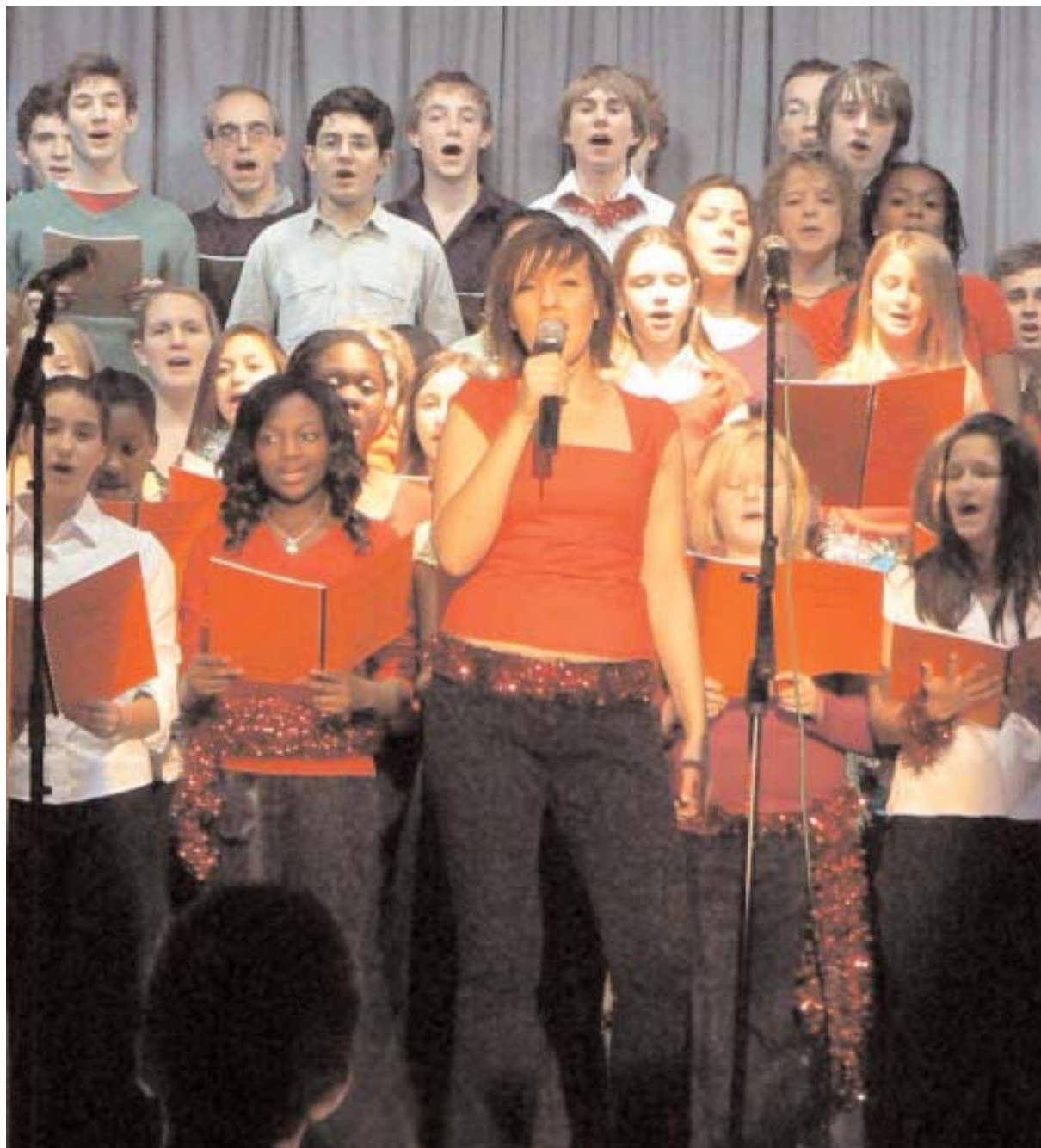


Hockerill News

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Christmas Celebrations 2006

160 Hockerill students and staff took part in this spectacular production showcasing the extraordinary musical talents within the College.

