



*The Elphinian 1999*



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Head Girl, Christina Thwaites (centre) with her deputies, Jessica Sverdloff and Hannah Wood at the Christmas Dinner

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## Foreword

*This glorious year is well reflected in a magazine which reverberates with colour and energy. More than ever we seem to have hard work capped by well deserved success and achievement.*

*Alongside all this comes the inevitable sadness when we must part with girls and staff who have given so much to the school. In the case of the girls, we recognise with gratitude that a huge proportion of their life so far has been given unstintingly to the school. We look somewhat sadly at their art, their textiles, their coursework, the photographs of sports successes and Young Enterprise.*

*When experienced and devoted staff eventually decide to leave the rest of the family suddenly realises how much and for how long they have been affectionately taken for granted! The tradition of St Elphin's relies a great deal on the devotion and loyalty of people who have made enormous sacrifices to ensure that the life in school is the very best for the girls. I shall not list the staff who are leaving at this point because more is said about them later in this magazine, but I personally shall miss their wisdom and good humour very much indeed.*

*Miss Crook used always to take the new girls and such new staff who were willing, on her famous walk up One Tree Hill. There at the top we would sit under the big sycamore tree and admire the view of what must be one of the most beautiful areas in the world. Our smallest pupils would conjecture how Miss Crook would manage if in one of our great storms the tree was destroyed! Miss Crook would then console them by pointing out that there was already a smaller tree there ready to take the place of the parent. Fortunately this is true of our life at St Elphin's and this magazine and thank goodness we have so many people ready and willing to take over.*

Valerie Fisher



Valerie Fisher greets the panel of 'Any Questions' in February at the School, Jonathan Dimbleby, with Members of Parliament David Blunkett, Jackie Ballard and Geoffrey Howe

Cover "One Tree Hill" in the style of Van Gogh by Rosemary Chung

## OBITUARY

**Clare Macfarlane,  
Governor and ex-parent, died June 25th 1999,  
the loss of an unassuming, very accomplished  
and much loved lady.**

A pupil at Downe House, Clare Kenning took "A" levels a year early. Being too young to start her 4 year chemistry degree at Edinburgh University, she had one year at Sheffield University and then 3 years at Edinburgh, obtaining a 2 - 1 Bsc Hons degree. After university she married Dr. James Macfarlane and took a post as Research Chemist for B.P. until the birth of their first child.

Clare spoke fluent French, spending a summer at the University of Grenoble. She had a shore-based Yacht Master's Qualification and Wireless Operator's Licence, City of Guilds Qualifications in Computer Programming and Typing, and played golf, tennis, bridge, snow skied and was an experienced sailor.

As Woodard Representative for St. Elphin's, Clare rarely missed meetings, finding them both interesting and stimulating. A conscientious governor since 1986, she was a great supporter of the school, her own daughters, Sarah and Nicky, having been pupils in the late 1970s. Clare particularly loved the nursery's annual Nativity Play. On top of all this she spent a huge

amount of time as President of the Derbyshire Branch of the British Red Cross.

As a personal friend of mine, I shall miss her humour, kindness, common sense, industry, understanding and excellent cooking! She was the perfect role model for St. Elphin's girls and her sudden death bereaves us all.

*Rosemary Chambers*



*Clare MacFarlane  
and the Duchess of Devonshire  
cut a celebration cake for the Red Cross*

The death of Clare Macfarlane on June 25th came as a great blow. She has been associated with the School since 1973, both as parent and Governor. Being one of those who live near she quickly became a governor whom I could rely upon for advice and she was always ready to come into school and help in a practical way. She is missed greatly, not just at Governors' meetings but on many smaller occasions, where she always made a difference with her quiet support.

*Valerie Fisher*



## FAREWELLS



*Judith Crook with Winnie Leung and Michelle Thompson*

### JUDITH CROOK

During her 18 years as Deputy Head of St. Elphin's Judith Crook has occupied the role with such distinction and has become an important figure in the lives of everyone that it is hard to imagine the school without her presence in that small ground floor office. Appointed to the staff as Head of Science in 1978, Miss Crook was promoted by the governors 'from within'.

Though she will not wish to see them in print - one of her hallmarks is her self-effacing concern for others - I know (and I'm sure Mrs Fisher does, too) that it is the qualities of loyalty, wisdom, integrity, kindness and, above all, her Christian standards, which make Miss Crook such a lovely person to work with. Nothing is ever too much trouble for her and she has that rare gift of making others feel that she really cares about them: their problems and anxieties are shared and thereby lessened.

Asked to give their views of Miss Crook, the infants commented that she was always smiling and always in a hurry, BUT that she still had time to listen and always gave them the feeling that she wanted and expected them to give of their best. The child's and adult's Judith Crook are one and the same person. She has been involved in every aspect of St. Elphin's life and has at times borne enormous burdens, but has always managed - often with very little sleep! - to solve those problems which came her way. People have depended on Judith Crook. She is that sort of person.

Paragons of virtue, though, are unreal. Miss Crook is a real - and balanced - human being. It is perhaps her strong sense of fun that enables her to laugh at herself and her foibles and to see humour in so many situations. Not all pupils might be aware of this, but it's what makes her such a congenial colleague, whose presence in the staff room will be sorely missed.

Everyone will have their own special memories of Judith Crook. I recall in particular her wise and measured talks in Chapel, her superb organisation of big events - Speech days and the like - her skilful timetabling and the way she welcomed visitors to the school. No one could have done more to promote St. Elphin's both within the school and at outside gatherings. And however anxious Miss Crook might sometimes have looked, I knew that everything was under control and my job was made easier as a result.

Judith Crook has served St. Elphin's School so well. For years, of course, it is she who has had to find 'the right' things to say about those leaving. Now it is her turn to know how highly we value and have benefited from her talents and friendship. We wish her so much happiness as she moves into the next phase of her life. The school will be poorer for her going, but her influence will remain, and pupils, parents and colleagues, whether past or present, will remember her with real affection.

*Peter Pollard*



*Eva Ainscough and Margaret Renshaw*

## EVA AINSCOUGH

Eva first came to St. Elphin's as a parent, wishing to place her daughter Helen in our care. In the course of her visit it was realised that she could offer much more than a new pupil. A vacancy had just arisen for a Housemistress and also a teaching vacancy for I.T. She was, therefore, offered a residential post in April, 1988 as Head of I.T. with some maths.

Eva's down to earth approach and Lancastrian origins ensured she quickly made her mark. At that time the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme was just ticking over. Her previous experience and boundless energy ensured that it became a major part of a large proportion of the girls' lives as she took on responsibility as unit leader. She also became an Assessor with the Peak Panel.

With the introduction of the National Curriculum, the school started to develop Design and Technology.

Eva became head of the team including art, textiles and home economics and taught our girls to use a vacuum moulding machine. The Off Site Sports programme followed by the Sixth form was enhanced by Eva's input to such activities as orienteering, river crossings and survival exercises.

Not having enough to occupy her, she spent her "spare time" gaining an M.Phil as a part-time student.

Her research led to a thesis on educational history in which St. Elphin's was a central feature. Other spare time was used as tutor for Adult Literacy.

When the Bursar, Col. Hobbs, retired, the governors decided to advertise a part-time post. Mrs Ainscough took this on in January, 1995 whilst retaining some maths teaching to make up a full-time post. In Eva's case full-time was often a 7 day week from breakfast to late supper: School holidays would include helping with the redecoration of the school or, together with the Head, acting as silver service waitresses when the school was catering for outside functions.

Eva will be remembered for her tireless effort and dedication in all that she tackled both inside and outside the school.

We thank her for this and wish her well in her new field of work, close to her family.

*David G Farrer*



*Andrea Banks with Geraldine Martin and Patricia Outram*

## ANDREA BANKS

At the end of the summer term we unfortunately had to say goodbye to Mrs Banks, who has provided invaluable help and support in the French Department for the past 15 years.

Andrea is a very gifted French teacher, whose patience and gentleness have

encouraged countless girls over the years. Her artistic and musical flair have made even the tedious aspects of learning French imaginative and interesting. Displays of work have always been original and designed to catch the eye.

Andrea's command of French is both authentic and elegant. In fact, in the Junior Department, where she has been our specialist teacher, many of her pupils believed her to be French, knowing her only as 'Madame Banks.'

It has probably been in Junior School, particularly since June 1993, when the first group of children arrived from Notre Dame des Oiseaux, that Andrea's influence has been most apparent. Teddy Bears' Picnics, Nursery Rhymes, Plays and Pantomimes. The Juniors have enjoyed the best possible introduction to the French language from a devoted teacher who loved working with them - things won't be quite the same without her.

*Geraldine Martin*



## HELEN CAWOOD

I have been a friend and colleague of Helen since 1976 when I joined the staff of St. Elphin's School. Together we worked and enjoyed life in the 'Art Block'. The old Pavilion, now

a drama and dance studio, was her domain and I had a humble hut where the new Art Block now stands. She and I were extremely fortunate to move into the new Art rooms with all "mod. cons." in 1983. Helen enjoyed the luxury of a new kiln to enhance the pottery work achieved. Her excellence as a calligrapher was very much in demand and still is. She was a perfectionist in line drawing too and expected the best from the girls at all times, obtaining excellent results in examinations.

In addition to a very full timetable, Helen painted all the stage sets for the numerous plays and musicals performed by the girls; indeed the brilliant sets for 'Oliver' got a round of applause for its stunning originality and perfection.

Apart from her love of painting, Helen was a frustrated actress at heart. Her 'pièce de resistance' was her impersonation of the famous Joyce Grenfell's Nursery School performed at the Buxton Opera House for the School's 150th Anniversary. The girls certainly saw a different side to their Art teacher that day.

Her charitable work in helping those less fortunate than herself, is not so well known. Some years ago she visited Albania, before communism fell and seeing the help needed, she joined a Christian group called 'Light Force'. She returned twice to help rebuild a hospital. The resident doctor had only one syringe. Helen was put in charge of painting the hospital, what else!

Helen's kindness to girls in trouble or just plain homesick was well known and her sense of humour helped in many situations in and out of school. She always had a good word to say about everyone and remained cheerful and positive in all situations. We will miss her after 28 years service.

I know the staff will join me in wishing Helen a pleasant retirement and the strength for a long one.

*Gill Leach*

Four the last four years, I have had the pleasure of working with Helen. Her concern for the girls' education and welfare have always been at the top of her list. She is kind hearted and genuine.

I am very grateful for her guidance and to take over such a well run and inspirational department. We have had a lot of good times in the Art room and many laughs.

We will all miss Helen and wish her every good wish for a peaceful, exciting and contented retirement.

*Georgina Jones*



*Anne Halliday with GCSE History pupils*

## ANNE HALLIDAY

Anne Halliday came to St. Elphin's in January 1990 to be Kennedy Housemistress. She soon settled down to the pace of life here, and by September 1990 she had also taken on responsibility for Year 7 History and for the Library, a far from easy task! Those of us who are reluctant book returners will hear her admonition, "You still have six books out and if they're not back by Monday..." ringing in our ears long after her retirement.

Increasingly she became more involved with History teaching, organising book fairs and History outings. She still helped with boarding duties and especially with making sure all was locked up at night! Over the last few years she has taught both GCSE and 'A' level History; the success of her pupils is sufficient testimony to her work. In all her roles Anne worked with a quiet, calm efficiency.

We shall miss her and wish her a long peaceful retirement in the Wirral, where she will be close to her family.

*Elizabeth Prince*

## MAVIS HUNTER

Any one of the five Heads with whom Mavis Hunter has worked closely during her 25 years as Head's Secretary at St. Elphin's would, I know have been delighted to write this tribute. As Head for 15 of those 25 years, I have been invited to do so; I write with real pleasure.

No job description could ever have encompassed Mavis's many and varied tasks, and no Head's Secretary could have played a fuller part in ALL aspects of school life than Mavis has done. She has simply been a superb member of staff: not a teacher as such (though who can forget the Scottish Dancing classes she ran for so many years?), but someone who has played a comparable role in the lives of several generations of pupils.

Mavis is wonderful with people and her success in her work has stemmed from this. All pupils passing through the school came to know her well; she has been a friend to staff and parents alike. Yet she has always maintained the tact, loyalty and discretion essential in the Secretary's position, an exceptionally difficult part to play.

Often the first voice heard on the telephone, Mavis knew just how to encourage prospective parents. Her warmth of personality speaks through her voice. She inspires confidence in others. Over



the years, in fact, many parents told me that it was 'in conversation with Mrs Hunter' that they came to realise that St. Elphin's would be the right school for their daughters.

All Heads have depended on Mavis. She knows everything that need to be known; she is quick, intelligent, sympathetic and reassuring; She has always supported every extra-curricular activity with music (and school concerts) a particular interest.

Over the years Mavis Hunter's role developed significantly in two ways: she became Clerk to the Governors, a position she is to continue to hold, and she also undertook voluntarily a measure of pastoral responsibility for the girls from Hong Kong. This was greatly appreciated, and I know what a thrill it was for Mavis when, not long ago, she was able to visit Hong Kong with Valerie Fisher and meet in person so many of 'her' pupils and their parents.

Liked and respected by everyone, Mavis Hunter has epitomised all that is best in St. Elphin's School. Thank you Mavis and Jock for all you have done. May you enjoy a long and happy retirement. Though I know of course, that that word will have no meaning for you at all!

*Peter Pollard*



*Vanessa Hailey with David Farrer*

## VANESSA HAILEY/RUSHTON

Vanessa Hailey joined the staff of the Science Department in 1988. A graduate biologist and certified science teacher, skier, horsewoman and tennis player, she was employed as a part-time assistant sharing in the teaching of both Biology and Chemistry.

As the needs of the department changed over the year she has at various times, taught from Y8 to U6 and included both 'A' level Biology and Chemistry. During the absence of Miss Simpson, on an exchange to the USA, Vanessa played a major part in the 'A' level Biology course. A staffing crisis in Chemistry was eased by her versatility in taking on a part of the 'A' level Chemistry course. Her obvious competence and confidence in the subject allowed us to offer to her the teaching of Chemistry up to GCSE level.

Vanessa has always been an enthusiast for the practical work: in Biology this included taking field study groups to her own 'centre', her land at Calver.

As a chemist she led the department in teaching the GCSE groups how to conduct assessed practicals. Our bills for the magnesium ribbon grew yearly.

As the requirements of the department continued to change, Vanessa's part-time work at St. Elphin's reduced. However, this coincided with an increasing desire to return to her main subject, Biology. For the last few years she has spent much of her time at Sheffield University conducting research in the field of genetic modification. She will now be able to complete her Ph.D. and subsequent career.

*Dave Farrer*



# Margaret Flood House

THE INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL



It hardly seems possible that another school year has gone by. There is always a familiar pattern to the Infant and Nursery year. Harvest festival is one of the first highlights of the Autumn term followed at Christmas by our Nativity play. The Christmas party and theatre visit to "Alice in Wonderland" were enjoyed by us all.

We raised money for the Kosovo appeal with a Nursery Rhyme quiz and the Infants entertained the local Darby & Joan club with songs, poems and recorder items.

Since Christmas, various pupils have been to the theatre to see "George's Marvellous Medicine", and have visited the Urban Studies Centre in Chesterfield, which proved a good starting point for our school work. The Infants enjoyed joining with the Juniors on their visit to Sci-Tech at Derby University. This proved to be an excellent "hands-on" introduction to scientific concepts.

The Swimming Gala was a wet and happy occasion. The children were delighted to show off their water skills!

For several weeks we have been keeping a secret from Miss Crook. She will be the special guest at our end of term concert. We hope she enjoys watching our musical play "The Toybox" and the other singing, piano, recorder and speech and drama items. We are crossing our fingers for fine weather so that we can run our sports races outside. Believe it or not, some of our parents have never experienced a fine Sports Day!

The Infant and Nursery staff will miss Miss Crook's support. We have been grateful for her help over many years. The children knew that she was always interested in their work and that she would never be too busy to admire it and talk to them about it. We hope that she enjoys their own tributes to her, featured elsewhere in the magazine.

Many of you have signed up for the Summer school and we are busy preparing activities to ensure that the children are happily occupied for 3 weeks. I would like to thank the Nursery staff for all their hard work and enthusiasm.

Rosemary Cuff



Fiona

Miss Crook is leaving our school and I am sad. I hope she has a lovely time at home. She always hurries about and works hard.

Fiona.

Miss Crook is an important lady. She is going to leave our school. She is always very busy looking after the teachers and all the children.

Tamsin.

