



OXBRIDGE SUCCESSES

Thirty five Greenhead students have received offers at colleges at Oxford or Cambridge universities. Congratulations to all of them and to all the other A2 students who are currently receiving offers from universities up and down the country.

Ben Auty	Heckmondwike Grammar	Emmanuel (Cam)
James Baker	Saddleworth	St John's (Ox)
Vicki Barker	Shelley	Christ Church (Ox)
Katherine Barnard	Crossley Heath	Keble (Ox)
Michael Braisher	Whitcliffe Mount	Keble (Ox)
Rosemary Bruce	Helston Secondary	St John's (Ox)
Victoria Crossland	Holmfirth	Open (Ox)
Edward Day	North Halifax Grammar	Clare (Cam)
Charlotte Dixon	Bradford Girls'	Brasenose (Ox)
Luke Donnan	Shelley	Trinity Hall (Cam)
Patrick Durkin	Batley Grammar	Open (Ox)
Sam Gartland	Colne Valley	Corpus Christi (Ox)
Freya Grimwood	Wakefield Girls'	Emmanuel (Cam)
Caroline Hickerton	Salendine Nook	Trinity Hall (Cam)
Jessica Hill	Heckmondwike Grammar	Hertford (Ox)
James Hirst	Batley Grammar	Worcester (Ox)
Rebecca Hodgson	Holmfirth	Oriel (Ox)
Satwinder Khangura	Huddersfield Grammar	Open (Ox)
Andrew Knapp	Crossley Heath	Jesus (Ox)
Owen Morris	Holmfirth	Magdalen (Cam)
Alana Nabulsi	Honley	Trinity (Cam)
Ruth Netherwood	Horbury	Newnham (Cam)
Richard Pollock	Holmfirth	Trinity (Cam)
Peter Rogers	Crossley Heath	St John's (Ox)
Emma Rowbottom	Horbury	Brasenose (Ox)
Heather Rowlands	Kettlethorpe	University (Ox)
Paul Shackleton	Shelley	Wadham (Ox)
Andrew Sobala	Bradford Grammar	Emmanuel (Cam)
David Solan	Crossley Heath	Homerton (Cam)
Hannah Thomas	Batley Grammar	Wadham (Ox)
Paul Thompson	Queensbury	St Peter's (Ox)
Sarah Todd	Heckmondwike Grammar	Selwyn (Cam)
Lucy Wakenshaw	Horbury	St Edmund Hall (Ox)
Chloe Walsh	Crossley Heath	Girton (Cam)
Tom Woodhead	Shelley	Lincoln (Ox)



Feed Me... Now!



A blood-eating, man-eating plant which grows and grows and finally demands to be fed—this was the main 'character' of this year's production, 'Little Shop of Horrors'. Credit here goes to **Dave Stephenson, Jonathan Dando and Andrew Wilson.**

The show is a very dark musical comedy—where else would you find the three main characters dead before the final curtain? It was performed with great gusto by the cast of twenty. **Keiran Chada** (Seymour) and **Matthew Lee** (Mushnik) were an outstanding duo, with a memorable rendition of 'Mushnik and Son'.

The dentist Orin, played by **Sam Lindsay** was a splendidly outrageous figure and **Chloë Middleton's** Audrey combined voice, mannerisms and costume successfully. The chorus of girls and wins used the stage well and in Act 2 the wins doubled up as other characters.

Special congratulations to the costume team led by **Jane Becker**—Sooo Eighties.

As ever the music and production were professionally melded. Congratulations to **Kim and Brian Askew** and team, and to director **Alison Wayman.** ER

New Year 2002-3 Ski Trip

Well, it was the mildest weather for the last 40 years in Kitzbuhel; snowing on the mountain tops, but sometimes raining in the valley. We had our largest ever party of sixty-nine including students, staff and friends; and we had a great time. Everyone from total beginners to experienced skiers were catered for by our English ski instructors. Challenging black runs were accomplished in the mornings; in the afternoons a different scenario as **Andy Knapp** fell and slid 50 metres on his side hitting another lady and sliding down the very steep hill together—a great way to get to know someone. New Year's Eve saw our Hawaiian fancy dress, and what a turn out..... AJ (**Andrew Wilson**) in a shell bikini top and garlands.

