

Newsletter



St Ivo School

December 2005

Happy Christmas

Dear Parent/Carer

My first term at St Ivo has absolutely flown by. I've thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the staff and been very impressed with the warmth and friendliness of the school community.

This was epitomized when we held our 50s day in November as part of our celebration of the school's fiftieth anniversary. Staff and students entered wholeheartedly into the spirit of the day with ballroom dancing and impromptu games of skipping and hopscotch!

Another highlight of the term was undoubtedly Guys & Dolls where the Drama, Dance and Music departments combined to great effect. The professional standard of the show was exceptional for a school and was a great credit to the students and staff involved.

Within the school we have held a lengthy debate on the KS4 curriculum. We still have one or two decisions to make in this area following which we will be in touch with parents of Year 9 pupils regarding choices for next year. Next term we will be constructing an application for specialist school status which, if successful, will bring in £200,000 per year to the school. We would hope to apply in October 2006.

Finally may I wish you and your family a happy and peaceful holiday and remind you that the first day for pupils next term is Thursday 5th January.

Yours sincerely

Howard Gilbert
Headteacher

1950's Celebrations

Radio 4's Any Questions will be broadcast live from the St Ives Leisure Centre – Burgess Hall on Friday 10th February at 8pm. Tickets for the evening (which starts at 6.45pm) are free and can be obtained from St Ivo School Reception. There are only a limited number of tickets available so please contact the school as soon as possible.

End Of Term

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

School will be closing at 12.30pm on Tuesday 20th December for the Christmas and New Year break. For pupils who come to school by bus the following arrangements have been made:

- Kiddles coaches will run as normal and will pick up pupils for the return trip at 12.45pm.
- Pupils who come to school on Stagecoach or Whippet coaches will be brought to school as normal but will have to go to St Ives bus station to get a bus for the return journey, or make alternative arrangements.

Pupils return on Thursday 5th January 2006.

“Aladdin”

As part of the 50th Anniversary celebrations, St Ivo School put on a performance of the pantomime “Aladdin” on Tue 13th and Wed 14th December in the school Hall. “Aladdin” was the first pantomime put on at the school in the late 1950s and this year’s pantomime, specially written for the anniversary celebrations by a member of the school drama department, is a tribute to the school’s many years of success in the performing arts.

The cast and crew represent all years at St Ivo, part of the ethos of inclusion at the school. The script was written by Nick Perry, a teacher at the school for more than sixteen years: “I cobbled the script together from memories of other productions I had seen but tried to be as true to the original story as I could. A pantomime wouldn’t be what it is without the inevitable corny puns and audience participation and there is plenty of that for all to enjoy. The songs are all original and written especially for the

show and range from sentimental ballads to thumping chorus numbers. This is my fifth pantomime for St Ivo and we are blessed with a very strong cast.”



The production involved a huge number of staff and students in many areas of the school - prop making, set-designing, costumes, make-up, choreography and direction and led by a very strong cast.

The evening included free refreshments and donations were accepted to Crisis - a charity for the homeless.

Geography Department

Year 13 students have been to *The Peak District* and to *Salford Quay* to gain first hand experience of rural issues in a National Park as well as inner city re-development.

Year 12 students had the opportunity to attend a lecture at Cambridge University on flood defence in the local area - arranged by The Local Geographical Association.

Leisure & Tourism students have been to *The Marriott Hotel, Huntingdon* for a day of work related learning. They have also been to *Huntingdon cinema* to interview the Manager as part of their research into marketing.

Mrs J Mottram
Head of Geography

Design and Technology News

The design department took thirty students to London for the day. We visited the Design Museum, where students looked at one of their product collections. The activity was well structured and students were encouraged to draw and identify the working properties of the lighting collection. The collection was very interesting ranging from a 1960's desk lamp produced from sheet steel with a stove enamel finish, to a polycarbonate light in a block with tilt switch sensors and colourful LEDs. The current exhibition was about the life and work of Eileen Gray an architect whose work influenced both Art Deco design and the Modern Movement.

From there we visited the Science Museum and listened to Dr Sue Mossman who explained to us about the sustainable materials collection. The students had the opportunity to interact with the displays as well as gather useful information from the experts at the museum. All in all, apart from the long coach trip it was a very informative day. Thank you to all of the students and staff that took part.

*Mrs C Morrison
Head of Technology*

History Department

Year 9 Somme Visit

On November 11th about 200 members of year 9 and staff visited the WW1 Battlefields in France. We went to Vimy, Newfoundland Park and the Thiépval Memorial. The day provided an everlasting experience for us all and gave us time to reflect on those who gave up their lives during the 1914-18 war.

Year 8 – VERY IMPORTANT

The history department has arranged another Somme Trip for November 2006. We will be sending letters out in the Spring. You MUST have a passport – SO BE PREPARED.

Year 13 Dublin Visit

As part of their A2 history course year 13 students have just returned from a successful trip to Dublin.

*Mrs J Barnes
Head of History*

RE Department 1950's style

On the 1950's day, the R.E. department looked at the "Parable of the Good Samaritan" with the Lower School. This would have been a popular topic in 1950's "Religious Instruction", but it also fitted in well with "Anti-Bullying week" and gave us the opportunity to discuss how we should treat others. This theme fits in well with R.E. in the 21st century where we are encouraged to learn about our neighbours, so encouraging tolerance and respect for everyone regardless of race, colour or background. In the Upper School we looked at an extract from a 1950's Home Economics text book, in which girls were taught how to be "good housewives". This included advice such as putting a ribbon in your hair in anticipation of his arrival home from work, and making sure that when he did get home you took off his shoes and put a cushion behind his back!!! The reactions to this were wonderful.