Principal's Column



Mike Ullmann and I were privileged to meet President Kagame of Rwanda earlier this term and a month later Claver Gatete, the Rwandan Ambassador visited Hockerill. Our new partnerships with Rwanda are extremely exciting and, as well as our exchanges and joint curricular programmes with Gisenyi College, the Ambassador is extremely interested in our taking a role in teacher education in Kigale. We are delighted that the Rwandan Ambassador has also agreed to be one of two new College Patrons. The other new Patron being Isabella Moore, who is the Director of CILT (The National Centre for Languages) and who was the first female President of the British Chambers of Commerce.

Those of you who are regular viewers of Japanese television will have enjoyed a number of features on Hockerill on NHK's (the main national TV company) news and current affairs programmes. The new Japanese Prime Minister appears keen to prioritise the education agenda and seems particularly interested in successes such as our own based on models of greater school autonomy.

Many thanks to parents for supporting the College in so many different ways – coming to and helping with events, providing financial contributions, completing questionnaires, offering expertise, being willing to serve as governors and indeed for voting. Congratulations to Rachel Lawson on being elected as our newest Parent Governor.

On the evening of Speech Day next year (Saturday 23rd June) we are planning a slightly different event to the formal Ball we have run for the past 4 years. It was felt time for a change and for an event which will be less expensive, rather more inclusive and will feature our own musical entertainment. Alongside and immediately prior to this we also intend to put on a Dinner, which may be of particular interest to those who may have travelled to be with us that weekend. Details will follow early in the New Year.

As usual at this time of year Hockerill is at its busiest. Year 11 are in the middle of their GCSE Mocks, we have just enjoyed another musical show of truly professional quality, the weekend sees the Boarders' Festival to which we will be welcoming parents from all over the world, the sports equipe competition, the Year 8 Media and Sports MYP Day, the Sixth Form Christmas Disco, the Carol Concert and, of course, the College Christmas Lunch. There is certainly no shortage of ideas, enthusiasm and energy and events such as these lie truly at the heart of Hockerill culture.

On behalf of the staff I wish all students, parents and friends a very Happy Christmas and a healthy, fulfilling and prosperous New Year.

Dr R B Guthrie



In early October, we were fortunate to have Lord Puttnam visit us to address the sixth form and officially open the Music College.

His sixth form talk centred on his Human Rights and UNICEF work. His passion and eloquence were apparent as he spoke of the UN convention on the Rights of the Child and of the importance of a good education in today's world.

The Hockerill orchestra struck up with a stirring rendition of 'Chariots of Fire' as he arrived to open the Music College and tour the re-furbished Music Suite and state of the art recording studio. There he emphasised his support for the Performing Arts in education.

Lord Puttnam is deeply interested in educational issues as well as being an internationally famous and respected film producer. I am sure that everyone who was involved in this special day found him to be an inspiration.

C Smith



"Hertfordshire school takes top honours"

"New approach puts college at head of table"

These were the headlines we woke up to on 18 August 2006 in The Times and Independent national newspapers, following the superb IB Diploma results. UCAS now have a system which allocates points to IB results enabling them to be compared to A levels. This has resulted in greater recognition for us and confirmation of the Diploma's high standard.

Pictured left are our students recreating the moment of opening their results for the Independent's photographer.

Technology News

The last term has been another fantastic time for the department not least with Yr 11 coursework and Year 7 basic skills.

The GCSE examination results in the summer were outstanding for the department with all the DT disciplines (RM, EL, FT, TX) achieving 100% A to C pass rate apart from Graphics which achieved a creditable 87%. In 19 years of teaching I have never seen such performance from a DT department and congratulate the students and my colleagues for their performance, it really was exceptional.

