



Onwards and Upwards

Well done!

A record year for A-level success. We can be proud of the efforts of Greenhead's students—and their teachers—who have achieved the best set of A-level results in memory! We made the news as the **top college nationally in the Independent and Guardian tables**, with a 99% pass rate and 84% at grades A, B and C.

In terms of high grade passes, **Alex Robinson** topped the list of more than 700 students, with five As plus an A in AS Further Maths and distinctions in Extension papers in Chemistry and German.

We are especially pleased for those who did so well despite personal problems or bereavements who now have the qualifications to move on to employment or study at a higher level.



The college's 'value added' analysis is also on a high: teachers and students take great pride in 'adding value' to GCSE achievements by getting higher grades at A level than might be expected. The results this year show that, whatever grades students have achieved, they are in most cases at least what the best schools and colleges would expect based on GCSE grades, and in many cases much better. Well done to everyone!

Prize Winning Composer



Last year's A2 student **Joanna Watson** had a musical composition entered in the BBC Proms Composers' Competition and won a prize in the Senior section.

The piece, based on a poem called, "Where does laughter begin?" was for soprano, violin, piano and clarinet. It was performed in a concert at the Victoria and Albert Museum in July, and was also broadcast on Radio 3. The composition evolved from a piece Joanna worked on as part of the Greenhead College involvement with the Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival's education programme.

The team were aiming to enable young musicians to work with professionals to produce quality music.

Joanna achieved Grade As in all four of her A levels this summer and is soon off to Birmingham University to study music.

Destined for Success

This year's record breaking pass rate has ensured that most students are where they want to be.

So where are they?

You don't need to be a detective to realise that Greenhead students are interested in law—50 will start Law/Criminology courses this month and 2 have enlisted in the Police Force.

Another 50 are indulging their adventurous natures and taking a year out before further study. Their destinations include Tanzania, Swaziland, Japan, Romania, Canada and America.

Medicine has proved popular, as usual, with 34 embarking on the long journey to becoming a doctor. An equal number have opted for Psychology.

More unusually, one student has opted for War Studies and another is training to be a chiropractor.

The college has bucked the national trend in two areas. Despite the much reported shortage of mathematicians and engineers, we have 21 students studying Mathematics at university and 12 opting for Engineering.

28 students have chosen to enter the employment arena immediately, including 6 who have joined the Armed Forces.

Whatever their chosen destination, we offer them congratulations and wish them success in the future



Alex Robinson celebrating his string of A grades

Dear Parents and Students

Last year's leavers achieved record results across the board and most of them have moved on to higher education and employment. They go with our congratulations on their success and best wishes for the future.

There are 800 students entering their final year and we expect they will meet last year's standards—they should feel confident of getting a 99% pass rate with 85% of grades at A to C—they have outstanding potential! However, exams come round quickly, so from now on 12-15 hours of study weekly, on top of lessons, should be the norm. Parents can help with lots of encouragement and practical support. One special pressure in the second year is the search for what to do next: what job, which university, which course? Personal tutors will be there to help and guide. If you have worries about anything, feel free to contact the personal tutor to discuss the application process—we will do everything we can to help though, of course, the final decision on what to apply for will be made by the students themselves.

Over 850 new students have joined us in September: we are looking forward to their first "monitoring" after half-term to see how they have settled down and made progress. They will have a report to take home in mid-late November and parents are invited to discuss the first three months in college at Parents' Evenings in late November and early December.

This year's musical will be "The Little Shop of Horrors", from 10th -13 December, while our Annual Carol Service (at Holy Trinity) will be on December 17th. We cordially invite you to both: there is a reasonable charge for the musical (buy promptly once tickets are available—they sell quickly) while the Carol Service is free.

