

## PaWS 2008

The 16th to 20th June saw a busy time for A1 students as they participated in this year's Project and Work Shadowing Week. 550 placements took place at regional, national and international levels, including 10 students on placements in Besançon, Huddersfield's twin town and 26 in London. A fantastic choice of over 40 different projects has resulted in over 350 students participating in projects. New projects this year included an 'Introduction to Signing and Deaf Awareness' leading to a valued qualification, an 'Introduction to Croquet' coached by British team players and 'Archaeology, Ancient History and Classics' run by a team of distinguished staff from Cambridge University. There were also trips abroad to Poros, Greece for outdoor pursuits and a modern history trip to Warsaw. CB/HB

### Project & Workshadowing



16-20 June 2008



*Pictured are students who participated in the CSLA Community Sports Leader Award run by the PE staff and the Leadership and Management Project run by the Royal Navy.*

## Top Town visit heralds a Giants' Success: Opening of the all-weather sports field

Huddersfield Town's Joe Skarz and Simon Eastwood joined Huddersfield Giants' Player Andy Raleigh (former Greenhead student) to unveil the plaque marking the official opening of the all-weather sports field. This exciting new venture has involved an £815,000 college investment.

The all-weather sports field includes hard-surface games courts and a fully equipped pavilion, which houses new changing rooms, office and store room. This new floodlit sports area has been available for student and staff use since December 2007.

The PE Department and Sporting Enrichment programme



*Pictured from left: Simon Eastwood & Joe Skarz (Huddersfield Town players) and Huddersfield Giants player Andy Raleigh, accompanied by Stuart Sheard & Pete Riding, also of the Giants.*

makes extensive use of this all-weather pitch. There are also new hard-surface games courts available for netball, basketball and tennis.

## Engineering Education Scheme 2008

A long tradition of success in the Engineering Education Scheme (EES) has continued this year with the highly successful participation of two teams. The scheme joins a team of AS students with a partner engineering company and asks them to investigate a genuine engineering problem facing the company over a six-month period. Team A were asked to improve the sampling system for a dissolved hydrogen sulphide monitor used in sewage works (Company: ATi UK) and Team B were given the task of designing a pneumatically-operated traffic



Team A:  
Chloe Tingle, Euan Armstrong, Saad Azhar and Paul McGenity

bollard for home/small commercial use (Company: Huddersfield University). These projects involved hours of detailed research and problem-solving to come up with a chosen solution, a prototype of which was built at a three-day residential workshop based in the engineering department of a local university. Following testing and evaluation of their final solution, the teams had to write a technical report and submit it to a panel of experts. At the Celebration and Assessment Day (CAD) the teams gave a presentation on their project to the same panel of experts and defended a poster display. Both teams acquitted themselves admirably throughout the whole project and received extremely positive feedback from the panel at the CAD day. **DH**



Team B:  
Jonathan Wilson, Adam Stacey,  
Garreth Goodison and William Trewinnard

## Schools' Analyst Competition

Three teams of A1 chemistry students were chosen to represent the college at this year's Schools' Analyst Competition. In this year's competition were:

Team A: Damian Armitage, Matthew White and Chris Ramsden.

Team B: Andrew Mellor, Jenny Bradley and Sophie Woolven.

Team C: Anna Martin, Richi Hampshire and George Pidgeon.

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. Congratulations to you all! **RFA**



Some of the students involved (left to right): Andrew Mellor, Richi Hampshire, Sophie Woolven, Jenny Bradley and Anna Martin.

## GC Careers

Friday 13th June proved lucky for students as they attended our "What's Ahead?" conference and listened to experts talk about employment, Higher Education and gap years.

All learn how to apply to university immediately following a week of work shadowing. Future still undecided? Individual careers interviews available, as ever. **RB**

## Chemistry Olympiad 2008



Students pictured with their certificates (left to right): Calum Graley, Charlotte Morris, Joe Hooper, Poppy Redman, Divya Nagarajan, Daniel Cochrane

Eight A2 Chemistry students entered the 2008 Chemistry Olympiad, an international competition designed to find the best sixth-form chemistry students in the world. Our students performed extremely well: five students gained silver awards and three gained commendations.

Silver Awards: Calum Graley, Ian Mallinson, Poppy Redman, Joe Hooper, Charlotte Morris  
Commended: Daniel Cochrane, Divya Nagarajan, Greg Mellers

Congratulations to all on a first class achievement. **MBA**

## Unforgettable Exchange

Sabina Ismailovna has been an Exchange Student at Greenhead 2007/08. Here Sabina recounts her memorable experiences.