Sixth Form News

Thanks to all staff for their work in preparing students for the university application process – at the last count 65 members of year 13 have applied and most are beginning to receive offers. Good luck to all at this important stage of their lives.

World Aids Day – December 1st – students heard a presentation from DHIVerse a local aids awareness charity. As a result of selling ribbons, £150 was contributed to the cause.

Thanks to Robert and the organizing committee for putting together a full and entertaining Sixth Form Revue.

The Sixth Form Committee organized a successful Christmas party at the Music Box on Wednesday 14th December.

Mr R Perry
Head of Sixth Form

A Midsummer Night's Dream

In Year 8 forms Hv and Bl put together a performance of the final scene of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' for a limited audience. Several students received a great deal of compliments for their personal efforts including **Joe, Joshua, Joseph, Inde, Anna, Andrew** and **Aden** for their acting, **Adrian** and **Ryan** for their musical directing and **Simon,**

Andy and **Ashlea** for their directing. All students put in a great deal of effort and the costume and staging were wonderful.

Miss J Lawson
English Teacher

Need a present ?

Stuck for a Christmas present, thought about a gift voucher towards an evening class, perhaps Aromatherapy for her or Golf for him? Lots to choose from, take a look at www.aclearning.org.uk or telephone for advice, no obligation on 01480 495717. Many qualification courses to choose from, Counselling, Computing, Gardening etc, full details available as above.



Would You or Your Company Like to Help

World of Work - Tuesday 24th January 9.30 to 12.30

Once again in January we will be running an 'Insight into the world of work' morning. With Year 9 pupils having important option choices to make, this will give them the opportunity to find out what skills, qualifications and qualities might be required in the world of work.

We have a number of occupation areas who have signed up for the morning but would welcome more to improve the variety of experiences on offer. If you or your company feel that you could help for 3 hours on this morning please contact Ian Burry at St Ivo School on 01480-375435.

Sports News

Netball

Congratulations to the Year 11 Netball players. They have won the district tournament every year since year 7!

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| Kate | Sian |
| Charlie | Siobhan |
| Sarah | Clare |
| Vicky | Zoe |

Congratulations to the Year 11B team who came 5th in the district tournament – especially to **Faye**, **Rachel** and the Year 10 players.

Congratulations to the Year 10 A team who won the district tournament:

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| Katie | Steph |
| Fiona | Naomi |
| Maaia | Zoe |
| Siobhan | Hannah |

Year 8 Hockey

Winners of the District Tournament this term, beating all local schools, including Ailwyn 7-0. The squad also played in the County U13 Mini Tournament at Perse School, Cambridge. They came up against some strong opposition, but won two games and finished 3rd in their section. **Laura** winning player of the day with a superb “out-take” of the Perse Goalkeeper and a black-eye for her efforts.

Squad

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| Jenny (Capt) | Hannah | Jennie |
| Evelyn | Fiona | Emma |
| Laura | Phoebe | Chloe |
| Sophie | Emily | |

Year 9 District Rugby Tournament

The team won all three group games beating Hinchingsbrooke ‘B’, Walton and St Peter’s. They won a very close semi-final against Hinchingsbrooke ‘A’, and lost out to a strong Longsands team in the final. A fantastic effort from all the boys involved. Well done.

Mr D Varey

Year 8 Football

The team reached the quarter finals of the Coca-Cola cup beating St Peter’s 2-1 then narrowly losing out 1-0 away at Cottenham. The team are making steady progress in the county cup after a good first round win against City. Well done to all the boys involved and the best of luck for next year.

Mr D Varey

Congratulations to **Year 7 Rugby** team for coming 2nd in District Rugby championships at Hinchingsbrooke.

Mr P Cook

Congratulations to **Year 9 Boys Football** team for reaching the 4th round Under 14’s national cup. Their next match is away at Southend -on-Sea. If they win they will be in the last 64 schools in England.

Mr P Cook

Congratulations to the Year 10 B team who came 5th in the district tournament:

Charlotte
Emily
Philippa
Rachel
Hannah

and the following year 9’s who played, **Courtney**, **Laura**, **Lauren**.

Well done to everyone who has been involved in netball this term.



Miss C Sherwood

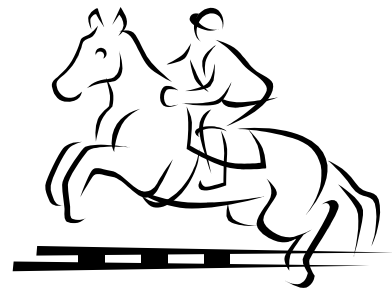


More Sports News

Inter Schools Showjumping

Another successful interschools completion took place on Sunday 6th November. Congratulations to St Ivo 1st team **Daisy** (7Rb), **Heidi** (12Bd), **Emma** (7Rb), **William** (7Rb) who took second place with 128 penalties.

Well done to **Natasha** (9Ke) and **Catherine** (9Kg) who also took part in the interschool showjumping.



Congratulations

Will (7Bx) and **Natalie** (7Bx) – for superb essays on Skellig by David Almond. Well done.

Hamza (8Gd) – for an exciting Christmas ghost story.

Becki (8Gd) – for an excellent 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' essay.

Congratulations to **Alex** (10Cb) who achieved his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award.

'Knit your way to Christmas'

The art department's knitting club has been really successful. Well done **Harmony** for your loyal attendance.



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Please remember to name clothing.

Merry Christmas to all our readers



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