Miss Crook wears nice clothes. She has a red jacket and a black dress.

Robyn.

I am not glad that Miss Crook is going. I hope she will have a nice time. She talks on the telephone to our Mummies and Daddies.

Rebecca Cooper.

Miss Crook is Mrs Fisher's deputy and when she comes in to our classroom, she is always smiling.

Chloe

Miss Crook helps Mrs Fisher to do all the work.

Hermoine Bilton.

Miss Crook was sad when I broke my leg.

Alexander.

Miss Crook is always in a hurry but she smiles when sees me.

Michael.

She used to have a snake called Ben. She taught in Africa.

Jordan Stewart.

Miss Crook like chocolate and chocolate cake.

Samantha Galley.

Miss Crook is very clever. I like her a lot.

Rhian.

Miss Crook even tells the teachers what to do as well as the girls.

Sophie.

Miss Crook wears nice clothes.

Laura Whitton.

Miss Crook comes to our Nativity play. She sometimes makes a speech to the parents. She shakes hands with visitors.

Hannah Sutton.

I went to say my Buxton poem to Miss Crook and she liked it.

Simone.

Miss Crook like to hear us sing hymns. She wants us all to be kind to each other.

Laura Sutton.

We will all miss Miss Crook because she is going to leave.

Chloe.

I will miss her: She helps us all at school.

Iona.



Simone





# The Junior School Year

*This has been another very busy year for the Junior School as you will find out when we tell you of some of our activities.*

This compilation of events has been drawn up by all the members of Yr 6:-

Harriet Andrejczuk • Jenny Beresford  
Jessica Brogden • Catherine Dalton • Lydia Dukes  
Miriam Hammond • Sally Ho • Doreen Mak  
Natasha Mitra • Prudence Wagstaff

## School Events

In the Junior School, we do lots of things on our own but sometimes we join with the infants and sometimes with the seniors. The sponsored walk is the first event of the year. We usually walk a long way, have a good picnic, get quite tired but have a super time. We joined with the seniors and infants for a combined Harvest Festival service in school and a few weeks later we went to Darley Church for the Commemoration Service.

The swimming Gala came and went and we all enjoyed it, especially watching Lorna zoom up and down the pool like a torpedo.

One day we had to bring our best smiles to school for the School Photograph but our smiles disappeared as exams came closer. Now, with our Prize-giving, we are coming to the end of the school year and have just the sports (hopefully) and a lovely long holiday to look forward to.

## Special Festivals

Each year we look forward to Bonfire Night. This year it was very good and very bad. Bad because it was cancelled because it rained and everywhere was too wet and soggy, and good because we eventually had the fireworks to add to the celebration of the Chinese New Year. After the brilliant fireworks display, our hungry tummies were filled with hot dogs and bonfire toffee and some of the day girls stayed to eat Chinese food with the boarders.

As Christmas gets nearer, we do lots of hard work practising our carols and then have a lovely Carol Service in the Chapel before being fed again, this time with mince pies.

Soon after Christmas we had a Christingle service with the infants and lit candles while the story of the oranges was explained to us.



## Foreign Affairs

In the Autumn term some of us went to Onzain in France. We had a lovely time visiting one of the chateaux and a house of magic; we also went shopping in Tours.

A party of French children came and stayed at our school

for over week. They practised their English and we practised our French. We had a joint disco and everyone who came thought it was really great. Because Madame Banks spent some time with the French children, we had the chance to have some delightful Spanish lessons with Miss Tomich.

We are also very sad that Madame Banks is leaving us. We would like to thank her for all the fun we have had and for all that we have learnt. We all hope she has an enjoyable time after she has left.



## Fund Raising

Through the year we have raised money for several charities. We had the sponsored walk and several Home Clothes Days, where you kindly provide us with pound coins so that we can choose what clothes we wear for the day.

Red Nose Day in March was fun because Years 5 and 6 made thousands, well, over a hundred red nose buns in the cookery room which we sold to the rest of the Juniors and Infants.

We worked doubly hard to raise money for Kosovo and for a whole week we guessed dolls' birthdays, teddy's name, tried to find treasure on a map and, yes... made and ate more buns. We made over £100.

## Theatre and Drama

At St. Elphin's we are encouraged to see and take part in theatre and drama. Our school play this year was "The Little Princess". We all had a super time with Mrs Hall but we nearly drove her mad. We do try to learn our lines but we have so much else to do...such as play...or watch television. We did enjoy performing though and hoped our audience liked it too.

Our teachers take us on trips to theatres to see how it should be done. This year we went to see "Alice in Wonderland" and then to Buxton to see "George's Marvellous Medicine". Both performances were really excellent but "George's Medicine" was my favourite.



## COMPETITIONS

We quite often do competitions in our art lessons. At Easter the Infants and Juniors all had different titles of things to do. Years 3 and 4 made Easter gardens on a plate and Years 5 and 6 made cards with moving parts on them.

For the pet competition we had fun chopping up bits of paper and material and then sticking and gluing most of them onto a background to make a collage. We have also entered a National Trust art competition.

## Clubs and Activities

There have been lots of things to do in our spare time this year. We have run around netball courts, badminton courts, tennis courts and rounders pitches. We have scientifically dug in compost heaps and made mud pies....or was that Effie investigating soil for Young Investigators?

Pottery was new and although it took us ages to tidy up each week we hope we can do it again next year because it's absolutely super. We made some Nativity models in pottery which were displayed in a shop window in Matlock and then we sang carols round them.





# The Little Princess



The Junior play, "The Little Princess" adapted from the novel by Frances Hodgson-Burnett, was a chance to link drama with history. Before we began work on the play script, we used drama lessons to improvise scenes set in the homes of Victorians, both rich and poor. The workhouse also made a good dramatic setting and there was no shortage of volunteers to be the strict and overbearing governor. It was a difficult task however, to beat our modern children into submission.

"You're supposed to be weak, hungry and feeble", poor Lydia complained when the children in her charge rebelled.

Some of the girls also had great difficulty in devising scenes where there were no modern appliances. "Never mind" one 'mother' said to

a poor dirty child, "I'll run you a nice hot bath and bring you a hot cup of cocoa".

After our improvisation work, backed up by History lessons, the girls threw themselves enthusiastically into rehearsals. Some central roles were split, to offer more opportunity for a main part and to share the learning of copious lines. Three new girls were included at the last minute and we had the usual viruses to contend with but thankfully no "dropsy" or "scarlet fever".

The production was lively and colourful and the girls had a lot of fun performing. And yes, there was a birthday cake completed with candles but I think it went the same way as the Scarecrow's brain!

Sylvia Hall



Take a lush green colour,  
With one dopey honey bee,  
That's buzzing happily.  
Add ten tiny daisies,  
And one dandelion,  
With lovely golden petals.  
Mix with cotton-wool clouds,  
That look like sheep in the sky,  
Two tiny sparrows that can  
hardly fly.  
**YOU HAVE SUMMER!**  
Pheobe Cunnane, Yr3



Take a big buzzing bee,  
A tiny baby blue tit,  
And a nest full of eggs.  
Add on a touch of green,  
A very little ladybird,  
With shiny black spots.  
Mix with fluffy clouds,  
Sweet smelling honeysuckle,  
And glittering sun.  
**YOU HAVE SUMMER!**  
Philippa Hayward, Yr 3



Take a beautiful hot day,  
With children playing in the hot  
garden,  
And daisies for the children to admire.  
Add three singing birds,  
And watch and listen to them.  
Toot, toot they go through the Summer.  
Mix with cool T-shirts and shorts,  
With a trendy pair of sun glasses  
And maybe a colourful cap.  
Boil in the garden,  
With the ladybirds and plants,  
For three whole months  
**THEN YOU HAVE THE BEST  
SEASON  
SUMMER!**  
Georgina Creer, Yr 4

Take a beautiful summer dress,  
And a nice pair of shorts.  
A rose in your hand  
Is a beautiful thing.  
Add a colourful butterfly,  
A soft blue forget-me-not,  
And a buzzing bee.  
Mix with red and white to make pink,  
Blue with a soft coloured sky,  
Orange like the sunshine bright,  
Fresh green grass with morning dew,  
Bake for three months,  
You have Summer!  
Jenny Denley, Yr 4



## Red Riding Rap

A silly little miss  
In a riding hood  
Went to her Gran's  
In a deep dark wood.  
She carried a basket  
Full of meat and goods.  
She met a wolf  
In those deep dark woods.  
She ran to her Gran's  
And the wolf was there.  
He was really big  
And had lots of hair.  
The silly little miss  
Found her Gran on the floor.  
She picked her up  
And ran for the door.

Pheobe Cunnane Y 3  
Jennifer Berdolt Y 3

## Red Riding Rap

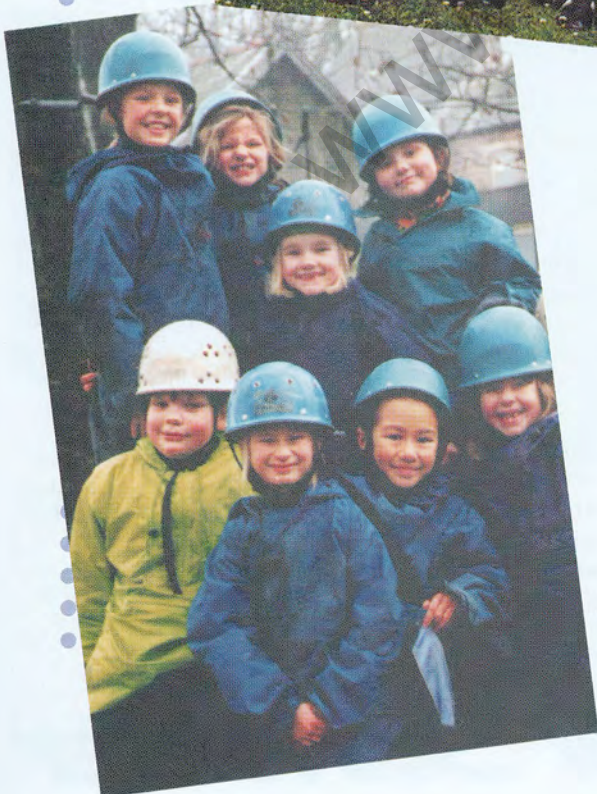
A silly little miss in a riding hood  
Went for a walk in a very dark wood.  
She met a wolf that was passing by  
And all the birds began to fly.  
Her Grandma's house was near enough  
So she ran and ran and began to puff.  
She got to the bedroom and in that bed  
Was a big bad wolf with furry head.

Victoria Tonks  
and Saran Latham Year 4



Take two children's laughter,  
For happiness and glee,  
Put them in a saucepan  
at 20 degrees.  
Add half a dozen butterflies,  
For magic on a wing,  
Fling them with the  
sizzling laughter,  
what a lovely thing.  
Beat up 300 crocodile eggs,  
For danger and all,  
Now in the saucepan they go  
whoops, they hit the wall.  
Mix them with a cool  
country breeze,  
For soft and gentle love.  
Wow, look out the window.  
There's a bright white dove.  
Now tip them on a  
plate.....  
**YOU HAVE SUMMER!**  
Saran Latham, Yr 4

# Recipes for Summer



# SPEECH DAY

## Academic Scholarships Awarded for Entry to the Senior School

Miriam Hammond • Natasha Mitra

## Form Prizes

- Year 6 - Natasha Mitra
- Year 5 - Euphemia Cunnane
- Year 4 - Saran Latham
- Year 3 - Phoebe Cunnane

## The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

### Piano

- Grade 3 - Euphemia Cunnane
- Grade 3 - Doreen Mak
- Grade 2 - Phoebe Cunnane
- Preparatory - Phoebe Cunnane

### Violin

- Grade 2 - Euphemia Cunnane
- Grade 2 - Miriam Hammond

### Theory

- Grade 4 - Euphemia Cunnane
- Grade 3 - Euphemia Cunnane
- Grade 2 - Phoebe Cunnane
- Grade 1 - Doreen Mak

## The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art

## Speaking of Verse and Prose

- |         |               |                 |
|---------|---------------|-----------------|
| Grade 1 | - Distinction | Jenny Denley    |
|         | - Distinction | Christina Lowe  |
| Grade 2 | - Pass        | Georgina Creer  |
|         | - Distinction | Saran Latham    |
|         | - Distinction | Victoria Tonks  |
|         | - Distinction | Verity Wall     |
|         | - Distinction | Amy Yates       |
| Grade 3 | - Pass        | Jenny Beresford |
|         | - Pass        | Jaeger Rowland  |
|         | - Pass        | Lorna Tonks     |
|         | - Distinction | Katy Matthews   |
| Grade 4 | - Pass        | Miriam Hammond  |



## Young Investigators (Science) Awards

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|----------|---------------------|------------------|
| Bronze A | - Jennifer Berdolt  | Christina Lowe   |
|          | - Amy Yates         | Phoebe Cunnane   |
| Bronze B | - Georgina Creer    | Saran Latham     |
|          | - Victoria Tonks    | Jenny Denley     |
|          | - Katy Matthews     | Verity Wall      |
|          | - Holly-Rose Godkin | Jaeger Rowland   |
|          | - Nicola Yates      | Hannah Johnson   |
|          | - Lorna Tonks       | Euphemia Cunnane |
| Silver   | - Euphemia Cunnane  | Miriam Hammond   |
|          | - Natasha Mitra     | Lydia Dukes      |
|          | - Doreen Mak        |                  |

## British Trampoline Federation Awards

- |                   |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 4 Star Award      | - Jenny Beresford | Jessica Brogden |
|                   | - Lydia Dukes     | Miriam Hammond  |
|                   | - Georgina Creer  | Saran Latham    |
|                   | - Christina Lowe  | Amy Yates       |
| 5 Star Award      | - Jenny Beresford | Lydia Dukes     |
|                   | - Miriam Hammond  | Saran Latham    |
| Preliminary Award | - Lorna Tonks     |                 |

## The Headmistress's Prizes

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|--------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Year 6 | - Sally Ho          | for continued hard work |
| Year 5 | - Holly-Rose Godkin | for continued hard work |
| Year 4 | - Jenny Denley      | for progress            |
| Year 3 | - Jennifer Berdolt  | for progress            |

## Individual Swimming Cup

## Textiles Prize

## Woodard Science Cup

## Art Cup

## Music Cup

## Warrington Speech and Drama Trophy

## The Mosley Cup for Courtesy

- |                    |
|--------------------|
| Lorna Tonks        |
| Jessica Brogden    |
| Miriam Hammond     |
| Jenny Beresford    |
| Doreen Mak         |
| Miriam Hammond     |
| Harriet Andrejczuk |



We went outside spreading heather seeds all over the hillside and ourselves. We made pledges and have tried to carry them out.

Years 5 and 6 went to a Chatsworth Countryside Day to learn about the running of an Estate and about farming. We also visited the gardens and were encouraged to go into the maze. However, we all found our way out again, much to our teacher's disappointment. There was just enough

time to visit the farmyard and the adventure playground. It was a really brilliant day out.

Finally, the Infants and Juniors went to Derby University for a science day. We watched some experiments like exploding custard, took part in lots of other science things but the very best part was the Stardome, where we whizzed off to Florida for a holiday and were told about the eclipse on the 11th August and the shooting stars on the 17th November.

So, as we come to the end of one school year we already have something to look forward to in the next year.

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# School Trips

Whitehall Outdoor Centre was the longest trip. We stayed there for two nights. To start with we had to make our own beds. Some of us found this very difficult as we mixed our duvet covers and pillow cases.

We did lots of activities such as :- stream scrambling, rock climbing, abseiling, rope courses and had a go on the indoor climbing wall. We also went for a night hike which was really scary as some of us stumbled into cow pats and Sally said she had never seen it properly dark before.

We all had a wonderful time and can't wait to go again...please.

Years 5 and 6 went to Bakewell on a Geography trip. We walked up and down hills, looked at lots of interesting things and got very wet.

Years 3 and 4 went to Chesterfield on a Geography trip where they interviewed some shoppers in the market and generally had a super day.

Years 5 and 6 went to Eyam. After a tour of the Hall we dressed up as Victorian servants and washed clothes with a dolly tub and then tried not to mangle our fingers.

We all went to Edale for a Conservation in Action Day. It was about saving the environment by recycling and helping nature.

