



St George's Academy

aiming high to achieve excellence for all

Newsletter Summer 2011



The Principal

The summer holidays are rushing towards us and the children joining us for next year have had their first day in school. It is a very exciting time for the new intake and for the second year running, we are the most popular school in the County. We are delighted that parents continue to place so much confidence in us. We hope the new children settle well in September and have a very successful time in the Academy.

The older students are breathing a sigh of relief as the examinations are now over. All of the older year groups have been involved in exams in some way. Some of Year 10 have been taking their GCSEs a year early, whilst Year 11 completed the full GCSE examinations and the Sixth Form completed their post 16 exams. It has been a very busy time for the students and they well deserve their holidays. We look forward to the results in the summer. Whatever grades the students achieve, I will give them all an A* for the effort they have all put in.

The builders have also been making a huge effort for the Academy and we are starting to see the new buildings emerge. We have completed the extension to the Brearley Centre and classes are now using the new rooms. The extensions to the English block and the building of the new Motor Vehicle Centre are on schedule and will be ready for students in September. The Humanities block and new ICT block have emerged from the ground and are well on their way. We are due to take possession of the Humanities block in October and the ICT block in December. A large part of the main school will be demolished over the summer holidays, so the children will be returning to a very different landscape in September. We will be tight for space for the first part of the Autumn term and then the school will gradually be returned to us. By a year in August it will all be over and we will have our world-class facilities finished!

What happens in those facilities is even more important and Ofsted have made their programmed monitoring visit for a new Academy. They have said that we are making good progress and that we have raised attainment for the children. They have given us ideas for the future around balancing teacher led and student led activities and improving the Sixth Form further. We are already working on these areas. The school is due a full Ofsted at the end of the 2011-12 Academic year. We will be aiming to get our third "Outstanding"!

My thanks to all of the staff, parents and students for their support and hard work over the year. We have had a very busy and very enjoyable year. Do have a lovely break when the summer holidays arrive.

All best wishes.

Mr P Watson
Principal

Term dates for 2011-2012

All the date ranges shown are inclusive

Term 1:	Monday 5 th September 2011	–	Thursday 20 th October 2011
Term 2:	Monday 31 st October 2011	–	Friday 16 th December 2011
Term 3:	Wednesday 4 th January 2012	–	Friday 10 th February
Term 4:	Monday 20 th February 2012	–	Friday 30 th March 2012
Term 5:	Tuesday 17 th April 2012	–	Friday 1 st June 2012
Term 6:	Monday 11 th June 2012	–	Thursday 19 th July 2012

Ruskington

Well, it's been just over a year since we started to work with staff and students on the Ruskington site – and what an enjoyable year we have had.

The students started in September in their brand new Academy uniforms looking smart, purposeful and ready to learn, and it didn't take very long at all until we were able to celebrate massive success with over 70% of Year 11 achieving a grade C or above in their GCSE Mathematics. In November!

We have enjoyed much support this academic year from parents; attendance at Parents' Evenings has been higher than ever before and we have enjoyed working with families on a one to one basis. The students have done us proud too – by their bringing a calm and motivated atmosphere to the site we have been able to ensure superb rewards trips and lots of extra curricular activities for the students to enjoy. Students have been happy to attend out of normal Academy hours too, be it at homework club, helping to tour parents around the site, or at revision and catch up sessions.

Year 10 enjoyed a very successful Work Experience and were brilliant during Comic Relief in helping to organise sports activities for younger students as part of their BTEC Sports Studies course.

The construction teams have started work on our new building and we now have just under a year until we move into our amazing new home! We can't wait!

Still to come as we write, we have the Year 6 intake day – a wonderful opportunity to meet our new Year 7; we have our own Ruskington talent show on Thursday 7th July and finally we have our Year 11 Prom to look forward to.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the students, the staff and the parents for working with us this year and for helping us to celebrate our successes. We would like to wish our leaving staff well for the future, with particular attention paid to Miss Maw who is going to work at a school in Africa.

We look forward to meeting all of our new staff and students in September and to building upon the excellent foundations laid this year.

Happy holiday!

Mrs K Squire
Vice Principal – Ruskington

Mrs A Dawson
Assistant Vice Principal - Ruskington

The Academy Website

If you have not already found it, please visit the Academy's website

www.st-georges-academy.org

It contains many current and archived news stories about the Academy and its students, and also important information about the Academy, including a calendar of events, exam timetables and short notice emergency bulletins (for example, we posted whether we were open or not during the snow in late 2010 on a daily basis at an early enough time that wasted and potentially hazardous journeys could be avoided).

In addition to all of that there are links to many useful websites, including the Friends of St George's Academy's "Easy Fundraising" programme through which you can raise money for the Friends while you shop online (at no extra cost to yourself).

The site is well worth adding to your Favourites or Bookmarks list.

Mathematics

ILID Days

On 17th February Year 7 took part in the Maths Olympics. During this ILID day the Y7 pupils compete in eight mathematical activities with an Olympic twist. The top three pupils/groups are awarded medals for their performance in the disciplines. Below is a roll of honour.

Triple Jump (Yahtzee)

Gold Medal	George Cowell	188
Silver Medal	Kallium Snelson	184
Bronze Medal	Kirsty Thompson-Dowse	179

Show Jumping (Probability & Chance)

Gold Medal	Charles Smith	Most Lucky
Silver Medal	Lauren Blake	More Lucky
Bronze Medal	Lachlan Smith-Paige	Lucky

Bowls (Pass the Pigs)

Gold Medal	Kallium Snelson	
Silver Medal	Louise Clarricoates	
Bronze Medal	Shelly Goodall	

100m Sprint (Mental Skills - speed)

Gold Medal	Becky France	24 secs
Silver Medal	Tom Grech and Aiden Friskney	28 secs
Bronze Medal	Aron Ayre and Anthony Hill	29 secs

Javelin (Paper Aeroplanes)

Gold Medal	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Harry North 20.10m </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Billie Collishaw 11.95m </div>	
Silver Medal	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Kallium Snelson 15.58m </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Kelsey Tjepkema 10.33m </div>	
Bronze Medal	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Aaron Duncan 14.37m </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Rosie Horspole 9.03m </div>	

Decathlon (Tangrams)

Gold Medal	Daria Pilat and Ella Harris	12.07 mins
Silver Medal	Tia-Lauren Richardson and Aimee Callaby	12.37 mins
Bronze Medal	Szymon Mazurek, Joseph Baker and Perrie Vacca	13.47 mins

Long Jump (Estimation)

Gold Medal	Rhiannon Hastings, Sarah Robertson, Kerry Brown, Jake Bradley and Taylor Sellars	
Silver Medal	Mia Cullen, Jasmin Darman, Kelsey Tjepkema and Mia Trafford-Palin	
Bronze Medal	Steven Dakin, Edgar Gzelka, Charles Smith and Phoebe Adland	

Boxing (Coordinates)

Gold Medal	Aron Ayre	
Silver Medal	Bethany Bramley	
Bronze Medal	Charley Gregory	

The Y8 pupils designed mathematical board games. After analysing the mathematics involved in most of the board games around today the pupils designed and built their own games. This year we were most impressed by their versions of Mathematical Twister, all of which were quite professionally made.

The Y9 pupils spent their ILID day finding out about some of the most famous mathematicians in history. They discovered not only how these people shaped mathematics as we know it today, but also fascinating stories about who they actually were and how and where they lived.

UK Mathematics Challenges

Intermediate Maths Challenge

On Thursday 3rd February, around 30 pupils from Y9 and 60 from Y11 were entered into the Intermediate Maths Challenge. This is a national event organised by Leeds University for the most able mathematicians in the country. Everybody performed very well, and below is a list of pupils who did so well they are to receive Gold, Silver and Bronze Certificates, which means they are all in the top 40% of the country. Considering that over 180,000 pupils are entered into this competition this is quite an achievement.

Year 11

Gold Certificates:	Charles Newton (Best in School)		Matthew Boyd
Silver Certificates:	Brett Friskney	Billy Wright	
Bronze Certificates:	Joseph Archer	Adam Betts	Lauren Coates
	James Elsdon	Bethany Esberger	James Houlden
	Alice Hayler	Alistair Macpherson	Samantha Maplethorpe
	Jade Owens	Niall Pilbin	Luke Pollard
	Eva Porter	Jack Smith	Daniel Whitton

Year 9

Bronze Certificates	Jack Holyoak	Andrew Baker	Matthew Day
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However, it doesn't finish there; **Charles Newton & Matthew Boyd** did so well, they were automatically entered into the Olympiad Maclaren and the Kangaroo Pink bonus challenges, in which they were competing with over 25 countries across EUROPE. These challenges were sat on Thursday 17th March and as a result of Charles' effort in this he was invited to the National Mathematics Summer School in July 2011.

Junior Maths Challenge

This year 60 pupils from Y7 took part in the Junior Maths challenge. This is also a national event, organised by Leeds University for the most able mathematicians in the country. Below is a list of pupils who did so well they are to receive Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates.

Gold Certificate:	Rebecca France (Best in School)		
Silver Certificates:	Hannah Keal	Michael O'Shea	Shawn Cooper
Bronze Certificates:	Aron Ayre	Aidan Friskney	David Maddock Tom Pask

UKMT Team Maths Challenge

A team from St George's was entered for the first time into the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust Team Maths Challenge Regional Finals held in Lincoln on February 15th 2011. The team comprised Anna Dodsworth and Matthew Olsen of Year 8 and Jack Holyoak and Matthew Day of Year 9.

It was a keenly fought competition with more experienced teams finally taking the honours – however, watch out for the St George's team in future events!

Primary Maths Quiz

The St George's Primary Maths Quiz took place on Friday 10th June 2011, with a total of 13 of our partner primary schools taking part. It was an exciting afternoon, with students having the opportunity to experience the interactive 'CPS pads', which operate in a similar way to the controls used in 'Who wants to be a Millionaire'.

After taking an early lead, Church Lane Primary School finished in first place with Navenby CE Primary School in second place. St Botolph's Primary School followed very closely behind in third place.

Many thanks to all who took part.



