

Best Feet Forward:



During February half-term, a group of Greenhead students ventured to the Tyrol in Austria to go skiing. Drenched in pleasant sunshine we required the snow machines, working night and day, to sustain our smooth descents down the mountain slopes. However, the failure of global warming to penetrate the highest peaks, creating superb conditions, combined with splendid food and an excellent group atmosphere, constituted an altogether brilliant experience.
by Max Middleton

National Young Consumer Competition: West Yorkshire Final

After winning the Kirklees competition, the team went forward to the regional finals at The Royal Armouries in Leeds. They were easy winners of the first semi final and waited to see if they could repeat the performance in the final. It wasn't to be, so they relinquished their hopes of a three day stay in Manchester. They were beaten by a very knowledgeable Leeds team who were extremely quick off the mark.
Congratulations to **David Bruce** (captain), **John Callaghan**, **Thomas Watson**, **Wilf Skinner** and **Sam Ansell**.

ALL HOT AND COLD:

On the 5th-10th April, 34 AS Geography students and four brave teachers went on a trip of a lifetime to Iceland. The adventure got off to an amazing start with a visit to the Blue Lagoon to swim in the famous geothermal pool. We spent Easter Sunday on the Solheimajokull glacier and went to a beach covered with icebergs rather than sand. Other highlights included riding traditional Icelandic horses (some were slower than others!), sliding through a lava cave and flying to one of the



On the snout of the Skaftafellsjokull (glacier)

Vestmannaeyjar islands and climbing an active volcano. To complete this incredible fieldtrip Richard Brewster took five astounded students to see Björk and Hot Chip in Reykjavik on the last night.

By Georgina Hill and Sarah Dobie

A2 Leavers' Ball on Saturday, 2 June 2007:



Photograph courtesy of John Woods Photography

Class of 2007

The Galpharm Stadium Huddersfield played host to a varied programme of events including a Bucks Fizz Reception, Steel and Jazz Bands, Disco, Casino, Magicians, Caricaturists, Chocolate Fountains and a spectacular Fireworks Display. A formal dinner was also enjoyed. 475 people attended the event which was organised by the retiring senior students.

Springing into action:



The Spring Concert in April was a wonderful showcase of the talent of Greenhead's musicians from soloists to rafter-raising band performances. Music students this year have also become regular concert goers: opera in Leeds and a trip over the Pennines to the Bridgewater Hall with food and fun on the way! **SWR**



All concert / production recordings available on CD from the music department, £1.00

Question Time:

Lord Douglas Hurd (former Conservative Home and Foreign Secretary) visited college to take part in a question and answer session with students. His views were sought on the Conservative Party under David Cameron, reform of the House of Lords and current issues on foreign policy, to name but a few.

Prof Paul Rogers, Professor of Peace Studies at Bradford University, gave a talk on 'The War of Terror – Six Years On'. This was a fascinating analysis by a nationally respected academic expert in the field of international relations.

Both sessions were very well attended by interested students, who asked lots of pertinent questions.

THE GOLDEN GOOSE:

On the first week back this term, 120 Year 3 children at Lindley Primary School were treated to the tale of 'The Golden Goose' performed by Drama Enrichment students. This Grimm's tale about horrible siblings, inn-keeper's daughters being glued together, a magic little old woman in a forest and a grumpy princess entertained four classes. You'll be relieved to hear that the character 'Kindness' was rewarded with the gift of the golden goose. **JPH**



ENGINEERING EDUCATION SCHEME:

The scheme offers the opportunity for teams of four AS Physics and Maths students to work with a local company on a genuine engineering problem faced by that company. The idea is to give the students a real insight into the world of engineering and hopefully to encourage them to consider engineering as a career. This year, two Greenhead teams took part and the team working with Thomas Broadbent's successfully came up with a torque limiting device for a centrifuge machine. The other team, working with CE Electric, invented a tool to remove debris such as tangled kites from overhead electricity cables. In fact, the device was so successful that it looks as if the company may go on to develop it. Both teams attended the formal celebration and assessment day in Manchester on April 27 and were highly commended for the quality of their reports, displays and presentations. Well done! **FW**