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# Upper Sixth



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Robyn Lawrence  
Catherine Benoist

House  
Kennedy  
Pigot  
Powys  
Wilson

**Captain**  
Daminie Hutton  
Faye Mellor  
Helen MacBain  
Philippa Heathcote

**Deputy**  
Kathryn Shipman  
Katherine Hyde  
Ruth Spokes  
Catherine Benoist

**Rita Lai**

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– Information Technology and Business ✓

**Robyn Lawrence**

University of Birmingham  
– Electronics and Software Engineering

**Rita Lee**

University of Surrey – Economics

**Jessica Logan**

University of Nottingham – Music

**Helen MacBain**

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**Natsuko Shimanuki**

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– Tourism

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**Christina Thwaites**

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– French and History of Art

**Hannah Wood**

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and All Saints  
– Primary  
Education  
with History ✓



## Destinations of Upper Sixth

### DEGREE COURSES

**Catherine Benoist** Homerton College, Cambridge  
– Primary Education with Mathematics

**Vicky Cheung** University of Hong Kong  
– Mathematics/Information Technology

**Philippa Heathcote** Leeds Metropolitan University  
– Business Studies

**Daminie Hutton** University College London  
– Ancient History and Social Anthropology

**Katherine Hyde** Cambridge University, Christ's College  
– Medical Sciences

**Diana Jacob** University of Bucharest – Business

**Winnie Kam** Hong Kong Polytechnic University  
– Fashion and Textiles Studies

**Manna Lai** Leeds College of Art & Design  
– Foundation Course

# Lower Sixth

Last year we all obtained brilliant GCSE results and were really looking forwards to starting our 'A' level courses, well maybe.

Onzain was an excellent trip experienced by two members of the form in late October.

Wellies were certainly needed at Cranedale where five of us spent part of our Easter holidays on a combined Geography/Biology field trip.

Extremely bizarre fashions, namely Mr. Coutts' hat and Amy's impression of a Michelin Man on Flamborough Head, were also witnessed during this trip.

Rewards were reaped with our successes at the Young Enterprise regional final where we were named 'Best Company in North Derbyshire'.

Sports became a regular part of the time-table this year. Certain members of the form experienced vertigo, hypothermia and learnt to capsize, valuable skills in life.

In only a few weeks time, it has been announced that our form room will be used by our friends at Peak Practice.

X-pect us to find something for X! You must be joking!

There was great excitement on our realisation that three packets of biscuits would be delivered to our form room every day!

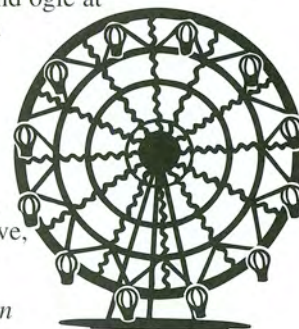
Hello Mrs. Hodgson, our form teacher for next year. Thanks to Mr. Coutts and Miss Duggins for being the best lower sixth form teachers we've had all year!

Hannah Atkins  
Amy Gould



## Year 11 Notes

GOAL! Throughout the year our sporting achievements came flooding through, with us scoring high in Derbyshire Hockey, Golf and Athletics, though we kept stress levels down working it off at the local gym. Not only that, our trips out of school kept us going and gave us chance to sit and ogle at Joseph Fiennes in 'Shakespeare in Love'.



Looking back I'm sure Mr. Coutts regretted letting us loose in Castleton. He among many teachers had a hard job persuading us to complete our coursework.

Many other things amused us through the year including Holly's 'badger' hair and Charlotte's shrinking kilt. Highlights of the year, as always, was the Christmas Dinner and we even had a guest pop group, Five, who entertained us brilliantly in the Common Room.

Olivia Walker • Claire Harrison • Lea Owen



## Year 10 Notes

Brand new arch lever files in hand, Revision Guides (as yet unopened) piled high and immaculate uniform, eighteen girls gazed in anticipation at Mrs. Corfield. Some of these faces were new to the form: Sarah Beighton, Bojana Varga, Jade Lee, Athoub Al Wazzan and later in the year Narinder Gill.

Yes, the year began full of hope and intrigue as to what GCSE's would bring. But as the year progressed and the work load increased our hope quickly turned to despair!

Through all the mountains of essays, however, we did manage to have some fun. Thanks to Rob Lock, self-defence instructor, we can now grip and rip, wrestle to the ground and finish off with a resounding punch.

After a hectic first term we let our hair down at the Christmas Dinner. Sporting our glamorous gowns we escorted members of Staff to the hall where a feast was prepared and punch was aplenty.

Spring term flashed past filling our timetable with work, sport and school outings. These included a theatre trip to see 'MacBeth', a poetry day in Manchester and a sports science museum in Leeds.

During the short final term of year 10 a lot of hard revision was done, leading us through the exams and passing us with flying colours.

A well earned rest is now deserved!

Helen Radford • Hannah Hall • Sophie Hill

## Year 9 Notes

(Photo page 24)

The year started off with an abundance of new faces. Amy, Paloma and Serena came to us from Warrington, Spain and Hong Kong respectively. The confusion between 'You're crazy' and 'Hello, how are you?' by Paloma caused many a sideways glance in her direction, and looks of utter bewilderment on people's faces.

We joined the rest of the school in going to watch 'Amadeus' at the Sheffield Lyceum Theatre. We were planning to go to Derby to watch 'The Frogs' (a Greek comedy) but due to 'technical faults' (and a lot of smoke) our designated transport decided otherwise for us.

At Easter 'options' loomed large. History or Geography? French or German?

Textiles or Art? Our future hung in the balance of these decisions that would affect us for the rest of our lives.

Extra-curricular activities were as strong as ever. Music and drama lessons were attended and exams were taken. One more activity was added to most people's already busy timetables, 'Duke of Edinburgh'. Every Monday night we went to the Junior school preparing ourselves for the 'Expedition'. The dictionary definition of waterproof is 'not letting water through' but in reality it is something that will not let water through for the first five minutes. After that you are on your own. Many of us found this out after a freak downpour when our shoes were saturated and still soaked the next day and we were forced to wear plastic bags around our feet.

Many other things happened throughout the

year. Musical trip to Onzain, Latin trip to London, sports trip to Nottingham to watch the tennis and Year 9 also produced a Rounders team.

The year finished on a positive note with sports day. All those who took part enjoyed themselves and had a lot of fun (ice cream on the field). Year 10 will be upon us soon. Will we cope?



Alex Vernon

## The best Yr 8's

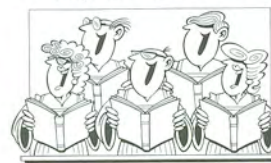
We returned from our brilliant holidays to our favourite school - St. Elphin's. We were in for a shock, a busy term. In the Autumn term we had quite a few sporting events in which the Yr 8's were involved, especially hockey. Miss Duggins had arranged around half a dozen matches which took place throughout the year. The annual sponsored walk came around, walking the usual 10 miles, everyone looked forward to that! In October there was the Onzain trip. The few girls in our class who went got very excited, especially Maria Theodoulou. The Swimming Gala was the second for the Yr 8's and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Before we knew it, it was Christmas. The Christmas Dinner was fantastic, and everyone looked wonderful.



Not long into the Spring term we met Ockbrook School for a netball match. We had another three to follow at various venues. On the 5th March, as usual, we had a Women's World Day of Prayer Service to attend, along with the Yr 7's. We were all in good voice and Sarah Nortcliff and Jenny Hudson contributed with their musical skills. Near the end of term we had the Inter-House cross country which all went smoothly.

The last term before Yr 9, the revision term, some may call it. Again we had sports matches. These were all rounders for our year. We were the undefeated team of Yr 8 apart from our very last match. This was against Highfields and we lost by 11/2 rounders. We had an interesting Classics trip to Chester and then to end the term a very nerve-racking week of exams. The results came back the following week with some good and some not so good news!. On the 25th June we had Sports Day and we competed in many events. For once the weather was fine.

Thanks to Miss Pilkington for a brill year. We may not have been the easiest of



classes, but you managed very well.

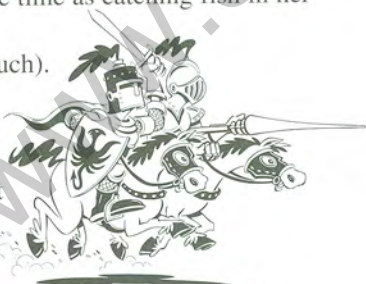
*Sarah Nortcliff,  
Yr 8*

## Year 7's Notes Cringe!

We had a two day induction course to begin the term. The first day involved going to Carsington and making boats with canoes and bits of wood! Sally and Andrea nearly drowned, and Siân tipped out of the side while trying to avoid crashing into windsurfers. Meanwhile in the other canoe, Beccy was trying (in the rain) to detach herself from this leechy thing that had somehow got stuck to her foot, while Harriet was practising her lifesaving skills at the same time as catching fish in her oversized wet-suit.

(Parents - do not worry too much).

The sleep-over at school was fairly peaceful apart from the cold crashes, bangs and snaps from the bed springs. The next day we drove to the Crimea Farm in torrential rain, but the bus, as they do on rainy days, refused to drive up the hill so Year 7 and Miss Crook had to walk. Finally a bedraggled collection of school girls made it into the farmhouse. Caroline Cable, however, had wandered off and



had quite a scary encounter with a Jacob's ram. Elsewhere the rest of the farm were drying off, when a series of knocks was heard, followed by a few bleats. We were then repeatedly invaded by flocks of sheep!

After the groovy Christmas holidays, we returned to school and five of us were confirmed. There was also the Women's World Day of Prayer, which involved all Year 7's and 8's singing at the Darley Dale Methodist Church.

Throughout the year, we sadly had to say goodbye to Andrea and Kalyani, but we were recently visited by Delphine from France whose English was first class, but not before the T B jabs! We all had to pay

a visit to the Nurse which involved 3 metre long needles and gruesome screams.

In June, we had a trip to Chester. It was not a brilliant day for Rachel, however, as she was made victim of a bird flying overhead! We went to the Roman Amphitheatre which was really good, then we paid a visit to the Amphitheatre, which will never want to see the likes of us again after we clambered on it.

After a scrummy school packed lunch, we made our way to the Grosvenor Museum. It was amazing actually being able to hold priceless items from the past. Later we went shopping on our own.

We also had a few accidents during the year which include, Beccy breaking both her legs, Katie's pneumonia and Gian's numerous outbreaks, and who can forget Felicity and that fake tan? We'll leave the colour she turned to your imagination...

*Rachel Howard, Siân Bacon and Harriet Holt*



## St. Elphin's Speech Day

St. Elphin's Speech Day was a successful event to start off the school year. We were pleased to welcome the newly appointed Lord Lieutenant of Derbyshire to the school as our main speaker, dressed his regimental uniform, with his sword by his side. There as a surprise presentation to Victoria Fox, who gained recognition from the St. John's Ambulance when she helped another pupil when she had an epileptic fit.

Many thanks to all who organised this event, and to the Lord Lieutenant for coming to visit us, and presenting the prizes.

*Veronique Yonnet, Year 10*



*Daisy Chan  
Lower 6th*



*Christina Thwaites, Upper 6th  
- AS Level/Grade A, 3 Dimensional Studies - Sculpture in Progress*



*Manna Lai, Upper 6th A Level Art and Design, Grade A – Oil Pastel Studies*

Biology and Geography Field Trip to  
**The Cranedale Centre,**  
 North Yorkshire.

**SATURDAY** As soon as we arrived, after a quick lunch we were taken to the North York Moors to study the soils and vegetation of a slope with varying gradients. We looked at quadrats at 10m intervals on a line transect, and recorded information on the soil, species diversity, moisture content, angle of the slope and looked at how these factors were related.

**SUNDAY** We looked at pollution levels at 6 sites down River Pickering. This meant taking samples of water and measuring pH, conductivity, and the number of organisms in them. Throughout the day we checked for ticks from the previous day and became paranoid about catching a disease from rats' urine in the polluted water!

**MONDAY** Today the geographers split from the biologists, and travelled to Flamborough Head to look at coastal deposition and erosion, wave action and the nature of beaches. Seeing the landforms enabled us to understand the processes much more clearly and we learnt many techniques that we might be able to use for our coursework.

The biologists travelled to Filey Brigg for a day on rocky shore zonation. It was extremely cold but we managed to record the vegetation and organisms in each quadrat at the sheltered shore. Then we went to the exposed shore and observed the different factors affecting the growth of vegetation and organisms in both shores.

**TUESDAY** Tuesday saw us splashing around in rivers for the second time in three days. We never wanted to see a river again after this! The geographers visited three different sites down a river at increasing depths to calculate depth, wetted perimeter, bank full, velocity and material size.

The biologist also visited a river briefly to carry out kick samples before returning to the warmth of the labs for the rest of the day to calculate the biomass of organisms in the river.

**WEDNESDAY** There were just three of us for Geography on Wednesday and we went to Bridlington to see glacial deposits on the coast. We discovered an interesting idea on this day when our tutor told us there was a "giant theory" about glacial features, where a giant supposedly sat down and formed glacial valleys!

For Biology we joined another school to look at populations of woodland areas, variation and population movement. A variety of strange fieldwork techniques were carried out, from burying plastic cups in the ground to catch passing insects, to "beating" trees and sucking up the organisms that fell from them for identification.

We all had an enjoyable and very beneficial time and would like to thank Yorkshire Field Studies for enabling our trip to take place.

*Katherine Hillard, Brenda Lee, Nicola Hain, Amy Gould, Hannah Atkins*

## Ice Magic!

On Saturday afternoon, 24th March, the boarders and three staff visited the Sheffield Arena to see the spectacular "Holiday on Ice". This year's show was called "Evolution" and took us on a roller-coaster ride from the dawn of time to the far distant future.

As the show began and the sun rose on a new world, we saw wild animals roaming the landscape and the struggle for survival beginning. Lions, Zebras, Cheetahs and Warriors danced and fought for their lives to the beating of drums. In Ancient Egypt we witnessed the ceremony and spectacle in the Temple of the Sun God, as the living Goddess was revealed. The costumes in this particular scene were exquisitely dyed and jewelled. Then came the Barbarians, The Romantic Period, The Sixties and The Future. The show finished with a Tribute to Music, a finale dedicated to the music which brightens our lives.

The costumes were amazing throughout, the skating superb and the entertainment top class. As we watched the skaters blossom into an array of fireworks to end the show, we knew we had had an excellent day out!

*Sue Bradford*



We were very sorry to lose Mrs. Sue Bradford after enormous efforts and encouragement over the last three years, especially her imaginative production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream". She did such a lot for us all. Thank you and good luck.

## WELCOMES

Welcome to Miss Caroline Pilkington who came to us this September, after having worked for three years at a large comprehensive school in Chellaston, Derby. Previous to that she graduated from Manchester University with a first class honours degree in Biology and then went to Nottingham University to obtain her PGCE. Her main interests are sport, particularly tennis and squash, both of which she competes for in teams at her local sports club.

Mrs Margaret Renshaw has agreed to take the post of Acting Bursar and she will be assisted in the Bursar's office by a new appointment, Mrs Christine Phillips. During the next few months the School will be much engaged in furthering one of Mrs Ainscough's unfinished projects, the Swimming Pool scheme, and consideration of the School's administrative needs will be coloured by the way plans work out.

## THE CLOTHES SHOW



In December we were delighted to attend the Clothes Show at the N.E.C., Birmingham. When we arrived we realised that the place was bigger than Meadowhall.

First, we went to see the college catwalk, where they were modelling textiles, something we found very useful to watch.

At three o'clock we saw a show called "East End Boys and West End Girls", sponsored by the British Heart Foundation. Two of the scenes were called "Heart of Fashion" and "Flames of Desire". The dancers wore red shirts and black trousers or flame motif vests, while the models wore black leather and orange or red.

The last scenes showed models in evening wear; little black dresses, gold lurex, silver chain-mail and red fur. There was glitter everywhere!

At the end of the "Clothes Show" we had a wonderful day, and we made our way back to school, determined to be in fashion.

*Sarah Lilley,  
 Year 10*



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## ***A Chamber Centenary*** *was celebrated in style with chamber* *music in Chatsworth's State Music Room.*

Talented teenagers from Darley Dale St. Elphin's School entertained visitors to North Derbyshire Chamber of Commerce & Industry's centenary celebrations.

The Sixth formers were performing a dual role. The school is a Chamber of Commerce & Industry member and was showcasing its reputation for excellence.

Accompanied by teacher Andrew Teague on the Clavinova, six St. Elphin's girls took turns to entertain hundreds of visitors to Chatsworth who are also Chamber members.

**Natsuko Shimanuki (E-flat horn)**, Charlotte Brown and Holly Brown (Clarinets), Elizabeth Hayward (Violin), Jessica Logan and Virginia Tang (Clavinova) all gave outstanding recitals.

