

Star Team

The first A* results at Greenhead were awarded to Emily Anderson and Paul McGenity for their AQA Extended Projects. Hopefully more of you will be adding to these numbers when you get your results in August!!
CHB



Brilliant Ball

The A2 Leavers' Formal May Ball took place on Friday 29th May, 2009. Students and staff joined in attendance to celebrate the A2 year group's college career. The event provided "students with an excellent opportunity to spend a quality and enjoyable evening of food and entertainment with their friends and teachers." Reflections of the event include "The students looked amazing and the atmosphere was fantastic. The fireworks were sensational, together with live music and entertainers circling the room during the evening." "The barber shop quarter was very well received and many students took the opportunity of having pictures taken with them in addition to getting their caricatures done." Other observations recall that the "food was delicious", "the various magicians and caricaturists helped make the night very special" and the Ball provides a "really lovely opportunity for staff and students to meet in a social setting."

Many thanks to the May Ball Committee 2009 and Alasdair Brodie-Browne for arranging such a sparkling and memorable event.



Photograph courtesy of John Woods Photography.

Chemistry Olympiad 2009

Ten A2 Chemistry students entered the 2009 Chemistry Olympiad, an international competition designed to find the best sixth form chemistry students in the world. This year we had the best results ever, with two gold awards, four silver, three bronze and one commendation.

Gold awards: Christopher Ramsden, Jonathan Hartshorn
 Silver Awards: Matthew White, Andrew Mellor, Joshua Nazareth
 Bronze Awards: Andrew Baldock, Damian Armitage, Saad Azhar, George Pidgeon
 Commended: Jenny Bradley

Congratulations to all on a first class achievement. MBA



Students at their certificate presentation. From left to right: Back row: Christopher Ramsden, Damian Armitage with Mr Rostron and Chemistry teachers: Richard Pember, Karen Woolven and Mary Barber Front row: Andrew Baldock, Matthew White, Jonathan Hartshorn, Joshua Nazareth, Andrew Mellor

Damian's Fund-raising Ceilidh

An A2 student, Damian Armitage, was selected by an organisation called Project Trust to teach Science and Maths in Guyana for his gap year before going to Cambridge to study Natural Sciences. To raise funds for this, Damian organised a ceilidh at Greenhead. Over a hundred students (and a few teachers!) supported the event and enthusiastically joined in the dances.

The band (English Rebellion) included Damian's Chemistry teacher, Mary Barber.

White Rose Morris Men gave an excellent display of dancing and students performed a couple of music sets, which was very well received.

Damian raised over £400 which will go towards the cost of his gap year.

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BIOLOGY OLYMPIAD 2009

Five Biology students have been successful in the British Biology Olympiad this year. They gained Silver and Bronze medals or Highly Commended certificates. Medal winners can attend an award presentation in London hosted by the Institute of Biology and presented by Professor Steve Jones, a writer of several biology books and Professor of Genetics at the University of London. This competition has been running since 1996 and since

1998 selects a team for the International Biology Olympiad. These students were competing with many top schools and colleges nationally and their successes demonstrated outstanding knowledge and commitment to the subject. They were required to study some topics independently as the question papers go beyond what is required for their AS and A level qualification.



Students: Chris Ramsden, Rachel Holdsworth, Matthew White, and Liam Gabb with Martin Rostron and their Biology teachers.

EDINBURGH UN Conference

This was our third UN conference of the year and was held at George Watson's College, Edinburgh. The capital was busy as it was the same weekend as the six nations match against Ireland. Conference proceedings were suspended for the duration. The group soon realised they had entered a different country and they were the foreigners!

The conference was opened by a BBC foreign correspondent. 25 Greenhead students joined over 500 delegates from all over the UK and Ireland and spent three days in debates. They were only able to be so fully involved after weeks of preparation. We represented Burkina Faso, India and the Ukraine. Each delegation was ably led by one of the Ambassadors, Robin Rea, Jack Tindale



and Joe Rigby. Robin was on the Security Council and they held some of their session in a committee room of the new Scottish Parliament at Holyrood.

