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Greenhead News

“Playing for success”

Team work helps pupils get to grips with Maths and English

Twice a week, after school, some seventeen children from Huddersfield primary schools voluntarily climb on a bus and travel to a Study Support Centre in the McAlpine Stadium to undertake two extra hours of Maths and English work. They have “bus work” to do on the way down to the Stadium and never leave without eagerly snatching up their weekly homework. Love of learning is alive and well in our town.

The exciting and highly successful Study Support Centre is part of a nation-wide initiative to raise literacy and numeracy skills. It is run by Mags and Terry Nash, skilled teachers with a particular talent for motivating others; they work in partnership with the Huddersfield Town Football Club and Kirklees Metropolitan Council.

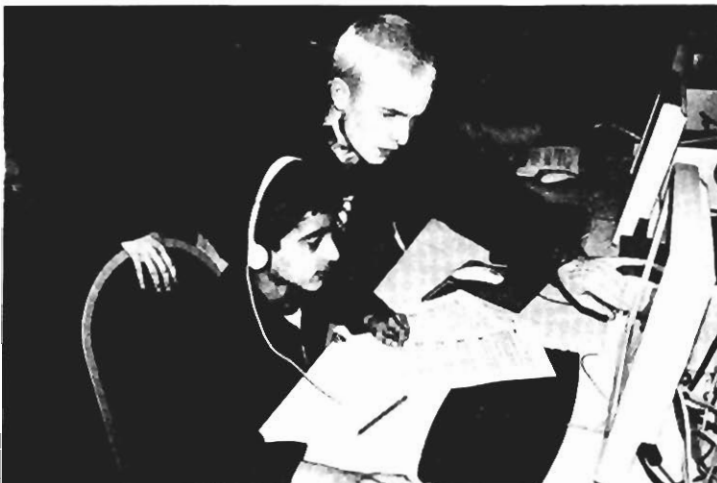
Greenhead students play an important role too. This year, twenty seven have signed up as mentors for the scheme here in Huddersfield. In addition, two students are acting as mentors in the equivalent Study Support Centre at the home of Batley Bulldogs, a new centre which opened this year as the initiative spreads.

The mentors work alongside their “team” of youngsters once a week, after college, as part of our Voluntary Service in the Community Enrichment Project. They help the children, monitor their progress and above all give them individual attention and encouragement, boosting confidence and contributing to the dramatic improvements the children make. Mags and Terry generously say they couldn’t operate without the mentors.

And the word is spreading. Recently, the Centre featured in the local press. Not only that, some of our own students had the opportunity to fill an hour of broadcast time on Local Community Radio. One of the items they produced was on the Study Centre. Children, staff and Greenhead mentors were interviewed and all this was then structured into a feature by students keen on journalism as a career.

Team work at its best!

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The New Senior Students



L-R: Andrew Wilson, Aymen Mahmoud, Nick Spooner Sarah Hollingdrake, Pavan Gata-Aura and Nick Haytack

The Editor spent morning break with the new Senior Students and here summarises what she found out

What an articulate and enthusiastic bunch! **Andrew Wilson** (Charity, Library and Catering Committees) told me he likes the idea of “representing the College”, and rates the recent Gangster Party as one of the groups great successes. He emphasised the need to prioritise in order not to be swamped by the work load in addition to college work.

“I wanted to get involved and make a contribution to College life” said joint-treasurer **Aymen Mahmoud**. He is also a student governor and worked on the Charity and Ball committees. He believes the secret to success is “Keep it all written down.”

Welfare, Ball committee and Secretary are **Sarah Hollingdrake**'s areas of responsibility. She feels sad that the Senior Students' office is “a bit out of the way” and she is keen to set up, with **Pavan Gata-Aura**, a leaflet point in College centrally where students can pick up information and advice. **Nick Spooner**, another student governor and joint treasurer, is very proud of the Gangster Party which he described as “hard work but worth it”.

