



Top marks in Art.

Artistic Excellence:

Another extremely rewarding year in the Art and Design department has been marked by a letter from the examination board, Edexcel. Within the specification we follow, 8 of our AS students achieved a top 10 position out of 6290 nationwide and 10 A2 students achieved a top 10 position in the UK out of 5130 students. We are very proud of what these excellent young people have achieved. Whilst celebrating the achievements of students at all levels it is particularly rewarding for these young artists to be recognised nationally for the passion they feel for their work. Congratulations to Amy Barker, Claire Booth, Sarah Hastelow, Lorna Hill, Allannah Morrill, Rosie Sillitoe, Keiran Smith and Joshua Thomas.

Greenhead College students win through to finals of National Business Competition

Three students from Greenhead College have won a coveted place at the finals of the 2008 National Schools Business Competition.

Joshua Girling, Ellie Johansen and Brad Greenwood demonstrated their creative business thinking and entrepreneurial flair at the regional finals held at Bradford University School of Management. Winning through against eight other schools, including another team from Greenhead College, Gina Hemingway, Steffi Kendall and James Kidd, who were placed third, they now face competition from across the country at the prestigious London final in December.

All the budding entrepreneurs will have their sights set on winning the top prize - a five day trip to New York including £500 spending money plus the opportunity to take in the unique atmosphere of the Big Apple's renowned business and financial centre

Bernadette Stephenson, Head of Business Studies at Greenhead College said, "I am immensely proud of their achievement. To have two teams in the regional final taking first and third places against such tough competition is fantastic. It was a massive challenge, they rose to it and had fun."

Organised by the Enterprise Education Trust and co-funded by the Ogden Trust and Bradford University School of Management, over 400 students from 100 schools have taken part in this year's competition.



The triumphant Greenhead College team – (l to r) Joshua Girling, Ellie Johansen and Brad Greenwood.

The Conference of the Birds October 21st-23rd 2008

Theatre practitioner Peter Brook and Jean Claude Carriere's text enabled an impressive A2 Theatre Studies ensemble to explore in Brook's words "what it means to be human." The audience observed 'The Birds' embarking on a lifetime's journey to find The Simorgh hoping that this greatest of Kings would give them spiritual fulfilment and knowledge. Eclectic performance skills abounded, seamlessly intertwining physical theatre techniques, song and a choric exposition of human frailties. The student company forged their memorable theatrical images against a flexible and innovative studio design within which the bespoke Birds Heads, expertly utilised by performers, cemented memorable images of flight and life.



Amy Batley as the heron

GC Careers

"When you go for a job interview, a good thing to ask is if they ever press charges" – Jack Handy.

Greenhead students, who have experienced a mock interview with a professional, will never ask such a crass question. Instead, our prospective vets, doctors, dentists and teachers have derived huge benefit from the opportunity and received constructive criticism before the real thing.

Different types of interview, including one-to-one, group and telephone have constituted the main focus of recent tutorials in the A2 year.

Stop Press! We are piloting an employer and gap year fair on February 26th . Watch out for more details!

RB

Macmillan Cancer Support Fundraiser:

Greenhead College organised a coffee morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 26th September and raised £127.35. Thank you to both staff and students at the College who donated funds.

The money was given to the Holmfirth Macmillan Committee and the Treasurer commented that 'the funds will be put to full and valuable use in the relief of suffering and distress amongst cancer patients.' LJ



Model United Nations

Greenhead has a successful history at MUN and this year's teams lived up to this flourishing reputation. Greenhead was one of 28 participating colleges including; Eton College, Haberdashers Aske's Boys and Shrewsbury School. Despite competing against such prestigious schools, Greenhead performed very well as the two countries we represented: Japan and Italy. Ambassador for Italy was Robin Rea (A2) who sat on the Security Council and Jack Tindale (A2) achieved an award for Outstanding Delegate for his role as Japan's Ambassador on the Political committee. After an exciting weekend's debating of topical issues, both Nations certainly made their mark at the General Assembly which discussed the issue of Russo-Georgian relations. A good time was had by all, well done Greenhead!