On Tuesday 21st November the DT department hosted the first Rotary Club Technology Challenge, working alongside and being judged by eminent engineers was an opportunity the students from all round Bishops Stortford relished and the challenge to transfer a nuclear tennis ball from a box to a target proved to be a BIG challenge. Hockerill's KS3 team were unstoppable and won their event with a massive 100% point score. I congratulate Alexander Evans, Ben Townsend, Alex Harkness and Charlie Dixon on their first place and thank all their parents for supporting Hockerill's entry.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a refreshing break from Hockerill life.

Two reminders however: to Year 11 students please keep working on your coursework, the final deadline is not very far away! And to everyone else please remember to continue to support the department with all its endeavours by supporting the technology fund.

D Sinclair



Year 7 - The First Term

Time flies in Year 7, it only seems like last week that 108 new Year 7 students assembled in St. Alban's hall for the first time. This year they represented 43 primary schools with one school sending us 11, which is a new record, and a large number starting out on their own. I believe all the students gave their best effort in the attempt to assimilate an enormous amount of information given in a short time and they have done very well. The "Hockerill way" is strange to many and they have embraced the peculiarities of Sir and Ma'am, the Cloister, Prep and the Refectory with zest and enthusiasm. Virtually without exception, the students have supported each other, made friends and contributed positively to the delicate balance of the College culture.

At the beginning of term we hosted two very well attended and enjoyable parent social evenings where we had the opportunity to meet and get to know parents who were new to the College or once again new to Year 7. It is pleasing to see that the students in Year 7 have remained smart and well presented throughout the term. As secondary schools go, ours is quite small, but it is very much bigger than all of our feeder schools. This takes some getting used to and can be difficult at times.

My Year 7 students have taken good care of their uniform and possessions, learning how to manage and look after everything very well. They have worked hard and made very good progress. We enjoyed a very successful MYP cross-curricular day on the topic of "Who am I". The term has been a successful introduction to College, the highlights being teamwork and hardwork, support for each other, friendliness, and a genuine desire to learn and to do things the Hockerill way. The students, my excellent team of tutors and I have all enjoyed this first term.

A Whiteley

Auschwitz

On 8th November we were privileged to be visiting the most famous death camp in the world, Auschwitz Concentration Camp in Poland. The first thing that we saw was the freedom gate reading 'Arbeit Macht Frei' meaning 'Work means freedom'. At this point there was a very eerie sensation about the camp. It was strange seeing it in reality as opposed to just learning from books and videos. It did not really resemble a death camp, there were trees and grass growing around the barracks and yet we know that only 60 years ago there would not have been any trees or grass, just endless mud.

One of the most shocking aspects of the camp was Block 11. Within this block were contained some of the most inhumane tortures, including suffocation, standing, darkness and starvation cells. We remember standing in gas chamber 1 and the crematorium. It was so cold we could see our breath. All that was left of this chamber was the room with vents. Similarly the crematorium was just two inactive ovens.

After leaving Auschwitz 1 we were left with the image of these horrible gas chambers. It is something that you can only experience; to attempt to explain it would be impossible.

The sheer size of Auschwitz Birkenau was the most distinctive feature, 400 acres of barracks, gas chambers and crematoria. On approaching all that was visible was the famous death gate with a watchtower on top. We walked into two barracks; one being a dormitory which resembled horses' stables where between 700 and 1000 inmates would struggle to survive. The other was a toilet block where there were endless holes, barely big enough for one human being, even though two were forced to share. There was complete silence, not even a bird flew overhead whilst we were there.

The day concluded with a memorial service where we lit a candle as a symbol of hope and as a symbol of remembrance to all those people who died. The Rabbi read out some frightening statistics. 'If we were to be silent for a minute for every person that died there, we would be silent for two years.' Then we accomplished what few did in 1945. We left the death camp. Alive.

Tom Fulcher

Hindu temple visit

Students in Year 12 visited the Hindu temple in Neasden on 21 November. The objective of this visit is to widen students' experiences of other cultures: in this case Hinduism. The temple is a magnificent marble building situated very close to the new Wembley stadium. The students were given a presentation on the key aspects of the Hindu faith before visiting the exhibition on Understanding Hinduism. The visit culminated with the Arti ceremony which the students observed.