BP Trading Challenge

On Friday 17th June, three representatives from BP came in to work with a selection of our Year 9 and Year 10 pupils in a Trading Challenge. Throughout the session the pupils had to trade virtual barrels of oil in US dollars based on fictional news reports based on real events that change the supply and demand of oil and in turn the price. Tension in the hall mounted when the latest price of oil appeared on the screen, informing the pupils whether their last trade was had made them a profit or lost them a lot of money.

At the end of each session the pupils who made the most profit were awarded a huge prize (a box of chocolates).



Winners:

Year 9 – Andrew Baker, Jack Massey, Jack Ryding, & Curtis Turner

Year 10 – Callum Brickwood, Kieron Trollope, Michael Tunnicliffe & Jonathan Vokes.

St George's Academy Maths Forum

Where the Matrix comes alive!

What use could a Mathematics Forum be to you?

We offer a 24/7 service: a facility that **you** can ask mathematics related questions, possibly originating from **your** homework, where the Academy teaching staff can provide responses to further **your** learning. The range of topics is enormous: from Y7 through to Y13, with diverse additional topics such as the Maths podcasts, latest news from the media, humour and even discussions relating to the large hadron stilton collider.

The Forum, accessible from a desktop computer or a Smartphone via <http://sgcotmaths.takeforum.com>, has now had over 12,000 hits: 12,000 individual visits where people want to get help or help others. Where are they from? The red dots on the map below indicate the approximate locations from where computers have accessed the information from the Maths Forum. You can see the latest 'hit' map on the Forum.



<http://sgcotmaths.takeforum.com>

Why not take the help on offer?

Math Extravaganza

As we go to press the Maths Department is preparing for another evening of Mathematical Wonder. By the time you read this report, parents and pupils of this year's and next year's Y7 will have been treated to a variety of activities promoting mathematics as 'fun' and banishing the stigma that sometimes surrounds the subject.

Mr Crawshaw demonstrates some 'Mathematical Magic' by guessing the birthdays of members of the audience from answers they give him to a list of simple calculations. Pupils and parents are also given the opportunity to take part in some game shows, based on familiar shows which have appeared on TV over the years. These include "Play your Cards Right", "Countdown" and a mathematical version of 'Family Fortunes' using information gathered from 100 pupils during maths lessons, on topics such as 'name a famous mathematician' and 'name an imperial measurement'. Some pupils in the audience help out with the authentic sound effects for the right and wrong answers.

This year, for the first time, pupils and parents will be given the chance to take on the banker in a game of "Deal or No Deal" during which the maths behind the banker's offers will be explained.

Throughout the evening raffle tickets are given out to anybody that volunteers or succeeds in any of the activities for a prize draw at the end.

One of the best ways to help your child succeed in Mathematics is

One of the first steps parents can do to help your child with Mathematics is to make sure they are fully equipped for lessons and exams. This, however, does not need to break the bank; your son or daughter can buy all the mathematics equipment they will need from either the Maths Shop or from any member of the Mathematics Department at the start of the lesson, for just over £1 (15cm Ruler + Pencil + Pen + Compass + Protractor = £1.05). We also sell Scientific Calculators (£6.50) that are easy to use and are suitable for any Key Stage 3, 4 or 5 student to use at any part of their time at St George's Academy.

Mathematics Staff

Sadly we have to say goodbye to Miss Cummins who is moving away from the area. She will be missed by all that know her. We will be joined in September by Mr Rowe and a returning Miss Bristow.

Mr N Vickers, Mr J Brightman, Mr R Stoner & Mr T Crawshaw

St George's Academy Council

At the end of another hectic year on the Academy Council its important that the positive work of the students is shared with the staff and the parents. The Academy Council constitutes three representatives from each year group, who from their form discussions and Year Council meetings bring important topics to our meetings to be discussed. Feedback from either Mr Milnes or me is then relayed through the Year reps and via the minutes back to the students where the request originated. This method of communication gives all students the opportunity to be part of the democratic decision making process.

The focus for this year has been supporting charities; ideas for involvement have come from all year groups, but it was the Year Eight suggestion of Operation Christmas Child that I believe the Council can be most proud of. This appeal encouraged students to bring in shoeboxes full of small useful items for the destitute children of Eastern Europe and other impoverished regions. The response was the highest ever from St George's with 160 shoeboxes brought in. I would hope that if the project is run again next year then the students once again exceed expectations. It was a humbling experience to go to the warehouse where the shoeboxes are actually sorted, to see the work and dedication of Mike and Rowena that enables thousands of shoeboxes to be sent out from this area alone.

The students' charitable actions continued with both Children in Need and Red Nose Day. On both occasions, students from all years brought excellent ideas to Council meetings and then independently arranged their individual fundraising activities. A special mention must go to Year Ten, who for Comic Relief organised a fun run for the Year Seven students that raised over £1500. It was also a privilege to be invited onto Radio Lincolnshire to talk about the wide range of fundraising activities that students were involved in throughout the day.

Aside from our charity involvements, the Academy Council has been at the forefront of discussions on the new building designs. Students from the Council were invited to spend time with the architects behind the designs and offer suggestions and ask questions about the new buildings. Mr Watson also attended one our meetings to offer a presentation of how the new buildings will look.

This year has also seen a number of other improvements to the Academy Council; representatives from the Ruskington site now attend our meetings, so there is a greater connection between the two sites. Minutes from our meetings are also now published on the school website and we now have a budget to support our projects.

At this point, thanks must be given to Mr Milnes as the Council's staff co-ordinator, Mr Watson and the SMT for their continued appreciation for the role of the student voice. As we look to the future, with our new Academy status and construction underway for both the Sleaford and Ruskington sites, if St George's can maintain its strong community feel and continue to value the contribution of the student voice, then it can only go from strength to strength.

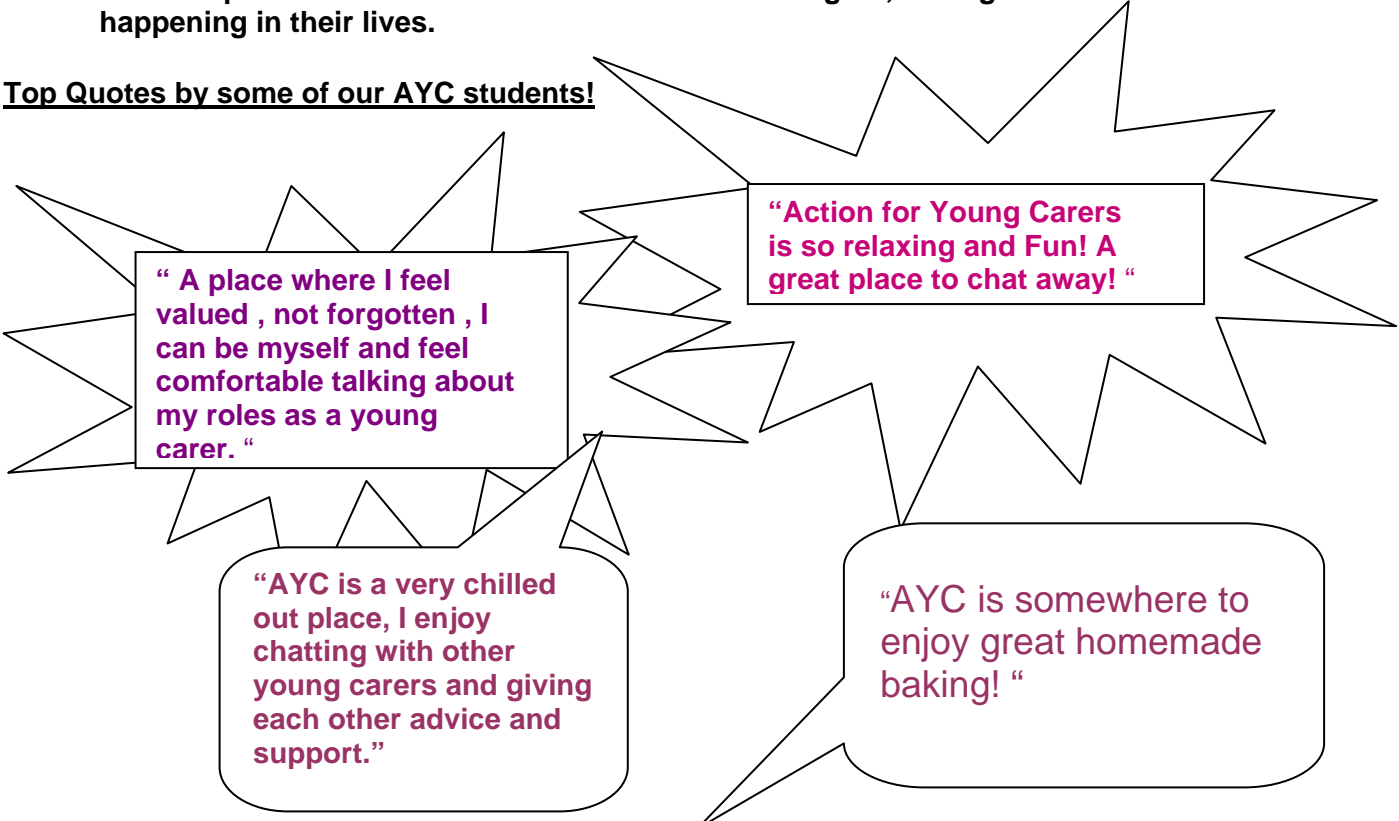
Matt Brown 13SHB

Did you know there are 175,000 young people in the UK today looking after a family member, who is unwell, disabled, has mental ill health or a substance misuse problem.

Action for Young Carers at St Georges Academy:

- Identifies, supports, informs children aged 11 - 18, who care for parents/carers, relatives, siblings, etc with a physical or sensory disability, mental health difficulty, substance misuse, learning disability, ill health or by effects of the ageing process.
- Offers fun activities, to relieve and prevent the stresses experienced by young carers.
- Helps young carers learn new skills, including personal safety, first aid, dealing with bullying, self-esteem and assertiveness, stress management and relaxation techniques, healthy eating, and drug and alcohol awareness.
- Supports young carers and gives them an opportunity to be young people, build friendships with other carers and discuss their thoughts, feelings and what is happening in their lives.

Top Quotes by some of our AYC students!



Action for Young Carers runs on the Sleaford site every other Wednesday lunch time in The Cottage on the left down the main drive.