A brilliant trip: the best group I have ever taken on a ski tripto date. BF

College Reunion Evening.



Retired College Principal, **Dr Kevin Conway** congratulates past students on their achievement, watched by current principal, **Martin Rostron.**

Dear Parents and Students.

We have definitely turned the corner now, with brighter mornings and evenings and the early flowers beginning to show. As always, January has been a very busy month with, on the one hand, plentiful examinations, and on the other, Open Evenings and the start of the 'interviewing season' for next year's new students. We are most grateful for the assistance and enthusiastic advocacy provided by students who support their teachers on the Open Evenings. Many visitors have commented to myself and others on your confidence, articulacy and helpfulness.

First Year students will remember going through the interview process at this time last year: I realise that writing this letter marks an anniversary for me too, because I have now been in post for a full year. It has been an extraordinarily busy, enjoyable and satisfying twelve months, and I have never faced such variety or novelty of experience before! The staff at Greenhead have been magnificent in their response to the change of Principal, and I want to add a special thank you to every student – you are a really special group of individuals, and your positive attitude is the secret of our success.

There is still some work to be done in the coming months: all students are, of course, studying towards their exams in summer; many second years are still waiting for the final decisions on university and job applications – we wish you every success (and congratulations to the record number of Oxbridge successes); first year students are being asked to think about their choice of subjects for the second year. Parents – please keep on supporting them, as we will, and the outcomes will be at least as successful this year as last.

With best wishes for a happy and prosperous year.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Foskrow



Dates for your diary



FEBRUARY

- Mon 3** Term 2 Enrichment leaflet available from Reception
A2 Theatre Studies Practical Exam
- Tue 4** Enrichment Enrolment 9.35 – 10.15 am
- Wed 5** Term 2 Enrichment courses begin
ICT visit to Holset Engineering
- Sat 8** AS Geology Field Course to Arran (until 13th)
- Wed 12** ICT visit to Holset Engineering
- Fri 14** College closes
HALF TERM
- Sat 22** Mrs Sunderland Music Competition (until 1st Mar)
- Mon 24** College opens
- ### MARCH
- Tue 4** Theatre Studies Practical preparation (until 7th)
- Fri 7** **Progress Report Day**
Last day for A2 applications
- Mon 10** **Governors' meeting, 4.15 pm**
- Tue 11** PaWS team meeting 3.55pm
- Sat 15** Pop Maths Quiz 11.00 am in D17
- Tue 18** **Higher Education Information Evening for AS Parents**
- Thu 20** Economics field trip.
AS Theatre Studies Practical examination (until 3rd April).
German Exchange - Greenhead students in Germany (until 27th).
- Fri 21** Acceptance letters to new students. Economics field trip
- Thu 27** Personal tutors complete reports and issue to students
- Sun 30** AS Geography trip to Preston Montford (until 3rd Apr)
- ### APRIL
- Tue 1** **AS PARENTS' EVENING (A to K) from 6.00 pm**
- Wed 2** A1 Oxbridge afternoon with former students and Admission Tutors
- Thu 3** **Spring Concert – Main Hall 7.30 pm**
- Fri 4** D of E Practice Expedition (until 6th)
- Sun 6** French exchange: Greenhead students in France (until 15th)
- Mon 7** AS and A2 Music recitals (until 11th)
- Tue 8** **AS PARENTS' EVENING (L to Z) from 6.00 pm**
- Fri 11** College closes
- Fri 11-Sun 13** British Colleges National Finals at Loughborough (Hockey)

