



Jack Costello (pictured right) hands over the award to the Head of Careers, Gillian Peers (right) and Careers Adviser, Rowena Burton, watched by the Guidance Standards Coordinator, Dave Wood.

## College Careers Award:

Once again, Greenhead has achieved the Calderdale and Kirklees Careers Quality Standard in Careers Education and Guidance. Jack Costello, Chief Executive of the Careers Service, who presented the award praised the careers staff for their excellent careers support, available to all students.

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## The Huddersfield Examiner's Community Awards 2007:



Greenhead College student Rachael Kain received the Young Personality of the Year Award. Rachael, who was born with cerebral palsy, is currently in the second year of her A-level course. Rachael, 17, is now focusing on her undergraduate plans, which is to take up a degree in Languages and Linguistics. Rachael is a keen sportswoman who is an Olympic Ambassador for the 2012 London Games. Rachael was presented with her award by June Saunders of Asda. Her mum Carole said "She is amazing. Everything she does she succeeds in."

## POPULAR JOSEPH:

Joseph (and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat) has re-surfaced nationally as a popular musical in 2007 and our Greenhead production has developed its own very student-centred, total company feel where the focus is on an enjoyable evening of song and dance for an audience of any age.

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## Business Studies Students reach semi finals of National Business Competition

In June 2007 Greenhead College entered a team of three students to the regional heat of the Ogden Trust National Schools' Business Competition. This required the team to make strategic decisions under intense pressure to construct a business plan and present their proposal to an audience of their peers and members of the business community.



*Greenhead team: Jason Tilley, Georgina Thickett and Daniel Farikullah with the judges, Henryk Zientek, Chris Antich and Ian Brierley*

The teams were judged by the originality of their ideas, their business plan, marketing proposals, use of data and their ability to think on their feet and answer questions from the audience. Judges included key figures from the local business community: Chris Antich

of C&J Antich & Sons Ltd, Ian Brierley of John Brierley Ltd and Henryk Zientek, Editor of Kirklees Business News.

The Greenhead College team went through to the semi finals despite tough competition from schools such as

Bradford Grammar and Heckmondwike Grammar.

They gave an outstanding presentation at Manchester Business School in the September semi finals, narrowly missing out on reaching the final in London.

## YOUTH PARLIAMENT Keeping It Real, Keeping It Young:

Greenhead student Natalie North aged 17 has represented South Kirklees for a year as a member of the United Kingdom Youth Parliament (UKYP). Passionate about equal opportunities Natalie stated that "Everybody is equal but I represent them with my single vote at the national and regional level. We have a range of ages and ethnic groups and there's about 14 of us so it's a great mix of views." Natalie states how important the role is: "We are feeding into Government more and more. Recently, Gordon Brown spoke in Parliament about giving the Youth Parliament access to the House of Commons during recess. That was quite a big breakthrough." A central question is how does Natalie balance the demands of this role alongside everything else which a full time programme of study encompasses. "It is hard work trying to fit in different stuff. But it has given me opportunities to try so many different things. It is fun but it also has a really serious element to it."



## CITY SLICKER

Francis Lootes, having completed his highly successful Business Studies A-level course, now aims for a financial career in investment banking in the City of London. Francis distinguished himself at the National Finals of the Ogden Trust Business Competition at Cambridge University. He was then invited to Man Group plc, an international investment bank, and he has been offered an internship. He also won a place at Rensburg Sheppards in Leeds where he was introduced to investment management. He said "It was very exciting working on clients' portfolios and risk assessment. The early morning meeting with directors was very fruitful, so was the high flying social life."

## SUPER SKIER:



Fiona Hughes is currently studying A-level Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry. Alongside her busy academic programme, Fiona has been named a member of the Great Britain Junior Cross County Ski Team. This excellent

national achievement means that Fiona joins a squad of six males and only one other female.

Fiona is currently preparing for the World Junior Championships which take place in Poland (February 2008.) To secure absolute qualification, Fiona needs to achieve one more race timing, to match the two successful timings already acquired. Fiona follows a focused intensive training regime for between eight and 15 hours per week which includes running, biking, gym strength work and roller skiing. This is consolidated by current competitions within a busy season in Glasgow, Norway and Sweden. Fiona's aspiration for Poland is to feel that "I had a good race" and "I couldn't have skied any harder." The college wishes Fiona continued success and congratulations on her outstanding success.