Yours sincerely

Martin Rostron

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Dates for your diary



OCTOBER

Tue 1 A2 Assembly 3.10
Wed 2 A2 Geography trip to Preston Montford (until 4th)
A2 Theatre Studies production:
"The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui"
Thu 3 A2 Theatre Studies production:
"The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui"
Fri 4 A2 Theatre Studies production:
"The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui"
Sat 5 D of E expedition 3 **Sun 6** D of E expedition 4
A2 PE Mountain Walking Expedition (until 8th).
Medieval History trip to Loire valley (until 12th)
Mon 7 Election of tutor set reps this week
Tue 8 A2 Assembly 3.10
Thu 10 Business Studies trip to Peugeot, Coventry
A2 Assembly 3.10
Fri 11 GCA AGM 4.00
Sat 12 D of E expedition 5
Sun 13 D of E expedition 6. Modern History trip to Berlin (until 19th)
Tue 15 Student Council meeting 12.30. A2 Assembly 3.10
Wed 16 ICT trip to The Deep.
AS Theatre Studies production
Thu 17 A2 Assembly 3.10
Mock Interviews for non-Oxbridge courses
An Evening of Music – Main Hall 7.30 pm
Fri 18 College closes
Sat 19 A2 Geography/Geology Field Trip to Iceland (until 25th)
D of E Qualifying Expedition

HALF TERM

Mon 28 College opens. November tests this week.
Half term 2 Enrichment courses begin.
Subject monitoring interviews begin.
Tue 29 AS Assemblies P4 & 5 (PaWS week)
Thu 30 AS Assemblies P4 & 5 (PaWS)
Mock Interviews for non-Oxbridge courses

NOVEMBER

Fri 1 Final deadline for completed EAS disks to tutors
AS Assembly P4 (PaWS)
Sun 3 A2 Geology Field Course in Lake District (until 6th)
Mon 4 Staff/Departmental meeting 3.55
PaWS tutorials this week
Tue 5 Oxbridge Mock Interviews 6.00-10.00 pm
Fri 8 **Progress Report Day: 8.45 am start for all students**
Haydn Wood Music Competition
World Challenge (until 10th)
Sat 9 Haydn Wood Music Competition
Mon 11 Business Studies trip to Jaguar, Coventry
GCSE English resits begin. Enrichment Drama Project Week
Tue 12 GCSE Maths resits begin
Wed 13 Final day for PaWS application forms
Thu 14 German Exchange: German students in college (until 21st)
Adult Carol Rehearsal 7.00 pm
Wed 20 Personal tutors complete and issue reports to students
Thu 21 Business Studies trip to Jaguar, Halewood & Liverpool FC Stadium
AS/A2 PARENTS' EVENING (A TO G) FROM 6.00 pm
Tue 26 Student Council 12.30
AS/A2 PARENTS' EVENING (H TO O) FROM 6.00 pm
Fri 29 Charity Day
DECEMBER
Tue 3 **AS/A2 PARENTS' EVENING (P TO Z) FROM 6.00 pm**



College Production
LITTLE SHOP
OF HORRORS
Tuesday 10th - Friday 13th
December





Thursday 17th October
'An Evening of Music'
Main Hall 7.30 pm

News of People and Events

- * We were very saddened to hear of the recent death of ex-student **Oliver Batley** in a tragic accident in Spain. Oliver had spent a GAP year in New Zealand and then completed his first year as a Geology student at Edinburgh University. He was a keen outdoors man and his family asked that any donations in his memory should be to the Mountain Rescue Service.
- * Students' grandmothers who were at Greenhead during Miss Hill's headship may be interested to know that Hazel Wheeler nee Taylor, has produced a new book about her girlhood entitled "Living on Tick".
- * Ex-student **Annabelle Leech** survived 3 rounds with Anne Robinson in a recent edition of 'The Weakest Link'.
- * This term we welcome fourteen new members of the teaching staff both permanent and temporary as well as a new technician in Music and Drama, a new Administration Officer and a new Assistant Caretaker. Journalism students will be writing pen portraits of them in following newsletters, so watch this space.
- * Debating enrichment got underway this term with a lively session of 'Any Questions'. Staff members **Peter Gordziejko**, **Nick Dodd** and **Phil Bartlett** formed the panel.
- * Two of our students, **Alex Robinson** and **Charlotte Coles** were placed in the top 5 nationally for AQA A-level Chemistry. Elizabeth Lawrence came in the top 3 for Salters OCR A-level Chemistry. Alex and Charlotte also achieved Distinctions in the Advanced Extension Award, with **Louise Prideaux** and **Matthew Mills** gaining Merits.
- * **Rosie Smith** and **Vicki Morrisroe** were placed in the top 10 nationally for OCR A-level Psychology.
- * **Clair Beverley** and **Ben Dyson** were placed in the top 10 nationally for OCR AS-level Sociology, and **Lydia Carfrae** and **Jenny Preece** for A-level Sociology.
- * **Elizabeth Hume** was placed in the top 5 nationally for AQA A-level History.