By Fiona McNally

Chemistry Enhancement

The few, the proud, the... slightly insane?



This year's Chemistry Enhancement group has been active every Thursday lunchtime, providing extra tuition to those who seek it. Regulars of the group include a wide array of students, whether they're applying for Chemistry or related subjects, preparing for the Chemistry Olympiad or AEA, or those who simply have a keen interest. Packed full of talks from external speakers or even our own Greenhead Chemistry staff, students have had the chance to learn more about topics such as entropy, hybridisation, drug synthesis, organic mechanisms and transition metals and colour. All are welcome; why not come along?

Chris Ramsden

Chemical Connections:

'Student Mentoring' is a drop in session for AS Chemistry students. It is an opportunity for them to gain advice or help from a group of A2 chemists. The sessions have been organised so that there is one in every teaching block, and some at lunchtime, to suit everyone's free periods. All sessions are delivered by A2 students following either OCR or Salters Chemistry.



So...to check which sessions are suitable for you, come to Chemistry and grab a timetable.

By Bhavi Cheema & Andy Hind

L'échange scolaire

Chaque année des étudiants français visitent Greenhead pour un échange. Cette année c'était le 20ème anniversaire de cet échange. Les étudiants habitent à la Fleche une ville près du Mans et ils sont restés chez nous pour en octobre.

Ils ont eu beaucoup d'excursions par exemple à York, à Haworth, à Liverpool et naturellement au centre ville de Huddersfield. Nous avons organisé beaucoup d'activités aussi et celle que j'ai préférée était Laserquest. Une équipe anglaise contre une équipe française ! Tout le monde s'est amusé. Très compétitifs !



Nous irons à la Fleche l'année prochaine au mois de mars, nous attendons cette visite avec impatience.

Claire Kershaw

OFSTED REPORT ON SIXTH FORM PROVISION

'Achievement overall was strongest in the sixth form colleges': thus concluded Ofsted inspectors after a survey of 25 school sixth forms, sixth form colleges and FE colleges published in September. Sixth Form Colleges were praised for the progress of their students, the target-setting that went on and the choice of courses available. They found that, generally speaking, the larger the establishment was, the better the attainment of the students! They also stated that the learning needs of the individual student were better met in the colleges rather than the schools.

Greenhead College was not in the sample surveyed, but the findings bear out our beliefs that a Sixth Form College is the ideal environment for A-level study after 16, and we would accept the compliments paid. Our inspection reports, like this survey, are available on the Ofsted website and they show us to be at least the equal of any institution in the study. **MR**

new FACES

Biological Mackem

Dave Briggs, our new biology teacher, adds a youthful glow to the world of science at Greenhead. He graduated at Newcastle University and went south for his PGCE – home to Sunderland. In his spare time he enjoys sport including rugby, football and sports of any kind, and has a keen interest in cars. He is, he says, very family orientated, loving the time spent with his young son, Tom. Why go into teaching? “My teachers at school inspired me”. First impressions of the students here? “They all seem very nice and are helping me fit in.”
by Rebecca Abbott-Hynes



Marital Bliss in Maths

Kathleen Lumb, newest recruit to the maths department, graduated from Liverpool University with a love of the subject that she explains as “the satisfaction you get from finding the right answer.” One reason for coming to Greenhead was because she knew her husband Steve – also in the maths department – was happy here. She finds the college very student-centred and the staff exceptionally helpful. Kathleen enjoys swimming, walking and cycling, loves to cook and discover new recipes – and confesses that she loves her wine!
by Emma Lumb



Here To Help

Greenhead College welcomes **Kendra Morley**, our specialist teacher for students with Specific Learning Difficulties (dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia and ADD/ADHD). She is specially qualified in the assessment and



diagnosis of dyslexia. A graduate of the University of Central Lancashire, Kendra enjoys dancing in her spare time, especially Salsa dancing and (she says) a dance growing in popularity in the UK, known as Ceroc. Some of her other interests include cooking and reading. Her first impressions of Greenhead? “I think it’s great. I think the atmosphere’s really nice and all the staff are very approachable and friendly.”
by Joe Rigby