One evening they 'enjoyed' the delights of a Scottish Ceilidh. At the end of the conference three of the delegates (Jack Tindale, Fiona McNally and Thom Stancliffe) were awarded certificates for their outstanding contribution to debates. Everyone had a really enjoyable time, gained confidence and learnt a great deal. Well done all of you for being so well prepared and fully involved. **ABB**

Tartuffe:

A2 Theatre Studies students provided a brisk and entertaining production of Moliere's 17th Century comedy classic 'Tartuffe.' Otherwise known as 'L'Imposteur' the play delivers a withering attack on hypocrisy as the title character fraudulently and greedily insinuates himself into the household of a seemingly comfortable Parisian family.

On a sparse set of black and white tiled floor and just four chairs, the acting company enjoyed delivering a lively paced and witty production using both English and French to both amuse and even bemuse an appreciative audience.



A trip of a lifetime:

On the 1st of April 2009, 40 AS Geographers and Geologists ventured to Iceland for a trip of a lifetime. The trip was highly enjoyable and was interesting from start to finish.

Iceland itself was surreal; with stunning scenery and very helpful friendly residents. Throughout the trip we visited numerous waterfalls; most notably Gullfoss (The Golden Waterfall) which is one of the largest in Europe. The intense power of the water was staggering, and is an experience which I will never forget. The trip was not all sightseeing - blood, sweat and hard work were integral factors when attempting to clamber up one of the largest glaciers in the Northern Hemisphere. Here we were equipped with crampons and ice axes which made the journey even more exciting. The glacial walk was insightful because we could distinguish the factors such as crevasses, and medial moraines which we had been

studying in the classroom - this really was geography/geology in action! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of staff who made this amazing trip possible.

Richard Boothroyd



NEW FACES



"Friendly and Hardworking"

Usman Anwar is completing his first academic year at

Greenhead teaching Chemistry. Usman's impressions of the college community so far are that students and staff are "friendly and hardworking." Prior to joining Greenhead's Chemistry department, Usman has established an international professional profile. A BSc and PhD were completed at the University of Leeds which then led to working at the University of Florida. This was followed by three years experience within the Pharmaceutical Industry. Outside college, Usman enjoys playing football and travelling.



"Welcoming and Helpful"

Katie Lea-Smith has "now completed a full academic year as teacher of Psychology" and has

"very much enjoyed" the experience. "I have found the staff in my department and the rest of the college very welcoming and helpful. I feel that I have settled well - indeed I feel like I have been at Greenhead for longer than a year." Katie's previous professional roles involved teaching at Oldham and John Leggott Sixth Form Colleges. "I studied Psychology at the University of Liverpool, where my degree focused a lot on Psychology and Crime which is the favourite area of my subject. Outside of Greenhead I enjoy travelling, cinema and seeing various musicals and plays at the theatre."



Education at Heart

A warm welcome to Greenhead's new Transition Mentor, Diane Beaven. Diane's role "involves

preparing and supporting students during the move from High School to College, and helping them to settle once they are here. At the moment I'm

building up links with local schools and getting to know prospective students." Diane's impression of the college community to date is that it is "supportive, ambitious, energetic and friendly."

Prior to joining the staff Diane "studied Economics at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne and completed a PGCE. Since then I have worked in the investment sector and the care of families affected by traumatic death. I was also involved in providing professional training and mentoring to the police and the health care workers involved with these families. My heart has always been in education though, so it is great to be back."

Outside of College Diane's "main passion is marathon running. I adore travel, so I am able to combine this with running by competing in marathons around the world. In May 2009, I ran the Prague marathon and gained my qualifying time to compete in the prestigious Boston Marathon next year. My ultimate ambition is to complete the 5 World Marathon Majors and to run the Polar Marathon in Greenland." Diane's other sporting passion is "Liverpool Football Club, the greatest team on earth (well almost...!)"



Eclectic Talents

Welcome back to Peter Sylvester who returns to Greenhead as an IT teacher. Peter ran the Greenhead computer networks

between 1993-1997 and notes that in 2009 "it is still a positive vibrant place offering the students the highest quality subject teaching and opportunities to widen/continue their interests via Enrichment." Peter "was the Computer Manager at Rastrick High School until 2002. In 2003 I completed my MSc in Information Systems (Huddersfield University) by undertaking a project to produce a multimedia marketing CD for ASAP Avionics based on Vancouver Island, BC, Canada. This advertised a kit (designed and patented by ASAP)

to totally rewire a Dehavilland DHC-2 Beaver. The CD went out to all DHC2 aircraft owners in America and Canada."