*The Dales Echo*

## **MARGARET JOHNSON** *- an Appreciation*

The end of the Summer Term saw the end of an era in the Music Department at St. Elphin's, with the retirement of Margaret Johnson, after twenty two years at the school. During that time Mrs Johnson had worked with no fewer than five Directors of Music (two Andrews, two Stephens and a Christopher). Born in Ilkeston (literally days before the outbreak of the Second World War), Margaret attended Grammar school locally, and learnt the piano from an early age, before progressing to the Royal Manchester College of Music, where she studied for three years. This was followed by a PGCE year at the Manchester University Department of Education. Her first teaching post took her to Liverpool where she taught at the Girls' College for two years, before following husband to be, Gordon, to Doncaster where she then taught at the Percy Jackson Grammar School. The next few years were devoted to bringing

up her two sons. Returning to teaching in 1973 Margaret then taught at St. Helena Girls' Grammar School in Chesterfield before joining St. Elphin's in 1977.

During her time at St. Elphin's, Margaret's infectious enthusiasm and good nature, combined with her unending and oft referred to search for Middle C, have been a constant joy and inspiration to pupils and colleagues alike. Both as a class teacher, and latterly as piano and theory teacher in chief, she has had a string of successes. Twice she has also been responsible for running the department during interregnums, and at the end of term party Stephen Yeo referred to Margaret's success with the junior choirs at the Buxton Festival immediately prior to his arrival.

We wish Margaret and Gordon every happiness in retirement, and thank Margaret profusely for all her hard work over the years.

*Andrew Teague*



*Stephen Yeo, Margaret Johnson and Andrew Teague, a rose between two thorns!*

## **Music** **Notes**

Early on in the year we were privileged to visit Chester Cathedral, where we joined with the Cathedral's own girls' choir in a combined evensong. The Canticles were sung to the setting by Sumson in G, and the anthem was the Cantique de Jean Racine by Faure. This occasion made a splendid and stimulating start to the year, and we were cordially invited back again.

A main highlight of the Autumn term was the visit by musicians from Elmwood School in Ottawa, Canada. Elmwood is very much a 'sister' school to St. Elphin's, and of course we had enjoyed their hospitality on our trip to Canada in 1997. Their trip included visits to perform in Nottingham, and at Stancliffe, as well as performing and taking part in lessons with us. No sooner had Elmwood departed, than a group of musicians and linguists departed for Onzain, this time via Eurotunnel - a first for many people. This proved to be a very enjoyable and worthwhile weekend for all participants - lots of music, and an opportunity to practise lots of French too.

For the end of term Carol Service, again held in the Chapel on two consecutive nights, we went very traditional this year which was very successful and popular.

For the rest of the year the usual routine has continued, with the choirs rehearsing and singing at regular chapel Eucharists, and the Year 7 and 8 choir again singing for the Women's World Day of Prayer in February. Well over 100

instrumental lessons per week have been given by our dedicated peripatetic staff.

The annual May concert took place on 13th May and as usual a vast number of girls played and sang. In addition to three choirs and four recorder groups there were three items played by Mrs Dobbin's strings group. The programme finished with the orchestra performing Cavatina (always a favourite) and the rousing Farandole by Bizet.

Early in summer the term a group of musicians spent the day entertaining visitors in the impressive surroundings of the Music Room at Chatsworth for the Matlock Chamber of Commerce Trade Fair.

We were sad to be saying a number of farewells at the end of this year including our team of Upper Sixth musicians - led by music scholars Jessica Logan and Katherine Hyde. Many of these girls have formed the backbone of school music since Year 9 and all will be greatly missed. Their places will soon be taken by others coming up the school.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Annette Wood who has taught singing for four years and many girls have eagerly queued up to form her list of students.

*Andrew Teague*

# CHAPEL NOTES

It may be that when our pupils are enjoying their summer holidays, they don't give much thought to what might be happening at St. Elphin's. Perhaps they imagine the buildings are locked up on the last day of term, and then left closed until the day before the girls come back. But in fact there is lively and rapidly-changing activity all through the summer months, as a wide variety of groups use our facilities.

So from time to time there are also Chapel services. For instance, a number of the participants from the Singing for Pleasure course shared in our Eucharist in August; and just before the start of the Autumn Term, the retired clergy of the Diocese of Derby and their wives attended a Eucharist presided over by the Bishop. Even in term-time, services may take place for groups other than school members; in October, the Chaplain of the Midland Division Schools of the Woodard Corporation held a Eucharist as part of their day-long meeting in school.

In the long Autumn Term, Harvest Festival, celebrated this year during the week so that non-boarders could be part of the celebrations, was followed by the usual distribution of Harvest Gifts to the many former employees of the School who live in retirement in the area. Our preacher was the Provost, Canon Weaver. In October, our old friends Dr and Mrs George Summers visited us on behalf of the Gideons, to distribute New Testaments to staff and pupils; and just before Half Term, the Annual Commemoration Service was held in St Helen's Church, Darley Dale; we were grateful as usual to the Rector and Parochial Church Council for their kind hospitality. The celebrant was the Bishop of Warrington, and the sermon was

given by the Very Revd David Leaning, Provost of Southwell. The Advent wreath was lit in the traditional way; next year, we hope to include a wider audience than just the weekend boarders in this lovely ceremony. On the 1st December, David Allen and Nick Taylor visited our Chapel service to explain the work of the Matlock Hospital League of Friends, the charity which benefited from some of the money raised by the Sponsored Walk. The Junior and Boarders' Carol Service was as usual sung by the Junior School Choir, and this year the Senior Carol Services in the last week of term followed the traditional Nine Lessons pattern. All these were memorable occasions.

The Candlemas service on 1st February was presented this year by Year 7, and sung by the Junior School Choir; it was delightful as the dusk fell to see the Chapel windows twinkling with the light of hundreds of candles. Confirmation was on Sunday, 7th March, administered by the Bishop of Warrington, and thirteen girls were presented: Sian Bacon, Jenny Beresford, Jessica and Naomi Brogden, Lydia Dukes, Gianna Grossi, Caroline Hatchman, Miriam Hammond, Sally Ho, Rachel Howard, Mabel and Phyllis Odonkor, and Lorna Tonks; some were also baptized at the same service. On a separate occasion around that time, Samantha Galley in Year 1 was also presented from Baptism. We share in the joy of these young people as they make their way further along the road of faith.

Old Girls' Evensong was early in the Summer Term, and the occasion was enriched by the dedication of two splendid new Acolytes' Torches, specially commissioned for the school, and the gift of an Old Girl, Miss Rosemary Taylor. Further plans for the beautification of the Chapel include redecoration during the Summer Holidays, and a project to provide new Chapel seating, made possible by the promise of a donation from another Old Girl. We are enormously grateful for this generosity, which reflects the importance of our Chapel in the School's life.

We are also grateful to members of the School and staff who have contributed to Chapel worship throughout the year, among whom we should mention Miss Crook and Mrs Fisher. The Chapel Prefects this year have been Robyn Lawrence and Catherine Benoist, and we are grateful for all their efforts.

*Revd Stephen Jones*

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*Mannai Lai, Upper 6th Art Level Design Grade A  
"Leviathan"*



*Kyung Ah Lee, Year 11 "Fishy Fishy"*  
- Wire and mod-roc sculpture with Y8 ceramic planters



### BOARDERS' OUTINGS

Yet again we bopping boarders have kept ourselves extremely busy. The year started with a trip to Stratford-Upon-Avon. We visited the stately home where Mrs. Phillpot worked for a short period and then had a shopping spree in the beautiful town. Then came Chester's turn to be invaded by us for another shopping trip.

We then visited the Chesterfield Pomegranate Theatre to see a production of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Gondoliers" - including Mrs. Spriggs!

The ritual of distributing the harvest gifts was once again widely enjoyed, by the distributors and receivers.

On Remembrance Day we marched down to Whitworth Park War Memorial to pay our respects (and with rousing singing).

We next visited Highfields School to attend 'An Evening With the Great Mr. Handel' and to give Mr. Clarke in the orchestra our moral support. Denby Pottery was then treated to our wonderful Christmas cheer with a selection of musicians and singers. To end 1998, instead of our usual Christmas shopping at Meadowhall, we visited the new Trafford Centre in Manchester and we shopped until we literally dropped!

A beginning of a new year, and a well deserved trip to Cadbury's World, free chocolate all round. We then visited our nation's capital and saw the National History Museum and the new BBC experience. We next took a trip to Sheffield Arena to see a performance of 'Holiday on Ice - Evolution' with special guest, Olympic champion, Robin Cousins. As the beginning of the summer term arrived we found our way down to Cambridge for a trip round Queen's College followed by five hours of shopping, before Evensong in King's College Chapel.

In the term we also visited the local Heights of Abraham and Chatsworth for outings closer to home. To end the year nicely we rejoiced at the end of exam week with our annual trip to Alton Towers. We virtual-queued and screamed our way through the day.

Thank you to all the boarding staff and others who have made this year as enjoyable as possible. We are all looking forward to next year's ventures.

Holly Brown Yr9 · Ruth Varley Yr 9

On the 9th June, all Year 7 and Year 8 spent a day in Chester exploring the town's Roman past and the life of the Roman Legionary Soldiers. We were blessed with a wonderful sunny day, but the guide at "Deva; the Roman Experience" soon impressed us with the grim account of life as a guard on duty in the chilly winter months and in a country probably thousands of miles from his birth place. There was so much to see and experience in the various rooms, that many girls rather resented being moved on so quickly by the guide, but each school only had an allotted time.

In contrast the Grosvenor Museum gave us a very full and informative hands on session, when we could actually handle and try to pick up a priceless amphora, which was dug up from the river Dee completely intact and see the roofing tiles shaped by folding the soft clay over the maker's thighs. We were then given leisurely access to the Museum itself. The Amphi-theatre impressed many as they tried to imagine the gruesome entertainment it may have been used for in Roman times.

In all we learnt a great deal the Roman soldier and Roman Chester, and I was most impressed by the interest that the girls showed.

Patricia Miles.

Picture page 24.

### Year 9 · Latin trip to London

We were all told that it was an early start and must be at school by 7.15 a.m. prompt.

The journey went smoothly once the driver had mastered the radio. We were all on the look-out for Marilyn Manson as he was playing at a concert nearby. (that lorry driver looked familiar). When going through London we all chose our future house and ideal neighbours.

We arrived at the British Museum around 11.30 a.m. First of all, we viewed the extensive display based on 'Roman Life'. We were amazed at the advanced knowledge that the Romans had. Hopes were dashed when we discovered the Egyptian mummies were not on show. Charlotte Nunn attempted to look over the screen by piggy-back but was, unfortunately, unsuccessful but we were impressed by the Elgin Marbles "Keep them in London" we say. Don't give them back to the Greeks.

Next stop, lunch, we were all given a choice, school lunch, McDonalds, school lunch..., McDonalds. Suprisingly the majority chose McDonalds. It was a momentous occasion when Mrs Miles experienced her first McDonalds. While swallowing her McChicken sandwich, she was staring across the street at Prêt à Manger.

Our next visit was to the London museum, which guided us through times since the human race has evolved on earth, up to modern day. We were all impressed by the hands on exhibitions. As day light was closing in, and the time of departure was drawing near, there was just enough time to do a bit of window shopping. The attempt at getting lost failed and thanks to Alex, we all made it back to the coach on time. As we waved goodbye to our 'capital', we settled ourselves in our seat and prepared for the journey home.

We arrived back at school right on the with the events of the day.

Thank you Mrs Miles for a brilliant day.



dot and were all very pleased

Alex Vernon & Lisbeth Rosebery



# ...and abroad

## St. Elphin's Musical Exchange with Onzain 16th - 20th October 1998

Thirty girls from St. Elphin's and ten pupils from Stancliffe Hall, together with nine adults took part in this visit.

We left St. Elphin's at 7.15 a.m. on Friday, arriving in Onzain at La Salle des Fetes at 10.45 p.m. We were delayed 1 1/2 hrs waiting for Le Shuttle.

On Saturday 17th October the children rehearsed for their concert in the morning in the Salle Charles Rostaing. After lunch with

host families the Committee du Jummelage took us to the Musee de la Magie. We were joined there by Mr. and Mrs. R. Bacon, his parents and his two children. After supper with host families, the English children gave a concert at 8.30 p.m. Our French hosts seemed to appreciate our music. We had drinks and time to talk after the concert.

On Sunday morning at the church service at 11.00 a.m. we were able to be present at the ceremony for the installation of the new curé Jean Petit. The children sang the Kyrie, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei from the Missa Brevis, and during the communion sang Mozart's 'Ave Verum'. After the service there was a 'Vin d'amitié' for members of the

congregation. We were entertained by our host families for the rest of the day.

On Monday 19th, children attended lessons at the College and had lunch at school. Also, on Monday morning Mrs Fisher had a meeting with the Headmaster of the College to invite pupils from his school to visit us at St. Elphin's. In the afternoon we all visited the Chateau at Blois at the invitation of the Committee du Jummelage. Later in the afternoon we visited the Cathedral in Tours, and finally went to do shopping in the town.

On Tuesday 29th October we left Onzain at 7.30a.m. arriving back in Darley Dale at 7.30p.m.

Geraldine Martin

## The G.N.V.Q. Trip to Disneyland

9.30 Saturday 23rd January 1999 brought with it rain and a Wallace Arnold coach half full of Yorkshire lads and lasses!

What seemed like days later we arrived at the tunnel ready to cross the Channel. As the doors of the carriage closed we suddenly felt trapped. There was no escape. It was just us, Pudsey and Ripon!! 35 minutes later we emerged from under the sea and there was Calais. The coach was, by this time, not a pleasant method of transport. The smell of Pringles, packed sandwiches and bodies filled the badly ventilated 'Wallace Arnold' facility.

It was another 4 hours before we arrived in Paris. It was a good feeling to be stationary at last. We hurried to our hotel and after ten minutes managed to work the room keys to enter and collapse in a heap. It wasn't long before we were rushed into "Disney Village" where we ate a well earned MacDonalds!

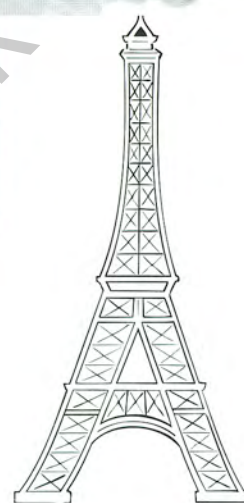
Sunday 24th January was the day of our Paris tour. We viewed all the famous attractions; The Eiffel Tower, Notre-Dame, etc. And then managed to be rather confused on the Paris Metro arriving back at the coach over an hour late. The people who had been waiting for us were not 'happy chappies' and rude comments came from those who supported teams such as 'Leeds United' and 'Pudsey Wanderers'. The lyric to the song playing as we mounted the steps was most appropriate, 'Boyzone' "No

matter what they teach you, we'll find our own way back".

Sunday evening, 2000 students piled into the 'Videopolis' for the first of our 3 seminars. The seminar was informative and worth attending. Monday 25th January was our day in the park and despite what you might think the day was spent gathering information to aid our assignment work. It wasn't all fun! However we did sample many of the rides and attractions. The evening was very work orientated, first we interviewed the Internal auditor of the hotel Cheyenne about I.T. used in the Videopolis.

Tuesday 26th January was the day of our departure. The early morning seminar was not welcomed by all but was compulsory. At 8.30 we waved goodbye to 'Disneyland Paris' and began our 12 hour journey which would take us back to reality.

Ruth Spokes



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## Textiles

Last year we made numerous trips down the road in the minibus to see a wonderful exhibition by textile artist Verina Warren at Rowsley Church. She is a local embroideress whose work just happens to be featured in many galleries including the Victoria and Albert Museum. The work on display depicted various aspects of the creation and was designed to coincide with the flower festival. The girls were fascinated to be able to see the work at such close quarters and to actually talk to the artist about how she achieved the different effects, which were her personal favourites and how long the pictures took to create. A beautiful chasuble featuring angels, inspired several pieces of work which the girls created later in their coursework and angels in different forms pop up quite a few times in the work now on display for GCSE and 'A' level.

