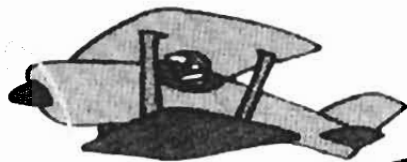


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Greenhead News

New Senior Students

The editor recently had lunch with the newly elected Senior Students during their training day. We were joined by **Liz Ryan**, Chair of Governors, who was keen to find out more about the role Senior Students play in the college.

There are four boys and two girls, one of whom, **Rachel Quirk**, was away playing hockey for college in the National Quarter Finals. The other, **Aliyah Hussain**, a keen dancer who came to us from Crossley Heath School, is keen to put something back into college life.

Khalid Al-Dadah (Penistone Grammar School) wants to help get student voices heard. Out of college he is a snow boarder whenever he can get to Sheffield Ski Village. **Tom Trewinnard**, ex-Hulme Grammar School, Oldham, has many musical interests such as playing the French horn in a Youth Orchestra and singing in a choir.

Alex Budds (North Halifax Grammar) and **Kyle Roys** (Shelley High School) share an interest in martial arts being respectively judo and karate enthusiasts. In college they are keen to become involved with Student Council, and Kyle and Aliyah as treasurers of two committees, will be in at the deep-end soon in financial matters.

They are a keen bunch and anxious to make a difference.



LtoR: Khalid, Rachel, Aliyah
Tom, Kyle, Alex

All Agree on New Accommodation

The new Conway building, which faces Greenhead Road and sides onto the hockey field, is a very fitting tribute to Dr Kevin Conway, our retired Principal, for whom the building is named.



The newly-expanded Careers Library



A new Law classroom on the second floor

On the ground floor the accommodation has been expanded and Careers teacher, Rowena Burton, described the new rooms, offices and Careers Library as "spacious and airy".

Law and Business Studies teachers, who were using the photocopier on the second floor, described their new area as "magnificent". (Bear in mind that many Business Studies lessons have taken place for years in mobile classrooms.) On that floor there is also a computer room with 28 work places and the classrooms are all spacious and well-equipped, as are the staff offices.

The Art department occupies the third floor, from which rooms there are spectacular views across rooftops to Emley Moor and Castle Hill in the distance. There are two huge studios, exhibition and storage space, plus a dark room. An Art student declared the new rooms: "light, airy, inspirational, really". Really!



One of the spacious Art studios on the top floor

Dear Parents and Students

As the final AS and A-level examinations approach this is a very busy time for all of us, but at least the days are getting longer and we are seeing some sunshine. There are many positive things to report: the new building is finished and in use, and students and staff are enthusiastic about the new facilities. As well as the Oxbridge successes reported elsewhere, lots and lots of second years are getting acceptances for their job and university applications, and I would like to congratulate all of them for their success. Every individual student is different, and they will reach their ends through different degrees of effort and inspiration, but for every one there has been a great determination and this is bringing dividends.

How do they do so well? Of course, we must praise all the staff who contribute to their development, but as we go around partner schools interviewing prospective students now in Year 11, and also meet students from other schools in the early evening interviews we have been doing since the Open Evenings, we hear again and again the positive perceptions of the college which are motivating the young people to apply, and I believe they bring with them this constructive attitude which makes the college such a happy place to study - and socialise - in.

This has been endorsed in another way recently: Ofsted inspected the college in January, and although we do not expect the report to be published until late April or early May, and we cannot release details of the judgements, I can say that we are delighted with the opinions of the inspectors, and the report will make highly pleasing reading. Again, staff and students can be proud of themselves, particularly for their commitment to teaching, learning and improvement.

All the best in the coming months to all students: if the going seems tough, remember that there are only three months - April, May, June - between this one and the summer holiday!

Yours sincerely

Martin Rostron

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Dates for your diary



MARCH

- Thu 4 AS Theatre Studies Practical Exam
Fri 5 AS Theatre Studies Practical Exam
Report Day: Final day for Subject Monitoring
Mon 8 AS Theatre Studies Practical Prep. (until 12th)
Thu 11 AS Economics Trip (until 12th)
Mon 15 **Governor's meeting, 4.15**
Thu 18 **Higher Education Information Evening**
AS Theatre Studies Practical Exam
Mon 22 AI Art Practical Exams
AS Theatre Studies Practical Exam
AS Geography trip to Preston Montford
Tue 23 **AS Parents Evening A - K**
Thu 25 Spring Concert - Main Hall 7.30
Sun 28 French Exchange - GC students visiting France
Mon 29 AS PE Revision Workshop
AS Physics trip to Manchester University
29th to April 2nd Music Recitals (tbc)
Tue 30 **AS Parents Evening L - Z**
Wed 31 Oxbridge afternoon