If you feel that you are a young carer please talk to your form tutor or come into C24 to speak to Mrs Smith (Special Educational Needs & Learning Support Manager), Mrs Barnes, Miss Clark , Mrs North, Mrs Walker or Mrs Williams and we could arrange for you to come along! 😊



chairman's newsletter

All good things must come to an end, and so it is with the Schools Fantasy Football League. On the next page is the final league table of 2010 / 2011. Below is a list of who won a year group badge for coming first in their year group, a FA cup winners badge for coming first in the FA Cup League and the top three managers in the whole school:

Year Group Winners

Y7	Mason Mansfield
Y8	Thomas Oliver
Y9	Jack Holyoak
Parent –	Mr Smith
Staff	Mr T Taylor
House	Jack Holyoak for Lovell House

FA Cup Winner

Jason Free – Y9

Lovell also receive the Fantasy Football House Trophy.

Overall School winners

3rd Place – **Mr Reeve** wins a Bronze Medallion in a case

2nd Place – **Mr Smith** wins a Silver Medallion in a case

1st Place – **Mr T Taylor** wins the School Fantasy Football League 2010/2011 Trophy.

Mr Taylor was very close to not only winning our school league, but the whole **National League** as well. There were a couple of times this season where he was 2nd in the National League. He finally finished 5th in the National League, with Mr Smith (our school's 2nd place manager) finishing a very respectable 45th in the National League too.

A special mention needs to go out to Zak Smith (Y10), Brett Friskney (Y11) and 12SJMB (Y12), for winning their year group leagues although sadly not enough teams took part in these year groups to be able to award these managers any certificates for Manager of the Month or League winners' badges.

That season may be over, but the next one is just round the corner, and yet again I will be the Academy's representative for the Schools Fantasy Football League. So if you want to get your hands on the big shiny cup that was paraded around the year assemblies at the end of last term, all you need to do is wait for the letter from me in September where I will be notifying everyone that the entry forms are available, and make sure you enter a winning team.

The competition is open to all pupils, parents and teachers. All you have to do is to pick a team of 11 Premiership players (in a 5-3-2, 4-3-3, or 4-4-2 formation) within a fixed budget, via the Internet. Your team scores points based on the performance of their players in actual Premiership matches. The biggest change from last season is it is now **FREE** to enter a team. If you don't want to enter individually, you could enter as a family, group of friends, or as a form.

All information connected to the Schools Fantasy Football Leagues can be found on www.schoolsfl.com, or if you have any questions you can ask me. In September, when the league starts, the latest league tables are on the notice outside SC16, along with a fixture calendar and any other information you may need.

Mr N Vickers
League Chairman

Overall Final Table

Pos	Manager	Team Name	Year	Season	Nat Pos
1	Mr T Taylor	HUFC	Staff	469	5
2	Mr Smith	Holdingham Wanderers	Parent	443	45
3	Mr Reeve	The Leg-ends	Staff	410	508
4	Jack Holyoak	Oaky FC	Year 9	410	528
5	Jack Holyoak	Lovell's Levellers	Year 1	386	1,800
6	Thomas Oliver	Tom Oliver's Army	Year 8	380	2,313
7	Tom Armstrong	Armo Athletic	Year 9	370	3,400
8	Mrs Couch	Crystal Couch	Staff	368	3,674
9	Jackson Maplethorpe	Farming Footballers	Year 8	365	4,067
10	Mr Wilson	The Dark Horses	Parent	365	4,174
11	Mr Hall	The Moopops	Staff	363	4,465
12	Mr Holyoak	Oaky Rangers	Parent	360	4,979
13	Mr Simpson	Simo Super Spurs	Parent	360	4,980
14	Matt Brown	Logan	Year 13	358	5,283
15	Mason Mansfield	Cow Tipping Dwarfs	Year 7	356	5,605
16	Mr Burns	Ironopolis	Parent	353	6,056
17	Mr Vickers	Toon Allstars	Staff	346	7,520
18	Zak Smith	Leasingham Utd	Year 10	345	7,637
19	Mr James	A15LFC	Staff	343	8,222
20	Mr Couch	LFC till I die	Staff	341	8,604
21	Charlie Russell	Tottenham XI	Year 8	340	8,956
22	Jason Free	The Free Lions	Year 9	339	9,041
23	Nathan Tomlinson	Tearing Tornados FC	Year 9	338	9,290
24	Mrs Barnes	Real Ale Madrid	Staff	337	9,518
25	Mrs Free	Doin' the Deid	Parent	335	10,039
26	Ashley Miller	Billys Boys	Year 10	334	10,375
27	Lewis Bates	22 feet	Year 7	329	11,660
28	Brett Friskney	The Muffin Men	Year 11	328	11,910
29	Mason Mansfield	Leasingham FC	Year 7	313	16,169
30	R Couch	Rooksby Rappers	Year 1	313	16,275
31	Mr T Crawshaw	Logan's Runners	Year 1	310	17,150
32	Perrie Vacca	Pezanino Utd	Year 7	306	18,280
33	Will Rose	Wickedwillsfc	Year 8	305	18,793
34	8RJF	Red Bull All Stars	Year 8	303	19,390
35	Mr Milnes	Bantams	Staff	301	20,006
36	Mr Smith	Dot Commers	Parent	300	20,266
37	Mrs Crawshaw	Wake me up when it's over	Staff	298	20,979
38	Jake Pointon and Matty Jarvis	Winner Utd	Year 8	298	21,007
39	Mr Free	Bob's Bruisers	Parent	293	22,539
40	12 SJMB	12SJMB	Year 12	289	23,552
41	Aidan Friskney	Gooners	Year 7	288	23,886
42	Karl Gladwin	JJ Wanderers	Year 12	280	26,442
43	Charles Smith	Billinghay United	Year 7	279	26,685
44	Ross Wilson	Manchester City FC	Year 9	277	27,313
45	Scott Wiles	Scotts All Stars	Year 7	271	28,920
46	Phipps House	Phipps	Year 1	269	29,369
47	Jack Burns	Forest XI	Year 10	268	29,693
48	Jacob Steggar	Steggar United	Year 7	266	30,377
49	Nathan Harrison	Nathsfantastics	Year 7	260	31,932
50	Mrs Jewell	Super Sevens	Year 7	257	32,617
51	Will Smith	Will's Wanderers	Year 9	245	35,551
52	Mr Crawshaw	Clueless in Canwick	Staff	238	36,944
53	Mrs Bedford	Bedford Bashers	Parent	236	37,226
54	Jack Smith	Royal Hunt	Year 11	235	37,514
55	Jason Free	The Godfrey Giants	Year 1	229	38,558
56	Samuel Darling	Yellow Bellies	Year 8	222	39,667
57	Lauren Berrick	St. George's Dodgers	Year 7	186	43,901

English

It seems amazing to think that we are almost at the end of another academic year! As usual, it has been very industrious for both the staff and the students in the English Department.

Firstly, the current Year 11 students have been working towards and have just completed their English Language and English Literature papers. Having settled into new groups in January in the light of the November examination results it has been a case of 'all guns blazing' to help these students achieve the best grades possible. Some students who are still hoping to achieve a grade C, and some who are hoping to achieve an A*, were assisted by Mr S Willshaw from CfBT to help give final advice and guidance.

Year 10 have also been working towards and have just completed their English Language GCSE. Again, last minute revision sessions and revision guides helped them to prepare for their first set of results.

Not to be outdone, the A level students in the department have been preparing for their exams. These are obviously important in terms of helping them to get to the University of their choice. Within the department there are a number of A level subjects taught – English Language and Literature; English Literature; Media Studies; Communication Studies; Law; Sociology – so the department has been a 'hot-bed' of activity over the last few months! As well as wishing the students the very best of luck, my thanks go to the staff for all their hard work in preparing the students.

Since the last newsletter there have been two more ILID days for the KS3 students – one involving a look at the work of Charles Dickens and one a media day. The media day led to some students who had shown particular promise, spending a day in March working on the BBC Schools News Report project. The event proved to be popular and exciting for the students involved.

Now we are beginning to plan for next year, which looks as though it's going to be equally as hectic!

Mrs P Knowles

POETRY LIVE IN NOTTINGHAM

In February, 50 Year 11 students from Ruskington Site, travelled to the Theatre Royal in Nottingham, accompanied by Mrs Irvine, Mrs Leek and Mr Yarnell, to attend the GCSE Poetry Live event.

Having studied poems by Simon Armitage, Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, John Agard and Imtiaz Dharker, it was wonderful to hear the poets themselves reading and explaining their poems and to have the chance to ask them questions. One of the most useful parts of the day was the Principal Examiner's session on how to write about the poems in the exam.

All students received a revision booklet to take away and teachers were given posters! The whole day was entertaining and informative, and, hopefully, helped when it came to the exams.

Mrs N Irvine.

The following article was the winning entry in a Year 8 Writing Competition.

St George's Academy Ski Trip 2011:

I must admit that at first, on the St George's Academy ski trip, I was tired and a bit bored on the journey to Bad Goisern. I was feeling a bit sceptical as this was the first time I'd been on a coach journey this long, but when rushing off to dinner and settling down in the rooms, I was feeling much better and relieved to go to sleep in an actual bed.

Once we got to the slopes, I knew that the arduous journey was worth it. The snow was beautiful; there were hundreds of Austrian children having fun.

I had only been skiing once before and only for an hour so it was quite nerve-racking to know that soon I would be high up the mountain skiing. To my surprise we started off slowly and only went high up once our ski instructor was confident in our skills. By the end of the week I was halfway up the mountain and I could turn, stop and do a tiny bit of parallel skiing!

After a tiring two hours of skiing we ate either a fully prepared packed lunch or went to a wonderful café to eat hot food. After that, we would continue to ski for another two hours and then retire back to the hotel.

At the hotel, we would have some free time to ourselves in our rooms to discuss the day and get changed, and then we would have dinner in the hotel. Afterwards, there were various awards given: The Runaway Rooster (for someone who did something silly), a Daredevil award (for someone hurting themselves in humorous ways like when someone skied off the side of the mountain or when someone skied into the car park), a Good Egg award (for a person who did something well or was kind), the Hair of Shame (for doing something stupid when not skiing) and finally whoever lost the room inspection got a special award and had to clean it up.