December once again saw our crusade to the "Clothes Show Live" exhibition at NEC in Birmingham, on the look out for unusual ideas and inspiration (like rubber tyre back packs and number plate handbags!) - and of course the odd bargain creation to wear at the Christmas dinner later in the week - which usually turns out to be our very own fashion show. Other trips included the sixth form visiting the Star Fashion Show in Sheffield as part of research for personal studies, and in June they were treated to a "personal viewing" of Sunita Nair's final degree show at UMIST in Manchester. News keeps coming to us from lots of ex-students who are now following or completing degree courses in Fashion and Textiles and we are collecting information on the varying virtues of different University courses.

Liz Hughes

Manna Lai screen prints material.  
Statue now cast in bronze by Christina Thwaites.  
Daminie Hutton models a "winter" stage costume.

## ART

In the Art department this year it has been a 'bonanza' year for the production of very exciting and experimental Sculpture, mostly in wire and "Mod Rock", such as amazing creatures invented by Year 11 and displayed as part of their GCSE coursework. Christina Thwaites taking AS Art in U6th stunned us all with her very large figures in the same materials; as well as her adaptability in various media, such as coiled pottery, clay modelling and breeze-block carving.

Manna Lai taking 'A' level Art in U6th had produced some beautiful and subtle studies of fruits, as well as a lovely holiday sketchbook of her trip to Portugal, with very mature drawings and paintings in it, as part of her coursework.

The Staff enjoyed morning break-time on 14th June viewing the Art and Textiles 'A' level and GCSE Exhibitions. This is now an annual 'highlight' in the two departments.

To complete the three-dimensional 'scene' this year the Middle school have done some very interesting and talented work. Year 7 made some shadow puppets and produced a performance in their art lesson. Year 8 modelled some fascinating clay wall-planters, whilst Year 9 made imaginative clay fish.

There have been some outings this year. One was to Sheffield 'Mappin' Art Gallery for year 10 upwards. Some careful studies were made from work seen there.



Manna Lai (U6) was able to go to Margaret Alton's preview and demonstration on Sat. 24th October, at a small gallery in Derby. This really inspired her and helped her with her Personal Study for 'A' level. Another trip to Gallery '93 in Derby on Sat. 21st November was for the L6th. There we watched two artists demonstrate their skills with pastel painting. Their exhibition of work was rich and varied, and the colours of one artist especially, so warm and vibrant that it made you want to start a picture with pastels right away!

The L6th had a second local Art trip in April to a small Gallery at Holloway to see some lovely landscape and garden paintings by a local artist.

The 6th form had two visits from Kate Rodgers who took 'A' level Art last year, gaining an A grade, and went to Chesterfield Art College. She brought some of her Art work to show us. We were so pleased to keep the contact with her, and it was inspiring for the girls to see her work. The L6th were able to visit the Foundation Year Exhibition at Chesterfield Art College, in June, and Kate has gained a place for her Fine Art Degree at St. Martin's Art College in London. We are very proud of her.

May the Art department continue to develop and produce creative work, giving girls the opportunity to explore their gifts, and enjoy expanding their visual horizons.

Georgina Jones, Helen Cawood

## Cast a beady eye on these young entrepreneurs.

Students from St. Elphin's School, Darley Dale, have won the North Derbyshire Young Enterprise 'Best Company' award sponsored by Nat West.

The nine students formed their Young Enterprise company 'Cast a BDI' last October, appointing directors, raising share capital and developing a business plan as any new business in real life would do. This company then produced and sold a range of beaded jewellery and hand made greeting cards.

Cast a BDI' was judged to be the best company at the North Derbyshire Young Enterprise presentation evening at Bradbury Hall Club, Chesterfield. The judges were particularly impressed not only by the students' presentation of their achievements, but also by their stand at a



trade fair earlier in the year and in the Company's end of year report. They will now go through to represent North Derbyshire in the county finals at Pride Park Stadium, Derby, on Friday, May 21st.

Cath Lee from Nat West who presented the award said: "The students have obviously put a lot of hard work and commitment into making their business a success. The exercise has also been invaluable in developing a wide range of skills which will be essential in later life".

The Matlock and Peak Express, May 1999.

## Careers

At the beginning of the new school year the Careers Resource classroom was relocated to the upper floor of the Thornton block, immediately adjacent to the school library. The new position has proved to be very successful, particularly for the Sixth form. The extra space and new shelving has enabled them to draw upon a full range of prospectuses and up to date magazines as well as CD ROM's to assist their research for prospective university courses. Access to the school library via the careers resource centre has also ensured that all pupils have the opportunity to browse through the material there.

In keeping with previous years, Y11 have had the opportunity to undertake work experience and this year about a third of the year opted to do so. The girls undertook a wide variety of placements which included forestry work, child care at a nursery in Matlock, experience of ward work and minor injuries at the Whitworth Hospital and work in a solicitor's office.

Sue Dakin

# THEATRE REVIEWS

## *The Taming of The Shrew* Buxton Opera House

This was the first performance of this play that we, the upper sixth English class, had been to see, so we did not know quite what to expect. We certainly were not expecting it to be as funny as it was, or as rude. Men in dresses, husbands controlling wives and suitors wooing with electric guitars! It began with the stage covered in a dark blue sheet and nothing else, a very modern stage set, to go with a very modern production. The costumes were even what some of our year would call fashion-Kate was in puffer jacket, Bianca sported a ditsy dress, and the men wore sharp business suits or, in Biondello's case, and 'indie kid' T-shirt and very tight jeans. This certainly added to our enjoyment of the evening!

Indeed, even though the servants, Grumio and Biondello have minor parts in the play, the actors went to great lengths to give them great character, Grumio stealing beer from a fridge at any moment possible and Biondello with very camp, feminine voice, not to mention his appearance in that dress! There were only about eight actors, but they all played their parts to the full, bringing out as many sexual puns as they could find, and revealing more about Shakespeare than we ever knew. from beginning to end. The production had us rolling around with laughter, and enthralled by how the play was brought to life by the stage. Shakespeare should definitely be seen and heard.

Helen MacBain U6

## SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE MAY 1999

All the upper school aged 15 and over visited "The Ritz" cinema in Matlock for the long awaited trip to this award-winning film. We were not disappointed by the colour, costumes, pace, humour and, most of all by the ingenuity of Tom Stoppard in basing the imaginary action of Shakespeare's own love-life on the plot of "Romeo and Juliet".

This was another occasion when young and old alike enjoyed an excellent outing, tempered only by the threat that the cinema might have to close because so many other larger concerns receive the films before a small, private firm. The cinema has since ceased trading in spite of a financial boost by Derbyshire Dales, something which will no doubt sadden many old girls who have enjoyed Saturday evening visits there for many years.

Ann Hodgson

## Othello

at R.S.C, Stratford

The last Saturday of the Easter holidays a trip was organised by Mrs Hodgson and some helpful parents to take the sixth form English groups to Stratford to see an excellent production of 'Othello'. The morning was spent shopping by some. Mrs Hodgson had been planning this for some time as she had pre-ordered an item from M&S, much to the surprise of Mr. Hodgson! Others enjoyed a chat and sandwiches by the river before heading for the theatre.

The production was excellent, directed by Michael Attenborough. It starred an extremely good looking Ray Fearon. At the tragic climax of the play there was not a dry eye in the house.

Overall the day was a great benefit both for those who had come to shop or get a grasp of their English 'A' level play. We would like to thank Mrs Wood, Mrs MacBain and Mr. and Mrs. Benoist for enabling the trip to be such a success.

Nicky Hain, Amy Gould

## Macbeth

We went to see a production of 'Macbeth' in February, the day before half term, at the Lyceum Theatre in Sheffield.

Macbeth, starred actors Rufus Sewell and Sally Dexter in the roles of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth. The focus of the current year 10 student's attention was however the three witches, whose role they were examining at a live performance. The costumes were kept simple as well as the background, on which they used to show images. At the beginning the witches brought out a white sheet of material with the silhouette of a man. This represented Macbeth. They slotted it into the stage to show they had complete control over him.

The actors made use of similar cleverly-devised props to establish the evil atmosphere of such a dark play and to keep us intrigued throughout the whole performance.

Doris Chan, Bojana Varga, Sarah Beighton. Year 10



## AMADEUS

October 1998

The combination of David Suchet as Salieri, Peter Hall as director, Mozart's music and the play itself, made me rush to book a hundred seats for the "Lyceum" in Sheffield, for "Amadeus" by "The National Theatre", in October. My being first to telephone once again enabled us to sit in the front rows of the dress circle which are now established as "our seats", and which we can afford when we go in good numbers!

We were not disappointed, since we were enthralled from the moment David Suchet stepped onto the stage. As an old man he was convincing; as a young, bitter, jealous rival of Mozart we could appreciate his distress and the tragedy of his situation in his realisation that here was a genius at work. His stage presence was outstanding.

High moments were abundant as the music of so many well known pieces delighted our ears, enriching the experience. No wonder that one girl persuaded her parents to take her again on the Saturday evening.

The set was imaginatively designed with subtle use of mirrors which, at one stage, reflected the real (?) audience in the theatre and enhanced one of the main themes of the play. We knew that this was a piece of theatre but were involved in the action ourselves. The lavish costumes of rich brocades and colourful silks enhanced the atmosphere of the court and gave a feeling of the time.

We certainly benefited from what we hope is an increasing use of the "Lyceum" as a pre-London venue for a week's run as the production went on to take the West End by storm prior to a World Tour ... but we had seen it first!

Ann Hodgson

## ADVANCE THEATRE NEWS

We have already booked for 'THE BLUES BROTHERS' for our Christmas outing, for 'THE TAMING OF THE SHREW' at 'The Swan' at Stratford in January and hope to have a celebratory outing of the Senior School and parents to 'The Globe' in London for the millennium, if the programme looks promising. We are certainly bringing up a generation of theatregoers.

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## The Derby Playhouse 'Twelfth Night' Education Day

On the 24th March, at 8.30 a.m., Year 8 departed on the school minibus (on time for once) to The Derby Playhouse where we were to watch the Twelfth Night workshop

The man who played Malvolio talked to us about the play, the language, circumstances and structure of the play. The twins, Viola and Sebastian, came in. They played these parts in the play. They were not really twins.

At the end of the play there was a song to be sung and they wanted some volunteers to create their own tune to the song back stage, and then perform it. Maria Theodoulou and Jessica Younger were the ones who were brave enough in our year to go up.

In the afternoon we watched a whole performance of 'Twelfth Night', which proved to be excellent, amusing and sophisticated.

The class's favourite characters were Malvolio and Sir Andrew Aguecheek. We were ready to depart for school just in time for the Eucharist at 5.30 p.m.

A special thanks to Mrs Bradford and Miss Smith for a great day out.



We seldom have the opportunity to see one of Aristophanes' comedies performed on stage, so it was convenient when Nottingham Playhouse put on a production of the Frogs, a set book for the 'A' level Classical Civilisation group this year. Moreover the timing was perfect, just before 'A' levels began. What a splendid method of revision it proved. Some enthusiasts even went twice!

Although it was possible to criticise certain aspects of the production, it was one of the most successful and lively performances of Aristophanes I have seen and really brought the text we had been studying to life. I'm only sorry that Year 9 did not manage to see it, but their minibus broke down en route. Many thanks to Damini's friend, a true knight in shining armour (or shall we say car) who, summoned by a mobile phone, resumed the four Sixth formers in the minibus and drove them to the theatre in time.

A Sixth formers comment:-  
Frantic movement on stage · Raucous laughter  
Outrageous language · Great jokes · Saucy songs

Patricia Miles

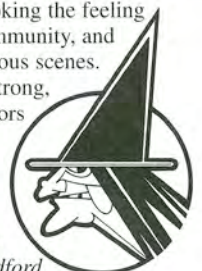
## WITCH HUNT IN SHEFFIELD

Sixth formers went to see a performance of "The Crucible" at the Lyceum, Sheffield.

The set was impressive, evoking the feeling of a Puritan New World community, and easily adapted for various scenes.

The large cast was strong, particularly those actors playing John and Elizabeth Proctor.

A sense of terror and impending doom permeated the play. Sue Bradford



## NATIONAL POETRY DAY POETRY ON THE CORRIDORS

In our now established tradition of celebrating National Poetry Day, we had various themes for our choices and after much hard work by the English Department, with their helpers to put up the poetry on all the corridors in the school, we were amazed and delighted by the efforts of so many girls, staff, parents and friends of the school (even the mother of one of the staff).

We had also requested that the poems would be presented in a decorative way, either on the computer or by hand. You cannot imagine the pleasure that the painting, drawing and use of all kinds of calligraphy and other effects gave to the whole school – and the visitors, on the open day soon to follow.

The Nation is going through a period of intense interest in Poetry, as we can see in the recital of it, the numbers of performance poets in the theatre and on the television screens. Books of poetry are becoming increasingly popular. As we have always been keenly interested in it in our teaching, at St. Elphin's, I am very pleased by the trend and hope to have as many contributions for this Autumn when the topic will be the nation's favourite lyric – more news later.

Many thanks to all those who contributed.



Ann Hodgson



Laura Whitton reads her favourite poem to classmates in the Infants.



**"This House believes that everyone over the age of sixty should be put down".**

How would you react if you were asked to speak to the above proposition? Even worse, how would you feel if you were asked to speak FOR it?

St. Elphin's was invited to take part in a debating competition sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bakewell, with the help of Matlock Speakers Club, who provided the judges.

Ruth Varley, Samantha Haworth, Winnie Leung and Phyllis Odonkor were brave enough to volunteer to speak for the proposition. Others were horrified, saying, "What about my Grandma?" and "How awful! I could never speak in support of that". However, part of the skill of debating is to speak enthusiastically in support of (or against) a motion which is entirely contrary to your own beliefs.

The competition was held at Stancliffe Hall School. There were two debates, the first a junior debate between Stancliffe Hall and Highfields, the proposition being, "The best things in life are free".

The Senior debate was between St. Elphin's and Lady Manners. The proposition was treated in a light-hearted way and, as the chairman said, "caused a great deal of amusement from the audience". Obviously, the task was much harder for St. Elphin's. We didn't win but all the team received a well-earned book token each. I would like to thank the girls for performing so well, the Rotary Club of Bakewell for organising such an enjoyable evening, and Mrs Bradford for all her help.

Doreen Pearce



Berlie Doherty, Bette Paul, Sylvia Hall and Linda Kempton pictured with Year 7

## Poetry Performed

Carol Ann Duffy, Simon Armitage and Benjamin Zephaniah – name a famous poet and they were there, entertaining over a thousand GCSE students from schools all over the country, who had travelled to Manchester to hear how poets interpret their own words.

Dreadlocks swinging, arms waving, eyes flashing, Benjamin Zephaniah took to the stage, capturing his audience with witty tales of his childhood and humorous impressions of his respected Father. His rhythmic poems flowed easily as he rapped and chanted, tapping a beat on the lectern, the only negative vibe being the very short time space he was allotted.

Carol Ann Duffy, with her deep Scottish dialect read her poems with the solemnity of a woman to whom poetry is extremely important. Then came the raw tones of Simon Armitage, his Yorkshire accent still strong. He spoke of his work as a probation officer and how it inspired his work.

The day was enjoyed by all, the highlight being the flamboyant performance of Benjamin Zephaniah.

Most importantly, we all found it helpful to hear the poems which are vital to our GCSE success!

Hannah Hall, Year 10

## AN ABUNDANCE OF AUTHORS

We were delighted to be able to act as hosts to a wonderful group of writers who came together in May to run a whole day's workshop for our own budding writers, keen to listen to and to pick up tips from some of our most prominent authors, from the local area but with national and international reputations.

GARETH CREER, who has a daughter Georgina, at the school, and has just published his second novel, fascinated us by taking us through the various stages of writing a novel or short story, with girls excitedly adding to the twists of the plot, an interesting group exercise.

BERLIE DOHERTY has written many children's novels, including "White Peak Farm", later televised, "Children of Winter" and "Dear Nobody" which she adapted as both a television and theatre play. She gave several workshops on the inspiration and process of writing, fascinating her audiences with the idea of basing fictional characters on people you know.

SYLVIA HALL, who had worked very hard to set up the day, is our own writer in residence, with her third novel about to be published, after the success particularly of "When You Can't Say No". She gave us much food for thought in discussing characterisation in novels and delighted us all by readings from her latest work.

BETTE PAUL, who has written many novels for teenagers and smaller children, one of a team of writers who publish the ANIMAL ARK stories, read and discussed her work and was greeted like a long lost friend by so many children who had brought their favourite books for her to autograph.

We welcomed another ANIMAL ARK writer, LINDA KEMPTON, renowned for novels such as "The Naming of William Rutherford" who also held us spellbound by her readings and talk.