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

by Rhianedd Petford Pierce

This summer I began my D of E gold. There are 5 sections— Service, Residential, Skill, Physical Recreation, and Expedition/ Exploration. You can begin working towards your gold when you are 16. I took this literally, and the day after my birthday headed for my residential working with children at a summer play camp. This was great fun, and I was there in about the only week of the summer that it didn't rain! So I began Greenhead in September ready to concentrate on the rest of the award. You can imagine my surprise when Barbara announced to us that we would be doing our exploration in just 7 weeks, at Half Term! Wednesday afternoons were duly spent from then on plotting the best way round the Peak District on foot. My group decided to do an exploration, meaning less walking than an expedition, but that we had to produce a project relevant to our 4-day trip. The holidays arrived quickly, and it was an extremely cold, frosty morning that we set off. The weather sadly went from bad to worse, progressing to torrential downpours. Despite this, it was a positive experience and what I believe is called 'Character Building!'

For the skills section, I decided to do an OCR IT diploma offered as an enrichment. I have sat my first 3 exams, gaining 2 distinctions and 1 pass.

I decided to try something new for Physical Recreation— Yoga. I was pleasantly surprised at how relaxing I found it.

I have been a Young leader at my local guide unit for the past 2 years, and so decided to continue with that for service, as well as working towards my leadership qualification. Duke of



Rhianedd and friends on their Exploration

Edinburgh really is a worthwhile experience, and although it may not always be easy, you do get out what you put in. For one thing it's an excellent addition to your CV, as well as a way to make new friends and try new things.



News of People and Events

- * It is with great sadness that we report the death of **Joe Spivey** who left college in 1998. He is most fondly remembered by all who knew him. Also A1 student **Laura Kelly** who died suddenly in December. Heartfelt sympathy to her family and friends.
- * A festival of nine lessons and carols was enjoyed at the end of term, held in Trinity Church.
- * £65 was raised by staff and students carol-singing in town. There was an excellent turnout and many passers-by commented on how pleasing it was. £127 was raised at the carol service in Trinity Church, and the money is shared by Kirkwood Hospice, The Laura Crane Trust and the Special Baby Unit.
- * Students and staff contributed to hampers which were given to the National Children's Centre to be distributed to families in crisis at Christmas time. The Centre is extremely grateful for these contributions.
- * The college held three Open Evenings for year eleven students who may be interested in applying to Greenhead College. Departments demonstrated courses and present students helped to explain details of why they chose their courses and what aspects they particularly enjoy.
- * From 22nd January the College will be interviewing prospective students from non-partner schools.
- * Our best wishes go to Betty Heap who has been on the catering staff of Greenhead College for 23 years. We wish her a long and happy retirement when she leaves at half-term.

Debating and negotiating skills at UN Model Assembly

by *Beth Tapster*

The Model United Nations General Assembly (MUNGA) is an annual event in which Greenhead has participated for several years. This year it was held in Bolton, and our delegation, representing several different countries, got to have their say on issues ranging from war with Iraq to the refugee crisis.

The event was an excellent opportunity to learn more about the workings of the UN and practise debating and negotiating skills—a must for budding politicians and diplomats. A total of 33 countries, ranging from the USA to Afghanistan, were represented by sixth forms from across the North of England. They were invited to discuss resolutions which dealt with the controversial topics of the Palestinian and Iraqi situation and suggest and debate amendments so that, in theory, agreement could be reached. Passions ran high during these debates, although some people had trouble staying 'in character' (the idea of MUNGA is to put forward the view of the country you are representing).

After splitting into 'working groups', discussions took place on resolutions to deal with the important issues of water, refugees and Aids. These war constructive sessions had been well researched by all participants, and allowed everyone to gain a deeper understanding of these problems.

Greenhead Artists at Lawrence Batley

Twelve A2 students are currently showing work in the foyer of the Lawrence Batley Theatre in Huddersfield. Before Christmas family and friends joined the artists for a private view evening of 'arty' chat and a glass of wine.