All the Senior Students emphasise that they would welcome more contact with, and suggestions from, other students. They have recently successfully campaigned for a lock for their office door - so many secrets and confidential documents! They feel they have very much bonded as a team - initially over the Love Bin activity in February.

Nick Haytack the 6th member of the team wasn't able to be there that day, but the rest of the gang assure me that “He's OK really”.

Dear Parents and Students

The excellent Easter weather has continued - at least up to the time I am writing - and is helping most people keep a positive frame of mind at the start of a very important term. First year students will be beginning study leave for AS levels on May 20th (indeed, some will have started written examinations by then) and second years will leave us on May 31st, to start A level exams after the half term break. I have little doubt that their results - which come out on Thursday August 15th - will be every bit as good as those in previous years, and will display splendid 'value added'!

These next few weeks, however, are an important time for all students to put in that extra bit of effort. Notes will need to be reviewed, revised and memorised; teachers will be doing revision sessions - both in class and also in free time, at lunch and after college, and developing students' exam technique, knowledge and so forth. Students: put extra time aside, in the evening and the weekend, to do some serious preparation: keep yourselves fresh, don't try to study for too long at once, but take regular breaks and give yourself rewards for achieving your self-imposed study targets. Parents: please support your sons and daughters by offering support and encouragement, some privacy, and peace and quiet to foster concentration. You all have our best wishes for success in the exams.

At present, I am engaged with the Governors in appointing two new Vice Principals to the college, to replace Peter Griffin and myself: these are key appointments in continuing the outstanding success of the college and providing top class support for students. I hope to be able to tell you more in the next issue.

Yours sincerely



Martin Rostron



Dates for your diary



MAY

- Mon 6 May Day Holiday
- Fri 10 (to 12) D of E expedition
- Mon 13 Governors' meeting, 4.15 pm
- Tue 14 Student Council meeting 12.30 pm
- Thu 16 Placement Supervisors and Project supervisors meet all AS students 9.20-10.25 am
- Mon 20 Study leave for AS students begins
Some AS exams this week
- Mon 27 Full programme of AS, A and VCE examinations begins
AS examinations only this week and until Thu 13
- June
- Fri 31 College closes
Final day of teaching for A2 students

HALF TERM

JUNE

- Mon 10 College opens. Examination timetable resumes.
- Tue 11 (and 12) Personal Tutors' Inset
- Wed 12 AS exams finish
- Thu 13 A2 exams begin
- Fri 14 Full Health and Safety Check
- Mon 17 Workshadowing/Project week
- Mon 24 AS What's Ahead Conference 9.30 to 12.30 pm
A2 Courses begin pm
Oxford/Cambridge visits in next two weeks
- Wed 26 pm Workshadowing/project supervisors see reports and presentations pm

JULY

- Mon 1 Open Morning
- Tue 2 Open Morning

- Wed 3 Workshadowing/Project review pm
- Thu 4 Open Morning. Student Guidance Conference
D of E Expedition (to 10th)
- Fri 5 Open Morning
- Sat 6 (to Wed 10) Art Trip to Paris
- Mon 8 ALPS Conference.
- Tue 9 Student Guidance Conference
- Wed 10 College closes
- AUGUST
- Thu 15 AS/A Level results published
- Thu 22 GCSE results published

- Tues 27/28 Induction Days for new A1 students
- Fri 30 Term begins for all students

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New Vice Principals

As we go to print we have news of the appointment of the two new Vice Principals. In charge of Structures will be **Dr Neil Heeley**, formerly Head of Chemistry in the College and a member of the ALPS team (A-level Performance Systems). He came to Greenhead from Featherstone High School in West Yorkshire. He began his new post on May 1st.

Starting in September as Vice Principal in charge of Guidance and Liaison will be **Susan Creamer**, a physicist who will be coming to us from her post as Assistant Principal at Oldham Sixth Form College.

Spring Concert

To parody WS Gilbert, 'the talent that blooms in the Spring, tra la! Brings promise of

There was talent aplenty at this year's concert with memorable solo and ensemble performances.