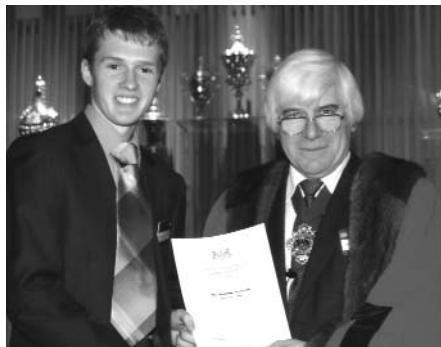
Thomas Broadbent team: Daniel Farikullah, Tom Somers, Ailie Fan and Matthew Atkin



CE Electric team: Zarmina Rayaz, Stuart Earnshaw, Hussam Akbar and Salma Bhamjee

Former Student Achievements:

Congratulations to **Mathew Horrocks** who gained the third highest total mark in the Salters Advanced Chemistry Course 2006. Mathew was invited to a ceremony at the Salters Institute in London and awarded a certificate to mark this achievement along with a cash prize. Mathew is continuing his chemistry studies at Oriel College, Oxford. Many of the current students are familiar with the Chemistry Salters notes which Mathew wrote and made accessible via the intranet and internet (www.chem.4college.co.uk). They are finding them very useful and will wish him many future successes! **KW**



Mathew Horrocks receiving his award from Dr Alan Mawson.

Former student, **Katherine Broderick**, recently secured first place at the 2007 Ferrier Competition and was awarded £10,000 for her soprano performance. The Kathleen Ferrier Awards are Britain's most prestigious singing awards. Katherine is currently studying on the Opera Course at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and in September takes up a place at the National Opera Studio. **JPZ**

MULTIPLYING ENTHUSIASM FOR MATHS:

Over 30 first and second year students from Greenhead entered the 16-19 PopMaths Challenge at Huddersfield University on Saturday, 17th March, answering a series of 20 demanding mathematical questions against the clock.

The competition was won comfortably by a Greenhead

team of second year students regaining the trophy after a two year absence. **Henry Bradford, Rob Stanley, James Priestman, Francis Lotes, Jonathan Mitchell** and **Harry Dempsey** were each presented with a medal as well as the Concorde Informatics Cup. One of the first year teams (**Daniel Farikullah, Emma Wilkins, Louise Harney** and **Austin Platt**) came third, a remarkable achievement for a team of four students when most others had six members.



The winning Greenhead team with the Concorde Informatics Cup

On the same morning, Greenhead College again hosted the PopMaths Quiz for local pupils in years 9 and below. The competition was won by a team from Huddersfield Grammar School, with runners up from Moor End Technology College. **DCN**

Yorkshire and Humberside Sixth Form Colleges' Debating Competition:

This was the first such competition. The full day event was held at the Old County Hall in Wakefield. Our team of ten had to propose a motion on student fees and oppose a motion on restrictions on migrant workers to the UK, as well as contributing to the other debates. The panel of judges marked them over the whole day's contribution. They were unlucky not to be outright winners. They contented themselves with **Morgan Wild** being awarded the prize for the best main speaker.

The whole team contributed well and had a very interesting day. It was the first time many of them had been in a competitive debate. Congratulations to them all.

NEW FACES....

**Local Born and Bred:**

That's how Fred Lodge, the new Chemistry Technician, describes himself. A graduate of Shelley High School and Huddersfield Technical College, Fred worked at Huddersfield University for over 11 years and at Taylor Hill College before joining Greenhead in September 2006. His current hobbies include photography, astronomy and playing the piano. He is also a motorbike enthusiast and has built a kit car.

by Joanne Clarke

**Grand Designs:**

Janet Pitts joined Greenhead as a teacher of Biology. However, from September she will be teaching Health and Social Care, too. Janet first specialised in microbiology, working in hospital pathology laboratories, before embarking on her teaching career. In her spare time she likes to get involved in local community activities, reading and walking. One of her ambitions for the future is to build her own eco-house.

**Sporting Chemist:**

New Chemistry teacher, Richard Pember, boasts youthfulness as his contribution to the department. Previously employed as a Head of Department, Richard has worked in inner city Newcastle, Kuwait, Leeds and Bradford, as well as being an examiner for the exam board, AQA. His impression of Greenhead? "Love it! Very busy – but for all the right reasons." Outside college Richard's hobbies are football and golf.