Out of This World

Think Star Wars. Think Doctor Who. Think **Michelle Thompson**. This fresh-faced teacher has joined the Maths department. Michelle’s interests range from knitting jumpers, web design (for promoting her local church), reading (mainly Sci-Fi books) and entertains herself by watching Doctor Who (she thinks David Tennant is very nice.) She did a four year degree in Maths at Leeds University where she also met her husband. Her first impressions of Greenhead are that it’s a ‘friendly, welcoming place’, and she enjoys her classes. When asked what her ambitions for the future are, Michelle responds that ‘she hopes to do well for the moment’.
By Sarah Watson



Music to Students’ Ears

The English department has a new arrival this year in the shape of **Nassim Jalali**. Nassim, who studied at Leeds University, has a Master’s in 20th Century Literature and is looking forward to life at the college, having already worked with A-level students at Notre Dame College in Leeds. Outside college, Nassim is a keen lover of reading and music, especially Kings of Leon, and attends music festivals such as the Leeds and O2 festivals. Her teaching style, she admits, is group centred and having already taught a few lessons she says one of the best things about Greenhead seems to be her “intelligent and fun students.”
By Joseph Kelly



Important Diary Dates

DECEMBER

- 16 Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (7.30pm Holy Trinity Church)
- 19 College closes
SPRING TERM

JANUARY

- 5 College opens
- 8 A-level, some AS and resit exams begin (until 30th)
- 8 AS General Studies exam for all A2 students (1.30pm)
- 12 AS General Studies exam for all A2 students (9.00am)
- 27 Term 2 Enrichment
Enrolment 11.05am-12.05pm (6 period day)
Afternoon exams start at 2.00pm

FEBRUARY

- 13 College closes
HALF TERM
- 23 College opens

MARCH

- 12 Results from January exams
- 16 Governors' meeting
- 19 AS Parents Evening (L – Z)
- 24 AS Parents Evening (A – K)
- 25 Oxbridge Afternoon for those interested in applying in 2010/11
- 31 AS Assembly (period 5)
Spring Concert

APRIL

- 2 AS Assembly (period 4 and 5)
- 3 AS Assembly (period 3, 4 and 5)
College closes
SUMMER TERM
- 20 College opens

STUDENT ABSENCES

Please remember to report any absences before 11.30am on each day of absence on the college Student Absence Line:

01484 435687.

Nina Birdi

LAW TRIP TO GALLERIES OF JUSTICE



On Thursday 23rd October 47 AS students headed down to Nottingham to experience Crime and Punishment through the ages. The day consisted of a Mock trial in a real Victorian courtroom, with students acting out the parts of judge, barristers, defendant, witnesses and jurors. From that point the two tour groups were led down from the courtroom to the cells below! This slightly spooky experience saw students meeting 'jailers' and 'prison doctors', being locked up in old cells and most eerily seeing the real execution yard. An exciting and informative day was had by all.

PROJECT & WORK

SHADOWING WEEK 2009

In June 2009, all our AS students will be given the opportunity to spend a week either shadowing professionals on a variety of work placements, both locally and nationally, or to undertake a variety of projects.

We are always looking for new work placement opportunities. If you are able to offer a placement for one of our students for PaWS week 2009 (15-19 June), Claire Barnes our Placement Officer would love to hear from you. Claire can be contacted on 01484 422032 or email cbarnes@greenhead.ac.uk



Global Issues Conference:

Blake Patel offers a student perspective about Greenhead's delegation who attended this important and exciting event.

"Upon arrival we heard a speech from Diana Wallis, MEP for Yorkshire and the Humber, and then we broke up into our 11 respected commissions. Each commission was faced with the challenge of drawing up one proposition for the United Nations to vote on as to whether they followed it up or not. Some of the issues faced included Slavery, Natural Disasters and Environmental topics. After each commission had come to the conclusion of what they were to propose, all the groups came together to vote on each proposition. It was a really interesting day and for those of us doing it for the first time, we really enjoyed it and would recommend it to anyone."