MAGGIE SHIELDS, who left St. Elphin's two years ago to work at Derby University, led a very interesting study of the elements of myth and legend in which groups finally invented and acted out their own myths – an absorbing subject.

Girls and staff felt privileged to have taken part in such a memorable day and join me in thanking all concerned for their inspiration.

Ann Hodgson



**Moments  
to  
Remember**



# D RAMA



## TRIUMPHANT FAREWELLS

The Drama department is about much more than LAMDA examinations - but we have to boast - this year's results were brilliant. Two of our pupils, Christina Thwaites and Helen McBain, were awarded Honours at Gold medal - a feat never performed before in St. Elphin's long dramatic history. Well done!

Chrissie and Helen have been talented, enthusiastic supporters of drama since Junior School. Christina is remembered for her skilfully timed, uproarious comic roles - the sleazy Beadle (Oliver Twist); prancing ugly sister, Coriander (Cinderella in Spiceland) and Bottom (Midsummer Night's Dream).

Their Gold medal pieces showed their versatility and sheer professionalism; Christina playing a haunting, ethereal Ophelia, a very funny Shirley Valentine and a raving Miss Julie and Helen using her gymnastic skills in "The Wild One", portraying a scheming Lady Macbeth and a deliciously drunk Martha from "Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf". Both girls are great dancers too! They gave stunning rock n' roll performances in 'Grease'.

This year we say goodbye to other talented performers too. Faye Mellor, who achieved Distinction in the very difficult LAMDA Gold Medal Verse and Prose exam, was a wonderful 'Cinderella in Spiceland' and has been an excellent public speaker and debater for the school. Ruth Spokes, Philippa Heathcote (Hermia in the Dream), Jessica Sverdlhoff and Daminie Hutton are all accomplished actors and will be sadly missed in the school productions.

Goodbye too, to Manna Lai whose artistic talents produced some effective set designs and publicity materials and whose acting and mime skills were getting better and better.

Manna was one of my first students from Hong Kong and she taught me a great deal. At first we worked on diction, using speech exercises and short poems as tools to improve English speaking. Then we tried acting. Through Manna's enthusiasm I learnt that rehearsing acting pieces helped overseas students understand English and also prompted them to become much more expressive speakers. Acting also gives plenty of scope for learning colloquial English.

Manna was always willing to experiment and had lots of fun discovering modern pieces by Victoria Wood. Imagine having to explain Vera Lynn, morse code, candlewick bedspreads and spam - all for one three minute acting piece! But it paid off and Manna earned her Bronze acting medal along with partner Brenda Lee who achieved grade eight.

Well, break a leg all you sparkling sixth formers. I will miss you. I'm planning next term's production and wondering how to fill your shoes. But I'm sure, come September when rehearsals begin, I will discover new actors waiting in the wings.

Years 10's surpassed themselves in the LAMDA exams this year. All entrants from the form receiving Honours. Hannah Hall is a member of Derby Youth Theatre and took part in their superb production, "Coming of Age" at the Derby Playhouse. She was also short-listed for the National Youth Theatre.

In Year 11, Amy Rodgers acted with the High Tor Players and Charlotte Burnham, Olivia Walker and Victoria Sheldon have been on stage at Chesterfield's Pomegranate Theatre. Juniors, Christina Lowe, Amy Yates, Victoria Tonks Verity Wall, Saran Latham and Miriam Hammond and Infant, Simone Park, met with success at the Buxton festival.

I have written half of next term's play - "The Making of Melanie Moon". Now I need the summer holidays to complete the rest and then have a rest myself before rehearsals start in September. And all the new talent out there? You know who you are - come to the auditions during the first week back and we'll carry on the fine tradition of excellent drama at St. Elphin's.



## A Magical Mystery Day House Drama

Mary was pregnant and Josph was not best pleased. "We'll call him... Wayne," Mary announced. Josph, looked up from the car magazine he was reading and gave her a suspicious stare. "Wayne from down the road?" he asked. We held our breath as they argued. Would Joseph biff Mary? Was the world ready for a saviour named Wayne? Phew! A collective sigh of relief. Josph was placated and miracle of miracles, they decided to name the baby, Jesus. Powys House were delivering their version of the Nativity and Ruth Spokes (Mary) and Christina Thwaites (Joseph) were a fine comic duo. Along with Helen MacBain who played an Innkeeper from the Basil Fawlty school of hospitality - these three were awarded the cup for best actors.

Each House had been given extracts from the York Mystery Plays, together with a synopsis and suggested characters. They had only a few hours in which to plan, shape and rehearse their performance and everybody in the House had to be involved. The results were lively, inventive and entertaining.

Wilson House performed the story of Noah and the Flood. The storm broke accompanied by Virginia Tang playing the theme music from Titanic. Luckily the Ark didn't sink and Wilson demonstrated their sense of unity by hammering and saving together; even the animals came in twos.

A Pharaoh with a Scouse accent fooled the adjudicator - for some strange reason he thought Evie was American. Joseph's brothers were good street fighting men and the gang made effective use of stage blocks to create a pit in which to throw their sensitive, artistic sibling. Hair ribbons for the coat of many colours were very effective. Well done dudes.

Pigot re-enacted the Creation. Before our very eyes, trees sprang from the earth and fish waddled from the sea. Andrea Ryan a bold Year 7, was a seething serpent with a great line in persuasion. In the interests of feminism, it must have been tempting to change the story but Pigot stuck with the original and we were suitably horrified by the first couple's fall from grace.

The day was a lot of fun for all the Houses. When I toured morning rehearsals with the adjudicator, it was exciting to see girls from all years involved, year sevens and eights voluble and eager. The scripts and stories were challenging, the girls having to cope with medieval English and rhyme. Powys were the winners but all Houses produced lively, entertaining performances. How they did so in such a short time was a mystery to me.

Sylvia Hall.

## L.A.M.D.A. RESULTS MARCH 1999

### SPEAKING OF VERSE AND PROSE

#### GOLD MEDAL

Distinction Faye Mellor

#### SILVER MEDAL

Honours Frances King

#### GRADE SIX

Distinction Anna MacDonald

#### GRADE FIVE

Honours Andrea Ryan

Distinction Harriet Holt

#### GRADE FOUR

Honours Rachel Howard

Distinction Mabel Odonkor

Pass Miriam Hammond

Nicola Sterland

#### GRADE THREE

Distinction Rita Lai

Katy Matthews

Pass Jenny Beresford

Jaegar Rowland

Lorna Tonks

#### GRADE TWO

Distinction Verity Hall

Saran Latham

Simone Park

Victoria Tonks

Amy Yates

Georgina Creer

#### GRADE ONE

Distinction Tamsin Briggs-Price

Rebecca Cooper

Jenny Denley

Christina Lowe

Jordan Stewart

Pass Hannah Sutton

### INTRODUCTORY

Honours Samantha Galley

Alexander Park

Laura Sutton

Distinction Hermione Bilton

Rhian Hughes

Chloe Watmore

Sophie Webb

Laura Whitton

### ACTING

#### GOLD MEDAL

Honours Helen MacBain

Christina Thwaites

#### SILVER MEDAL

Distinction Philippa Heathcote

Ruth Spokes

Jessica Sverdlhoff

#### BRONZE MEDAL

Honours Amy Rodgers

Distinction Manna Lai

#### GRADE EIGHT

Honours Hannah Hall

Distinction Brenda Lee

#### GRADE SEVEN

Honours Kirsty McCarrison

Mary Murphy

Evelyn Smalley

Veronique Yonnet

#### GRADE SIX

Honours Rebecca Adamson

Helen Radford

Sophie Thwaites

### JUNIOR BRONZE MEDALLION

Honours Charlotte Nunn

Distinction Anna MacDonald

#### GRADE FIVE

Distinction Charlotte Brown

Lisbeth Rosebery

Alexandra Vernon

#### GRADE FOUR

Distinction Phyllis Odonkor

#### GRADE THREE

Distinction Sian Bacon

Sally Barnett

Caroline Cable

Elizabeth Hayward

Felicity Marshall

Pass Sarah Lilley

#### GRADE TWO

Distinction Cherry Cheung

Vicky Cheung

Winnie Kam

Natsuko Shimanuki

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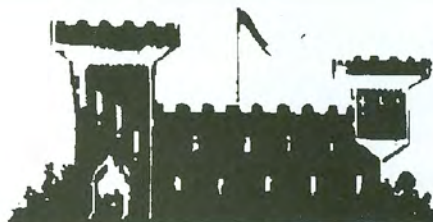
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## Sporting Congratulations

### Well done to

**Sarah Nortcliff** for taking 1st place at the South Peak Cross Country Championships and well done to **Kirsty McCarrison** for being chosen as one of the six to represent the South Peak, 6-a-side, hockey team at the Millennium.



**Sophie, Kirsty, Amy and Sarah Beighton** for winning the U15's South Peak Tennis Tournament in May and receiving another set of trophies.

**Sarah Beresford** who took her Lifesaving training one step further, qualifying as an R.L.S.S. Pool Lifeguard and Assistant Swimming Teacher last year.

Also to **Sophie Hill, Kirsty McCarrison, Alexandra Vernon and Amy Wass** for winning the U14 South Peak Tennis Tournament, with Sophie and Kirsty being selected for County coaching.

In Cross Country, **Sarah Nortcliff** came first and **Leonie Evans** came fourth out of sixty competitors.

In the 'Crooked Spire' synchronised swimming, **Sarah Beresford** came first in the Grade Six Solo Competition;

The Swimming Gala held against Abbots Bromley was a closely fought competition.

Years 7 & 8 were narrowly beaten 38 to 32 pts, the Seniors winning 37 to 32 pts.

Still with Swimming, **Lorna Tonks** was entered in the Derbyshire Sprints Championship coming third, sixth and seventh in her events.

In Hockey, **Kirsty McCarrison, Alexandra Vernon, Sarah Nortcliff and Olivia Walker** were trialists for the Derbyshire teams, with Olivia being selected for the Derbyshire 'B' team.

St. Elphin's Badminton teams narrowly lost 14 - 13 to Lady Manners but beat Highfields 10 - 3.

Well done to everyone participating in all school activities.



Annette Smith  
and Jayne Duggins



### JANE DUGGINS



Both staff and girls were pleased to have a young and enthusiastic P.E. teacher when Miss Duggins came in 1996. Jayne soon got to grips with organising the Department in her own bubbly way. There was a very successful ski trip to France. She brought her own ideas, altering the format of both the Swimming Gala and Sports Day to suit the changing needs of the school.

She was always cheerful and appreciative of help. She encouraged the girls, having a good relationship with all ages. Jayne has inspired a number of girls to have a career in the teaching of Physical Education.

Badminton has been extended as it was Jayne's particular interest. We wish her success at Lady Manner's and in her future life.

ANNETTE SMITH has been a dedicated colleague and a good friend over the two years that she has worked at St. Elphin's School.

Annette's particular interest was Netball and the school has enjoyed a good rise in standards and interest through her expertise. Annette was thoroughly dedicated to improving every girl's knowledge and skills in Physical Education. She spent many hours on the netball court, hockey pitch and athletics field during lunch and prep time working with the girls. She has also helped in many ways, as Housemistress, with the English department and taking part in Theatre visits.

Annette starts her new job in London as a full-time teacher in Physical Education in September, and we wish her the best of luck.

Jayne Duggins



Congratulations to **Claire Harrison** for her achievement in winning the English Schools Golf Championship.



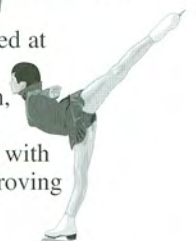
Well done Claire!

## Off-Site Sports

The sixth form have participated in a wide range of activities this year. They have been to Queens Park in Chesterfield, where they chose squash, swimming, aerobics or badminton.



A course of dry-slope skiing or snowboarding was followed at Sheffield, which all the girls found very enjoyable. Carsington reservoir has also been another exciting option, where cycling, canoeing and sailing were options offered. Hydro-Active have visited the school on a few occasions, with team building games, an aromatherapy talk and archery proving very popular. These are only some of the challenging activities offered to the Sixth form.



Year 11 on the climbing wall



"No last minute nerves!"

## Swimming Gala

On the 12th March, was the Swimming Gala. Nervous girls sat impatiently waiting for the event to begin. House ribbons were given out; the Gala was ready to start.

The highlight of events were the individual medleys. These events really show the best swimmers in the school!

The Junior Individual Medley for Years 7, 8 and 9 was swum by Leanne Varney from Kennedy House, Lisa Beighton from Pigot, Harriet Holt from Powys and Sally Barnett from Wilson. They all had to swim four lengths doing a different stroke per length. Harriet was the quickest person to get through all four lengths and finished first. Phew it looked exhausting. She is so fit.

After all the events the overall winner was Powys, who won many of the events. A deserving win, I think.

Michelle Thompson.  
Year 10



## SPORTS DAY

The weather forecast is good? There must something wrong; Surely it rains on Sports Day? But the sun shone throughout. It was a lovely day and, more importantly, performances were good and school records were smashed.

In the U13's age group:-  
Leanne Varney threw a magnificent 18.35m in the Javelin, destroying the previous record in 1991 of 13.8 0m.

Lisa Beighton threw a brilliant 7.10m in the shot put, beating a 1991 record.

In the U14's age group:-  
Leonie Evans ran 3 min - 02.00 sec in the 800m, breaking Helen Radford's record of 3.12 last year.

In the U16's age group:-  
Victoria Sheldon threw a massive 21.26m in the Javelin, again just beating the previous 21.18m achieved in 1992. Congratulations to Powys House who were eventual overall winners.



## Recognition for the Sports Department

On Saturday 26th of June our Head of PE, Miss Jayne Duggins, went to the Guildhall in London to be awarded a Certificate of Thanks by the Royal Lifesaving Society.

One of the speakers gave a salutary account of how she was present only because on one horrific occasion her husband had been able to remember what he had learnt at school and so was able to save her life. More than one of our own girls has had this experience of being able to help in a difficult situation, simply because they had been properly trained by teachers like Jayne Duggins.



## Nottingham Open Tennis Tournament



On Thursday, 17th June, a group of young tennis hopefuls from Years 9 to 11 (that's us) went to the Nottingham Open Tennis Tournament, where we enjoyed a day full of top quality tennis, plenty of sun and pancakes! (What a combination!)

We sat all day watching the likes of Pioline, Illie, Greg Rusedski (!) and young and up coming tennis star Leyton Hewitt, recently seen playing at Wimbledon against Boris Becker.

Apart from watching Tori crashing into every possible mountainside on the free ski machine, the highlight of the day has to be standing next to Mr. Greg Rusedski himself! Most people managed to get his autograph and some even obtained the balls he played with on court!

We all had the most amazing day – and we go again next year?

Kirsty McCarrison and Amy Wass, Year 10C

# Inter-House Athletics



## Badminton

Wednesday lunch times have provided the scene for girls at all year groups to come along and participate in the fun. Miss Duggins varied each week by altering between skill work and playing games. Miss Darley set up the 'Badminton Tournament', which allowed girls up and to and including Year 9 to compete against one another in doubles, and the same for the Seniors.

As with all tournaments, there was one couple who would pose their greatest threat; which in this instance took the form of Manna and Rita Lai. Couple after couple have been torn apart by this invincible twosome, leaving us all dumbstruck! 'Thank goodness we only have to play them once!' many of us have said.

In between this our school teams have made St. Elphin's proud by coming fourth in the Under 16's South Peak Tournament, and playing very well in all the others, winning most. House Badminton created stiff competition, particularly the trial game between Powys (simply the best) and two of the 'Wilson Frogs'. Wilson somehow managed to win this vital game by only two points, and in turn won overall, but Powys were only just behind proving that occasionally, we have to let Wilson win!

Through out the season we also had a number of school fixtures for all age groups. These were thoroughly enjoyable and provided us with great experience.

*Amy Wass and Iris Lau. Year 10*

**Badminton U18's** 1) M. Lai, R. Lai, C. Benoist. 2) H. Wood, H. Atkins. 3) K. Hillard

**Badminton U15's** 1) E. Hughes, S. Hill, K McCarrison. 2) I. Lau, A. Wass.



## Going for Goals

It's a Monday. The rain is pouring and snow is on the way but 30 devoted girls rush out for a fast and furious game of Netball, coached by an expert, Miss Smith. The club runs all year round.

The U13's have conquered the best of the schools in Derbyshire, taking them on with great determination. Their accurate passing, fast footwork and nifty shots proved to be a great success. Let's hope you can score again next year!