## A-level Successes:

A number of former students received some of the highest marks in the country in the summer examinations. The following students scored one of the top five marks in the AQA examinations: Alice Hodge (Biology), Katie Lodge (English Language), Ben Cox (Applied Science), Lauren Kelly and Sally Milnes (Applied Business), David Beaumont (Spanish) and Robyn Goodier (Geography). David Bruce and Stephanie Ifould were amongst the ten who achieved the highest overall marks in General Studies (out of 6,440 entries) and Lucy Eastwood had similar success in the Government and Politics exam – all with Edexcel. We still await news from the OCR exam board.

*This is a brilliant achievement and a real credit to both the students and staff at the college. Well done!*

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## A fantastic, inspirational art trip and preview evening by Rosie Holman-Sheard

Every year Greenhead students studying Art participate in a trip to London to visit a variety of galleries. This year's trip in July gave me an ideal opportunity to see a huge variety of work in order to further my development as an artist. We visited the Tate Britain, Tate Modern, the Hayward and New Designers textiles exhibition. Out of all of these, I found that the Tate Modern was the most inspirational for me allowing me to experience the work of contemporary artists which has given me a broad point of reference throughout the A2 year and helped me develop a much richer understanding and knowledge of art. The A2 art preview evening in June was an exciting event which really celebrated the diversity of the work made by students during their A-level year and I felt that the exhibition was consistently strong. In particular, I found a real connection with the work of Eleanor Wright, with her large-scale, striking abstract painting and collage and of Kat Mortimer whose delicate and figurative paintings involved sensitive charcoal marks evocative of the human form.



*Kat Mortimer's work on display at the Preview Evening*

## ***It's all a matter of musical taste! Audio Munch***

Greenhead students have collaborated with Duncan Chapman (renowned composer, sound artist and educator) on the Audio Munch project as part of the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival. The final 'installation' at the Lawrence Batley Theatre on November 20th was the culmination of Duncan's work with students to explore food sounds, nutrition and cataloguing various people's responses to food. Students used Audio Munch technology to transform food sounds (recorded via tiny microphones) into 'instruments'. Duncan commented "I was really impressed with the way Greenhead students interacted with the audience ... they will have taken away a really positive experience of the event and the sonic possibilities of food combined with technology."



## **Berlin Review** by Hannah Young

On the morning of October 14th 55 drowsy but excited students waited to board the coach....12 hours later we reached our first stop (Sanctuary Wood) of the Modern History and German trip to France, Belgium and Berlin. Following an emotional afternoon visiting the Tyne Cott British Military Cemetery and a German cemetery at Langemark - two experiences which couldn't have been more different - we spent the evening in the beautiful town of Ypres, laying our wreath at the Menin Gate. We finally arrived at our ultimate destination; Berlin. A fantastic morning greeted us, the views from the top of the Reichstag were amazing and when the weather and the mood is right there is simply nothing more enjoyable than wandering around a fascinating city with great people. My personal highlight of the whole week was probably the Wannsee Conference Centre, thanks to a brilliant exhibition and a very knowledgeable and enthusiastic guide. This is the very place where on 20th January 1942, the decision about "the final solution on the question of the Jews" was taken; having all the more impact after we visited the Sachsenhausen concentration camp - an experience that I don't think any of us will ever forget. Finally, I would just like to give my greatest thanks to all the teachers but most especially to Pete and Fanny for organising such an incredible trip.

## **The Munch Bunch**

by Rachel Hakier:

This year's MUNCH (Model United Nations at Cheadle Hulme) gave students plenty to get their teeth stuck into. Eighteen of us put the world to rights as delegates of three of one hundred and twenty countries represented at the event in Manchester on October 6th and 7th - Israel, the republic of Congo and Kazakhstan respectively.

We tackled many important issues such as the effects of gang warfare on children and Iraq. All in all, the event gave us a great taste of what really goes on in the UN.

## **Charity Day 2007:**

This year's Charity Day was a great success with a large number of students turning up to college in fancy dress. A variety of fundraising activities were organised throughout the day including a show organised by the senior students which included a fancy dress competition, dance off and waxing, to name just a few. The total amount raised was around £3,000 which will be shared between the Yorkshire Forget Me Not Trust and Unicef's Born Free campaign. The senior students wish to thank everyone who participated and donated money.



## HEDDA GABLER:

Congratulations to the A-level Theatre Studies students on their innovative adaptation of Ibsen's 'Hedda Gabler'. Striking music, visuals and creative performance skills were combined to impressive effect. The ensemble realised their aims as a result of an intensive three week rehearsal/experimentation process. A thought provoking and dynamic audience experience which depicted Hedda's central dilemma of wanting "to control another human being's fate."