Once all the awards were done, we would partake in a different activity each day. From ice-skating to bowling, every activity was great fun! I would love to thank Mrs Adams, Mr Milnes, who sadly cannot come on next year's ski trip, and every other staff member who helped on this amazing trip! Other people to thank would be all of the ski instructors and my roommates.

Hopefully next year's ski trip will be just as successful as 2011's ski trip!

Andrew Johnson 8SRMT

Literacy Intervention

During the academic year I have withdrawn a number of students from KS3 to access Literacy Intervention with myself, covering all aspects of Literacy, from comprehension skills to spelling, phonics to hand-writing. Not only have the students grown in confidence but their ability in basic Literacy has improved. The majority of students who have accessed intervention have improved their reading or spelling ages by a minimum of 3 months, with some students improving by an excellent 2 years!

Here are some of the students' comments following their intervention:

"My reading comprehension skills are improving, but I would like to read harder books." *Sam*

"I enjoy the books, but would like to read harder books. I feel that my understanding of the text is improving greatly." *Lewis*

"I'm becoming more confident with my reading and can answer the questions which are related to the text." *Tara*

"I would like to read more challenging books, however my understanding of the books is improving." *Amy*

Miss G Dodsworth

Drama

In March of this year VernHoll Productions of St George's Academy put on another amazing show. This year we went back to the 60s with "**Hairspray - The Musical**". It ran for three nights and one Saturday matinee and all the shows were sold out. The music was provided by a live band, directed and led by Miss Vernon. "Hairspray" had a cast of over 50 students from all years and was an extremely enjoyable experience.

Look out for our next show – the hit musical "**Mamma Mia**".



After successfully completing both Drama and Performing Arts A Levels at St George's Laura Batten has been accepted at East 15, a top London Drama School, which has previously trained the likes of Marc Warren and Alison Steadman. Laura has taken part in a variety of performances since starting at the Academy and most recently took the lead role of Tracey Turnblad in the Academy's production of "Hairspray". She is also an active member of the National Youth Theatre. Laura, an accomplished singer, is currently preparing to work on an album alongside a number of leading west end stars.

Peter Wight, another A Level Drama student at the Academy, has been accepted as a member of the National Youth Theatre. Peter has attended drama summer schools at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London for the past two years and, with financial support from the Principal of St George's, he will now be able to add the National Youth Theatre to his growing experience. Peter won his place at the National Youth Theatre by competing against thousands of other students at nationwide auditions.

Shakespeare Schools Festival

"This charity (SSF) has done more than anybody to jazz up the once-dreary curricular approach to our greatest playwright."

Libby Purves, The Times

The Shakespeare Schools Festival (SSF) is the largest youth drama festival in the UK and offers a non-competitive, supportive and celebratory opportunity for young people to perform Shakespeare in a local professional theatre. Since its inception in 2000 with 8 schools, it has worked with 4,242 teacher directors to enable 90,000 young people to unlock their potential on the stage.

On one night, four schools come together to perform four different half-hour plays and experience the thrill of performing Shakespeare on a professional stage.

This year St George's KS3 Drama Club embark on their biggest project yet and will be performing a 30 minute abridged version of 'Midsummer Nights Dream' to an audience at the Lincoln Drill Hall. The students, alongside Miss Crampton and Mrs Jennings, are working hard to create an imaginative and entertaining interpretation of the text and are really excited about the project.

The performance will be performed on Thursday 10th November at the Lincoln Drill Hall. Tickets available from the theatre box office. Contact the box office on 020 7307 5060.

Find out more at www.ssf.uk.com or contact Miss Crampton or Mrs Jennings

Year 7

Where has the year gone? I cannot believe that it is a year since the current Year 7 students met on the front playground for their induction day last July, evidently very excited but nervous at the same time. Now, one year on, new friendships have been formed and new subjects have been explored: for most, new activities have been undertaken, new skills have been learnt and a lot of growing up has been done.

The curriculum in Year 7 has allowed all students to access new subjects and fresh approaches to learning. Most of the year group have risen to the challenge, put the maximum effort in to their studies and reaped the rewards. For some, the expectations surrounding behaviour and homework at secondary school have been a little too much to handle; for these students, there is more growing up to be done and a greater need for them to accept responsibility.

Over the course of Year 7, the students have been involved in numerous fun activities outside of normal lessons. Back at the start of Year 7, we all visited 'Hilltop Lodge Woodland Adventure Centre' for some team building exercises. This allowed the year group and staff to build some really good relationships. We had a Halloween party in October and we have our reward trip to Wicksteed Park in the final week of term. I am just sorry that we cannot take all of our well behaved and deserving students on this trip; there are too many of you! Don't worry though, your time will come in future years.

The year group have contributed to a number of fundraising activities throughout the year too. They donated generously to the Harvest Festival appeal, providing tinned goods to be distributed to local people in need and they filled shoe boxes with toys and toiletries to be taken abroad to less fortunate children at Christmas time. They have raised money for Children in Need, for LEPR (over £400), for the British Heart Foundation by taking part in the 'Skipathon' and in excess of £1000 by taking part in the 'Fun Run' for Comic Relief! Well done to all those students who have contributed to such worthy causes.

Well done to 7SEYP and 7SPJS for winning the inter-form football and benchball competitions respectively. Well done to 7SKXJ, 7SEJW, 7SPJS and 7SLJS (twice!) for winning the pizza parties at the end of each term for their excellent effort and conduct. Thank you to our Academy Council representatives, Ellie Wilson, John Burns and Ben Warner. Thank you to Odette Bristow, Alice Laughlin and Casey Reynolds for their contribution to Fairtrade. Thanks also to the vast number of students who have volunteered to help out with guiding parents and serving refreshments at parents' evenings. Well done to Megan Devine, Aidan Friskney, Jake Mitchell and Abigail Adam who represented the Academy at the inter-school quiz. Well done to Georgia Allen for winning the Lincolnshire Schools Girls Golf Championship trophy. And well done to **all** of our students who have represented the Academy at various sporting events throughout the year. I am very proud of all of your achievements.

Finally, I would like to leave you with some contributions from some of our students, as they reflect on the past year. I wish you all a restful summer.

Miss C Swinney

"I have had lots of fun. When we went to Hilltop we succeeded in nearly all the challenges and it made me bond with my new classmates – not new any more!"

Hannah Dolby 7SCLP

"I find all of my lessons really fun and enjoyable and the teachers are all really friendly and funny...my favourite subjects are Art, Life Skills, English and Technology. They are all great subjects and you do really cool projects."

Georgia Oxby 7SJLS

"One of my best experiences was my 3rd ILID day. We had Maths. I won many certificates and thoroughly enjoyed working in groups. I can't wait for Year 8."

Thomas Miles 7SCLP

"My time at St. George's Academy has been brilliant...I hope when the new Year 7s come they have an even better time than I have had!"

Bethan Hughes 7SCLP

Modern Foreign Languages

The Onatti Theatre Company performs plays in foreign languages for schools. Members of the Company visited the Sleaford site three times during this academic year, performing in French, German and Spanish. Some reviews written by students follow.

Le paquet mystérieux

Ce matin j'ai regardé une pièce de théâtre qui s'appelait « Le Paquet Mystérieux ». Les personnages principaux s'appelaient Vanessa et Lucas. C'est l'histoire d'un garçon et sa petite copine qui travaillent dans le parc. Un jour, quand ils arrivent au travail ils se rendent compte que la porte du kiosque, qu'on avait fermé à clé la veille, est ouverte, et il y a un paquet mystérieux sur la table. Qui a ouvert la porte? Qui a laissé le paquet sur la table?

C'était une pièce d'aventure et une comédie. Personnellement, j'ai beaucoup aimé cette pièce car c'était très drôle. C'était bizarre, marrant et très divertissant. Aussi, c'était en Français. C'était drôle quand ils ont chanté 'Justin Bieber – Baby' et ils ont dansé ensemble et avec nous aussi.

J'ai adoré les costumes drôles à la fin!!

This morning I watched a play which was called "The Mysterious Package". The main characters were called Vanessa and Lucas. It is the story of a boy and his girlfriend who work in the park. One day, when they arrive at work they realize that the door of the kiosk, which they had locked with a key, is open, and there is a mysterious package on the table. Who opened the door? Who left the package on the table?

It was a play of adventure and comedy. Personally, I really liked this because it was very funny. It was very weird, fun and interesting. Also, it was all in French. It was very funny when they sung 'Justin Bieber – Baby' and when they danced with each other and the audience.

I loved the funny costumes at the end!!

Chloe Osmond 9SHCM, Emily Scriminger 9SHLG and Annabelle Bristow 9SRDR.

Horóscopo

The Spanish play was excellent and really humorous. Everybody was giggling at it. The Spanish play was all about a girl that found it hard to find the right person for her, when suddenly her next door neighbour's nephew came to visit him. She thought he was right as her horoscope said few things explaining who that person will be and the boy was matching perfectly. The play had funny characters and also it involved all of us and Will Scrupps even got asked to go on the stage to do few things with the actors.



Horóscopo was easy to understand as we knew most of the vocabulary and had gone through bits that we never learnt to know what they meant.

Angelika Kubanek, 10STSJ

Dies ist für dich!

During first period of Friday the 18th February, all students studying German got the chance to watch a professional play, performed by the 'Onatti Theatre Company'. At first my expectations of the play were low, as understanding German was not my best subject, but as the play developed, it became gripping, and I began to enjoy it!

The play contained many involving scenes, for example, when 'Sabrina' came through to the audience, which consequently ended up in her asking me what my name was! Before I had chance to reply, she shot back up to the stage, leaving me very red, however laughing.

The play was very clear, and they made sure we understood what they meant, either by slowing the words down, creating an action, or producing a prop. I also thought it was very well scripted, as it made sense throughout. Although 'Sabrina' and 'Torsten' did not prove to be off-camera friends, on-camera they were funny, and tried not to show the 'camera audience' their hatred for each other!

On the other hand, off-camera, they argued, which made the atmosphere tense, and automatically funny. At one point 'Sabrina' treated the on stage audience like babies, slurring her voice and waving a parrot puppet around, which made 'Torsten' angry, and this then caused an argument, which was funny to watch!

In a nutshell, I very much enjoyed this play, and would love to see one like this again!