The work ranges from a male figure hacked out of plasterboard to a challenging abstraction made with hair and teeth. Students involved in the exhibition are **Kim Beaumont, Amy Daniels, Richard Gledhill, Sam Kiernan, Gemma Nelson, Jenny Richards, Lauren Farlow, Luke Rowett, Beth Sheard, Amanda Walker, Thom Walker** and **Jodie Wielgus**.

The show finishes in February

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New Faces

Spanish speaking Sheryl settles in

by *Jacqueline Mantle*



Barnsley-born **Sheryl Farran**, our new Spanish teacher, spends as many hours in her car as she does teaching—she still travels backwards and forwards to the last post at All Saints' Catholic High School so as not to desert her exam classes! Sheryl decided to teach after she spent a year teaching in Spain and loved it. So

what does she think of Greenhead so far? 'The students are very pleasant and keen to work'. She describes herself as 'friendly, demanding and a bit of a perfectionist', and tries to understand her students' difficulties. As for her spare time... 'Mine is my children's!' But she likes going out, listening to 70's music, supporting her husband, who is a runner, and takes a keen interest in Barnsley FC. And her aim in life? 'To enjoy it, and not to worry about the things I can't change.'

Lancastrian Law Lecturer by *Anita Langdale*



Lancastrian-born **Janet Thackray**, is one of the new faces in the Law department. Janet, who originates from Oldham, leapt at the chance to teach Law at such a 'highly recommended and dynamic college'.

Janet's career has been varied. Her degree in English from Leeds University was followed by a year out, when she took part in voluntary work

for young offenders and students with special needs. All this led in to teaching English for two years. Janet then seems to have mastered the art of juggling! During the following four years she raised a family of three children and took her Law degree through London University.

During her spare time Janet acts as a taxi driver for her children (as most parents do!) She also enjoys swimming as a form of relaxation and exercise.

And Janet as a whole? How Janet feels at Greenhead—tired but happy!

Art Department Trip to Liverpool

100 Art students crammed into 2 coaches and shot off to Liverpool for a day of contemporary art at Tate, Liverpool. For some of our students it was their first opportunity to experience modern art at first hand.

On the first floor we saw a small exhibition based on 'Pop' culture' with images ranging from Andy Warhol's 'Marilyn', screenprints to Gary Hulme's latest prints based on the world of fashion. On the second floor the permanent collection included a massive piece by Mark Boyle which was a 2 metre square reproduction of a nondescript part of a street made of fibreglass, and Ron Mueck's larger-than-life sculpture of an awkward pre-pubescent girl leaning against the gallery wall. The top two floors included challenging video, film and sculpture installations by a number of international contemporary artists as part of the 2002 Liverpool Biennale.

Our students were certainly challenged by the exhibitions and judging by their creative responses it was an extremely valuable day. The students have gone on to benefit from their Liverpool experience and continue to engage in complex aspects of the subject as a result.

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SPORTS REPORTS



Football

The 1st XI continue to progress on all fronts and have now won the last 7 games without conceding a goal. In the West Yorkshire Schools semi final Hanson (Bradford) were thrashed 5-0 in a superb team display. We will now play Notre Dame in a repeat of last year's final. In the 1st Round of the National Cup another fine team performance brought a 3-0 victory at Dearne Valley College. **Adam Laverick, Pardeep Singh and Lee Mozley** have all represented West Yorkshire Schools. **RF**

The 2nd XI had some improved results in the period before Christmas. This began with a convincing 7-3 victory over Pendleton college and continued with our first victory in the North West Counties League, a 3-1 away win against Oldham College. This win featured one of the best team performances of the season, despite being played in very windy conditions, and included a hat-trick by **Richard O'Hara** and excellent displays by many of the 2nd XI regulars such as **Robert Large, Gareth Jowett, Mark Fagan and Phil Burns**. Unfortunately, the momentum was not maintained for the subsequent 4-1 defeat by Holy Cross College, Bury—our second loss against them this season! **MT**