**Obsessive over Curry:**

'Happy, relaxed and obsessive over curry' is how Paul Mitchell sums himself up. Paul has many years of experience as an English teacher, arriving at Greenhead in February 2007. His first impressions of Greenhead were 'a friendly bunch of people'. His interests are 'Indie music, going to the cinema and eating curry'. He loved school – which may explain why he's never left!

by Lois Fielding

**Sweet Music:**

Cheshire-born Susan Roberts brings lots of experience to the Music department, with an MMus in composing and 14 years of teaching. Her hobbies include walking and travelling, particularly when music and art are part of the package! She is enjoying composing and experimenting on her new Mac/studio set-up.

by Stacey Lupton

“Preparation, Communication and Teamwork”:

THE NEW SENIOR STUDENTS

The Acting Editor recently enjoyed lunch with the newly elected Senior Students and here summarises what she found out ...

Harriet Ashton (ex Wakefield Girls’) enjoys modelling and dancing in her spare time and she is looking forward to balancing her studies, outside interests and senior student responsibilities. Former Castle Hall student **Irfan Bhana’s** priority is to organise more student events, so he is well placed on the Events committee. **Katherine Bishop** (ex Penistone Grammar) would like to use her role on the Welfare committee to help integrate students joining Greenhead from smaller schools. **Poppy Redman** (ex Bradford Girls’) sees her new status as an opportunity to influence the way the college is run and she is looking forward to her responsibilities. **Joe Ribbons**, from Holmfirth High School, would like to help raise at least the same amount of money as last year’s senior students and has

opted to be on the Charity and Finance committees to achieve this aim. And last but not least, former Salendine Nook student, **Harry Yong**, intends to raise awareness on issues such as recycling and charity fundraising.



Left to right back: Harry Yong, Joe Ribbons, Irfan Bhana. Front: Poppy Redman, Harriet Ashton, Katherine Bishop

They all agreed that Charity Day had been the most enjoyable senior student event they had attended so far and looked forward to the challenge of organising next year’s.

I came away from the lunch thinking what a friendly, enthusiastic and talented group!

JPZ

“The Lost Art of Being Happy”:

A2 Theatre Studies Production

20 second year students presented different takes on the nature of celebration all centred around weddings. We took Fo’s ‘The Marriage at Cana’, Chekhov’s ‘The Wedding Reception’ and lastly the wedding from ‘The Tempest’ and staged them with songs, laughter and wine!



An analysis of the show will form an important part of the written exam in June.

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CAREERS UPDATE:

“What’s ahead?” - our summer conference bearing this title boasts 38 speakers from universities and major employers across Britain, helping students plan their futures.

There are also opportunities to:-

- shadow a professional person
- learn how to apply to UCAS
- write an effective CV or personal statement
- attend university open days.

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SPORT NEWS

HOCKEY:

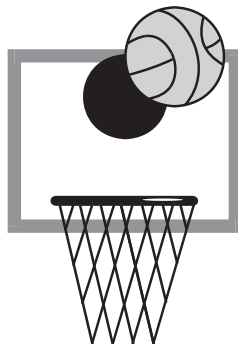
There has been a keen cohort of hockey players who have fought hard in competition, progressed in their own playing ability and enjoyed each other's company throughout a long but frustrating hockey season. In crucial games we couldn't put the ball in the back of the net, often having monopolised the games, leading to Greenhead being knocked out of the Mixed Sixth Form Colleges Cup in the NE quarter final against John Leggott College and the BCS Girls Hockey Knockout in the North final where we were defeated by Runshaw College 1-4. In the BCS Merit final we played our toughest opposition of the year, drawing at the end of full-time 1-1 with Thomas Rotherham, but in the penalty shoot out, which decided the final, our opposition held their nerve and picked up the cup. At the National Championships in Loughborough our boys' team competed sportingly but met superior opposition and the girls finished one point out of the medals in fourth place nationally. Unfortunately for Greenhead, our regular goalkeeper, **Holly Crank**, was playing for England in the European Championships whilst we were at Loughborough but congratulations to her in receiving a silver medal and 'player of the championship'. **Lindsay Molyneux** will complete her season in Barbados representing the National British Colleges team. Two names to watch out for in the 2012 Olympics! At the end of 14 years developing the hockey teams at Greenhead College, I would like to thank Pat Dignan for the commitment she has given to the enrichment of our hockey players. It has been a pleasure and privilege for me to work with many talented sports men and women and I hope the Greenhead teams continue to flourish in new hands. **CW**

LOUGHBOROUGH: WHAT A WEEKEND!