Hannah Bywater, Catherine Milestone and Sarah Ogden provided soprano solos while violin, trombone, piano x 2, tuba, cornet, clarinet and even Xylophone solos were rendered respectively by **Emma Thompson, Richard Taylor, William Peel, Rebecca Lawson, David Lepley, Richard Shaw, Rocky Hirst and Mark Wagstaff.**

Ensemble performances were well-received from the Chamber Choir, String Ensemble, Backyard and Blues Band and Swing Band - such a variety of musical pleasure for the audience! The college choir ended the evening with a selection which included Franck's 'Panis Angelicus' and Verdi's 'Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves'.

Most of the audience would agree though, that the boater-hatted, blazered Barbershop Ensemble "brought the house down."

Congratulations to all concerned and to staff members **Brian and Kim Askew, Angela Griffith and Geoffrey Lockwood.**

Mrs Sunderland Musical Competition Successes

Both College and individual entries had much success at this year's festival. Here are the details:

Open Instrumental Ensemble

1st. Henry Leah trophy and Laurence Turner trophy for the most outstanding ensemble of the festival : **Richard Shaw, Sarah Ogden, Mark Wagstaff, and Richard Taylor.**

3rd: **James Baker, Alex Robinson, and Nicholas Walker.**

Open duo

1st. Laurence Turner Prize : **Rocky Hirst and Beth Lawrence.**

Open Woodwind Ensemble

1st. Huddersfield Youth Orchestra Woodwind Trophy : **Rebecca Lawson, Joanna Watson, Jennifer Langley,**

Sarah Ogden and Eleanor Cope in solos and vocal recitals. **Nicholas Walker, Richard Taylor and Nicholas Dunkeyson** had 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the Brass Solo Open and **Richard Taylor** was also 2nd in the 17 and under piano solo.



Successful Mrs Sunderland competitors with instruments and trophies.

Arran 2002

by John Cook

At 8.30am on Saturday, whilst most people I knew were in bed, myself and a small band of somewhat reluctant, bleary-eyed geologists were waiting half asleep at Huddersfield Railway Station relishing the prospect of 5 days of geology on the Scottish isle of Arran - not to mention the 12 hour journey there.

Despite any doubtfulness amongst myself and my fellow students, the 5 days proved to be more enjoyable than anticipated. Between shorelines and sedimentary structures there were pranks, movies, poker and a whole bunch of year tens to lord it over. With the fun came learning and a valuable field experience, giving us the opportunity to see up-close and in person features we had previously only seen in textbooks.

Despite a few mishaps (one student's dislocated coccyx and another's sprained groin - don't ask!) it was a rewarding course enjoyed by all.



L'échange Français

by Simon Allatt

Cette année l'échange Français est encore un succès.

Le voyage en France était un peu long mais nous sommes amusés en parlant de nos examens oraux!

La journée à Paris était superbe, avec un bateau mouche, sur la Seine, et beaucoup de shopping. Mais quand nous sommes arrivés à la Flèche, pour rencontrer nos correspondants, nous étions un peu nerveux parce que nous ne savions pas sur qui nous allions tomber.

Pendant la semaine nous avons beaucoup parlé avec nos correspondants (en Français)! En plus, nous avons visité beaucoup de lieux touristiques de la région, par exemple, les maisons troglodytes et une cave de vin Français

C'était un semaine enrichissante, avec la connaissance des Français, leur culture et leur mentalité.

J'ai aimé ce voyage et j'aimerais y retourner.