M Fraser

MYP



This term has seen the MYP expand to Years 7 and 8 and with that expansion has come more cross curricular events.

Year 7 students experienced a fantastic 'Who am I day' on 13th October 2006. Through bilingual blind dates, music, displays and competitions the students celebrated their individuality within the College community.

On Monday 11th December Year 8 students focussed on the theme 'Media & Sports' working within groups as journalists, photographers, actors, publishers and film crew. They filmed the Year 10 equipe sports matches and from this produced a very exciting first for Hockerill, its own sports TV show accompanied by a trilingual newspaper! During the event the students considered 3 guiding questions:

1. Should we believe everything we read or see?
2. How is the same event depicted in different media?
3. Who are the real winners?

Next term Year 7 students will be experiencing two events: firstly design in a non gravitational environment and secondly Tudor England whilst Year 8 will be considering human rights.

I thank my colleagues for their enthusiasm for the MYP, particular thanks to Mr Steve Manton of Planet Scuba for providing photographic equipment for the Media & Sports Day and also Mr Lewis in advance for his assistance with Tudor England.

D Sinclair

Debating the Evidence

Mr Pollard and I had the great pleasure of accompanying 5 Year 12 students: Constance Benecke, Rosy Martin Ross, Richard Booth, Jessica Rajakumar and Tristan Trevisick to a conference organised by the Centre for Research into the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (CRASSH) at Churchill College, Cambridge.

The first debate was lead by the Right Honourable Tony Benn and Lord Wilson of Dinton (former Cabinet Secretary) taking as their theme Government responsibility versus the Right to Know. A second session looked at Secrecy and the historical record. One of our highlights was the third session on Truth, Lies and WMD in which Dr Hans Blix (Chairman of the WMD Commission) and Sir Jeremy Greenstock (former representative to the UN and to Iraq) put across their role in the events leading to the 2003 invasion of Iraq. Their views were most illuminating.

The Conference concluded with a session on Reporting Iraq Today with Bridget Kendall (BBC diplomatic correspondent) Oliver Miles (former UK ambassador to Libya and Greece) and Patrick Cockburn (Foreign Correspondent for the Independent). This was a particularly illuminating session on the dangers of covering the situation in Iraq today and an exploration of fears for the future. After the Conference our students had the opportunity to talk first hand with Hans Blix(see below), Tony Benn, Bridget Kendall and Oliver Miles.

M Fraser



Year 13 A2 Showcase

Very many thanks to Mrs Chalmers and her Year 13 A2 group for the fantastic oral and dramatic work they presented in their showcase on Saturday, 25 November 2006. The Year 12 students who attended were extremely impressed by the level of work produced by the senior students. They have set exceptionally high standards and the tremendous effort that went into the spectacular delivery was absolutely inspirational. Well done!

Launch of Guerilla Theatre

Abundant congratulations are due to Ms Dover and her troupe for a tremendously high impact assembly dealing with bullying. The amount of work that had gone into preparation was evident. The polish and professionalism of the product made the assembly highly memorable. Many thanks to Dr Guthrie for his participation.

S Davids

Language

The Language College has got off to a typically busy start this year.

There are seven after-school primary classes - 2 French, 2 Spanish, 1 German, 1 Japanese and 1 Italian. In addition, 4 members of staff are providing or supporting 8 primary schools with French lessons within the school day.

Our French drama specialist, Thierry, has once more given some wonderful training to our local primary teachers and, as mentioned below, a long weekend in France to build on the training that took place earlier this term.

We now have three master classes - one for primary children and one for top linguists from Herts and Essex and St Marys in French and in German.

There are adult classes during the daytime and on two evenings a week. There is also a well-supported class for parents of Year 7 and 8 French learners.

We again have 9 Foreign Language Assistants - 4 for French, 2 for German, 1 Spanish, 1 Italian and 1 Japanese. We provide Herts and Essex and St Marys with a French and German assistant for 8 and 7 hours a week respectively.