"The best thing in ages."

These were A2 student, **Danny Kirrane's** enthusiastic words to sum up three magical weeks in August when he took part in the National Youth Theatre workshops in London. Danny was chosen as one of 180 young hopefuls from 3000 applicants after he saw an advertisement in the Huddersfield Examiner.

Living in Halls of Residence, the students worked long hours (sometimes a 12 hour day) but in their groups they gelled to the extent that Danny describes them in the end as being "like family." The end result was the presentation of a devised piece titled "Judgement", a comic piece, presented by Danny's group to the directors and fellow students. For him, the highlights were the stage-fighting classes and the voice work.

Danny's performance as Jud in last year's production of 'Oklahoma!' was instrumental in his decision to apply for this very prestigious course - he sang Jud's song, "This Lonely Room" as part of his audition. He is now a full member of the National Youth Theatre and hopes to audition for a production at London's Lyric Theatre next year.

Project and Workshadowing Week 2002

A new look PaWS week this year enabled the maximum number of students to have experience of a high-quality activity during the week. 476 students had external placements, 164 arranged their own placements and 474 students undertook projects. There were twenty three areas of placement with Medicine (104), Management (53) and Education (62) being the most subscribed to.

Project & Workshadowing



16-20 June 2003

Projects ranged from Adventure Week and Leadership Training to Dance, to Video project to Writer/Poet in Residence. One of the more unusual placements is described below:

Placements in Besançon

Fatima Wadoodi

Whilst the majority of Greenhead students did workshadowing in England, seven of us went to Besançon, France, taking the Eurostar through the tunnel, crossing Paris and getting the RER, then the train to Besançon.

*After a special dinner in a restaurant on Monday afternoon, we went to our work placements: **Simon Allatt** and **Anna Gooding** in the 'Conservatoire de Musique', **Gemma Saville** in the Town Planning Office, **Joanna Cordner** with a journalist and **Elisabeth England**, **James Baker** and I in a primary school.*

Apart from improving our French, we visited the Citadelle, had fantastic food and went shopping. On Friday we set off for the 'Fête de la Musique' and did Karaoke (in French of course!)

It was an unforgettable, challenging and terrific experience for everyone!

Congratulations to **Wendy Reed** (Placement Officer), **Ian Yems** (Projects Co-ordinator) and **Alasdair Brodie-Browne**, Assistant Principal in charge of the Project and Workshadowing scheme, on a splendid achievement.

The Ash Girl

An A2 Theatre Studies production: July 2002

The play is an adapted version of the Cinderella story by the American writer, Timberlake Wertenbaker. Characters such as the Seven Deadly Sins are personified as animals.

Simon Allatt (Greedmonkey) and **Sarah Kaye-Robinson** (Slothworm) were particularly memorable. The presence of a not-so-pleasant prince gave the classic tale an original twist. Prince Demetrie (**Sam Lindsay**) sustained a convincing Middle European accent throughout. **Sarah Kingswell** brought strength and charm to the part of the eponymous Ash Girl, while **Polly Goddard** (the Mother) had a very impressive stage presence.

But above all, this was a team effort produced in a short time in and around exams, and as such it was most impressive with dancing and the use of simple but dramatic costumes combined with imaginative use of the studio for set and lighting. Well done everyone, especially director, **Alison Wayman**.



Polly Goddard as the Mother and Jonathan Dando as the Chair



SPORTS REPORTS



Rugby

The College Rugby League team won its first game last Wednesday by 42-6 pts against Thomas Rotherham College. New players such as **Marcus George** and **Arran Crabtree** should add some strength to the limited number of existing players.