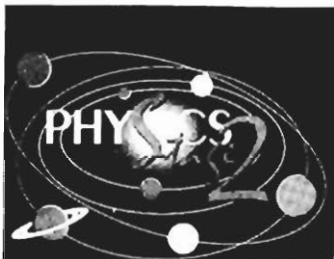


News of People and Events

- * Eight students entered the Chemistry Olympiad Competition - 4 obtained silver awards: **Charlotte Coles, Alex Robison, Matthew Rowe** and **Matthew Mills**, and 4 obtained bronze awards : **Michael Williamson, Louise Prideaux, Thomas Ibbotson** and **Daniel Williams**. Congratulations to all of them.
- * PaWS week (Project and Work Shadowing) will take place in the week beginning June 17th when all' first year students will participate in a variety of College-based activities or take part in placements in industry, commerce, education, medicine etc. to gain experience of what life is like in the work place.
- * Welcome to Open Days 2002! The Senior Students have invited year ten students from our feeder schools to spend a morning in college to find out about courses, opportunities, support and student life. The Open Days take place between 26th June and 5th July.
- * On March 7th, 15 AS Theatre students saw the Young Vic's production of *Monkey*, an entertaining, very physical reworking of the Chinese myth. Earlier in the day Tom Wright, the show's assistant director, came into college to work with the group on some of the techniques used to stage the epic story.

On July 3rd-5th the same group are going to stage the Cinderella myth in a production of Timberlake Wertenbaker's *The Ash Girl*. The story incorporates characters such as the 7 deadly sins personified as animals and is aimed at an adult audience.

- * During the Easter Holidays the International 'Physics on Stage 2' conference was held at the European Space Research Centre near Amsterdam, where over 350 Physics teachers from 23 countries met to exchange ideas and form new international links.



Fortunately, **Ian Yems** was selected to be part of the UK delegation. The festival was opened by the Dutch Minister for Research, Culture & Science and was closed by the European Commissioner for Science. The Keynote Address was by Prof. Dr Gerard t'Hooft, winner of the Nobel Prize in Physics 1999. The week was exhausting but exciting with lots of presentations of experiments and workshops where teachers met to discuss and propose ways forward to encourage more young people to study Physics at University.

- * Each year the Yorkshire Branch of the Institute of Physics awards a prize of £150 to the A level Physics student who obtained the highest mark in the previous year's (2001) examinations. **Richard Ecob** is the prize winner for having obtained 596 marks out of 600 on the uniform mark scheme with AQA.



L-R: **Mike Dodd** (Chairman of Governors)
Martin Rostron (Principal), **Richard Ecob**,
Chris Butlin (Institute of Physics),
Ian Yems (Physics Teacher), **Lorraine Hales** (Tutor).

Sum Quiz News - 3 Maths Challenges

Eleven teams from eight different high schools in Kirklees battled it out in the **Pop Maths Quiz** held at Greenhead College on Saturday 16th March. The youngsters, aged 11 to 14 years and working in teams of six, had 20 questions to answer spaced at 3 minute intervals. Some were quite tricky - how many whole numbers divide into 2002?

Despite having only four members in their team **George Chubb, Daniel Plant, Thomas Priestley** and **Jack Watson** from Colne Valley High School emerged as winners with Huddersfield Grammar School as runners up. Professor Brendon Evans, Pro Vice Chancellor at Huddersfield University, presented the trophies to the winners.



Professor Brendon Evans presenting prizes

At the same time **Tom Ibbotson, Richard Lister, Tim Lister, Matt Mills, Adam Smith** and **Michael Williamson** were representing Greenhead College in the Pop Maths Quiz for 16-19 year olds at Huddersfield University. Both quizzes were part of National Science Week and follow the same format. They were delighted to bring the cup back to Greenhead for the fourth year running.

During the course of the year puzzles of a different type are offered as a challenge to any student in the Maths department. One problem is set each month from October to March and a small core of students become quite competitive about it.

Congratulations go to **Edward Day** as overall winner this year with **James Short** as runner up.

Just in case any students feel they haven't had enough maths during the year, there is a problem available from the maths corridor to keep them occupied over the summer term!

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Competitors puzzling out solutions

New Faces

Modern Language Assistants

Mañuela Picotin

by Zebun Neesa

Mañuela Picotin, a French student from the North of France, helping in the French department, has more to her than first meets the eye!