"From 2003-2004 I undertook a project to completely renovate a large four bedroom semi-detached house, including all building joinery and electrical work." This was "an enjoyable if time-consuming six months or so. From 2004 to the present, I have been involved with adult education and am presently the manager of a small centre at Crosland Moor that delivers ICT, Literacy and Numeracy including ESOL and life skills for example, Childcare courses."

Peter enjoys "playing sport, especially rugby (semi-retired), football and cricket. I like music and going to gigs both small and large. I can quite often be seen in Holmfirth at the Picturedrome. I have witnessed many talented acts for example Joe Bonamassa (the best blues guitarist I have ever seen - better than Clapton!), Nils Lofgren and Eric Bibb."



Pleasurable Work

A warm welcome to Julie Linley who has a split professional role at Greenhead College.

"I spend two days on reception and a day in the general office. As I have a daughter getting ready to leave Greenhead, I had already visited on a number of occasions and was very impressed with the warm friendly atmosphere the college radiates. As expected it's a pleasure to work here! Prior to having time out to spend with my kids I was PA to the MD of a local company. On returning to the workplace some years later I ran my own small business for several years but it started to encroach too much on my family life so I accepted a position with a large medical practice as Receptionist/Medical Secretary. I trained at Harfield Business College in Nottingham and have upgraded my skills over the years. I enjoy going to the gym, walking and spending time with my family."

NEW FACES



Smooth Assistance

Jo Tattersall joined the college "after Easter this year" as Exams Assistant. Jo's role involves "helping Kath Longbottom and Kath Gittins with the smooth running of the exams department." This proves "very busy at times, but satisfying." Jo has found that "Greenhead has a great feel to it" and already positively recalls that it is as though "I've been here for ages." "My last role was as a Graduate Recruitment Assistant in a large European law firm in Leeds - so still working with students, but after they started at Uni. We looked after them through to qualifying as solicitors, which is a four year cycle to qualification. We got to know them really well." Jo's interests include "white wine, chocolate, lipgloss, music and old school comedy (my comedy hero is Ronnie Barker.) I like nothing better than a good night out, and to laugh until my eyes water."

Spanish Exchange- ¡Viva España!

This March, 24 intrepid Greenhead Spanish students visited San Juan, near Barcelona, staying with Spanish host families for a week. We spent a day sight-seeing in Barcelona, visiting the historic Gothic quarter, the unique Park Guel and the breath-taking Sagrada Familia. We also visited a Cava winery, walked up a very large mountain in Monserrat and spent time with our partners in their school and the nearby town of Manresa. Everyone learnt lots of Spanish and enjoyed living in a different culture. It was a brilliant experience! We all look forward to next year when the Spanish students visit Greenhead!

Jessica Parkinson



Invitation to a Private View

Greenhead's Art department have produced an incredibly exciting show. John and his dedicated team provide a creative environment where students work with sustained enthusiasm well above A-level standard.

This is not just education for education's sake. It's a passion for creativity that students will engage in throughout their life. There is a diverse range of work which includes large abstract expressionist work by Lewis Appleby confidently produced with a maturity beyond his years to Emily Robinson's work which has a unique & sensitive vision. Jessica Hulton's installations created a strong presence which are inspired by Rauchenburg & Stephs photographs that challenge mainstream society. As a new member of staff I would like to thank everyone in the Art department for their warm welcome and lovely humour.

Sarah Sheard



Artist: Limara Boyle

Important Diary Dates

JUNE

30 Oxford Open Day Visit (& 1 July)

JULY

2 Cambridge Open Day Visit (& 3 July)

9 College closes

AUGUST

20 AS/A-level results published

27 GCSE results published
AUTUMN TERM

SEPTEMBER

1 Enrolment Day for new students (Day 1)

2 Enrolment Day for new students (Day 2)

3 Optional trip to Alton Towers for new students

4 AS lessons commence

7 A2 lessons commence
Meeting for all A2 Oxbridge applicants at 12.40pm

9 Sampling week for Enrichment

Voluntary Service in the Community meeting at 12.45pm

14 Enrichment Enrolment at 11.05am (6 period day)

w/c 14 A2 assemblies

w/c 21 AS assemblies

28 Governors meeting

29 New Parents' Evening at 7.30pm

Term Dates for 2009/2010

Autumn Term 2009

Tuesday 1 September – Friday 18 December

Half term holiday:

Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October

Spring Term 2010

Monday 4 January – Thursday 1 April

Half term holiday:

Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February

Summer Term 2010

Monday 19 April – Thursday 16 July

Half term holiday:

Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June

Town

A strong all female cast, reinforced by an innovative and imaginative design team and a live band presented a thoughtful, considered and entertaining Enrichment Drama: "Town." This was an excellent production of "verbatim theatre" where all the words spoken were actually those of Huddersfield people researched, recorded and edited by students and staff, a process which began in September. With the use of four large boxes, live music and projected images, the audience enjoyed a kaleidoscope of characters, images and sounds providing a moving, engaging and amusing feel of what it has been like over the last fifty years, to be a citizen of Huddersfield Town.



Project & Workshadowing



15-19 June 2009

Project & Work Shadowing Week 2009

The week 15-19 June was a busy time for all AI students as they participated in this year's PaWS week. Despite the tough economic climate, over 570 students went on a huge variety of placements locally, nationally and internationally, including nine students in Besançon and 30 in London.

With a choice of over 40 projects to select, 370 students participated in a wide range of projects organised internally and externally, including trips to Barcelona and Amsterdam.

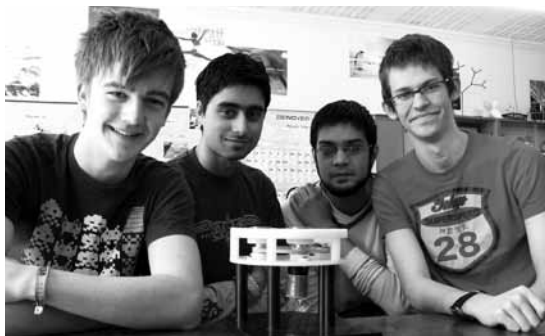
New projects this year included a three-day hike to tackle the Lakeland 3000m peaks and a residential project sponsored by Huddersfield Lions enabling our students to accompany a group of Downs Syndrome students on an outward bound course.

Our thanks go to the placement providers, project leaders and all the staff at Greenhead College for their hard work and support to enable us to provide such great opportunities to our students. **CB/HB**

Engineering Education Scheme

As part of their Enrichment programme, students studying Maths and Physics can opt to participate in the Engineering Education Scheme, a national organisation aimed at promoting Engineering as a career. This year, two teams of four students from Greenhead have been working with BorgWarner, a Bradford based company which manufacture turbochargers. They were given a real engineering problem to work on which involved designing, building and testing their chosen solution. They spent three days working on their design at York University, wrote a report and presented their findings to a team of assessors at Huddersfield University and to the managers and engineers at BorgWarner. Both teams produced excellent reports, gave confident presentations and all eight students achieved Gold Crest Awards. Well done to them all.

One team, with teacher Mary Barber and Engineer Rob Daniels designed a device for applying lubricant to a turbocharger component.



From left to right: Oliver Durrant, Kameldip Sohal, Mohammed Lunat, Josh Cowlam.

The other team, with teacher Tom Flynn and Engineer Simon Harrison designed a system to error proof the application of the compressor wheel locknut on a turbocharger. If the locknut is incorrectly tightened it can lead to turbocharger and engine failure.



From left to right: Tom Flynn, Simon Harrison, Jack Riley, Elle Barrett, Chris Hoyle, Tom Purdy

SPORT NEWS SPORT NEWS SPORT NEWS**Rugby Union**

The College Rugby Union squad have had an extremely successful inaugural season. After a late start they were entered into the North East Colleges 10's tournaments in both November and April winning each one quite emphatically. Outstanding contributions from leaving second years Billy Dempsey, Mo Shaath, James Kidd, Tom Bolland and Tom Fleming led to the team, captained by Tom Mason, being crowned Yorkshire Colleges' champions. **ASW**

**Loughborough Championships**

The college once again took a group of 40 students who had qualified to represent the North East Colleges squad to the British Colleges' Sports Championship at Loughborough University. The sports represented by the students included Trampolineing, Girls' and Boys' Hockey, Swimming, Badminton, Girls' Rugby Union and Tennis.