Nicole Popple-Haywood 9SELB

On Friday 18th February, all the German students throughout the school got to watch a play, in German, of course. It was called 'Dies ist für dich'! The company who we can thank for this excellent production is the Onatti Theatre Company. The play was about two people who produced a TV show for teenagers, Sabrina and Torsten. On screen they tried to get along, but when the camera was off, all hell broke loose. They didn't get along very well, you see, because they didn't like each other. Both of them were trying to outshine the other and Torsten treated Sabrina like a joke.

Sabrina didn't really get the fact that the show was for *teenagers*; she treated the show like it was for toddlers, counting numbers and playing snap. She even brought in a puppet. Torsten was trying too hard to be 'with it' and 'cool' but he failed dramatically coming across to me and trying too hard to outshine Sabrina and to be better than her on the show. But really, I would have been embarrassed to be either of them!

It was very funny and designed in such a way that we could understand what they were saying even though we aren't fluent. I enjoyed watching the play and found the last scene particularly funny. It was the last segment of the show and they were cooking. We had seen them struggling not to hate each other but on this last bit Sabrina just blew her top and started rolling her eyes and arguing with Torsten on camera. They flicked flour at each other and Torsten stole her puppet and put it the blender. He went to turn it on but realised it wasn't plugged in! In the end, Sabrina stormed off stage and Torsten walked after her. But when the audience was clapping, he came back on and plugged the blender in. We watched as the puppet was destroyed, which was hilarious.

I personally enjoyed and understood the play. I thought the 'guest stars' on the show (students from the audience) did very well and thankfully understood everything and answered accordingly. It was very funny and I really enjoyed the experience. I know now that I can understand German better than I thought I could!

Briony Collings 9SJRB

German Christmas ILID day

On the ILID day in December, Year 11 experienced some of the food, customs and traditions enjoyed during a typical Christmas in Germany. Firstly, they learnt about German 'Christmassy' foods then they went to Lidl to buy them all. When we came back, they tried foods such as Lebkuchen, Stollen and German biscuits. (They even let the Spanish and French students share).



Lots of fun was had by all !

Mrs L Samworth

As part of their 'Food and Shopping' topic, Year 9 German students spent a lesson experiencing typically German foods. Here are Toby Hetherington's opinions on the interesting delicacies he tried!

German Food Tasting Day

I thought that the German taster day was really good, there were some foods there that I didn't even know were German, like the gummy bears. I thought that some of these foods were from a different country. When we got inside we saw a whole array of foods from meats to sweets, bread and more and most of them looked tasty but sauerkraut (pickled cabbage) looked disgusting, it was purple and slimy. If we wanted some of the black forest gâteau, Mrs Samworth said that we had to try the sauerkraut first!

Mrs Samworth gave us each a plate and sent one side of the room to collect a bit of everything. I got some Schwarzbrot which was really high in nutrition but this bread, which was supposed to be very good for you, sucked all of the water from your mouth and you instantly needed a drink whenever you ate a piece. I also tried some salami, which was really nice and had what looked like a pepper coating on the outside, it was really delicious and I think everyone liked it. We tried some frankfurters, which I knew I already liked, because I have them in hotdog rolls. We also tried a bigger version of the frankfurters called Bockwurst, it was like the frankfurter, but had a lot more meat in it which made it tastier. It was nice, but I think it would be nicer warmed up.

I found that the pretzels were enjoyable, though they had a seasoning on them which tasted very salty. My favourites were gummy bears, they were lovely which I already knew because I had tried them



After that, they worked in groups to make gingerbread houses and trains. Some groups definitely showed more talent than others in this area – there were some beautiful houses but one train sadly fell apart.

Later on, they had great fun singing a German Christmas song 'Die Weihnachtsbäckerei' with Miss Schöller, our German Foreign Language Assistant. Finally, they watched 'Dinner For One' – an extremely old, funny English film starring Freddie Frinton. Hardly anyone in England has ever heard of this, but in Germany it is traditional to watch it on New Year's Eve.

before. Also, I liked the Kinder bars - Matt and I got the last two in the bowl, they were really tasty and had milk chocolate on the outside and some white sweet stuff on the inside.

The German cheese was weird, it was normal cheese but it had slices of ham inside and the ham wasn't very nice and neither was the cheese. We also had slices of ham, there were two types, one was plain ham and the other was smoked. I found that the smoked ham was the nicest and I had two slices. Then we tried some sort of meatballs, one was turkey and chicken, the other was some sort of beef, they were very meaty and one of them tasted strongly of onions.

I eventually pushed myself to try some of the sauerkraut, it was a tiny amount but I still tried it, yuck, it was really disgusting and I had to wash it down with half a bottle of water. It was worth trying the sauerkraut because I then got to try some of the black forest gâteau, the cake and cream part was really nice and light but the cherry part of it tasted quite strange. My favourite part of the lesson was watching Ailleann Paterson and Harry Beresford eat half a bowl of sauerkraut each, it looked really disgusting and I know it tasted it, but they seemed to like it. How strange!

Toby Hetherington 9SHCM

Year 10 – German ILID day

One of the Year 10 German groups spent a day studying the film 'Good Bye Lenin!', which takes place at the time of the fall of the Berlin Wall and looks at the huge changes to peoples' lives in the former East Germany at that time.

The group learnt about this period in German history, researched the career of the leading actor Daniel Brühl and wrote their own reviews after watching the film. Here are two of them.



Meiner Meinung nach war der Film sehr gut. Der Film findet in Berlin in Deutschland statt. Mein Lieblingsschauspieler war Daniel Brühl, weil er sehr unterhaltsam war! Im Film 'Goodbye Lenin' hat es mir gefallen, dass es lustig und auch traurig war, und auch interessant und historisch. Durch den Film habe ich gelernt, dass Deutschland war für achtundzwanzig Jahre getrennt. Seit 1989 Deutschland hat sich viel verändert.

Sam Feneley, 10STSJ

Meiner Meinung nach war der Film interessant. Der Film findet in Berlin in Deutschland statt. Alex wohnt mit seiner Schwester und seiner Mutter in einer Wohnung in Ost Berlin. Seine Mutter ist Sozialistin. Alex nimmt an einer Demonstration teil, seine Mutter wird schockiert und hat einen Herzinfarkt. Sie liegt acht Monate lang im Koma. Der Berliner Mauer und auch Sozialismus ist weg aber sie hat keine Ahnung. Alex und seine Schwester versuchen, das Geheimnis zu behalten. Durch den Film habe ich gelernt, dass Deutschland für achtundzwanzig Jahre getrennt war. Mein Lieblingsschauspieler ist Daniel Brühl, weil er lustig war.

Faye Honeybun, 10STSJ

Spanish Trip

After waking up at 2am to get the bus to Stansted to fly to Spain there was excitement in the air as many of the people on the trip had never been to Spain or to that point aboard. Unfortunately Miss Sanz could not be on the trip, so Miss Aguilera stepped in at short notice to help Mrs Nelson along with Mr Jones and Mr Walker.

After arriving at Stansted, everyone was still tired from the journey down. We checked in easily and went off to security. This brought up a number of problems for Mr Jones group as 2 of his group and he set off the scanner. It was very funny. Then we went through to duty-free and spent time waking up. When our time came to get onto the flight we all lined up and boarded the plane. We all found seats easily and settled in for the hour and a half flight to Bilbao.

When we arrived in Bilbao we went through security and collected our bags before going to the coach to take us to the Guggenheim Gallery. The Guggenheim was amazing with art work from all over the world. After that we went for a walk along the river. Eventually we left Bilbao and went to Santillana del Mar, where we would stay for the remainder of the trip. We all settled into our rooms and got used to the surroundings.



On the second day it was baking hot, 34 degrees Celsius. We visited Santander and had a treasure hunt round the city. It was fun, we walked all over the city. On the third day we didn't have to travel far. We visited the Altamira caves and then Santander again. We also went to the beach and went shopping. When we were back in Santillana del Mar we had "churros" which were delicious. During the day Miss Aguilera had been organising a talent show. It was a good show with some good acts as well as Mr Jones singing and Catherine, Sam, Emily and Mrs Nelson making great judges.

On the final day we visited the spectacular El Soplao caves. They were amazing with stalactites and stalagmites everywhere. After our amazing tour we visited San Vicente, a pretty little town, where you could see snow capped mountains. After that we visited the Magdalena Peninsula and had a train tour around the park before visiting the aquarium where there were seals, sea lions and penguins. We went back to the hotel to get ready for karaoke in Santander. The karaoke was really funny with people singing songs from the decades and the teachers singing "Mamma Mia". We left Santander for the final time to go pack for tomorrow's trip home.

After being woken up by Mr Walker at 5 am, Spanish time, we left the hotel and went to the airport. We had a good flight home until we got to Stansted and were delayed getting home by 4 hours as there was a crash on the M11. Despite the delay we still had some amazing memories of Spain and the fun we had.

Zak Smith 10SJPW

Year 8 French Trip 2011

In May this year, 39 students and 5 members of staff set off on the annual French Trip to Chateau d'Ebblesheim, near St Omer in northern France. We arrived safely, after a long coach journey and a very calm, quiet ferry crossing and immediately the students were introduced to our animateur Michael who was to work with us for the remainder of the trip.

On the first day, we awoke to beautiful weather and spent the morning visiting La Coupole; home of the V2 rocket. After a picnic lunch in the grounds of the Paschendale Museum which we then visited, we spent a thoughtful afternoon, paying our respects at Tynecot British Cemetery where we laid a poppy wreath before returning to the Chateau for team-building exercises with our animateur Michael.

The following day, we visited the Cloth Hall Museum at Ypres, then indulged ourselves at our favourite chocolate shop before finally beginning the much anticipated visit to the Belleward theme park in Belgium. Judging from the happy faces at the end of the day, it would seem that this is in fact the favourite part of the trip. I can't imagine why ... !

Finally, it was time to come home and after a quick shopping trip and an ice-cream, we were back on board the coach, heading for home.

The students behaved extremely well throughout the entire trip and the staff at the chateau praised them for their enthusiasm and co-operation and manners. They were a credit to themselves and the Academy.

Well done, Year 8.

Miss J Patch.



In Belgium we went to a special cathedral where we found out about people's lives during the war which was really interesting. Unfortunately, we all had to leave France. Everybody was sad to leave because we all loved the experience of having a chance to go to France and Belgium.