60 Greenhead students represented the North East of England in the British Colleges Sport National Finals, held in Loughborough on April 1st and 2nd. Greenhead was one of the largest participating colleges in the Championships and our students gave excellent all-round performances in a variety of sports. Most notable achievements came from **Katie Keeley** and **Fiona Hughes** who snatched Gold in the cross country team competition, **Kim Johnson** with Silver in tennis and **Helen Calverley**, Bronze in badminton. The girls' hockey team frustratingly lost out on a Bronze medal due to goal difference, as did **Daniel Sinclair** in the boys' tennis event. Well done to all those who took part. Just qualifying for these finals is an achievement in itself! **SY**

NETBALL:

Both the 1st and 2nd teams had a terrific season this year. The highlight for the 1st team was reaching the National Finals at Loughborough ahead of more than 20 teams from the North East. The 2nd team reached the semi finals of the Yorkshire Merit League where they were competing against other colleges' 1st teams. Both team captains, **Lisa Trigg** and **Alice Gray**, were inspirational in their leadership. Well done to both teams! **SY**



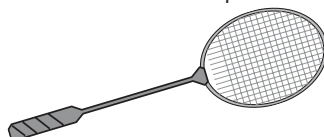
GAME, SET AND MATCH:

Congratulations to the Senior Boys' Tennis Team who qualified for the National Finals in the Nestlé Competition for the second successive year. Approximately 300 teams took part from all over Britain, but only eight teams competed in the National Final held at Bolton Arena. After a notable victory over High Storrs School, the team also got through to the regional semi final of the Glanvill Cup where unfortunately they lost to Tapton School, Sheffield (4-2). **Daniel Sinclair** and **Tom Wigley** were also runners-up in a thrilling, closely contested final in the Northern Region U19 Championships.



Pictured from left to right: Rob Seddon, Scott Rawlings, Tom Wigley, Miles Fulton, Daniel Sinclair, Daniel Sykes, Richard Noble

The Senior Girls' Tennis Team represented by **Kim Johnson**, **Alice Holleworth**, **Rachel Barratt** and **Rebecca Pollard** were narrowly beaten by Rivington School, Lancashire in the Aberdare Cup fixture.





FOOTBALL:

The **1st XI** enjoyed a successful season, lifting the West Yorkshire Schools' Cup with a 3-2 victory over Hanson School, Bradford. They also finished top of the Yorkshire Merit League and reached the play-off final, only to lose a close encounter 2-1 to Wilberforce College, Hull, having what appeared to be a cast iron penalty appeal turned down in the last minute. The two Player of the Year Awards went to **David Gaunt** and **Tom Oakley**. **RF**

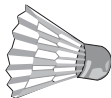
The **2nd XI** had a largely successful year, which included only one defeat in the Yorkshire Merit League. They finished top of the table at the end of the regular season and therefore qualified for the end of season play-offs. In the play-off semi finals Greenhead were drawn against Wilberforce College, Hull and won a hard fought game 1-0 with a goal early in the second half and a strong defensive display from captain **Jonathan Pearson** and his centre back partner, **Jonathan Hird**. The final, against York College, was another close game: scores were level until 15 minutes from the end, when Greenhead unluckily conceded two goals. Despite this disappointment, the team can look back on a very good year during which they demonstrated an excellent spirit and produced a number of outstanding results. **MT**

This has been the most successful season yet for the **3rd XI** team. They reached the semi finals of the Yorkshire Merit League after a thrilling penalty shoot out victory over Mirfield Free Grammar School in the quarter finals. Unfortunately, the team lost 3-1 to Hanson School's 1st XI in the semi final. Overall, the statistics for the season were: won 9, drew 2 and lost 4. Congratulations to all the players for a fine season. **MPI**