"Before coming to Greenhead this academic year I finished school in Kazakhstan. Lessons have been great and interesting, but mostly I enjoyed Creative Writing, United Nations, IT, Yoga and Cheerleading. I am also looking forward to PaWS week as I'm going to do the Calderdale TV project. In the future I want to win a Scholarship programme in Kazakhstan to study at the English speaking country's University. Studying here has given me a great experience of what it is like to study abroad, far away from home using a completely different language. I can say that this year has been one of the most interesting and amazing years in my life."

## Honourable Delegates

On 15th-16th March this year, 14 Greenhead Students took part in a Model United Nations (MUN) conference at Stockport Grammar School in Manchester.

After listening to an interesting talk given by Rt Hon David Blunkett MP, we took on the roles of United Nations officials in various committees, representing the views of our designated countries: Sweden, South Korea and Lebanon. Greenhead students certainly left their mark with Louisa Thompson, Charles Creasey, Fiona McNally and Jack Tindale each winning an award for "Best Delegate" in their committees.

Robin Rea and Tom Metcalfe were invaluable members of the team having stepped in just two days before to replace team members who had to drop out. Nevertheless, they enjoyed themselves and Tom remarked: "I met lots of different people, had an opportunity to practice my public speaking and research skills. All in all I had a really enjoyable weekend."

MUN was a fantastic opportunity to understand the workings of the United Nations and has perhaps inspired some Greenhead students to become the real decision makers of tomorrow.

Lily Walker

# new FACES



## Sporting Diversity

Mandy Sewell's professional roles at Greenhead are diverse. In addition to teaching in the PE department with the special role of organising the Girls', Boys' and Mixed Hockey teams Mandy is also the College's Further Education Sports Co-ordinator (FESCO.) This involves trying to

improve and extend the quality of sports coaching for some activities by bringing in external coaches. This role also "increases participation for all students by extending the range of activities available-to try and organise "fun" sport as well as competitive." Outside of college, you can find Mandy in the gym "particularly spinning classes three times a week". Other past times include "eating out" and "socialising with friends."



## Super Supervision

Liz Jowett joined Greenhead as a Refectory Supervisor working alongside two other colleagues. Liz supervises the main refectory area and also the Reading Room. Liz observes "I enjoy being around the students who as well as working hard are all enjoying life to the full as they approach adulthood."

Outside of work, Liz is a busy mum of two boys aged seven and five and regularly attends Huddersfield Town matches with her eldest son who is a big fan. Other hobbies include being "a bit of a reality TV addict and when I get time I enjoy reading a good celebrity autobiography."



## Looking after eight million

John Blake's temporary office (the one on the right as you go into reception) overlooks the car park and the tennis courts, where - one day - there might just be a new building. And if it ever does

become reality it's John, as our new college business manager, who will be keeping an eye on the finance and construction. That's what you might call the glamorous side of things, but more essential is the ongoing management of the college's £8.5 million budget.

So it's reassuring that Lincoln-born John had a long financial career with Barclays Bank before moving into financial and estates management at Scalby School in Scarborough.

John has always wanted to take his skills into education, and after working in an 11-16 comprehensive "coming to Greenhead has been a breath of fresh air." And his aims now that he's here? "I'd like to know the names of all the staff in a year" he says. With support staff and teachers totalling 200 and up, that's a big ask.



## Dancing Officer

Joanne Perkins has joined Greenhead's team as an Administration Officer. Initial impressions of the college from Joanne are "the staff are very friendly and I think there's a good atmosphere in the college." Prior to working in the college Joanne "worked as a teaching assistant at a Primary School in Wiltshire."

Joanne's current professional role "involves a variety of duties which depend on what might be happening within the college at the time. For example, typing UCAS references and staff inset. Outside the college Joanne works as "a dance teacher (ballet, tap, modern jazz) and enjoys spending time with family and friends."



## The Temptations of Twins

From Oldham to Halifax to the labs at Greenhead - that's where life has taken our new technician Alison Deakin. Sometime in between she studied Chemistry and collected a husband at Coventry University, and her two

children are now five and eight. That's why when she goes cycling with the family (one of her interests) she stays on the level ground of canal paths, to let little bikes keep up. Alison is an identical twin, with photos to prove it. And yes, you can have fun fooling people. She and her sister, she says, would change places when the current boyfriend was nearing the end of his shelf life.