In this term we have welcomed 2 groups from Germany - the Münster students who did Work Experience here and the Bonn group, and the Aix en Provence students came to Hockerill in mid November for their annual three-week exchange visit. Students from Hockerill went on four separate exchanges - one group to Bonn for the return leg of the German Year 9 exchange, one to Maniago for the Italian Exchange, another group to Tokyo on our annual Japanese Exchange and a group of 40 students and staff to Iasi, Romania some on the Exchange and others to work in the Special School. This year again a huge amount of renovating took place particularly in the kindergarten. A total of £7000 has been raised over the year in Hockerill to improve the quality of life for the children and staff of the School. In late November the very popular Year 7 and 8 trip to Berlin departed.

Plans are well under way for the usual battery of visits and exchanges in the New

'Protect the

In October, the Amnesty International Group ran a week of action supporting the national 'Protect the Human' campaign. Our first event was a very dramatic Upper College Assembly run by students promoting the work of Amnesty and highlighting the terrible injustices suffered by many people in the world. A bakesale the following day, with dozens of different cakes and biscuits, raised over £130 to support the cause. Throughout the week

College

Year. New this year will be a Music Tour to Romania when concerts will be given at three different venues in Iasi, a Master class trip to Freiburg for the new German class and of course the exchange to Rwanda. Numbers on existing optional exchanges such as the ones to Liège and Valladolid are the highest we have ever had.

In September we welcomed Alphonse Biyongoma and Madeleine Nyiratuza from our partner school in Gisenyi, Rwanda following our planning visit to Rwanda in spring. It was a highly successful visit which was much appreciated by staff and students. A huge fundraising campaign has begun to enable Rwandan students and staff to visit Hockerill for the second stage of next year's Rwandan Exchange. At the time of writing well over £4000 has been raised in just a few months.

We continue to benefit enormously from our new centre in the French Pyrenees at La Coume. A party of primary teachers with three Hockerill facilitators visited La Coume in early October for training purposes and we are sending 4 groups there next spring and summer from Years 7, 8 and 10 as well as the masterclass. We have already had some very productive videoconferencing sessions this term.

On the Global Agenda we have had visits from Isabella Moore, Director of CILT and of course Lord Puttnam. Both these visitors gave excellent presentations to our Sixth Form and spent quality time with staff and students. We were also privileged to welcome international actors from THE LONGEST STORY IN THE WORLD project, led by Andy Graham. These actors worked with Year 7 students during their first fortnight at Hockerill. In early November we were honoured to host actors from the Mahirika Theatre Company (see page 3)

Dr Guthrie and myself were privileged in meeting President Kagame of the Rwanda when he addressed an invited audience at the Royal Society in September. In mid November we welcomed the Rwandan Ambassador, HE Mr Claver Gatete, to strengthen further our growing links with this country.

A breathtaking start to the year!!

M Ullmann

Human' campaign

'Protect the Human' badges were bought and worn by many students and staff. The week culminated in a photographic exhibition and the creation of a giant poster with over 300 handprints of students to show their support for the anti-violence message of the week. This poster is now on display in the refectory. Thanks to everyone who took part and supported this fantastic event.

A Clarke

Boarding

The Michaelmas Term has flown by and there has been an abundance of activity for each boarding house to enjoy. Back in September, the Rochester Annexe was opened and it is now the term-time home to the Yr 11 girls. The 'Fresher's Weekend' gave the opportunity for all newcomers and 'old hands' alike to acquaint themselves with the Juniors punting and the Seniors exploring the shopping delights of Cambridge. This was topped off with masses of sumptuous food and a disco in the Sixth Form Centre.

The Sixth Form Charity Fund Raising Group (Interact) organised a successful Halloween disco for the Juniors and a staggering amount of effort was placed into the various ghouls and witches outfits. Even Estelle Pierrejean turned up in her 'Pumpkin' suit!