Congratulations go to former player **Andrew Raleigh** who played in the all conquering Greenhead Team of 1998. Andrew went on to play for Newcastle and British universities and has been named student player of the year for 2001-2002. He has also gained a professional contract with Sheffield Eagles.

Current Greenhead Captain **Jon Gledhill** and his colleague **Jason Southwell** have both secured professional contracts with the Huddersfield Giants. CA

Hockey

The hockey trials proved to be a positive start to the season with an abundance of new talent and wonderful sunny Wednesday afternoons. Being early days still, the teams are yet to be settled although I am sure that Greenhead will have the usual handful of county representatives.

The first match against Thomas Rotherham College was a useful team building exercise, trying out different formats of players. Unfortunately, a combination of excellent play by one outstanding Rotherham player and a dubious umpiring decision producing a goal, resulted in a 3-4 defeat for the Greenhead Mixed team.

The hockey teams are scheduled to have a very busy season playing league, cup and tournament fixtures for men's ladies and mixed teams and travelling the length and breadth of the country. Enjoy the season and hopefully some good results.

CW

Netball

Over 70 girls attended trials this year, showing how competitive it was to gain a place on the two college teams. The selection process was very difficult but we now have two squads of eleven players with **Kelly Bostock** and **Lauren Simpson**, captain and vice captain of the first team and **Kim Beaumont** and **Sophie Lawton**, captain and vice captain of the second team.

Our first fixture against Thomas Rotherham College resulted in two wins. Hopefully this will bode well for the future.

SY

Football

As usual we had large numbers of A1 students attending the trials, and selecting the teams for the first games away to Thomas Rotherham was quite a task for the team manager. The 1st XI, with a mix of A1 and A2s, came back from 1-2 down with 3 goals in the last 7 minutes to triumph 4-2. The 2nd team conceded a goal in the 1st minute and lost 2-6. The 3rd XI were leading 3-2, then missed a penalty and conceded 2 late goals to lose 3-4. We are expecting an improvement as the teams bed down over the next few weeks.

RF

Off to London to see the Queen

Just as Summer term ended, one of our second year students was selected to meet the Queen at Buckingham Palace.



Leanne is pictured with Mick Wadsworth, Huddersfield Town's Manager

Leanne Powell was chosen because of her remarkable work in Greenhead's "Voluntary Service in the Community" scheme. Leanne had spent two years working as one of our learning support mentors at the Study Centre based in the McAlpine Stadium. This Study Centre is part of a national project to raise standards in literacy and numeracy. Pupils from local junior schools are able to attend the centre twice a week after school. Once

there, they embark on a demanding educational programme which manages to be fun too. Mags and Terry Nash, who run the project, are proud of the tremendous progress the children make and pay tribute to the contribution our students make as mentors. Generously, they say that without them their work would be so much more difficult.

As well as being part of this Voluntary Service team, Leanne was also a key member of the team that organises and runs the Tea Club. This wholehearted commitment to voluntary service meant that Leanne was chosen to represent the College. Leanne reflects the ethos of Community Service at Greenhead—putting something back. A.O'G

Duke of Edinburgh

For our D of E Residential we went to Netley Waterside House in Southampton, to help out at a residential holiday home for the disabled. We were each assigned to a guest who we had to help get ready every morning, and care for their personal needs. During the day we accompanied the guests on themed excursions to places such as the London Eye and Bournemouth. Each guest had a completely different special disability from each of the other guests, which we found fulfilling as we learnt to look beyond the disability and see the person for who they were. We had a brilliant time and will definitely return next year. Helen and Amy

This is only one section of the Award, the residential. The two students learned to appreciate other people and understand their problems. At Greenhead, we offer support for all 5 sections of the Award: Explorations/expeditions and Training; physical recreation in enrichment, Voluntary Service and Hobbies. BF



L-R: Richard Farmer, Helen Chilton-Merryweather, Rebecca Shakir, Emma Dawson, Ailsa Messer, Simon Peers

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