The U15's have faced very tough opposition throughout the season, allowing them to improve their skills in order to compete on a higher level. Their game is now exciting, speedy and their passing is precise. The new improved St. Elphin's is about. Competitors watch out!

*Hannah Hall, Sophie Thwaites and Helen Radford*

### U13's/12's Netball Team Players

S. Barnett, L. Beighton, K. Eagle, K.M. Godkin, R. Gowers, C. Hatchman, B. Lawrence, C. Leteve, A. MacDonald, S. Nortcliff, M. Theodoulou, L. Varney.

### U14's/U15's/U16's Netball Team Players

K. Bromley, E. Cason, G. Eagle, L. Evans, H. Hall, S. Hill, J. Lee, K. McCarrison, C. Owen, H. Radford, L. Reuter, L. Rosebery, V. Sheldon, M. Thompson, A. Vernon, O. Walker



## International Netball Match

The most prominent Netball event of the year was held at the Birmingham Indoor Arena, a thrilling and exhilarating match between England and South Africa. This was a goal-feast, the final score 36-36. The atmosphere was incredible, everybody poised on the edge of their seats, jumping for joy when England side scored. Chants were yelled, songs sung and Mexican waves spread through the Arena and Gold Medals were presented to the courageous teams.

We returned to school with a renewed enthusiasm for the game, with techniques to learn and skills to practise. We hope these will pay off next year.

*Hannah Hall, Sophie Thwaites and Helen Radford - Year 10*



## Cross Country

Two girls were entered this year for the Junior South Peak Cross County Championships.

Sarah Nortcliff and Leonie

Evans both qualified out of

approximately sixty entries to represent the South Peak in the Derbyshire Championships. Sarah did especially well as she not only qualified but came first.



*Leonie Evans sprints home on the cross-country.*

After a period of dedicated training, unfortunately, Sarah was very ill with the 'flu on the day of the Derbyshire Championships and could not compete. Leonie ran well and gained herself a good placing overall.

Never mind, there is always next year, so keep training both of you.

*Jayne Duggins*

## Trampolining

Trampolining is a sport which is a lot of fun and takes place on a Monday and Wednesday evenings with Mrs James. Some moves include:- seat drops, front drops, full turns, back drops, and swivel hips, but the most difficult of all is a turn-table. The awards for completing these moves begin at four star. The three awards below four star require basic common sense and everyone can accomplish these awards easily.

The highest award which can be attained is the nine star award, which is basically almost competition standard. Catherine Benoist and Jessica Logan are currently aiming for this award.

At the end of the lesson we go in pairs on the trampoline and we can either do basket ball or 'corners', where we take alternate corners and do either seat drops or tuck jumps for one minute.

Trampolining keeps you very fit and everybody looks forward to Club night.

*Sarah Lilley, Year10*



### TRAMPOLINE AWARDS

#### 4 STAR (1st Award)

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Rebecca Allen    | Sarah Beighton    |
| Jenny Beresford  | Jessica Brogden   |
| Caroline Cable   | Georgina Creer    |
| Lydia Dukes      | Gianna Grossi     |
| Miriam Hammond   | Caroline Hatchman |
| Rachel Howard    | Amy Yates         |
| Saran Latham     | Christina Lowe    |
| Kalyani Pobbathi |                   |

#### + 5 Star

|                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| Katie-May Godkin | Rebecca Gowers |
| Diana Iacob      | Leanne Varney  |

#### PRELIMINARY

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Sophie Shardlow | Lorna Tonks |
|-----------------|-------------|

## G.C.S.E. Trips

One of the perks of opting for G.C.S.E. P.E. is that you are first on the list for school sports trips. A very educational (but enjoyable!) trip that took place in November, was the 'Exhibition of Sports' in Leeds. It was a short ride to the Royal Armouries where the Exhibition was being held.

Basically, it provided the girls with an opportunity to experience practically all the theoretical work that they had learned, or were learning on the course. Through the use of high tech equipment, you could test your reaction time, your peripheral vision, your strength, your co-ordination, your power and much more. The exhibition provided the girls with the opportunity to demonstrate the complex capabilities of the body by the exciting use of equipment that just is not possible in school. A brilliant fun way of learning G.C.S.E. P.E.

*Jayne Duggins*



## DANGEROUS DOLLS DO DEFENCE

Kicking, punching, throwing, strangling, aggression, that is out of place in a school for young ladies; and this is just during lesson time!

Our teacher, Rob Lock, informed the girls on what to do in the eventuality of an unexpected attack. He advised us that preparation should be done to achieve better self-protection, information to be used when trapped in a dangerous situation. Many would be appalled to see the girls display such determination to harm another person. One mother confided that "At least my daughter will be prepared for life and its dangers."

As if this teacher had not done enough, after the girls had achieved decent finger-breaks and groin smashes, he then congratulated them and gave them each a certificate saying that they had all passed their "Women's Self-Defence Course" at A grade.

Well done all and thanks to Rob.

*Lauren Reuter, Mary Murphy and Rebecca Adamson*



### U13's (b) Rounders

S. Barnett, V. Cho, C. Foster, K.M. Godkin, G. Grossi, C. Hatchman, E. Hayward, H. Holt, R. Howard, F. Marshall, M. Odonkor (Captain), A. Tam.

### U14's Rounders

C. Brown, H. Brown, E. Cason, L. Evans, W. Leung, P. Perez Domper, H. Radford, R. Varley, A. Vernon.

### U15's Rounders

R. Adamson, S. Beighton, H. Hall, S. Hill, J. Lee, K. McCarrison, M. Murphy, L. Reuter, M. Thompson, S. Thwaites, A. Wass.

## HOCKEY



### Derbyshire Open Hockey Tournament

**Saturday 27th February, 1999**

There were six in each group. Five games were played in total and the first two schools in each group were to go through to the semi-finals. Repton went through as the winners of the group and it was between St. Elphin's and Anthony Gell's to go through on the runners up. We had won the same number of games, we had scored the same number of goals. However, we had conceded one more goal than Anthony Gell's, so therefore, they went through instead of us, although we had actually beaten Anthony Gell's 1-0 in the earliest rounds.

The goal scorers were Kirsty McCarrison and Claire Harrison. Olivia Walker played brilliantly as team captain. It was a fantastic morning.

## "A TOUGHIE"

### Hockey Match v Lady Manners - Saturday 30th January 1999

We took 2 teams to Bakewell on Saturday 30th January. The Under 13 team played 7 a-side indoors and shared some excellent skills. They won the first game 4 - 2 and lost the second game 3 - 0.

The Under 15 team played against a very strong and experienced Lady Manners team. Even though St. Elphin's lost, they should be proud of how they played as they did not give up, but fought until the end. Miss Duggins said she had never seen us perform to such a high level. It was an excellent experience and training.

### Hockey U13's

S. Barnett, L. Beighton, K. Eagle, K. Godkin, B. Lawrence, C. Leteve, A. MacDonald, S. Nortcliff, A. Ryan, M. Theodoulou, L. Varney.

### Hockey U15's

C. Brown, E. Cason, H. Hall, S. Hill, E. Hughes, W. Leung, K. McCarrison, H. Radford, L. Reuter, S. Thwaites, A. Vernon, O. Walker, A. Wass.

### Hockey U18's

H. Atkins, C. Benoist, K. Bromley, H. Bourne, V. Fox, D. Ford, C. Harrison, K. Hillard, L. Owen, V. Sheldon, C. Thwaites, H. Wood.

## ROUNDERS



### U13's (a) Rounders

K. Eagle, C. Leteve, J. Hudson, L. Beighton, R. Gowers, B. Lawrence, A. MacDonald, L. Varney (Capt), M. Theodoulou, S. Nortcliff.

Note: We were incredibly proud of this team. They practised morning, noon and night, and they played superbly together. It was an absolute pleasure to take such a enthusiastic group of young people on fixtures. The team was full of talent. England women's cricket hopefuls maybe??

*Jayne Duggins and Annette Smith*



**Who said  
raising money  
can't be fun?**



## Scottish Country Dancing

A few enthusiastic girls enjoyed this pastime again in the Autumn and Spring Terms. We welcomed one or two new participants, endeavoured to improve our dancing steps, learn new dances and enjoy old favourites.

One week we were treated by two of our girls demonstrating their national dances - from Kuwait and from Ghana. This proved quite amusing when we tried to emulate them!

My thanks to Mrs Fisher, who was able to join in the classes occasionally, and to those girls who came regularly each week to this activity. I have enjoyed getting to know many girls over the years and, hopefully, passing on my enthusiasm for dancing to them.

Mavis Hunter

## Scrabble Club

At the beginning of the year Mrs. Hodgson started a Yr 7 scrabble club on Tuesday lunch times. We played games against each other and the four best players were chosen to play in a Scrabble tournament against other classes, after humorous challenges in Chapel in which the whole class took part.

The champions which were chosen were Rachel, Harriet, Lizzy and Mabel. We played the Year 8. Rachel against Bryony, Harriet against Maria, Lizzy against Kayley and Leanne and Mabel played Anna and Lisa. We all beat the Year 8's to a pulp! Later we challenged the Year 9's and 10's in Chapel where the champions and other members of the class wore silly 'scrabble' T-shirts with rhinos on the back! Unfortunately we did not finish play this year but will finish the championships next Autumn.

Rachel Howard, Harriet Holt  
**The Animal Club**

The club was formed in May of this year. The members came from Year 9 and meet every Monday lunch-time for half an hour.

During this time, we discuss various issues related to animals, such as pet care, the problems of Zoos and Circuses, animal cruelty, conservation and fund raising. Films, books and leaflets provide vital information on which to base debate, discussion and learning.

We are concerned to do what we can to make the lives of our fellow creatures free from pain and as natural as possible.

A trip to a sanctuary for unwanted exotic pets is planned for next term, so that we can see what others are doing to fulfil what we consider to be important aims.

Sue Bradford.

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award

At a presentation Evening hosted by Derbyshire County Council at County Hall, Matlock on the 24th March, the following were presented with awards:-

**Bronze** Hannah Bourne · Victoria Fox · Holly Page  
Mary Franklin (abs)  
**Silver** Helen McBain · Katherine Hyde (rec. by post)  
Catherine Benoist (rec. by post)

No gold was completed.  
Others in the pipeline e.g. Jasmine Salt (Silver)



## Duke of Edinburgh Report

Fame at last... we're on the internet. Website: <http://www.peakpanel.u-net.com>. Four of our girls on their Gold Expedition in the Dark Peak. You'll need a magnifying glass, but they are Man-yi Tsang, Betsy Wong, Anya Taylor and Jo Ko.

As always, a very busy season for D of E. Bronze was extremely popular with almost all Year 9 taking part. It was quite a military operation supervising them and finding suitable camp sites for so many. The girls were all successful on their Expedition and are now working towards the other elements of the Award. Well done to such a cheerful and enthusiastic group.

The 'Silver' girls are nearing completion of their Bronze Award and one group has successfully completed their Silver Expedition section. There have been some interesting choices of service by the Silver groups. One group of girls have been to Chesterfield Police for training, others have chosen Mencap and helping in Nursing Homes. Well done girls!

It was disappointing for the 'Gold' girls when they could not make up the numbers for an Expedition. They hope to join a University group to complete the Award. We wish them success.

We would like to welcome our new unit leader, Dr Nigel Ogden. In September, Dr Ogden will be running the unit.

In the Silver Expedition log of four young ladies of oriental descent, undertaking their Award through St. Elphin's School, Derbyshire, a report was made of their initiative when coming across an injured walker: "It seemed that he had broken his leg. We took out two triangular bandages and a pair of chopsticks. We fixed the chopsticks sideways on the leg and tightened them up with the bandages to act as splints.

Diane Blount

An interesting article from the West Midlands Award News "Quotable Quotes".

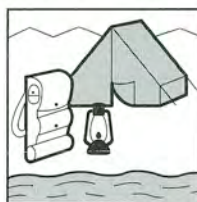
## Are we in Danger of Going Too Far? "Daily Telegraph" 31st May 1999.

British school children are growing into a generation of 'softies' because risk assessment, blame culture and cautious licensing authorities are preventing schools from arranging field trips and expeditions.

British reputation for pioneering exploration is in danger.

The adventurer David Hempleman-Adams, the first to climb the highest mountains in seven continents and reach four Poles said,

"Children will not be able to cope with risk when they encountered it as adults".



## Photography Club

The Photography Club has continued to flourish this year with membership reaching a new maximum.

Although the club was initiated in order to give girls the opportunity to study a further skill for the Duke of Edinburgh' Award Scheme, the adoption of photography as a hobby has always been encouraged.

This year, a large group of Year 7 girls have joined the Club on a recreational basis and have pursued the hobby with much enthusiasm. They are now accomplished photographers and can process their own black and white films. In addition they have learnt dark room techniques and can produce very creditable enlarged prints with a minimum of supervision.

In this day of digital computerised print production, it is good to see that some girls still have a practical knowledge of the traditional art of photography.

John Mayo

## Fund-raising

We have had a busy year in school fund-raising; Mrs Gowers came to talk to the school about the problems of living in Bangladesh. A home clothes day raised £155.00 towards the Bangladesh Disaster Fund, instituted because of the dreadful flooding.

We heard later in the Autumn term of the sad plight of a 17 year old friend of Miss Stanescu, a former member of staff. The boy was in urgent need of a life saving operation which cost thousands of pounds. We were able to send £235.95 raised in several ways, as a small contribution.

Some Year 8 girls decided to do their bit for Children in Need, by taking a sponsored silence with varying degrees of success. The final total raised £224.68, of which £147.00 was raised by Anna MacDonald.

1999 was again a year for Comic Relief. Year 8 made delicious cakes and sold them at break. The chocolate cake was a great favourite. Year 9 wore night clothes for the day. Year 7 had competitions and there were various sponsored events. In total the school paid over £252.00 into the bank. We also raised over £130.00 for the Ockendon Venture by collecting foreign coins.

The Summer term has been devoted to raising money for the Kosovan refugees. The two Sixth form business companies donated a total of £120.00 from their profits. Each form arranged its own activities, and there was carwashing, sales of cakes and bric-a-brac, splat the teacher, tombola, quizzes and games. Sarah Nortcliff ran a half marathon and raised £170.00.

Catherine Leteve and Leanne Varney did a sponsored run round the school grounds in inclement weather and raised £120.00 in total. We were able to send over £800.00 to UNICEF, who are working with the younger refugees, helping with medical problems and also erecting tented schools in the camps so the children can have some education.

Judy Corfield.

# Old Girls

Mrs Kathryn Balanescu, Norwich.

I left St Elphins in July 1991 with A-Levels in French, Maths, and Economics and the desire to explore the U.S.A. Determined to make full use of my GAP year, I worked for five months in and around Darley Dale in any job I could find, thus broadening my skills as waitress, painter and decorator, electoral register canvasser (you name it)... When I had procured enough cash, I set off to Sacramento, California for a semester in the senior class at San Juan High. To be honest, any pupil having completed Upper Three at St. Elphins could probably cope with the academic strain of senior life, so I bulked out my schedule as much as possible with classes in journalism, photography, theatre and art...

July 1992 - It was time for me to set off up to Edinburgh for my first year as an undergraduate in French. Great city, terrible course. Not slipping naturally into either category I decided to transfer somewhere else. To make up my mind, I jetted off to Pennsylvania for three months to work on a children's summer camp with BUNAC. The work was hideous but I had enough money to tour the North East from Toronto to Niagara, through Boston and Buffalo to New York and Long Island. I ran out of cash just before the new academic year (good timing) and managed to transfer to the University of East Anglia, Norwich, to complete my degree. This involved a year teaching English at a Lycee in Paris, a city I still miss to this day. During my final year at the U.E.A. I studied for a T.E.F.L. (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) Certificate and graduated in July 1996 with a first class degree in French and a grade A in TEFL.

I had received a leaflet in my pigeonhole a few months prior to graduation: the British Council were looking for TEFL teachers in Eastern Europe. I arrived in Bucharest in September 1996 and fell in love with the place. The country holds so much mystique, so much unspoiled beauty. It has perilous Alps and miles of golden Black Sea coast.

In the country you're back in the previous century (horses and carts, no running water, cooking over the fire (I won't describe the hole in the wooden hut across the yard). Traditions are preserved as they should be (like the ritual of killing the pig for Christmas, or the fair of young girls for marriage on a Transylvanian mountain). Gypsies are a curse to the Romanian population (and to me - they like to pull my blonde hair!). They send their unwashed children to beg on the streets while they make fortunes on the black market. Their houses are slums but a new Mercedes is parked outside. And wherever they go in the world to smuggle goods, they give a bad name to Romanians (in Vienna they ate the swans from the park!).