Other than her obvious interest in foreign languages her leisure time is spent going out and meeting people. She enjoys visiting towns and on her last visit she worked in Sheffield as an assistant in secondary schools.

Mañuela has been to Germany, Belgium and Italy to name a few of the fascinating countries she has visited. Surprisingly, she has a liking for the dull British weather as she prefers London to Paris!

Her talents extend to teaching and she hopes to return to England in the future to teach French and German. She is definitely not the teacher the average student would expect as her taste of music ranges from rock to heavy metal. Mañuela's ambitious nature has taken over her plans for the future as she is hoping to study to be a teacher at Sheffield's Hallam University.

No rest for the wicked though, as back home she has a house full of pets; a hamster, a cat, a dog, a rabbit, chickens and ducks! She insists that she doesn't live on a farm but her large garden accommodates her liking for animals. It's a good job that she has a younger brother and sister to look after them all when she's busy exploring the world.

Señorita Swaps Tan for Teaching

by Andrew Dixon

The fresh face and positive attitude of new Spanish Assistant, **Vicky Rodriguez**, welcomes over forty students to their A-level Spanish speaking lessons. After studying Spanish at Salford University five years ago, Vicky has no problem understanding the Yorkshire accent because "it is a lot like the Manchester accent". Although longing for the beautiful beaches of her native Canary Islands, Vicky enjoys Greenhead College, working with fellow teachers and the working environment, but says that it differs from Spain as subjects are taught here in more depth and compliments her students with: "they are at a very good level."

Although not a big fan of football, she is adamant "Real Madrid are the best team in the world," but feels France, rather than Spain or England, will lift the World Cup this summer.

Evidently a happy person, Vicky enjoys listening to music, going out with her new friends, swimming and aerobics, but "the four things I miss most are my family, friends, food and weather."

"Southern Comfort, Northern Exposure"

by Aftab Anwar

Susanne Roth is currently here at Greenhead as a Modern Languages helper in the German Department. She hails from the south-west of Germany, Baden-Wurttemberg to be exact, and is a student at Stuttgart University, though she is no stranger to these shores, visiting Poole at the age of 15. Her time down in the South, however, did not prepare her for the North: "The accent takes a lot of getting used to", she says. Her main interests include a very wide spectrum of music from jazz to classical to Goth Rock, culminating last summer in a visit to the Island Festival in Budapest, which included acts such as Placebo and HIM. Reading also fills much of her time, especially period novels by the Bronte Sisters.

She describes the atmosphere at Greenhead as "friendly and relaxing" with both staff and students alike. After completing her studies, she hopes to become an English teacher back in Germany.



*Sylvie Jacquemart, Yasemin Gürtanyel, Susanne Roth
Sophie Janee, Vicky Rodriguez, Mañuela Picotin
This year's foreign language assistants. See left for more details
about 3 of them written by student journalists.*

Simon Barratt

Cross-Pennine move for RS teacher

Our new Head of Religious Studies, **Simon Barratt**, is impressed by the friendly, caring and supportive atmosphere here at Greenhead. "Hard-working" and "Committed" is how he describes the students he has met so far.

Simon grew up in Lancashire and attended Manchester and Durham universities. This Leo describes himself as optimistic and easy-going with a wide range of interests in the Arts.

In Music he favours Blues (BBKing, Van Morrison etc.) but he is also intrigued by the combining of Western and Eastern traditions in the work of the Contemporary musician, John Tavener. His interest in the Eastern cultures also shows in his passion for the work of Indian poet Rabindranath Tagore who won the Nobel prize for Literature in 1913. Welcome aboard.



From our Foreign Correspondent

Each year many Greenhead students go to work abroad as part of a GAP year. Here we re-print selections from a letter sent to French teacher Avril Looseley from last year's A2 student Karen Hall, who is working in New Delhi, India.

I teach English, art, drama and music at a Free Progress school. The kids are lovely but can already speak fluent English. I bought a violin and have been playing for them everyday. Delhi is horrible and smelly. It's so busy and the roads are total madness, but I quite like it! It's another world.