Matt Lau 8SSYD

Uniformed Public Services BTEC Course

At the end of yet another action packed year for the Key Stage Four Public Service Groups it is unbelievable, on reflection, how much we have managed to fit in!

The year started with a trip to Skegness Police Station where students were able to experience a car crash simulator, view most of Lincolnshire through CCTV in the Control Room and have the pleasure of being taken down to the cells! This opened some very wide eyes and gave the group a rare insight into the consequences of crime or driving and its effects!

To back up this day, later in the course we managed to secure a visit from Staff and two Prisoners from Glen Parva Prison in Leicestershire. They created a mock up of a cell and its contents, sharing the inside story of being in custody, talking about the reality of the situation. Students and staff were gripped by the presentation, everyone agreeing it was probably the most beneficial talk we had heard in a long time, by the end of it you certainly felt that no crime was worth doing the time for!

Throughout the year we have had visits from the majority of the Armed Forces. The Marines came in to run an engineering challenge, designing wind turbines.

The Navy demonstrated how life at sea is a lot more "in depth" than just hopping on and off boats and ships. Thoughts of being on a submarine for months on end and not being able to make a lot of noise made many students rethink their ideas!



As always, the Army have supported the group by inviting us to use their facilities at Prince William of Gloucester Barracks. All students on the course have had the opportunity to try their hand at Command Tasks and the Assault Course, with some impressive results.

The Year Eleven students completed their Public Service years with a visit to the Armed Forces

Careers Fair, where they could try out the skills they have acquired at climbing and shooting as well as being able to talk to military personnel about their future plans.

For the Year Ten group it is non-stop to the end of the year. We still have much to look forward to with yet another chance to use the facilities at RAF Digby for the climbing wall, a tour of the museum and camp plus an all expenses paid dinner for everyone.

There is also a trip to Skegness Lifeboat Station in the next few weeks and a Forensic Day planned during the final days of term.

When a child comes home from school and says they have not done anything all day, you now know it is not often the case!

Mrs A Broughton



Able, Gifted & Talented news

A number of developments have taken place this year in our provision for Able, Gifted and Talented students on top of our existing programme of challenge, extension and enrichment. We have developed a support group for parents which meets each term, the next meeting is planned for the beginning of the next Academic year and our Year 12 students are being given the opportunity to enrol in the Open University Young Applicants in Schools Scheme (YASS). This is in effect an opportunity to sample a university level and style of study before you undertake an undergraduate course.

The master classes programme is being developed for next year. We are hoping to use the skills and expertise in our parent body to enrich this programme. Do you have a skill or talent you would be prepared to share? We would also like to make better use of the career experiences of our parent body to act as 'role models'. We are hoping to offer the students as wide and as varied a range of role models as possible from accountants to zoo keepers!

If you are able to help us please get in touch with me at the Academy.

Mr M Scott

Fairtrade at St George's Academy

Following our successful retention of Fairtrade School status in 2010 we now have 2 years to gain sufficient evidence to keep Fairtrade School status for a further 5 years. It has been a quieter year, but still one of much success. We have sold over £2000 of Fairtrade goodies to staff and pupils at the weekly Friday stall. **This is an average of £63 per week.** With respect to the younger supporters, we have been so pleased with the work of Megan Devine, Kelsey Tjepkema, Casey Reynolds, Odette Bristow and latterly Kain Waring.



We helped to organise a number of competitions, both in the Academy and across Sleaford during Fairtrade Fortnight. We gained publicity from the Sleaford Standard due to the impact that the pupils made; they were particularly noteworthy when they bravely sold Fairtrade goods at the March Farmers' Market! (see <http://www.sleaford-fairtrade.btck.co.uk/News> for the pictures) They deserved medals rather than the hot chocolate they actually got! (*but if Fairtrade did medals.....*)

We also conducted a survey of Sleaford shoppers. We were so grateful to the Sixth Form Public Service students and Mr G Walker for their invaluable help. The conclusions of that survey were:

- (1) 60% of the people surveyed realised that Sleaford was already a Fairtrade Town;
 - (2) More shoppers than in 2009 now believe that Fairtrade is not expensive;
 - (3) They were prepared to pay up to 27p per 100p of original price for a Fairtrade product.
- (Fortunately the price of Fairtrade is now very competitive with other leading brands.)

It also proved that the pupils are intrinsically involved in the business of the Town.

The Academy also organised the Fairtrade Town Fairtrade Business awards where 7 local businesses were recognised for their fantastic support of Fairtrade. Local primary school children write lots of letters to specific businesses whilst Y13 Business Department students Marcus Harris and Sam Fearfield wrote a superb report on the progress made with Fairtrade businesses within Sleaford. The Fairtrade Foundation, with their focus upon Fairtrade Cotton this year, wanted schools to create a world record breaking length of Fairtrade cotton bunting. The Academy, with the great work from the Art students supported by Miss C Ferrier, produced a multi-colour work which now forms part of the World Record of 3300 metres!!

As we submit this short article we are preparing to conduct a further survey in support of the renewal of the Sleaford Fairtrade Town bid. Pupils from Years 7 and 10 will go out and ask shop keepers what variety of Fairtrade stock that they sell. We hope to show the Fairtrade Foundation that the initiative which started at St George's College, but which now is vibrant at many of the primary and other secondary schools in Sleaford, is still flourishing and partly due to the enthusiasm and sheer limitless energy of the pupils of the Academy!

Lincolnshire Show Schools Challenge 2011

On Wednesday 22nd June and Thursday 23rd June the Billingborough Site BTEC Countryside and Environment group represented the Academy at the Lincolnshire Show. They had produced a booklet covering a range of topics under the general heading of Farming: Past, Present, and Future. The booklet is an impressive piece of work that received many very favourable comments. Although the team did not win, Jay Bradley and Lucy King received special prizes for their own personal achievement in the Challenge.

Members of the public who were interested were invited to take a copy of the booklet and to make a small donation to the 'Make a Wish' charity.

Mr P Steeves



The theme for the report this year was “Films”.

About 25 Y8 students from the Sleaford and Ruskington sites took part. They were selected by the following criteria:

- Film Club regulars
- Y8 students who worked with Miss J Batt on the February ILID day
- Y8 students who are Able, Gifted or Talented (AG&T) in English, Drama or IT
- Y8 students identified as performing exceptionally well on the February ILID day

We were fortunate enough to be offered the “Film Club on the Road” facility for the day. They set up screenings of “Hairspray” and “The War of the Buttons” for the participating students.



Film Club on the Road brought along with them Ellen E Jones to work with the students. She is FILMCLUB's in-house programmer and a freelance film journalist. Ellen worked on staff for two and a half years at Esquire magazine before leaving to pursue film journalism full time. She has written on film for Total Film, The Guardian, Little White Lies and NME among other publications, hosted Q&As and interviewed a wide range of film directors and movie stars.

Ms Jones worked with the students during the day to help them improve the quality of their reviews. At lunchtime she ran a master class for the participating students, explaining how she became a journalist and answering questions from the students

In the afternoon the students wrote their film reviews, produced a magazine and a “Film Review” programme for a TV news bulletin. The film and the completed magazine can be viewed on the Academy website, by clicking on the BBC News School Report link.

Here are some of the articles that were written on the day:

The War Of The Buttons

The War Of The Buttons is an Irish film about the rivalry between two villages that are taken into war by two groups of boys which gets out of hand... and they have to suffer the consequences. This film is not suitable for very young children as it has a few rude scenes and some swearing.

I would see this film again as it has a good storyline – very gripping and the comedy is super! Overall I think it is a great film with a very important and strong message for children ages 11+. **Sam**

Despicable Me

Despicable Me is an amazing film — great for the whole family! It's about a criminal mastermind who uses three orphans to help complete an evil scheme to steal the moon using a shrink ray. Unfortunately, Gru is not the only person who wants to use the shrink ray. Luckily, in the end Gru realises that the girls make him happier than doing evil deeds.

The 3D effects in this film were amazing - it was almost like you could touch everything with your hands! I recommend this film for anyone ages 4+ because of the amazing story line! **Catherine**



The Sorcerer's Apprentice.

Initially, I wasn't sure about this film. I thought it might have been aimed more at boys, but I was mistaken. It was a very good film. If you fancy a good laugh then this is the film to watch. When you watch the film you will find you experience a wide range of emotions. I would defiantly recommend this film if you're in a mood for a good laugh. **Megan**

In addition, all staff and students from the school were invited to be involved by e-mailing or texting their review of a film (or just comments on a film) to the editorial team. They were also encouraged to text in their top 5 films of all time. Here is a brief selection:

My top 5 films – Aaron

Forrest Gump
How to train your Dragon
Back to the Future
Scott Pilgrim v the World
The Hangover

My top 5 films – Jodie

Finding Nemo
Man on Fire
Armageddon
The Hurt Locker
Seven Pounds

My top 5 films – Bethany

How to lose a guy in 10 days
Shaun of the Dead
Juno
Shutter Island
Confessions of a Shopaholic

Sports Day at Sleaford

The results of the Sports Day for the Sleaford site so far are:

	Y7 Boys	Y7 Girls	Y8 Boys	Y8 Girls	Y9 Boys	Y9 Girls	Y10 Boys	Y10 Girls	Total	Position
Logan	49	72	451	367	364	379	483	689	2854	2
Godfrey	73	63	448	246	625	518	794	492	3259	1
Phipps	92	40	399	319	509	258	618	415	2650	4
Rooksby	46	9	358	145	612	383	539	313	2405	5
Lovell	99	23	379	310	570	463	597	278	2719	3

Points were again awarded for the level of performance; the faster you ran, the further you threw or jumped, the more points you earned – up to 38 points for each competitor. In addition, 20 bonus points were awarded to the winner of each event, 16 for second, 13 for third, then 10, 8, 6, 4, 3, 2, 1 for the rest. The scoring system means that it is always a high scoring, exciting competition, as big swings are possible at any time.

*Unfortunately, being an English summer (and particularly Wimbledon fortnight), rain (in fact a thunderstorm) stopped play mid-afternoon! The remaining events (some events for Years 7 & 8) were re-scheduled for later dates, which had to be after the printers' deadline for this magazine due to continuing unreliable weather. **Consequently, the results above are incomplete and may change significantly.***

The most notable performances so far as we go to press include:

Helen Chapman smashing the Y10 100m record which had stood since 1988. She knocked nearly half a second off the record.