APRIL

- Fri 2 Geography/Geology trip to Iceland (until 7th)
College closes

SUMMER TERM

- Mon 19 **College opens**
A2 Art Practical Exams
Fri 23 DoFE Practice Expedition (until 25th)
Mon 26 A2 PE Revision Workshop
NO UNAUTHORISED DISRUPTION TO TIMETABLE FOR NEXT THREE WEEKS
Fri 30 AS Higher Education Information Tutorials

'Les Misérables' - December 2003

Convicts, beggars and social unrest seem unlikely ingredients for a musical but they come together in 'Les Misérables', based on Victor Hugo's novel which is set in nineteenth century France. It demands a versatile cast of almost fifty with its challenging recitative and Schonberg's haunting solos. A number of strongly contrasting roles holds together a plot which constructs a range of responses to poverty and injustice; the warmth and energy of **Christopher Pulleyn's** Valjean highlighting the unyielding moral recitade of Javert, played convincingly by **Jonathon O'Brien**.

Under Paul Wood's skilful direction, the poignancy of Act One was captured admirably by **Kathryn Pemberton** as Fantine whilst its rousing idealism was conveyed with great enthusiasm in 'Red and Black' and 'Do you Hear the People Sing?' led by **Jacob Mason-Dixon**. Versatile performances by **Elizabeth Chadwick** and **Holly Collinge** together with the sustained lyricism of **Takeshi Stokoe** and **Laura Renwick** also contributed to this vibrant production.

Congratulations to everyone involved including an enthusiastic orchestra directed by Brian and Kim Askew.

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The Docks: The Lovely Ladies and the Sailors

From our Foreign Correspondent ...

From Kirklees to Kazakhstan

Last year's A2 student, **Joanna Cordner**, is spending a gap year in Kostanai, Kazakhstan, Central Asia.

Hi, I'm sorry I haven't been able to email you before now, but this is only the second time I have had chance to get onto the internet properly! They are keeping me very busy, and so many people want me in so many different places at a time! I am having a fantastic time here, everyone is so friendly and nice to me. I have made friends with so many students, and they always invite me to go out with them in the evenings. I have also made friends with some of the students at the university and there are Americans here from the Peace Corps who I have also made friends with. I was worried that I might have very little to do here, but my biggest problem is finding any alone time. I am very pleased with my family, and they are very easy to get along with, and everything is absolutely great, I am so glad I came!



French Cliché Concert

by *Stuart Kingston and Joe Wynn*

Recently, Greenhead College was lucky enough to be visited by the young French musical duo, French Cliché.

On the day they were supported by another band, comprising pupils from our college. The college band played a set, which was enjoyed by all, and they set up the gathered crowd of shabbily dressed college students, mainly those involved in language lessons. Stu set up the camera, set it rolling and stepped back to enjoy the show.

The music played by French Cliché was a mixture of new, old, French and English tunes. After each tune, rapturous applause rippled around D17 and the pair seemed quite taken aback by the support of the students. The high point of the show for us was the striking performance of The Police track 'Message in a Bottle'.

At the end of the show Avril Looseley thanked both bands for performing and after another, final round of applause, people filed from D17, smiling and laughing, after the excellent show.

Biology and AVCE Health and Social Care Visit to London

Biology and Health and Social Care students visited London in December for a conference presented by three eminent speakers. Lord Robert Winston gave a fascinating lecture on the causes of human infertility. Professor Steve Jones discussed whether gene therapy will mean the end of conventional medicine and the importance of the Human Genome Project. The star of the day, however, was Professor Gordon McVie, whose lecture on the current developments in cancer research and treatment was quite inspiring!



From Kazakhstan to Kirklees

Interview with Katrina Ertner

by *Fiona White and Charlotte Whiteley*

She's a professional swimmer, pianist, classical music and aerobics fan, Armani sunglasses-wearing jazz-lover from Kazakhstan. It's not someone you would expect to see walking the corridors of Greenhead, but that is exactly what we have – in the form of Katrina Ertner! Katya, as she likes to be called, was chosen as an exchange student in a programme run between Huddersfield and its twin town, Kostanai in Kazakhstan. She is studying business and economics here at Greenhead, and hopes to go to university in Moscow to carry on her studies. Katya says that Kostanai is Huddersfield's twin town, but when asked if it is exactly the same she replies with a firm 'NO WAY'. She explains that there are many differences: the clothes aren't the same, the people behave differently and the teachers are much more laid back over here. She says that people having a drink in a lesson just wouldn't happen in Kazakhstan "We wouldn't dare!" she exclaimed. Katya is here for one year, staying with a Kirklees councillor, but is missing her parents terribly.