Asked to describe herself in three words, she gets some laughing help: "loud, friendly and, er, loud." (But in the nicest possible way.) And what does she think of working here? "I love it", she says - and that's enthusiasm, not loudness.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### JULY

- 11 College closes

### AUGUST

- 14 AS/A-level results published
  - 21 GCSE results published
- ### AUTUMN TERM
- 26 Enrolment Day for new students (Day 1)
  - 27 Enrolment Day for new students (Day 2)
  - 28 Optional trip to Alton Towers for new students
  - 29 AS lessons commence

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 A2 lessons commence
- Meeting for all A2 Oxbridge applicants at 12.40pm
- Sampling week for Enrichment
- 3 Voluntary Service in the Community meeting at 12.45pm
- 8 Enrichment Enrolment at 11.05am (6 period day)
- w/c 8 A2 assemblies
- w/c 1 AS assemblies
- 22 Governors meeting
- 23 New Parents' Evening at 7.30pm

## 'Romeo and Juliette'

Two Greenhead students, Alys Slaven and Jonny Logan, were used to promote Opera North's current production of 'Romeo and Juliette'. Filmed in Byram Arcade in town they encapsulate the tragic story in a series of beautiful stills.

Visit [www.operanorth.co.uk/whatson](http://www.operanorth.co.uk/whatson) and click on 'Romeo and Juliette' to see their work.

JPH



## National Representation

Greenhead students and staff arrive in London on February 19th to join the national demonstration against the continuation of the war in Iraq. SC

## The Tempest: "The isle is full of noises"

Amidst a cacophony of drowning cries, crashing waves, roars of thunder and unearthly shrieks, the audience descended into the basement drama studio to find the space transformed into the "bare island" of the play.

An ensemble of A2 Theatre Studies students, on stage and scattered about the audience, created a fast-paced, high-tempo Tempest, both performing a tight edited version of Shakespeare's text and also evoking a live and vivid soundscape exploring the strange, disturbing comic and magical qualities of the island "full of noises." PW



# Gunning for Success!

Greenhead News caught up with former student Jess Gunning to talk about performing the Bard, London's National Theatre and *that* Timelord.



"Whilst at Greenhead I started auditioning for places at Drama Schools in London. For three years I studied Acting at Rose Bruford College and graduated in September 2007 with a First Class honours degree. After seeing my college showcase, a casting director from The National Theatre contacted my agent and called me in to audition for the part of Meg, the lady of the house, and to understudy Ursula in 'Much Ado About Nothing.' The production was directed by Nicholas Hytner, the artistic director of the National, and starred Simon Russell Beale as Benedick alongside Zoe Wanamaker as Beatrice. Working on 'Doctor Who' (the current BBC series) was fantastic - not only because it was my first television job, but also because I got to film with Catherine Tate, who I love. We filmed my scenes over three days in Cardiff back in October 2007, and had a lot of fun working out how to make the 'alien attack' as believable as we could (tubes and balloons were shoved anywhere possible). When doing 'Much Ado About Nothing' I was lucky enough to be seen by Nicholas Hytner for a part in 'Major Barbara' the next show he was directing at the National. I play Sarah Undershaft, Major Barbara's sister." 'Major Barbara' is on until July 3rd (The Olivier Stage at the National Theatre.) We wish Jess continued success...

## A2 Leavers' May Ball



Photo courtesy of John Woods Photography

On Saturday 31st May, the Galpharm Stadium, Huddersfield played host to Greenhead's A2 leavers. Formal evening dress was worn in recognition of this memorable event which was organised by the Senior Students. From the Bucks Fizz Reception on arrival, to the Barber Shop Quartet who greeted guests, there was an appropriate blend of refreshment and entertainment for everyone. A five course dinner provided pause for conversation and marked the second phase of the evening which featured an impressive Firework Display, a Casino and a variety of Chocolate Fountains. Music lovers were not disappointed as a Classical Group, Jazz Band and Disco all featured until the wee small hours of Sunday morning. As the accompanying image evidences this was a celebratory and sparkling event.