The majority of the Senior boarders have ventured to London for a variety of visits to the theatre and two coaches travelled up to Alton Towers for a 'thrills and spills' day. A return visit was made to Cambridge on a very cold night for an elaborate fireworks display followed by a stomach-churning fairground session.

The focal point of November was the entertaining 'Talent Show'. All were treated to the exceptional singing from Lauren Azania (Roding), the tear-jerking song writing talents from Malcolm McCarthy (Thames), the 'cute factor' of brave Yr 7 songstress Madeline Forde-Roberts (St. Alban's) and the slick band performance of Mr Dinwiddy and his Canterbury clan. However, the most memorable act had to be those Thames boys with their version of 'We're men in tights' - sheer quality!

This event then set the tone for some serious planning for the quest of 'How to win the Inter-House Challenge?' A mammoth task for each house to produce eight challenges: - a song, a sketch, a musical piece, a dance, a photo, a video, a chocolate cake and an artwork piece. Each event must be done without any adult help and to include as many members from each house as possible. (How honest were you all with the former ruling!!!) Who will win the Juniors? Who will champion the Seniors?

Pizza nights, DVD nights, X Factor/Dance Mat PS2 games, visits to the town centre, swimming at Grange Paddocks, Gym sessions, fire drills, computers in prep, Boxercise, boarding inspection, Strictly Come Dancing contest, disco's, Christmas Carol Service, Christmas Concert, House Christmas Meals we all need a long rest!

A big thank you to all who make boarding at Hockerill so enjoyable - the catering team, the maintenance team, the house-keeping team, the admin team, the house staff, the parents, and of course, the boarders!

N Pierrejean



Maniago

During the half term, Hockerill's students of Italian took part in the annual Maniago trip. Eighteen students from Years 10, 11 and 13 were hosted by Italian families, while Mrs Smith and I stayed with staff.

The weather was rather wet; but this didn't dampen our spirits as we embarked on an exciting programme of activities. After being met by students and teachers at the airport, Hockerill students were whisked off to meet their families before we all met up for a pizza in the evening, and it was great to see friendships already being formed. Many faces which had seemed very nervous only a few hours before were now happily engaged in communicating with new found friends.

On Monday, we visited a school of Mosaics where students learned about the different techniques and materials used in this fine art. The next day we went to Verona to see the second largest Roman amphitheatre after the Coliseum and the House of Romeo and Juliet.

The weekend was spent in families, where our youngsters had the opportunity to really immerse themselves in the Italian family way of life. Monday was spent in school before we reached one of the highlights of our trip, the day in Venice. After a very early start

we arrived to find the city covered by aqua alta, and St Mark's square was completely flooded. This only added to the pleasure of the day, as, bathed in sunshine, we soaked up the atmosphere and visited all the main sights. Sitting on the Realto Bridge, cruising down the Grand Canal, sipping a cappuccino in one of the many local cafes, we all felt very happy to be there. The last evening was spent enjoying one more wonderful pizza with our hosts. The next day we said our tearful goodbyes, happy in the knowledge that we will all see each other again soon.

T McPhilemy



Creativity in Art



Trips, Trips and Slides!

This term has been a great success for our artists. They have improved their knowledge and understanding during a range of visits. Year 8 enjoyed the Henry Moore Foundation (left).



Above: After a days hard work Caitlin McCulloch tries out one of the 5 slides at Tate Modern (she screamed all the way down!)

Year 10 studied Cubism at Tate Modern

The trip got off on the wrong foot when a shoe belonging to Rose flew off her foot and landed beneath the train. Students worked exceptionally well but it has to be said that if given the choice between Picasso and 'the slide', the slide would win any day!



Above: Year 10 Cubist inspired work

Below: Year 13 went back in time with visits to the British Museum, National Portrait Gallery and the Tate Modern.



Art Kits

Parents of KS4 and 5 students are reminded that art kits will once again be available to pre-order during the Summer term. The kit features quality materials at a discount price and will enable students to produce creative work at home in order to advance their coursework.