I also teach adults (who have very limited English) in the evening which is loads of fun. There are 26 in my class. They behave like kids and love running, playing games and singing songs.

The weather is starting to warm up and soon it will be really, really hot. I think then I'll appreciate the fact that there's no hot water. I'm coping with the hole-in-the-ground toilet as well!

A couple of weeks ago I went off to Agra to see the Taj Mahal for a little adventure and last weekend a group of us went to a National park to see the tigers.



SPORTS REPORTS



Football

The season ended on a disappointing note for the 1st XI who, after a fine season, went down in the final of the West Yorkshire Schools Cup to Notre Dame Academy. We took the lead early on with a fine header from **Ross Spaine** but our opponents equalised before half time and scored the winner with 15 minutes left. Throughout the season we have played some good football, and with quite a few A1 students playing a prominent part, we should have a good nucleus for next season.

The 2nd XI made the play off in the BASIC and had to make the long journey to Hull to play Wilberforce in the semi-final. Manager Greenaway-Jones reported that the team left its form on the bus and slipped to a 3-1 defeat.

The 3rds and 4ths enjoyed much success this season, but the season tailed off somewhat through a lack of games and the disappearance of the West Yorkshire play off.

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Netball

This has been a brilliant season for the netball team, as we have become both county and regional champions, going on to represent Yorkshire and Humberside at the national championships in Manchester. It was very exciting to be in such a high profile competition in a city that will host the Commonwealth Games this summer.

However, various injuries to team members prevented the impressive performance that we were capable of. These achievements have come as a result of a lot of hard training and effort by all the team.

The season was finished off on a high when we became the North East of England College Champions. A superb performance and a well deserved victory.

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Tennis

As we go to press, we have news that the Greenhead team defeated Wakefield Girls' High School 4-2 in a national competition. More details in next newsletter.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

In March, twenty-four past students were honoured at the Gold Award Presentation held at St James' Palace. Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, was present chatting to guests and award holders. He has never missed a presentation since the awards inception back in 1956.

On March 13th the past students were: **Peter Barker; James Coop; Michael Dann; Annie Finnis; Ben Godfrey; Maddy Holden; Joanna Manby; Paul Ransom; Alice Vigor; James Wood; Sarah Wood.**

On March 20th the students were: **Nicky Prescott; Edward and James Broadbent; Caroline Burgess; Sophia Chambi; Rebecca Cheesborough; Lisa Corcoran; Catherine Dale; Helen Hill; Heather Richardson; Lorna Richardson; Monique Shepherd; Michael Sweet.**

As our numbers mushroom each year, more students will gain the benefit from such a rewarding experience over a long period of time.

BF

Rugby

Greenhead's first season in the new student Rugby League National competition was a disappointing one. The new student rugby league structure meant that Greenhead played all their games against a few top teams, and because of the inclusion in the national league, due to our past record of success, we were not allowed to enter the Yorkshire Cup despite being the holders of that cup!

Rob Joyce is on selection for the Great Britain student team to play in Western Australia, and was in the England Student team for the International Championships in April. **Joe Greensides** won this year's Player of the Year award.

CA

Hockey

In the 2001-2002 season, hockey captains were **Jenny Goodall** and **Matt Rowe**. Teams did well in the Yorkshire Regional BCSU League, North West Colleges League, the West Yorkshire Schoolgirls Championships, and several others. **Jenny Goodall, Rebecca Durrans, Vicki Eteson, Siân Aldersley** and **Lauren Simpson** were selected for the West Yorkshire U19 team and **Hannah Browne, Emma Lundy** and **Jennifer Langley** were selected for the Kirklees U18 team.

Tom Lister was top goal scorer and **Rob Stevens** won the Greenhead award for goal keeping. The most improved players were **Aidan Blackburn** (A1) and **Jennifer Langley** (A2).

Congratulations and well-done to all who have participated and made the season a most enjoyable one.

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Hannah Browne and Vicki Eteson

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