**Term Dates for 2008/2009**

<b>Autumn Term 2008</b>
Tuesday 26 August – Friday 19 December
<i>Half term holiday:</i>
Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October
<b>Spring Term 2009</b>
Monday 5 January – Friday 3 April
<i>Half term holiday:</i>
Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February
<b>Summer Term 2009</b>
Monday 20 April – Thursday 9 July
<i>Half term holiday:</i>
Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May

## CREST Gold Awards



CREST Gold Award-winning team: Daniel Farikullah, Matthew Atkin, Thomas Somers, Allie Fan (not pictured)

A team from last year's Engineering Education Scheme has been accredited with a CREativity in Science and Technology (CREST) Gold Award by the British Association for the Advancement of Science. This highly prestigious award recognises innovative work in the fields of science and engineering and requires a minimum contribution of 100 hours work (per student) on a project that is mentored by an outside agency. The project was to design a torque overload safety device in conjunction with Broadbent's, a local engineering company. The team were: Matthew Atkin, Allie Fan, Daniel Farikullah and Thomas Somers. **DH**

## UK Senior Maths Challenge



The Maths Challenge Gold Award Winners

This event took place in November 2007 and attracted over 80 entries from Greenhead maths students. The entrants are presented with non-standard maths problems which encourage them to use mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency in using mathematical techniques. Certificates are awarded to the highest scoring candidates and Greenhead entrants received proportionally more Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates than the national average, well done! Some of the Gold certificate winners are shown in the photograph along with the Head of Maths at Greenhead, Mrs Pat Dignan. POP MATHS quizzes are very keenly fought out across all age ranges and this year one of our teams came runners up in the Senior POP MATHS quiz at Huddersfield University in March. Well done to the "Puppies" Team. The Greenhead maths department also ran a POP MATHS quiz for 14 teams of Years 7, 8 and 9 drawn from local schools. Honley High won with Heckmondwike Grammar runners up after a tie break! A very competitive two hours of intense maths puzzling was enjoyed by over 70 youngsters. Well done to all who took part. **SL**

## Curriculum Enrichment Project

61 students recently received their certificates for completing this project. The award is certificated by the Universities of Liverpool and Lancaster and involves students working with four or five other students, selecting a project area to suit their interests. The research based projects lasted for 13 weeks. Topics included causes of obesity, Bush v Blair, Human Rights in Guantanamo Bay, Nuclear Power and Yorkshire Dialect. All groups produced data to analyse and produced a formal report, as well as presented their findings to an invited audience at the end of the project. Working as a member of a project group allowed students to gain confidence in working with others and giving formal presentations, as well as gain additional Key Skills evidence for IT and Communication; skills highly valued by both universities and employers. This project is particularly recommended for students who aim to apply for highly competitive courses including Oxbridge, Medicine, Physiotherapy and Law where it is important to be able to offer evidence of a broader curriculum in addition to a strong academic record. **EH**

## Close up on Enrichment: 'Road'

This enrichment project attracted over 30 students as actors, musicians, singers, designers and technicians to produce a gritty and provocative piece about characters on one evening living on the same road in the north of England. Jim Cartwright's play about lost souls, repressed desires and the need to escape played for four performances to full houses in the Drama Studio in April. Live music and singing, including busking outside the theatre, enhanced the ensemble piece that used the whole of the studio space to take the audience on a journey through seven contrasting stories and lives. **JPH/SWR**

# SPORT NEWS



## Football

The 1st IX have had their best ever season, winning the West Yorkshire Colleges League, defeating Wetherby 4-1 in the Final at Syngenta Sports.

In the British Colleges North East Merit League they defeated Barnsley 4-1 in the final played at

Hull University. The only defeat in an otherwise unbeaten season came in the quarter final of the British Colleges cup against Middlesbrough College, who equalised with three minutes left, before running after a penalty shoot out.

With eight of the squad of 15 in the A1 year, hopes are high for another successful team next year. **RF**

## Rugby

### Winning Combination!

The college rugby league team have had a successful season winning a hat trick of trophies.

They won the West Yorkshire League title, winning all their games, followed that up with a win in the final of the Carnegie Champion Colleges' Yorkshire regional tournament against Wilberforce by 19pts to 12 and rounded the season off with victory in the final of the British Colleges 7-a-side competition (again against Wilberforce) by 36pts to 12. **CA**



## Hockey Season Round Up:

A very successful season for Greenhead's hockey teams culminated in a victory for the mixed 11 against New College in the Merit League final. Captained by Amy Smeaton and Adam Smith the squad pulled together and despite a serious finger injury to Phil Evans

we came out 1-0 winners - thanks to a stunning goal by Richard Lovatt.

The girls' and boys' teams both qualified for the British Colleges Championship finals at Loughborough and the girls' squad won the NE Colleges tournament. We also won the NE Colleges 7-a side tournament which was organised by Greenhead.

Many thanks to the following students leaving Greenhead for their enthusiasm this year - Charlotte Croft, Natalie Yeung, Bev Cashin, Kathryn Booth, Amy Smeaton, Tim Smeaton, Adam Smith, Phil Evans. Good luck to next years' captains Hannah Higginbottom and Richard Lovatt.

**ASW**