## Close Up on Enrichment: The Debating Society

GC's Debating Society has been in full swing addressing the diverse motions of "Russian Foreign Policy is a threat to British Interests" and the legalisation of Prostitution "as a means of reducing crime in society and thus enhancing the quality of life." The first motion was supported with reference to the large number of human rights abuses aggressive energy policy and increase in military spending. The opposition made the point that Russia is a key British trading partner. The motion was defeated by a two-to-one majority. For the second debate on prostitution, Jessica Cartwright, Primary Speaker and Chinazo Ufodiama opposed the motion whilst Joe Cooke, Primary Speaker and Lucy Monkhouse put forward several counter arguments.

Reports by Jack Tindale and Grace Howarth

## Wainwrights Coast to Coast - St Bees to Robin Hoods Bay:

192 miles, aching limbs, many blisters and £2,000 raised for Kirkwood Hospice and the Alzheimer's Society! A BIG THANKYOU to all the students and staff who sponsored me in this summer's big walk. It was a fantastic experience, anyone who is thinking of doing anything similar must come and have a chat and look at the photos.

Thanks again  
Terry Mellor (Senior Chemistry Technician)

**Well Done Terry!**

## BCS NORTH EAST ANNUAL GOLF QUALIFIER 2007 RESULTS

The BCS North East Annual Golf Qualifier took place on October 3rd at Halifax Ogden course. Students from schools and colleges all around the North East of England are entered and the competition this year was both tough and intense. Two greenhead students – Matthew Colcombe and Joe Hill were amongst the four male competitors who have qualified for the national finals to be held in Loughborough in April.

Matthew shot the lowest round of the day (70) to win the qualifier and Joe was three shots behind to finish equal second. Congratulations to both students and good luck for the nationals in April.

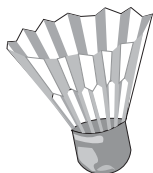
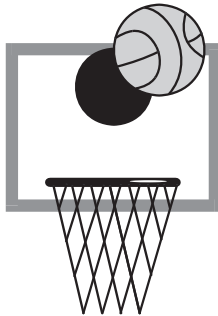
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# SPORT NEWS

## Basketball:

It has been a positive season so far for the Basketball team. They are currently in a strong position in the English Schools competition, beating John Leggott College. Sadly, we are out of the BCS Knockout Cup following an exciting match against Huddersfield New College, losing 45-55. A competitive BCS Merit League ensues. Watch this space!



## Badminton:

Boys' Badminton first team have qualified for the semi-finals of the Yorkshire Schools competition with convincing wins over Outwood Grange and Silcoates.

The Mixed Girls' and Boys' second team matches are scheduled before the Christmas holidays. Hopes are also high for the regional qualifiers at Sheffield EIS on November 28th, where we hope to be sending NE representatives once more to the National Finals at Loughborough.

**MSH**

## Girls' Football:

So far this season the 'girls' have beaten Notre Dame 1-0 and Pontefract 7-0! In the North Eastern Region 5-a-side competition we lost to Queen Elizabeth's, Darlington, drew with Huddersfield Technical College and beat Calderdale and Grimsby Colleges.

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## Football 1st XI:

The 1st XI has made an excellent start to the season, winning all games to date including scoring 10 against both Notre Dame and New College. They currently top the Yorkshire League with a mix of AS and A2 students. In the 2nd round of the English National Cup, Chesterfield College (quarter finalists last season) were beaten 6-1 in an outstanding team performance.

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## Football 2nd XI:

The 2nd XI had quite a slow start to the year, with a draw against New College and a disappointing defeat against Notre Dame. However, the situation soon improved with a 12-0 victory over Pontefract and good wins against Longley Park, Sheffield and Huddersfield Tech. This was followed by a very good return win against Notre Dame (7-1). Probably the highlight of the year so far was a victory against Hull College in the 1st round of the British Colleges Sports national cup. The game finished 2-2 and Greenhead went through on penalties after scoring with every one of our own efforts and goalkeeper Jonathan Gittins made a couple of excellent penalty saves.

**MT**

## Football 3rd XI:

The 3rd XI has enjoyed mixed fortunes this year. After victories over New College and Mirfield, they have suffered defeats against Penistone, Hanson and Shelley. Hopefully, as the team becomes more settled results will improve.

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## Rugby League:

The college rugby league team is currently top of the student rugby league West Yorkshire

Regional division. High points in reaching the top of the league include a close fought derby win over New College by 24pts-20pts thanks to a fine late try by Adam Ryder, and a 46 -12 win over Bradford College during which the team were well served by newcomers Adam King and Tom Hamer.

**CA**



**Tennis:**

The boys' tennis team has qualified for the semi finals of the LTA Nestle Competition. They secured victories over Tadcaster Grammar School, High Storrs and Tapton. Well done to Tom Wigley, Scott Rawlings, Tom Bolland, Daniel Sykes and Richard Noble (non-playing captain). The girls' team had a notable victory over Bradford Girls' in October. The mixed team were beaten by the Lancashire schools Canon Slade School and Runshaw College.