Jim Ownsworth breaking 2 Y9 records (Javelin and shot – the former had been a record since 1992)

Kirsty Williams breaking the Y8 800m record which had stood since 1993.

Humanities

The Academy will be losing one of its longest serving, most respected and most inspirational teachers this year as Mrs Lowder retires. The department will very much miss her ideas, motivation, humour and experience. She has served St George's College of Technology and latterly the Academy very well; many current and former students will remember her dedication, commitment and engaging lessons. Mrs Lowder has never been one to allow the time she has spent teaching to dull her enthusiasm or energy - she still took a full part in the annual Edale abseiling and climbing activities every year!

Mrs Lowder has certainly earned her place in St George's Hall of Fame and we all wish her a very long and happy retirement. I for one am looking forward to receiving her postcards from all over the globe!

The History Department will also be losing a long standing and highly respected colleague as Mr Senior retires. His commitment to the students over the years cannot be faulted and his knowledge of the subject will be sorely missed by his colleagues in the faculty.

We wish them both long and happy retirements.

Humanities across the Academy

This has been another year of change and development in the Humanities Faculty as both the Sleaford and Ruskington sites have begun to work more closely. We share schemes of work at Key Stage Three and GCSE levels, meet regularly and discuss teaching and learning across the sites. Our first joint educational visit is planned for the summer term to Bosworth battlefield and Twycross Zoo. The greater alignment between the sites can only bring about more benefits for our students now and in the future.

KS3 Geography

We have improved our schemes of work at Key Stage Three to make them more current and in response to the views of students. The schemes of work have been developed to include a wider range of thinking skills and activities which get the students involved in their learning. We have also left some curriculum time to discuss current events such as the Japanese tsunami. These developments go some way to explaining the increase in numbers of students opting to take subject at GCSE as does its inclusion in the English Bacallaureate.

The ever popular Natural History Museum visit took place in March. The clamour to book a place on this visit is always very high and there were a large number of worthy students who missed out this year. Those lucky enough to be invited had an excellent day at the museum and conducted themselves very well. The breakdown of our coach and the puncture experienced by the relief coach didn't dampen our spirits too much!

The museum is always spellbinding for the students. The sight of the dinosaur in the entrance hall and the sheer size of the blue whale live long in the memory. Our studies of plate tectonics in the class room are enhanced by the visits to the earth galleries at the Museum and the students are able to make better connections to the world around them having taken part in this visit.

No visit to the museum would be complete without trips to see the T Rex in the dinosaurs gallery or the creepy crawlies and again we didn't disappoint! The students managed to spend themselves out on a trip to the shop before departure and returned with many bars of chocolate and souvenirs. Their behaviour on the visit was the best we have ever experienced and have set a high bar for others to live up too.

GCSE Geography

The English Bacallaureate has provided a much needed boost to the profile of Geography nationally. We at St George's have always known the value of the subject and many students have continued their studies to GCSE, A level and beyond. This year however has seen the numbers opting for the subject increase again. The developments in the Academy and specifically the development of a new Humanities block, due to be ready in November 2011, with improved ICT access will assist us in making our Geography students even more ready for the world beyond the Academy.

The department are looking forward to making use of a range of new developments in our teaching and the students learning such as geographical information systems, a weather station, electronic books, digital mapping and much more. There has never been a more exciting time to study geography. Our visits programme has expanded this year, with visits in the local area to Navenby and the more regionally to Edale and the Holderness coasts. The Edale visit which is running again next year is always a favourite with the Year 10 students. They get an excellent opportunity to develop some outdoor activity skills as well as their geographical skills, knowledge and understanding. Our visit to Hornsea on the Holderness coast was a resounding success too with the students managing to collect some excellent data for the controlled assessment task we have to complete as part of the course. They developed their ability to use fieldwork equipment and act as members of a team. The weather was kind to us which always helps when you are doing fieldwork!

A Level

The study of this academic subject which develops so many skills needed for life beyond the Academy has remained a popular choice over the last few years and almost a quarter of those taking the subject are continuing with it or a related course at University or College. This is a tremendous testament to the quality of the education they are receiving in the Academy. Our visits programme at A level has developed over the years to include visits to study sand dune ecosystems at Gibraltar Point and the socio-economic differences in urban environments in Hull. We would like to wish all our current students every success in the future.

Mr M Scott

Year 13 - We've made it!

On Friday 27th May Year 13 celebrated the end of a memorable seven years at St George's. With the enticement of bacon and sausage baps, the year group reunited for one last time for a celebratory breakfast organised by Miss Addison and Mrs Scriven. No effort was spared in order to look good in fancy dress, from Buzz Lightyear to Oompa Loompas - even the form tutors joined in with the fun with their Gladiator theme.

Those students who tackled Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Awards and the Open University Short Courses were rewarded with certificates and there were vouchers for students with exceptional attendance. The Head Pupil Team of Will Scrupps, Emily Walker, Matt Brown and Hannah Moor were also rewarded for their contribution to the Academy. Before we all left, there was also time for some entertainment provided by a Year 13 band, consisting of Tim Williams, Marcus Harris, Josh Hunt and Chris Scott-Combes, finishing with the poignant Greenday song "Time of Your Life", before the sound of party poppers and bursting balloons filled the sports hall.

There's no way to fit the last seven years into 400 words, but the highlights must include the Year 11 Prom, the experiences of those students who went on D of E expeditions and of course the last day celebrations. Memories which I'm sure everyone involved will take with them as they embark on the next stage of their lives.

For the next month, the attention must switch to our exams. Since the Government's decision to increase tuition fees from next year, there is the added pressure of there being no second chance. But with the combined efforts our own revision and the support of an outstanding teaching cohort, all students can be confident of achieving the grades they need to go to university. All of us must be grateful for the help that Miss Addison and Mrs Scriven have given us throughout our time at St George's and especially over the last two years in shaping our UCAS applications. Many of us owe our places at university to them, so a big thank you must go to them and the support of the Year 13 form tutors.

I hope you'll all remember your time at St George's fondly so to finish, I'll leave you with a quote from my own fancy dress character. "Life is like a box of chocolates, Forrest. You never know what you're gonna get."

Best of luck to the Class of 2011 !

Matt Brown 13SHB



YEAR 9

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

PGL was one of the most unforgettable school trips that we have had. We went through thrills and spills, but carried on the laughter throughout the journey. For many of us it was the first time we had been but even the people that who had been before encountered new things and gained new skills. From developing paddling techniques in kayaking and canoeing to developing determination to climb a 6 metre pole in trapeze - we can truly say it has been a fun yet challenging trip. Travelling at high speed over a lake attached to a wire isn't something you can forget easily.

Not only did the students find the activities scary... seeing the teachers scared out of their minds is something you would never see in school, so yes we did find it funny, however we helped them through like they did for us. Also, we gained a strong bond with the teachers and see what they are like out of school, and believe it or not... they are really nice down to earth humans!



Getting up at 7 in the morning isn't what anyone would love to do, but knowing that the day would be filled with activities and laughter made us raring to go, and also the lovely warm breakfast that woke us up fully!



The activities we did included Zip-wire which helped us gain courage, High Ropes helped us gained trust in each other, Quad biking which helped improve our control, Trapeze that gave us determination, Rifle Shooting that gave us a good eye for accuracy, Orienteering which developed our ability to read maps, Climbing which taught us how to recognise and control risks, Kayaking and Canoeing which is challenging and fun. We also did Dodge Ball which was just generally really funny (the teachers were so competitive!!).

At the end to top it all of we had a mini disco. Some of us strutted our moves, including the teachers and some others sat gulping at the screen saying 'NO JUSTIN BIEBER, NO JUSTIN BIEBER!'. Miss Kershaw jumped up on the stage several times showing us how to have a good time and taught us



new moves - well, to be fair we showed her the moves! It was nice how everyone made an effort and dressed up for the disco (*when I say everyone I mean the girls !*). If only we took a picture of all of us! Marty and Chloe, the PGL instructors dressed up the best - Marty was wearing a pink luminous tutu and luminous face paint and Chloe was wearing bright yellow dungarees! After an hour the internet connection decided to die on us then the microphone didn't want to work, probably because it knew that Mr. Caldwell was about to sing!



Tent Gossip!

Tent 2: Kathleen Mountain, Nicole Haywood, Emma Huckle and Beth Shuck.

We enjoyed every minute of it! We were telling scary stories in the night and got EXTREMELY SCARED, not to mention Kathleen screamed... Our best activities were Kayaking and High Ropes. As a whole, I think our friendship grew stronger and we got to know each other more. Best trip ever! Xoxo

Tent 3: Rhianna Pritchard, Beth Wright, Reba Stringfellow and Jana Drava.

The main skill we learnt listening skill because we normally talk over each other but now we have learnt that it is easier when only one person is talking so now we don't argue as much. As a consequence of this we are much closer now. Beth and Rhianna found the zip wire really thrilling because it was fast.

Tent 6: Abbey Morris, Jasmine Lawson and Lyndsay Macdonald.

We found canoeing and kayaking was the best activity because we bonded and got wet. As well as gaining a stronger bond we also gained teamwork skills that will benefit us in the future.

Tent 8: Beth Hennessy, Shannon Phillips and Willa Harris.

We liked the canoeing and kayaking the best. We made new friends and started talking to people that we didn't really know at school.

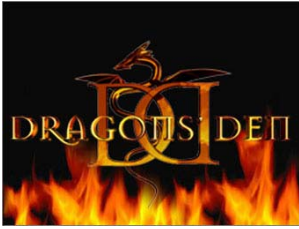
Shannon Phillips 9JRB, Beth Hennessey 9JRB and Abi Kelly 9JRB.

The Year 9 students who went on the PGL trip were an absolute credit to us - a number of PGL instructors complimented them on their enthusiasm and good behaviour on activities and around the site.

Many thanks to the staff, students and parents who supported this adventure and special thanks to Mr. Caldwell for making it happen.

Miss L Kershaw

Faculty of Business Studies & Tourism



Year 9 Dragon's Den Competition

The Year 9 forms have completed their Enterprise Dragon's Den Competition. The winners 9SHLG, won with a well constructed business plan for an Events Management Business. Well done!

