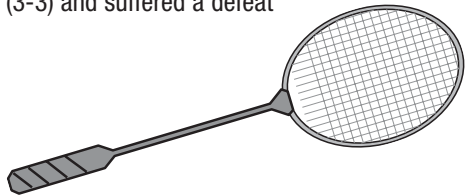
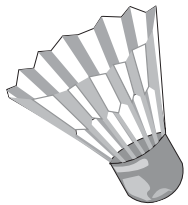
The 1st XI continued their fine season by going top of the Yorkshire Merit League with 10 wins from 10. Also, they reached the West Yorkshire Cup Final with a hard fought 2-1 win over Boston Spa. In the final they meet Heckmondwike or Hanson.

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## 3RD XI FOOTBALL REPORT:

Despite a number of cancellations due to the bad weather and examinations, the 3rd XI continue to make good progress. They have defeated New College (4-2) and St John Fisher (4-1), drawn the return match against New College (3-3) and suffered a defeat against Hanson School (2-1).

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## BADMINTON:

The Girls' Badminton team recently came third in the Yorkshire Schools' Championships, with the Boys' and Mixed Finals still to be played.

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## BASKETBALL

The Boys' Basketball team are still in the British Colleges Cup having beaten Gateshead College 69-45 and Norton College 75-59.

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## Loughborough here we come!

### *The whole picture.....*

Last year, Greenhead was the largest participating college at the British Colleges National Finals where we represented the North East of England. This year looks even better! The qualifiers so far are:

Boys' Tennis (**Daniel Sinclair**)

Girls' Tennis (**Kim Johnson**)

Trampolining (**Helena Boryslawskyyj**)

Table Tennis Doubles (**David Newsome/Miles Fulton**)

Cross Country (**Fiona Hughes/Katie Keeley**)

Girls' Hockey Team

Boys' Hockey Team

### BRILLIANT BASKETBALL:

In the last few weeks the **Girls' Basketball Team** joined the squad after an exciting but emphatic win over Queen Elizabeth SFC (Darlington) at the Army Foundation College in Harrogate.

### GAME 'NET' & MATCH:

The **Netball Team** also became the **North East Champions** in a competition that started with another 20 teams. A nail biting game against Hartlepool SFC and a formidable England Goal Shooter resulted in a victorious Greenhead and yet another addition to the Loughborough squad.

### BADMINTON QUARTET:

In **badminton**, four players qualified for the finals. **Helen Calverley** in the **Ladies' Singles**, **Mohammed Mustufvi** in the **Mens' Singles** and **Catherine Davies/Jonathan Holland** in the **Mixed Doubles**.

### SPLENDID SWIMMING:

In **swimming**, **Holly Cottrell** won the individual medley and 100m backstroke so will also represent the North East at Loughborough.

*With such a vast array of competitors in many different sports, no wonder we were awarded the title of best sporting college in the North East!*

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## Oxbridge Success, Again

This year, we have students gaining places for the widest range of subjects ever – ranging from Architecture to Theology. 25 students have secured offers from the 77 who applied. The success rate of 1:3 is especially pleasing as the national application rate this year appears to be about six applicants per place. Congratulations to all the students for all their hard work and commitment. Also, a big thanks to staff who have given them so much support, both at Greenhead and at their former schools. **ABB**



## IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

### MARCH

w/c 26th A2 Assemblies

### APRIL

3 Spring Concert

5 **College closes**

### SUMMER TERM

23 **College opens**

25 AS Medieval History Unit 3 Examination

27 Final date for Key Skills entries

30-4 May AS Art Practical Examinations

### MAY

1 Higher Education Information Evening for Parents

2 AS Medieval History Unit 3 Examination

7 **Bank Holiday**

8-18 May A2 Art Practical Examinations

14 AS/A-level Examinations commence

15 Student meeting with PaWS Project Leaders/Supervisors

18 Last day of AS teaching

25 Last day of A2 teaching

**College closes**

### HALF TERM

### JUNE

2 A2 Leavers' Ball

4 **College opens** (AS/A-level examinations continue)

12 Art Show Private View, 7pm

13 A2 General Studies Examination (pm)

15 What's Ahead Conference/PaWS meeting/New A2 Timetable

18-22 Project and Workshadowing Week

20 A2 General Studies Examination (am)

25 A2 lessons commence

Governors Meeting

29 Last day of examinations

## CAREERS NEWS

“There’s no such thing as a career path – it’s crazy paving.”

To help students pick a route across precarious paving, all A1s have received a careers library induction and embarked upon two terms' worth of tutorials investigating “Options at 18”. Individual careers interviews are available to everyone – book now!

**RB**