The 3rd XI are continuing to make good progress. After a disappointing display against the Army apprentices College which ended in a 4-0 defeat, the team have shown an improved level of approach and commitment. This has resulted in two well deserved victories against Blackburn College (5-2) and Holy Cross (4-2). **MPI**

Girls' Football

The girls' footballers of Greenhead College have continued to brave the elements throughout the winter in preparation for the NW regional 5-a-side finals to be held at the end of January. Sponsorship from local company 'Rocks Off' will also see them take delivery of a brand new set of shirts for this tournament and beyond! **SB**

Rugby

The rugby league team have finished the winter term unbeaten. An impressive 54-6 win over Pendleton college in which **Tom Tsang** and **Marcus George** were outstanding was followed by a fine 24-10 win over Nottingham University. The past students were defeated in extra time by 28-22 pts and **Misha Cunningham** followed up his fine solo try in the Nottingham game with another effort from a planned move to beat the 'old boys'.

The team now enter the initial stages of the National Cup and with hard work progress might be made. **CA**

Netball

The first team have been working hard in preparation for the Regional round of the Nationals. Games against Bradford and South Yorkshire have produced narrow victories. The first round of the British Colleges National Netball competition also saw Greenhead produce a comprehensive victory against South Tyneside 45-19. Hopefully this will bode well for the future.

The second team have continued to display an excellent attitude and motivation and remain unbeaten. They are a credit to their captain, **Kim Beaumont**. **SY**

Swimming

Congratulations to **Eleanor King, Michelle Thornton** and **Dominic Hegarty** who will represent the North Eastern Region in the British Colleges National Finals in Loughborough in April. A superb achievement. **SY**

Hockey

In the National Sixth Form Cup 1/4 final, Greenhead Girls' Hockey team lost 0-1 against Nelson and Colne College. The mixed team have produced two good performances in league fixtures against Oldham (11-3) and Holy Cross (4-3) winning both matches prior to Christmas. A warm up friendly fixture against South Tyneside proved to be a one sided 8-0 victory but gave the team a chance to work at specific set pieces. This bodes well for the rest of the season where the college teams are involved in men's and mixed league and cup commitments and the girls team are preparing for the British Colleges National Finals at Loughborough during the Easter holidays. **CW**

Millennium Volunteers

Millennium Volunteers (MV) is a new initiative, which acknowledges the hard work and commitment of young people in the voluntary sector. Providing nationally recognised accreditation, the MV programme gives 16-24 year olds a chance to 'build on what they're into'.

The MV programme is funded by the Department of Education and Employment, who are working to ensure that the MV Award is recognised by employers. The MV Award of Excellence will be presented, at an Award Ceremony, to those who complete 200 hours of volunteering over a twelve month period and an MV Certificate to those who complete 100 hours.

The MV programme is designed to allow participants the opportunity to meet with one another through forums and have an active voice in the operation of the MV Award. Each MV programme will be planned by the participant and mentor, helping the young person develop and achieve any specific aims they may have.

Since the 2001 launch of the Millennium Volunteers Award at Greenhead College, we have over 200 students registered with the programme.

The types of volunteering include:

Sports activities with special needs young people
 Amnesty International Urgent Action Campaign
 Work with visually impaired children
 Activities at After School Care Clubs
 Assisting at school of dance
 Residential play schemes

Charity shops
 Primary schools
 Hospices
 Working with the elderly
 Conservation



2002 Presentation at Huddersfield Town Hall.

Students receiving their MV awards
 L-R **Emma Dawson, Ailsa Messer, Michelle Auty, Richard Farmer.**

Greenhead College has been celebrating success in a number of sports. The girls' hockey team and tennis team became British College North East champions, while the swimmers and girls' five-a-side football team won Yorkshire titles.



Pictured are winning captains.
 L-R **Danielle Brown** (tennis), **Hannah Shires** (hockey), **Michelle Thornton** (freestyle swimming) and **Rebecca Lister** (medley swimming)