Congratulations to all students who qualified and participated in these prestigious championships. Special mention to Matthew Marshall who gained a team gold medal in the Boys' swimming, Rebecca Green and Katie Venters who gained team silver medals in the Girls' swimming championships, and Max Oscroft who gained a bronze in the Boys' Trampolineing. **ASW**

Football

The 1st X1 have had another fine season, winning the Yorkshire section of the British Colleges with a 100% record. In the West Yorkshire league play-off they defeated Woodkirk 3-2 to win the Championship and Paul Day, Oliver Taylor, Jack Garety, Alex Kemp, Steve Stewart, Ed Flint and Ben Burnett all represented the County with distinction. We have a core of players who will be A2s next season and we are hopeful of a good intake next September. **RF**

**More debating successes**

Greenhead teams have been involved in two competitions during 2009.

The English Speaking Union ran 'The Mace' competition and our team of Roger Fox and Jack Tindale were winners of the area round in Wakefield and then the regional round in Leeds. The North of England final was held in Liverpool and the pair of them did very well but unfortunately missed out on the national finals. The team that went to London were the eventual runners-up. Well done to them both as this is the furthest we have got in this very competitive national competition.

The other competition was organised by NorVic, the association of the 16 sixth form colleges in NE England. This is different from other competitions as it involves a team of 10 and the panel of six judges mark not only the main speakers but all contributions. The southern round was held in Pontefract and the Greenhead team went through to the finals in the Old County Hall in Wakefield. The standard of debate was high. Teams were marked out of 300 and Greenhead came 2nd with only 1% fewer marks than the eventual winners. Everyone enjoyed the occasion and for most it was their first taste of competitive debating. Well done! **ABB**



Schools' Analyst Competition 2009

On Wednesday April 29th three teams of A1 chemistry students were chosen to represent the college at this year's RSC School's Analyst Competition. The three teams for this year's competition were:

Team A: Dominic Ballard, Heather Plumpton and Thomas Sanford

Team B: Fern Hopkinson, Stephen West and Dan Best

Team C: Jenny Day, Matthew Spriggs and Euan Mutch



The competition, held at Huddersfield University, involves working as a team to solve a chemical problem using analytical techniques and equipment not generally available in schools and colleges. All three teams performed extremely well and gained a lot from the afternoon. Team B scored full marks for their practical work winning the Huddersfield division of the competition. All marks from across the North East region were collated and Greenhead Team B were among the top three teams selected to take part in the national final at the University of Plymouth on the 29th and 30th June. Congratulations to all involved! **RFA**

Tennis

Greenhead have had a very successful year so far with the boys', girls' and mixed teams all reaching the

National finals in the Senior Schools' British Tennis Competition. The finals were held in March at the Bolton tennis arena and involved playing against schools/colleges from all over the country. Over the three days Greenhead produced some fantastic tennis and the girls' team were unlucky to lose in the girls' final coming a worthy second in the country.

Currently both the boys' and girls' teams are still involved in playing in the cup competitions with both reaching the final stages of their region and hoping to go on to win through to the grand finals held in London. Both the Abedare cup and the Glanvill cup are great competitions to be involved in as any player with any LTA rating can play so the standard of competition can be extremely high. **Good luck to the players on their next match.**

Players who have been involved are Tom Bolland (Captain) Chris Prince, Sam Lockwood and Ian Poole. Claire Kershaw (Captain), Hannah Wightman, Charlotte Baldwin and Jessica Banks. **KLU**



What's Ahead?

Between the examination season and the holiday season, young people have time to consider their futures: our annual "What's Ahead?" conference on Friday June 12th initiated the decision –making process. Forty experts in the fields of Higher Education, Employment and Gap Year Projects informed, stimulated and entertained the entire student cohort. This was followed by another successful week of work-shadowing and projects where many career ideas were consolidated. For those still undecided, we recommend a careers interview – free and open to all! **RB**

Thank you to Fred Lodge for his excellent range of photographs which have featured in Greenhead News across the academic year.