World Challenge 2005 – THAILAND

by *Sophie Wood*

Eleven A1 students have involved themselves in this year's team challenge. Their expedition will be to Thailand in August 2005. The trip will be a once in a lifetime experience: what could be a better way to spend the summer after finishing their A-level exams than jetting off to an exotic location? However they will not be idling time away whilst on this trip, and under no circumstances is it a normal holiday! World Challenge is an exclusive organisation that allows people to learn and develop by participating in an exhilarating, demanding, but ultimately extremely rewarding expedition. The students themselves will be organising and deciding where they go while on the trip, but possibilities are the Sai Yok and Khao Yai National Parks, trekking in either the Chiang Dao, Um Phang or Chiang Rai regions. They will take part in enhancing projects such as helping with construction of community buildings, renovation work and teaching English in remote hill-tribe villages. Other activities might include bamboo rafting, elephant riding and at the end of the trip, a few days spent relaxing on part of Thailand's spectacular coastline.

Students in the team will have plenty of time to get to know one another before they set off as part of the challenge is that they have to raise as much of the cost of the trip themselves as possible. They have already organised their first event, a Ceilidh being held at Greenhead College on Saturday 13 March 2004. The cost of a ticket for the Ceilidh is £10 (with two drinks included in the price). The night promises to be fun filled and enjoyable, with the band 'English Rebellion' providing musical entertainment. If you are interested in coming along to this evening, tickets can be bought from students involved - they will be around in the main hall and stage area both break and lunchtimes. Alternatively you can also buy tickets from Barbara Farmer (office down in the new C block). Support for this event will be much appreciated.



SPORTS REPORTS



GREENHEAD STUDENTS MAKE NATIONAL FINALS

Twenty eight students from Greenhead have qualified for the National Colleges' Finals to be held in Loughborough in April. They will represent the North East region. This is a phenomenal achievement and reflects the breadth of activity undertaken by Greenhead students on Wednesday afternoons. We have representatives in trampolining, tennis, swimming and cross country. In addition, the Greenhead hockey team, who have been outstanding all season, will also represent the North East as Regional Champions!

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Football

The inclement weather led to two blank days, but the 1st XI has made further headway in the West Yorkshire Cup, defeating Calder High 4-1. Victory in the final game against Woodkirk will gain us a place in the final. In the other competitions inconsistency has played a part, with excellent wins against Shipley and Bury, but disappointing defeats against Barnsley and Bolton.

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2nd XI results have been very inconsistent in the last couple of months. For example, in December we won 13-2 against Bolton and followed this with a 5-1 defeat against Bury, who had been reduced to 10 men for most of the match. Only three matches have been possible since Christmas and the inconsistency has continued, with good victories against Shipley and Huddersfield New College but a disappointing 4-0 reverse against Barnsley.

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This season the 3rd XI has been competing in the Yorkshire Merit League. After some initial success, the team has struggled against strong opposition from the 1st XI of some large comprehensive schools. To date they have won two, drawn one and lost four matches. There are still three matches to play and hopefully the team will do well enough to qualify for the play-offs.

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Rugby

The Greenhead Rugby League team have continued their winning ways but become victims of their own success! The team are in the last eight of the National Cup following a 51-0 victory over Hopwood Hall College thanks to a **Simon George** hat-trick but have had all their recent league fixtures cancelled due to the opposition being "unable to field a team". Even the Cup Quarter Final was postponed, by the SRL, because our opponents had players unavailable. When we start playing again we will update you.

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Ski Trip 2003

Enjoyment was had by all on this winter's ski trip to Kitzbuhel over New Year. Over 60 students skied, participated in a Tyrolean Evening and opened their lungs at the karaoke. Next year's trip is to Saalbach over February half-term to avoid the January exams and possibly a trip over Easter.

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Greenhead skiers put their best feet forward in Kitzbuhel

Duke of Edinburgh

On January 7th, at Huddersfield Town Hall, current students and ex-students from Greenhead College met to receive their Gold Awards at the Young People's Award Presentation. The presentation was made by the Worshipful Mayor of Kirklees, Cllr Barbara Allonby. The recipients of the Award have undertaken a variety of activities that have benefited both individuals and the wider community. Many have worked with elderly people, children, charities and disabled.

Not all students (31 in total) could attend the presentation evening, but those that could were: **Annabel Whittaker, Natasha Whitham, Ellie England, Jayne Green, Rosie Withill, Rhianedd Petford-Pierce, Richard Pollock, David Wood, Luke Donnan, David Solan, Tom Greenwood, Catherine Flaherty, Vicki Barker, Anna Williams, Catherine Fuller, Jenna Cliffe, David Jackman, Kirsty Barber.**



Some of the Gold Award Winners at Huddersfield Town Hall

The next Gold Presentation at St James's Palace, Westminster, will be held on March 9th, when 17 ex-Greenheaders will collect their certificates from the Duke of Edinburgh. Advice and help is given for ex-Greenheaders to complete their awards by Barbara Farmer. Email bfarmer@greenhead.ac.uk or telephone college.

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