Above: Year 7 student Titus Ogbonnaya's self portrait in pencil

Celebrating Hockerill Photography Competition



Don't forget the 'Celebrating Hockerill' photographic competition. Entries may be digital or traditional. The winner will not only receive 500 equipe points but also an art kit for themselves. For further information students should see the posters around the college or speak to Mr James.

Closing date for entries is Wednesday 17th January.



Above: Congratulations to Anna Rutherford and Nicola Barter who came joint first in the Henry Moore Report competition. They received an art kit each and equipe points. Well done Girls!





Mashirika Theatre Group

In early November we were honoured to host actors from the Mashirika Theatre Company in Rwanda and a representative of the Aegis Trust. The group worked with Year 10 students and presentations were given to students of Years 10 and 12. A memorable evening performance was given to a full house on 2nd November.



Iceland

In late October a group of thirty four Year 10 and 11 students accompanied by staff visited Iceland. Like most visitors to Iceland we concentrated on the features of the South West of the country which are often quite spectacular and also very unusual.

Over the four days we visited explosion craters, geysers, spectacular waterfalls, unusual coastal scenery and the site of the original Icelandic Parliament at a point where the Eurasian plate is slowly moving away from the North American plate creating a rift valley. We even managed to play snowballs when visiting the fringe of the ice cap and, of course, we didn't miss the opportunity to visit the famous Blue Lagoon spa – twice! We were blessed with excellent weather throughout the trip. The guide book suggested that October is the wettest month in Iceland but despite the fact that it had rained hard for days before we had arrived and rained each day for a week after we left, we were able to benefit from dry weather throughout our stay. The clear skies even allowed us to view the 'northern lights' although I have to admit that the show would have been more spectacular away from Reykjavik as street lights tend to dominate in urban areas.

As is invariably the case these days, our students behaved impeccably and it was a pleasure to be in their company. Over the four days the students learnt a huge amount about Iceland and its Geography, perhaps without even realising it and I suppose that is one great benefit of field trips.

A Marshall

Poetry Live

On the 23rd November, Year 11 students experienced the power of "Poetry Live". The performance took place at the Cambridge Corn Exchange and students heard well known poems recited by those who had penned them. The varied readings certainly gave them insight into the different interpretations to which the different poems lend themselves. Each of the poets provided a rich and exciting opportunity and a few of our students were fortunate enough to have their questions answered as well as to get the autographs of their favourite poets. In addition, students also got some useful tips from one of the principal examiners.

"Simon Armitage and John Aggard have inspired me by showing me how much words mean and I really enjoyed it."

"The Poetry Live trip was a great help as it enabled me to analyse the poems better"

"The Poetry Live Trip showed me that just by reading a poem in a different way, it can be understood in so many different ways"

These are just some of the comments made by the students who all recommend the trip highly and who now more than ever appreciate that poetry is not only about words on the page but about perspectives on life. Very many thanks to the Faculty for their support and especially to Miss Docx for her outstanding organisation.

S Davids

Science

The Year 10 students are busy being guinea pigs for the new GCSE course. They sat the first module examinations in November, and are busy preparing for the next ones in March. The results of the first modules should be available in the New Year.

Five members of the Year 11 Triple Science group spent a very eventful work-experience day at GlaxoSmithKline in Harlow, where they worked in a variety of areas from the animal houses to analytical Chemistry.

The Senior Physicists have been out and about, attending a colourful lecture at the University of Hertfordshire on the Science of Rainbows, and two lectures at the Cavendish laboratories in Cambridge University on 'The Big Bang in an Hour' and 'Rough Science'. Many thanks to Mr Parsons for organising the lectures.

Some Year 10 and 11 students visited Bishop's Stortford College to meet Mark Kelly who piloted the space shuttle on a recent flight.

S Chalmers



Fencing Club

Mr Geissler set the fencing club up last year and I immediately signed up, as I had always thought that it would be great fun- and it is! There were six of us and we started with the basics- the different steps and the rules. As we advanced, we realised that fencing was not only a fun sport but could also be very useful.