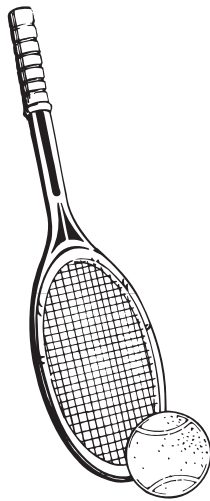
**HB****Netball:**

A great start to this season saw the first team get through the county round of National Schools and two of the players, Sophie Woolven and Helen Walker, reach the final British Colleges' trial. The second team have continued their winning ways beating most colleges' first teams – a tribute to the motivating talents of captain, Amy Booth.

**SY****Hockey:**

A very successful start to the hockey season by all three teams, Girls, Boys and Mixed. The mixed squad is extremely strong this year and have won all their fixtures so far. The first match of the season set the scene with a 7-0 victory over New College. The girls had very tough opening fixtures and gelled together well as a new squad. They lost the first two matches by the narrowest of margins 2-1 vs Queen Margaret's and 1-0 vs Rishworth Grammar. The girls' team have also qualified for the British Colleges final to be held at Loughborough University in April 2008 by defeating Scarborough College 5-1 in the NE Tournament.

The boys' teams also had extremely tough initial fixtures. Having been drawn in the NW league for the Colleges cup we travelled to Shrewsbury to play a team which included two international, three regional and four county players. The boys played their hearts out and held out for a 2-0 defeat. The boys have also qualified for the British Colleges tournament at Loughborough.

**ASW****NEW FACES****"Broccoli Chopper":**

By Sarah Taylforth

Huddersfield born **Ian Kennedy** studied Philosophy and Theology at London University. He now joins the Religious Studies department.

After a series of student jobs including working with the homeless, ushering in the Albert Hall - and chopping broccoli - he went into teaching. Four schools later he comes to Greenhead choosing it for 'pupil engagement', maturity and no year nines! As well as teaching, he enjoys photography, driving and music. Ian would like to be described as energetic, always searching for something new.

**"Geology: It Rocks My World"**

By Billy Haigh

So claims **Dr Victoria Buck**, who boasts a wealth of knowledge in 'Classic Greek Archaeology,' describing herself 'Hellenic' after

inhabiting Greek lands for four years. She indulges in mountain biking "when not falling off", and describes Greenhead as a "cheerful place." Why Geology? "Because rocks bend..." Only geologists quite know what that implies.

**"The Chemistry's Right":**

By Robert O'Connell

New Chemistry teacher **Ruth Farnell** comes from "the other side" as it were: she was once a student here. Since then, she's earned a first in

Chemistry, taught in Dewsbury and Keighley, and explains the attraction of teaching as "It's really fun to be able to blow things up for a living." Ruth also possesses a taste for music - playing guitar and piano and sometimes singing in a local band.

## PROJECT & WORKSHADOWING WEEK 2007

This June, PaWS week was a hive of activity as nearly 640 AS students, more than ever before, carried out work shadowing placements across the country and abroad, in areas they are seriously considering following as a career. Over 300 students also took part in a variety of vocational, academic or personal development projects, including circus skills, a residential trip to Warsaw and DNA techniques at Bradford University.

We are always looking for new placement opportunities. If you are able to offer a placement for our PaWS week 2008 (16-20 June), please contact Claire Barnes, Placement Officer on 01484 422032 or email [cbarnes@greenhead.ac.u](mailto:cbarnes@greenhead.ac.u)



Omar Akhtar  
at Boots  
Opticians



Besancon Trip

## The Canterbury Tales:

The A-level Theatre Studies students' October production of the medieval masterpiece, Chaucer's The Canterbury Tales, was a triumph. The wonderfully focused, energetic cast gave us an evening of magic and mayhem, rollicking humour and tender romance, conveying with verve the myriad moods of the original stories. Helen Wright and Alex Booth are pictured below.

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## IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER	
21	College closes
SPRING TERM	
JANUARY	
7	College opens
9	A-level and AS resit exams begin
14	AS General Studies exam for all A2 students (9.00am)
18	AS General Studies exam for all A2 students (9.00am)
28	Term 2 Enrichment Enrolment 11.05am-12.05pm (6 period day)
FEBRUARY	
8	College closes
HALF TERM	
18	College opens
MARCH	
10	Governors' meeting
11	AS Parents Evening (L - Z)
17	AS Parents Evening (A - K)
18	Spring Concert
20	College closes
SUMMER TERM	
APRIL	
7	College opens