Year 10 New Business Apprentice Competition

The winners this year were 10SKLH, with a winning pitch which included models for structural development of the local Flicks nightclub. Congratulations!



Year 10 Business Studies

In September, Students will visit Alton Towers as delegates to the education department's seminar on "Delivering Good Customer Service".

Summer preparation includes the writing up of customer service experience gained in their work experience placement and the completion of notes for their Marketing coursework.

Year 11 Business Studies

Year 11 have now completed their Double GCSE equivalent BTEC Business, studied across all three sites. All students have gained at least a Pass (equivalent to GCSE CC) grade with outstanding performance across the board. Well done to all students, we look forward to seeing you next year!



Year 12 Applied Business Studies

Year 12 Business students were guests of Nottingham Trent Business School at the annual 6th Form Business Conference this year. Students were treated to guest lectures and a business network lunch as well as a tour of the multi million pound refurbished business school in the majestic Newton Building, pictured here.

Year 12 Applied Travel & Tourism

In preparation for their own guided tour unit, the Year 12 Travel & Tourism students have visited various National Trust locations in the East Midlands. Belton House and The Workhouse in Southwell were the first destinations, ideal for studying best practice in personal, audio and self guided tours.



Year 13 Applied Business Studies & Travel & Tourism

A record year for student progress, please remember to search high for those text books that may still linger in your bookcase. Come back in the new academic year and tell us of your progress! We want to hear how you have got on and which employers and courses you recommend.

Young Enterprise

Winners of “The Best Company Report” and “Best Use of Technology” the group were finally placed as runners up in the regional competition. The team was praised for its solid team work and exceptionally good written presentation. Well done for the awards!

Twinning Society

All business groups have been actively engaged in supporting our twinning with the German partner Town in Berlin. The highlights being the work with Modern Foreign Languages, where we hosted the “Kaffee and Kuechen” event and the Talent Show with entries from Germany...Vielen Dank!

New Courses

Next year we will be running GCSE Business Studies and A Level Economics & Business, further strengthening our offering in the business curriculum.

Please come and talk to our groups

We welcome the input from parents and Friends of the school and would like to increase this if possible. Just email me at peter.gardner@st-georges.lincs.sch.uk if you can help in any way and we will get you involved.

Mr P Gardner

Mr Chris Milnes

Mr Milnes is retiring at the end of this summer term. He joined St George's College, later to become part of the Academy, in 2004 and took on one of the most difficult roles – that of managing the pastoral care system and also managing various other staff issues in addition to teaching his own PE classes and participating fully in a number of extra-curricular activities such as Duke Of Edinburgh's Award expeditions. He also organised and ran the annual ski trip for several years before passing on the torch to Mrs Adams in recent years. He always took a full part in any school activity that was organised, and encouraged others to do likewise.

In all of those roles he became a very successful and well regarded colleague and we shall all miss his calm approach to any problems that arose and his pragmatic approach to solving them. He will be missed and we all hope that he enjoys his well deserved retirement.

Year 11 Leave in Style

After several weeks of stress with their exams, our Sleaford Year 11 enjoyed the party of their lives at our Prom. As always, the location was kept secret and students were taken by coaches, this year to Kelham Hall.

We wish them all a relaxing and stress-free summer and look forward to seeing them on August 25th for their exam results. Most students are returning to our sixth form.

Mrs J Steward



Design and Technology

The Design and Technology Faculty have had a very busy time leading up to the A Level examinations, GCSE examinations and finishing BTEC courses. We would like to say well done to those students who worked really hard on their coursework and obtained an A grade in this unit of the examination. Hopefully students have completed the necessary revision in order to gain a high grade overall when the results become available in August.



Over the last three terms Mrs Howell and her Year 9 students have been working on a project for the Limes Care Home in Scopwick. They have been working independently or in small groups to design and make a variety of different items to decorate the walls to create a colourful and stimulating environment for the residents. All students involved have made an excellent effort with this project. The items will be delivered in time for an open day on Saturday 9th July. Well done to everyone concerned.



The Y7 and Y9 students have recently taken part in ILID days run by the Design and Technology staff. Both years had the opportunity to take part in a variety of practical activities, including "Rubbish Fashion" and a great time was had by all!

On Wednesday 29th June, St George's Academy hosted its first Product Design Final Show, where we celebrated two years of work by Year 11 and Year 13 students. Mr James and Miss Topps organized the event for the students and their parents. The show celebrated and promoted the achievements of young designers within the school and allowed the pupils to show off their designs in a professional way. The show was a great success and really captured the creativity shown by these young talented designers.



At the end of this term we say good-bye to Mr James, Mr Couch, Miss Warren, Mr Penn and Mr Thompson. We would like to thank them for all the hard work they have done during their time at St. George's and wish them all the best as they move on to new schools and in some cases new careers.

Mrs S Roberts

Engineering Diploma



This year has seen the first two groups of students complete the Engineering Diploma. Over the last two years the groups have worked very hard to complete a range of units. These have varied from detailed written research projects to practical projects, including one involving making lamps. Over the course of the two years the pupils completed a range of work experience placements, had guest Engineers in to help them develop new skills and visited the BMW Mini factory.

All of the staff and pupils have worked together to make this course a success with all of the pupils achieving excellent grades in the different units. Praise must also go to the staff and students who have put in the extra time, even at weekends and in holidays, to make sure that they all achieved their best.

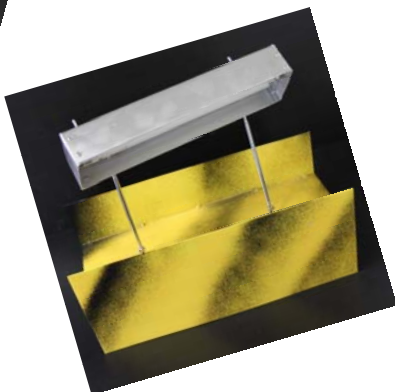
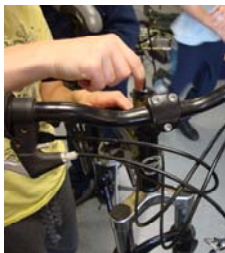


As Year 13 move on to university and Year 11 go their different ways, including some coming back to do Level 3,

I and the rest of the department wish them all of the best in whatever they have chosen to do.

Thank you to Mrs Wall, Mr Reet, Mr Stoner, Mr Wright and Mr Bamford for bringing to the department your individual skills and commitment to the pupils' success.

Mrs C Reet



Physical Education

Physical Education & Sport continue to grow and are fast becoming a focus and strength across the Academy. There have been many outstanding individual and team performances in many sports throughout the year, all made possible by the determination and commitment of both students and staff. Students have had the opportunity to be selected for Academy teams from across the three sites in all sports and there have been trials for all major events. The Ruskington & Billingborough sites have also maintained their fixtures against small schools in traditional sports. All teams participate in our new Academy team kit, which looks very smart.

Examination Subjects

A level PE continues to maintain its strength with numbers opting for the course rapidly increasing. 2010 was another successful year with 100% pass rate. GCSE PE saw the A*-C results improve in 2010 by 15% and we expect this trend to continue with the 2011 results. BTEC Sport also maintains its 100% pass rate record. Activities undertaken on these courses included mountain biking, climbing, orienteering and canoeing, to name but a few, as well as more traditional school sports.



Sports Leadership



Our Sports Leaders course has been firmly established and has allowed some outstanding leaders to develop - so much so that a group of our students qualified for the first ever inclusive zone Wheelchair Basketball National Finals in Sheffield. The team got the bronze medal, being narrowly beaten in the semi-final by one point by Yorkshire. To finish 3rd in the country is great credit to the Academy.

Squad: Carl Blackman, Matt Grinney, Jack Audis, Harry Frost, Beth Shuck, Jason Free, Charlotte Massingham, Megan Hillaby and Nathan Cook.

Rugby

U15 Boys – County Sevens quarter finals.

Girls TAG rugby – District Champions, three counties runners up.

The 1st XV ran out for the first time with high hopes for September 2011



Athletics

An outstanding year with all age groups reaching the ESAA Regional B Finals in Derby. Both the Inter Boys and Inter Girls narrowly missed out on a place in the National Finals after winning their regional events. Outstanding individual performers include Connor Todd, Mitchell Gorman, Connor Allen, Niam Payne, Ashley Sawyer, Ryan Anderson, Sam James, Jim Ownsworth, Rhys Thompson, Monty Savanhu, Helen Chapman, Shannon Collishaw, Maisie Kirwan, Jessica Machin and Sara Briscoe.



Indoor Athletics

Aviva Indoor Athletics – Junior Boys & Junior Girls County Finalists 2011

Cross Country

Huge numbers took part in Running for Gold. This helped produce some excellent results in the District Championships with many of our runners selected to take part in the County Championships.

Golf

The following students represented St George's at the English Schools Golf Championships National Team Finals in July: Ben Bogosian, Ben Warner, Joe Billam and Georgia Allen. This competition occurred too late for the results to be known in time for inclusion in this issue of the Newsletter.



Badminton

Our Junior boys qualified to represent the District in the County Finals with a number of students attending County Trials.

Outstanding individual performances came from Jack Holyoak and Ben Jackson

Volleyball

The Y10 Ruskington site's Volleyball team represented the Academy and became District runners up.

Basketball

The Y11 Ruskington site's Basketball team were also District runners up.

Football

U15 Boys County finalists.

U13 Girls: Crowned **County Champions** after thrashing Caistor Grammar 3-0 ;

Squad: Jess Machin, Sara Daffey, Kirsty Williams, Amy McAvoy, Alice Walker, Lauren Chamberlain, Rebecca Farrar, Ellie Wilson, Rosie Horspole, Dune Cave, Hannah Keal, Tia Richardson, Megan Devine and Beth Honeybun

The 1st XI competed in the Lincs League and look forward to regular fixtures in September.

Rounders

Yr10 – 2nd in District Championships.

Netball

ALL teams were runners up in District Championships – the photo shows the U14 squad which includes players from the Ruskington and Sleaford sites.



Whilst there are too many to mention individually there are also many students who have represented the county, region and even country in a number of sports that may not be offered at school. Please keep PE staff up to date with any success your son or daughter may achieve outside of school.

Thank you to all parents and guardians for your continued support as we look forward to more success next academic year

Mr R Freeman