This year, there have been many new recruits who are going through the basics and we are also very lucky to have the presence of Charlie (a sixth former) who competes for Britain. Now we get one-on-one sessions with him to improve our technique. It also means that we have a ref who can adjudicate our matches.

We all have our own equipment to protect ourselves although it does get very hot inside the mask.

We practise foil, which means that we use a light weapon with a rounded guard and the point is tipped with a plastic ball. As the foil is a point weapon, we fence in stabbing motions and the point must hit the target area- the main torso not including arms.

Left handed fencers tend to have an advantage as they can get inside our arms to score and Rio, one of our younger members, does just that, darting all over the place. We also have our own war-crys- invented by Rio, which we have all now perfected when fleching (crossing one foot over the other to essentially run at your opponent), which helps to relieve stress and makes the match more interesting.

All in all, we have great fun, and we owe it to Mr Geissler to say thank you. I just hope that others will be motivated to go out there and try something new. I did and I definitely won't ever regret it!

Siobhan Latham



Bursar research project with National College of School Leadership (NCSL)

Building on previous research projects by Dr Worsnop I am undertaking pioneering research into the role of Bursars in state schools through the NCSL Research Associate programme. This is the first time that a practising Bursar has been accepted onto the programme. With schools becoming increasingly independent of the Local Authorities (LA's) the work load of Head Teachers has increased substantially. My research will involve questionnaires to practising Bursars to identify a spectrum of bursar models. These will then be used to support Head Teachers across the country in using Bursars to distribute their workload.

M Aldridge

Diving Club

Over the last few weeks 14 students have been working through their PADI Open Water qualification. Two groups have been studying the theory of diving and then putting the theory into practice through the completion of skills in the BSC swimming pool.

The following students have passed this confined water exam, 'Congratulations' to Matt Burbridge, Stephen Rohan, Aaron Wyatt, Caitlin McCulloch, Lauren Stephens, Tom Malyon and Bradly Holdsworth.

The second group comprising of Alexi Dalton, Carolin Mester, Emily Ekong, Oliver Simao, Kristin Koska, Rocio Barrio Guillo will complete their confined exams early January 2007 ready for the College trip to Sharm el Sheik in February when the warm waters and beautiful fish of the Red Sea will welcome the students and make their hard work worthwhile.

D Sinclair & S Sinclair

Term Dates 2007/2008

MICHAELMAS TERM 2007

Sunday 2 September

Arrival of all NEW boarders and ALL Year 12 boarders

Monday 3 September

Term commences for ALL new students and ALL Year 12 students

Existing boarders return

Tuesday 4 September

Term commences for all other students

Saturday 22/ Sunday 23 September

Exeat Weekend

Saturday 6 / Sunday 7 October

Exeat Weekend

Friday 19 to Sunday 28 October

Extended half term holiday

Saturday 17 / Sunday 18 November

Exeat Weekend

Saturday 1 / Sunday 2 December

Exeat Weekend

Friday 14 December

End of term

LENT TERM 2008

Monday 7 January

Boarders return

Tuesday 8 January

Term commences

Saturday 26 / Sunday 27 January

Exeat Weekend

Saturday 9 to Sunday 17 February

Half term holiday

Saturday 8 / Sunday 9 March

Exeat Weekend

Thursday 20 March

End of term

SUMMER TERM 2008

Monday 7 April

Boarders return

Tuesday 8 April

Term commences

Saturday 19 / Sunday 20 April

Exeat Weekend

Saturday 3 / Monday 5 May

Extended Exeat Weekend

Saturday 24 May to Sunday 1 June

Half term holiday

Saturday 14 / Sunday 15 June

Exeat Weekend

Tuesday 1 July

End of term

STAFF TRAINING DAYS

Thursday 30 August 2007

Friday 31 August 2007

Friday 19 October 2007

Monday 7 January 2008

Monday 7 April 2008