Senior Addition:

Michael Bray joins Greenhead's existing team of Senior Students enjoying the responsibilities of Catering and Welfare. Michael has taken office in September 2008 as a result of elections held within the Student Council. When interviewed about his role it is clear that Michael is enjoying participating in the team challenges involved, ranging from organising Charity Day to various student social events. Michael's aims are to help "everyone to have an enjoyable time at Greenhead and hope I become a better person as a result of this role."

Piaf

Greenhead College hosted a 'Cabaret Conference' on Friday 27th June at 7:30pm. Professor David Looseley from the University of Leeds introduced the songs of Edith Piaf which were then illustrated by the singer Joanna Howard and her pianist Naomi Hart who call themselves 'Comme des Stars.' Joanna was in David's Popular Culture seminars at Leeds where she developed her interest in Piaf. She then spent her year abroad in Paris where she visited many cabarets and perfected her singing and acting role.



They met again when they both featured in a Woman's Hour programme on Radio 4 on a programme devoted to the singer. This is the second Cabaret Conference held at Greenhead. It is part of the Leeds University Widening Participation programme.

International Exchange:

Isabel Berwick left Greenhead in June 2007 and undertook an exchange in Kazakhstan. Here are some highlights from an eventful and unforgettable year.

"Meeting new people, making new friends and travelling were the highlights of this experience for me. Kostanai (where I lived) is twinned with Kirklees. It's a particularly friendly town, and people often gather together for quite extravagant celebrations such as Nauryz (pictured is Isabel at the March Nauryz celebrations.) Nauryz is one of the many New Years celebrated in Kazakhstan. Kazakhstan is such an interesting and important country (it has much of the world's oil) but so few people here know anything about it."

In October 2008 Isabel started a degree in Modern Languages at Durham University.



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Water Sports

Enrichment Awards:

Once again the water sports enrichment braved the weather to sail into the achievement awards. Eleven windsurfers and three kayakers were presented with their Royal Yachting Association Level 1 awards on Wednesday 19th November.



They are from left to right, back row: Natalie Todd, Sam Graham, James Eaton, Instructor Alastaire Pitman, Adam Lavan, Jamie Coley, Joe Wright, Instructor Andy Lacey, Lewis Coldwell, George Barnwell, Dominic Young, Sean Harrison, Naomi Singleton, front row: Josh Crosby, James Webster, Alex Parojcic.

Congratulations to all and see you next time for Level 2. **ACD**

Medal Marvels:

Greenhead students Katy Venters and Abigail Haywood scored medal successes for their nation at the Youth Commonwealth Games in Pune, India. Katy, 17, was awarded a gold medal in the 200m backstroke event finishing in 2 minutes 15.06 seconds which is a new Games best. Katy also achieved a bronze medal in the 100m medley relay.

Abigail, 18, achieved a bronze medal in the pole vaulting event clearing 3.80. Abigail is the Home Countries Under 23 winner and North of England Champion. She also competes for the Sale Harriers.

Abigail will be undertaking intensive winter training with the aim of qualifying for the European Junior Championships in 2009. We congratulate Katy and Abigail on their outstanding achievements and wish them continued sporting success.

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Netball:

1st Team:

Travelling this year has been a challenge but our numerous visits to Hull have brought great success. Greenhead stormed through the first round of the British Colleges competition beating Wyke, Hull, Scarborough, Pontefract and then York in the play-offs. They have now reached the final round where the last four teams compete at Gateshead to reach the National Finals. There has been more success for Sophie Woolven and Lucy Greenwood who were selected to represent the North East of England and now face a final national trial in Birmingham.

2nd Team:

What a team! Unbeaten in every game this season and none of our opposition has even achieved a half score. It looks as though this is going to be our best season ever! Well done girls these victories are thoroughly deserved!
SY

Football:

1st XI Football:

The 1st XI has a strong squad of players again with a good mix of A1 and A2s. We have made a good start, winning all league games to date, but we lost in the National Colleges' Cup to Preston Academy (1-2) despite dominating the game. Paul Day, Oliver Taylor, James Prieditis, Steven Stewart, Jack Garrety, Ben Burnett, Alex Kemp and Ed Flint have all been selected to represent West Yorkshire. **RF**

2nd XI Football:

The 2nd XI has made a decent start to the season, but this has been marred by occasional inconsistencies. The term began with an excellent win in a friendly against Wilberforce College, Hull but was followed by a disappointing defeat against Huddersfield New College. There have been a limited number of league games so far but the team has maintained a 100% record with away wins against Wilberforce College (1-0) and Selby College (7-1) and a home win against Selby (5-4). These wins came despite our habit of giving away early goals and the away win against Selby was a particularly strong performance featuring a hat-trick by Billy Fisher, whilst team captain Dariush Pashazadeh scored a hat-trick in the return game. **MT**

3rd XI Football:

The 3rd XI has had a varied season so far. They have recorded victories over Wilberforce College (4-3), New College (3-1) and Hanson School (1-0), drawn with Wilberforce (3-3) and Penistone (3-3) and lost to Mirfield (5-1) and Heckmondwike (4-3). The team is now more settled and should be aiming to reach the play offs at the end of the season. **MP**

Girls' Football

The girls' football team has been training regularly on Thursdays with a number of fixtures already completed. Steady progress has been made following narrow defeats against Scarborough and Wilberforce Colleges, more recently there has been a 4-4 draw against Huddersfield New College and our first win, 4-0 away, at Wyke College. **SB**

Rugby:

The Rugby team has made a great start to the season with a recent fantastic result against Park Lane College winning the match 42-24.



British Colleges of Sport Qualifying Tournaments:

There have been some excellent achievements in these trials which take place in preparation for the Loughborough Finals next year. Greenhead students have competed to represent our region (North East.)

Trampolining: Well done to Laura Atkin who achieved first place and qualifies for Loughborough.

Golf: Imogen Covell qualified in Darlington.

Badminton: Charlotte Lyons qualified in the Girls Singles in Darlington.

Tennis: The tennis matches are progressing well so far with the girls winning their first match in their group and the mixed team also winning their group stages. Well done on moving through to the next stages of the competition.

Hockey: A great start to the mixed hockey season with the squad being unbeaten so far. Both the women's and men's squads have also been extremely successful and have once again qualified for British Colleges Championships. **ASW**

STOP PRESS:

Congratulations to Hannah Higginbottom and Rosie Tootell for gaining a squad place in NE&EM women's hockey squad. Richard Lovatt, Greg Moorhouse and Oliver Durrant for the men's NE&EM squad and further honours for Lovatt and Moorhouse who on 28th November won a squad place in the British Colleges men's squad.
ASW

Student Charity Day:

Students and staff across the college community participated in a range of fundraising events on behalf of the Laura Crane Trust and Lepra. From donning fancy dress, making talent show appearances or by simply making a donation, student unity in this creditable venture was appreciated. Many thanks to all people who donated, and congratulations to the Senior Student team who organised and co-ordinated a diverse range of successful events.

The total amount raised was £2,175.



Enjoying a Worthwhile Day

'Space Circus' Travel:

In November, Theatre Studies students were invited to travel through the space time continuum by being the audience for a dress rehearsal of 'Space Circus' by Chol theatre company. 'Space Circus' was commissioned to tour schools in

Yorkshire and hopes to interest young people in science by using interactive theatre. " I loved the interaction between the characters and the audience"



Greenhead students in a pod travelling through space

commented one student. **JPH**

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Participants Report

The Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award Scheme is open to all students as an optional Enrichment. Voluntary Service, Skill Acquisition and Physical Recreation are all part of the award, and the commitment needed to complete these sections is why the award is so highly rated by

universities and employers. The Residential project is another component of the award, involving an active week away with people you haven't met before.

Christopher comments "Luckily I took the opportunity, provided by the award scheme at College, to visit the Greek island of Poros for a week, for activities such as kayaking and cycling - a fantastic trip which left me with many new experiences." As Brett Longstaffe also remarks "Over the course of the week we all managed to achieve our Sea Kayaking Level 2 qualification." Christopher observes that "Overall the Duke of Edinburgh Award was an unmissable opportunity for me, and I recommend it highly." Brett concurs stating "It was an amazing experience."

By Christopher Prince & Brett Longstaffe