In Greenhead's first year of having an 11-a-side **Girls' football team**, they finished the season with an excellent 3-0 win over Park Lane College, Leeds. Two goals from **Holleigh Marsh** and a collector's item from **Shakeela Hassan** (Shaka) sealed three points in an excellent all round team effort. **SB**

BADMINTON:

The Mixed Badminton team qualified for the Yorkshire finals, played at Ilkley Grammar School, and finished runners up. Well done to the team comprising **Jonathan Holland** and **Helen Calverley**, **Mohammad Mustufvi** and **Catherine Davies** and **Harry Horton** and **Heather Hales**. **MSH**



TOURNAMENTS:

5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL AND 6-A-SIDE CRICKET

Over the last ten weeks there have been two exciting sporting competitions. Both finals were extremely competitive and very watchable. Thanks to Mr Richard Pember and Dr Martin Smith for organising and refereeing the football and Mr Steve Lumb for organising and umpiring the cricket. The photograph shows the two winning teams with their trophies and medals that were presented by the Principal. The winning teams were 'Lockwood' for cricket, captained by **Mazar Ali** (not pictured) and 'Young Guns' for football, captained by **Suhail Khan**. **Naveed Akhtar** played in both winning teams! Will the teams be able to defend their titles next year on the new all-weather surface?



The two winning teams proudly displaying their medals with Richard Pember (left) and Steve Lumb (right).

MOONWALKING:

At the end of May, **Lara Dare**, a second year student, participated in the 'Walk the Walk': a 26.2 mile power walk around London, starting at midnight. Wearing decorated bras, the aim was to raise funds and awareness for breast cancer charities. Lara found the event quite a challenge but was spurred on by the very generous offers of sponsorship from her fellow students.

RUGBY LEAGUE:

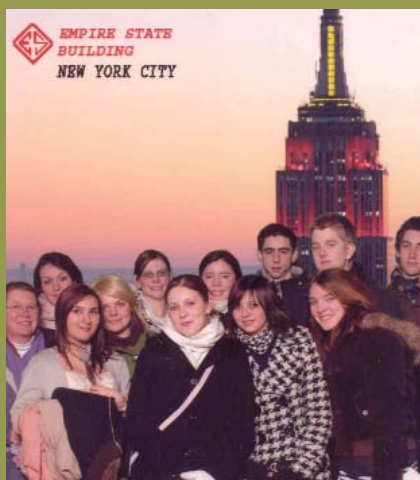
The college rugby league team have had an enjoyable season. They finished second in the SRL Yorkshire League and won seven of their 12 league fixtures, the best of those victories coming in the latter half of the season when the team had had time to learn new skills and gel together. The team were well led by captain **Paul Flaherty** and some of the first year players will be around next season to build on what they have learned this year. **CA**

Business Studies Students visit The Big Apple:

New York, the city that never sleeps – and neither did we throughout an action-packed five days! Our business visits included the Federal Reserve Bank (where we got to touch real gold bars), the NYMEX and Madison Square Gardens (where we watched ice hockey from an executive suite.)

Add to this bowling, outdoor ice skating, Times Square, Central Park, the Statue of Liberty and the Empire State Building, it was an amazing opportunity. We also 'shopped 'til we dropped' at Macy's and Bloomingdale's. Overall, a fantastic experience which we would not hesitate to do again.

By Ruth Thomas and Josie Foster



IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

JUNE

25 A2 lessons commence
Governors Meeting

JULY

13 College closes

AUGUST

16 AS/A-level results
published
23 GCSE results published

AUTUMN TERM

28 Enrolment Day for new
students (Day 1)
29 Enrolment Day for new
students (Day 2)
30 Optional trip to Alton
Towers for new students
31 AS lessons commence

SEPTEMBER

3 A2 lessons commence

Term Dates for 2007/08

Autumn Term 2007

Tuesday 28 August
– Friday 21 December

Half term holiday:
Monday 22 October
– Friday 26 October

Spring Term 2008

Monday 7 January
– Thursday 20 March

Half term holiday:
Monday 11 February
– Friday 15 February

Summer Term 2008

Monday 7 April
– Friday 11 July

Half term holiday:
Monday 26 May
– Friday 30 May

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to report student absences.

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