The British Council posted me to work at the university in Craiova, a city in South West Romania, near the Serbian and Bulgarian borders (marked naturally by the Danube). When I alighted on the platform in Craiova, a small welcome party from the university English department was already formed. One of them was a young, assistant lecturer called Mihai. A year and nine months later we were married (but I'll come to that in a minute).

I was welcomed into my flat in true style by the Head of Department, with vodka and "tuica" (Romanian plum brandy). The neighbours were all O.A.P.'s whose sole purpose in life was to sit on the courtyard benches and gossip about the young westerner in flat 19. This gossip always managed to reach malefic proportions before being gently fed into the ears of the Housing Administrator, leaving me with numerous battles to sort out in my pigeon Romanian. Apart from the broken bed, the flood, the burst pipes and the stalker, my quarters were quite acceptable.

I enjoyed being British Lecturer for two years (I'll never have such a grand title again!) I designed and delivered my own courses to undergraduates, to professors in other departments and even to a local



Sarah Millward with her painting at her recent exhibition

financial company. I progressed to Cambridge Examiner in my second year, assessing candidates in Bucharest sitting for the Cambridge Certificates in English at various levels. I also worked in a team compiling a new Romanian-English dictionary at the University. A really interesting two years working in a university system very different from our own. Students do a 40 - hour week and laugh when I tell them of the strenuous 8 hours put in by our arts undergraduates!

So forward to June 1998, as I walked down the isle strewn with rose petals in the beautiful Madona Church in Craiova, the choir on the balcony, the priest chanting, the smell of incense, the unbearable 38 C. I never imagined that one day I would say "Da" instead of "I do"! Those of you who remember me as Kathryn Johnson will now have to practise spelling Kathryn Balanescu when you send me a Christmas card.

Mihai and I decided to come and live in England for a while. We moved back to Norwich in July 1998 and Mihai has started his PhD at the U.E.A. in African-American Studies (and an academic appreciation of the Blues). I had to find a 'proper job' (not much call for full time TEFL teachers around here) so I studied the situations vacant pages of the Eastern Daily Press and am now a.....trainee accountant. Yes, I know it's not a hugely exciting end to the story (though I must be quite refreshing as auditors go). I can't say it's my dream job but with this qualification in my pocket we can hopefully move on to far greater things.

Kathryn Balanescu (nee Johnson)

## THANK YOU

Please will you convey my sincere thanks to all members of staff for the beautiful flowers. I was indeed most touched for their kindness, and to think I had not been forgotten after fifteen years. Also your kindness in bringing the flowers to me. You will notice the cloth is on the table.

I spent the most wonderful birthday with Miss Jones and Andy; a day I shall never forget.

Much love  
Dorothy Watts



6 Lindum Court, Poole, Dorset. February 1999  
Dear Valerie,

It was heart-warming to have lovely flowers from St. Elphin's for my 90th! I do thank you all. It was a lovely surprise and all the lovelier nearly 25 years since my retirement! You must forgive my delay in response but my arthritic hands are very slow these days but I was determined that each and everyone of my thank you letters should be written by hand.

I had a lovely birthday on the 17th January - a dinner party the evening before when 22 sat down to table, including 8 godsons and daughters and some very close life long friends. Sadly my oldest friend from schooldays died recently and I missed her so much.

The next day - a Sunday - I entertained the whole congregation of my Church to wine and birthday cake after the morning Service. It was a very jolly 'parish outing', they called it. The cake was made by one of the congregation - and it was the Church where I was 'Curate' for 8 years after leaving St. Elphin's. I still go but often sit with a godchild on my knee waving to Dad in the pulpit!

The whole thing was organised by a beloved godson and daughter and it was all really lovely!

I am a real old lady now - no car, no golf, no lovely long walks in the woods with two dogs, (but 'Rumpole of the Bailey', my blue Persian cat is a tyrant and tries to get me up at 6.00 a.m. to give him an early breakfast) - but I can't grumble - I am really well looked after in every way and happy in my new flat - an 'apartment' really but with a lounge, sitting room and a 'second bedroom' which is my book room. It is very easy to run and - before I forget - my empty garage now houses my 'buggy'! I was rather nervous at first especially crossing main roads in it but the nice chaps behind their wheels (patiently waiting) often give me a 'thumbs up' when I hasten across! So it takes all fear from the business! I complain first that it does not go fast enough on the pavements but my godson exclaims fervently 'Thank heaven for that'.

Please include this letter of mine in your next magazine if there is room for it. It will bring my love and good wishes to all my 'old girls'. I shall always thank God for St. Elphin's and wish it prosperity.

Yours as ever,  
Philippa Robinson

## University of Cambridge - Institute of Astronomy

If I'm unlucky, when I tell people what I do, they think I'm Russell Grant. If I'm slightly luckier then Patrick Moore springs to mind. I'm an Astronomer, which, to clear up

any misunderstanding, is the study of stars, galaxies and the universe, and not the likelihood of meeting a tall, dark, handsome stranger or winning the lottery.

I left St. Elphin's in 1988 and plunged into the relatively, dynamic world of Durham University, where one of the biggest shocks was that the majority of people on my Maths course were boys!

After Durham I went on to do a Masters in Radio Astronomy at Jodrell Bank in Cheshire and then a PhD at London University.

I decided to an observationally based PhD, which has the added perk that someone has to go to the telescopes to make the observations. Unfortunately telescopes have to be situated somewhere high (hopefully to be above the clouds) and dark, such as on top of mountains in the Canary Islands and Hawaii. Ah well, someone's got to do it.....

Finally after 8 years of studentdom it was time to get a job. One of the drawbacks of much research work is that permanent jobs are few and far between so people often do several 'postdocs' on short term contracts.

I am now doing my first postdoc at Cambridge. My job is part research and part helping UK Astronomers with all aspects of using the Hubble Space Telescope (HST). This involves dealing with astronomers' queries and giving talks about the HST at UK astronomy departments to amateur astronomy groups. I also still do my own research and go observing.

As for the future, who know, but I'm keeping an eye open for jobs working at some of the new ground based telescope, in the Canaries, Hawaii, Chile.....

Rachel Johnson

# Wealth of Weddings



A Valentine Wedding for **Danielle Boon** who left St. Elphin's in 1993 and married John Gerard Haughey (of Northern Ireland), with her father officiating, at his parish church of St. Gabriel at Huyton, Liverpool.

Guests on the day included:-

**Natalie Good** - who is working for Phillips Fine Art Auctioneers, London as an archivist. Getting married in October, of next year in the USA to Mr Lyndan Lloyd.

**Samantha Hay** - who took a postgraduate course at Birmingham Conservatoire and now has a postgraduate place at the Royal College of Music starting in September.

**Kelly Odell** (nee Margetts) who married Ed Odell in September 1997 - who graduated 2:1 in Marketing work as Marketing Officer for Tecforce, Derby and engineering consultancy. Kelly will be soon moving to Belper.

**Laura Bennett** - now Dr. Bennett after studying Medicine at Leeds University. Working from August in Devon 'Breast Surgery' followed by endocrinology at Barnstaple.

**Rachel Cooper** - who went to University of Bradford's Management Centre, BA (Hons) in International Management with French. Rachel then went on to spend one year in France studying for a French diploma. A further four years course, she started working at the Information Resources (IRI - Market Research) as a European Business Development and Marketing Executive. Rachel travels a lot and has just bought a house.



Laura Bennett, Rachel Cooper, Kelly Odell, Danielle, Natalie Good, Liz Hill, Ann Hodgson and Samantha Hay

**Elizabeth Hill** - who graduated at Aberystwyth University 2:1. During 1997 she gained office experience and then went on to live in France for the summer working for PGL activity holidays, as a Group Leader. 1997 - 1998 Cambridge University and then Homerton College, PGCE Art and Design - Secondary. Elizabeth was Art teacher at Frederick Gent School and also working as a practising portrait artist, now at Nottingham Art School for Boys.

58 Bondgate, Castle Donnington, Derbyshire DE74 2NR 16th July 1999

Dear Mrs Hodgson,

I have to admit that I was not particularly good at keeping in contact with all my old St. E. chums. However Catherine Malkinson or rather Mrs Catherine Lees as she is now known, corrected that by marrying the lovely Mr Steven Lees last September in St. Annes. Catherine's wedding was somewhat of a catalyst and we have all been travelling up and down the country ever since enjoying lots of GNO's (to the uninitiated that stands for Girls Night Out!). In fact, as well as GNO's we've also been enjoying lots of hen-nights, firstly there was Catherine's in Birmingham, followed by Sarah Williams (nee. Tarbatt) at The Belfry, then came mine in York and there is still Laura-Jane Quick's to go in the autumn - so you could say that we are all dropping down like flies!

The usual suspects have been in attendance at all of these occasions, these being Catherine Lees, Sarah Tarbatt, Sarah Lamb, Laura-Jane Quick, Jane Townend, Alex Del Luongo, Katherine Savidge, Nicci Allen and myself - soon to be a Mrs Katie Caddy. (No jokes about Tea or Golf thank you!) And I asked all of them to write a couple of lines...

**Catherine Lees (nee. Malkinson)** - "Last September I got married to Steve and we are now really happy living in Worcester. I am currently working as a Management Accountant (soon to be fully qualified) for the Independent Review Service which is a statutory body of the Civil Service - I am positive that this fact will come as a shock to all of those who remember me!"

**Katherine Savidge** - "After gaining an English Language and Literature Hons degree from Hull University, I started work at the Chad newspaper in Mansfield as a junior reporter. After a trip back to college I qualified as a journalist and am now a senior reporter majoring in crime and police work. It's fantastic - I get paid to 'interrogate' men in uniform!"

**Nicci Allen** - Nicci has just recently moved into a fabulous flat in Nottingham where she also works. She is a fully qualified Speech Therapist which she enjoys enormously and is obviously extremely good at.

**Sarah Williams (nee. Tarbatt)** - Sarah recently married the lovely Darren and was then romantically whisked away on a surprise honeymoon to Mauritius! She is still living in London and works at Harrods where she has just gained the enviable title of the 'Youngest Buyer' which will come as no surprise to all those who remember her.

**Alex Del Luongo** - "I work as a researcher for a Training and Enterprise Council in Chesterfield - basically my job entails looking at what is happening in the local economy, skill levels and unemployment rates, as well as running a



Karen McNally, Catherine Lees, Nikki Allen, Jane Townend, Sarah Lamb and Laura-Jane Quick



European project with French partners, so I am still using my French! I live in Nottingham and am loving it!"

**Sarah Lamb** - "After graduating with a degree in Retail Management I took a junior position in Debenhams' central buying office. I have been based in London for the last 3 years and am now responsible for developing the Men's Underwear, Sleepwear and Lounge-wear ranges (and yes! it does involve looking at lots of male models wearing nothing apart from a pair of pants!). Buying offers lots of exciting opportunities and a hectic social life is part of the job that I love. The plan is to stay in London for the foreseeable future but my boyfriend's job in the City may involve a move to Amsterdam early next year, so the millennium could bring some fab new changes for me!"

**Laura-Jane Quick** - "I am living and working in Chesterfield, where I am a Customer Advisor at the Derbyshire Building Society and I have just recently passed all of my CFSP (Banking) exams. I am also engaged to be married, to Peter Blant on the 23rd October this year, which I am obviously incredibly excited about."

**Jane Townend** - Jane has remained in Liverpool following her BED at our twin college, St Katherine's, now part of Liverpool University and has just started an exciting new job.

**Claire Walker** - Claire is living in Derby and she is training for her Accountancy exams.

**Ruth Lockwood** - Ruth is living and working in Derby, where she owns and runs her own hairdressing salon. She married last year and I was lucky enough to be invited on her hen-night along with Kate Moss, who I believe will also be getting married this year!

As for me, I am now involved in Publishing, I am the Marketing Director for a



Darren and Sarah Wilkins (Tarbatt)

company which produces a quarterly journal for the international sports facility industry, which has therefore necessitated that I spend quite a lot of time travelling. In fact since I began work with the company back in November '97 I have been lucky enough to visit Germany, Singapore, the US on a number of occasions and France, and I can safely say that although it is an enjoyable part of my job it is by no

means as glamorous as it may sound... 13 hours on a plane with a screaming child sitting in front of you is not what I would call fun! Heath (my fiancé) and I have just bought a lovely Grade II Listed cottage in Castle Donnington which will be our marital home, so 1999 will definitely be a year to remember.

Well I think I have covered just about everyone, so I will finish by wishing you all the very best and we may see you at the next Old Girls' Reunion in York this November.

Best regards, Katie L. Else

*We congratulate Shalini Nair who married Sai Manonar in May in Bangalore, India and Sabine le Jarriel who married in Galvados, Normandy, in August 1999.*

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| Advanced Level | Katherine Hyde |
| GCSE Level     | Katy Thurman   |

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|           |                             |
|-----------|-----------------------------|
| Upper 6th | Helen MacBain               |
| Lower 6th | Katherine Hillard           |
| Year 11   | Eleanor Hughes              |
| Year 10   | Hannah Hall and Amy Wass    |
| Year 9    | Holly Brown and Ruth Varley |
| Year 8    | Anna MacDonald              |
| Year 7    | Rachel Howard               |

### Headmistress's Prize for Effort

|           |                   |
|-----------|-------------------|
| Upper 6th | Catherine Benoist |
| Lower 6th | Daisy Chan        |
| Year 11   | Hannah Bourne     |
| Year 10   | Helen Radford     |
| Year 9    | Gemma Eagle       |
| Year 8    | Kayley Eagle      |
| Year 7    | Mabel Odonkor     |

### SUBJECT PRIZES

|               |                                      |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| English       | Helen MacBain and Christina Thwaites |
| Geography     | Christina Thwaites                   |
| French        | Christina Thwaites                   |
| German        | Jessica Logan                        |
| Classics      | Daminie Hutton and Hannah Wood       |
| Mathematics   | Katherine Hyde and Helen MacBain     |
| Physics       | Katherine Hyde                       |
| Chemistry     | Katherine Hyde and Helen MacBain     |
| GNVQ Business | Ruth Spokes                          |
| Textiles      | Manna Lai                            |
| Art           | Manna Lai                            |

### SPECIAL PRIZES

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Chairman's Prize     | Christina Thwaites |
| Talbot Science Prize | Katherine Hyde     |

### CUPS

|                                       |                                   |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Barton Cup for Swimming               | Sarah Beresford                   |
| JW Trippett Cup for Backstroke        | Virgenia Tang                     |
| Sara Hurn Cross Country Cup           | Sarah Nortcliff                   |
| Helen Robinson Cup for PE             | Catherine Benoist                 |
| Townend Cup for Hockey                | Catherine Benoist                 |
| Joyce Knight Cup for Speech and Drama | Helen MacBain                     |
| Pollard Cup for Performing Arts       | Christina Thwaites                |
| Lindsay Prize for Public Speaking     | Faye Mellor                       |
| Hilary Pollard Memorial Music Prize   | Kyung-Ah Lee                      |
| Aulton Rose Bowl for Singing          | Jessica Logan                     |
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| MacIlwaine Cup for Organ              | Natsuko Shimanuki                 |
| Moorcroft Piano Salver                | Virgenia Tang                     |
| Riley Instrumental Cup                | Katherine Hyde                    |
| CLT Language Cup                      | Diana Jacob                       |
| The Burgess Award                     | Rita Lai                          |
| Helen Waddington Cup for Art          | Christina Thwaites                |
| Susan Gibson Cup for Service          | Jessica Sverdlhoff                |
| Adlington-Neil Cup                    | Hannah Wood                       |
| Hammond Shield                        | Olivia Walker                     |
| Lester Cup                            | Rebecca Adamson and Helen Radford |
| Galatians Cup                         | Kathryn Shipman                   |
| Thornton Cup                          | Rita Lai                          |
| Chamber of Commerce Prize             | Philippa Heathcote                |

### GCE 'A' LEVEL EXAMINATION RESULTS 1999

|         |                   |                                                        |
|---------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Upper 6 | Catherine Benoist | English Literature, German, Mathematics                |
|         | Cherry Cheung     | Chemistry, Chinese, Mathematics, A/S Biology, Textiles |

|                    |                                                                                                  |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Vicky Cheung       | Chemistry, Chinese(A), Mathematics(A), A/S Physics, Textiles(A)                                  |
| Philippa Heathcote | Ad GNVQ Business (Dist)                                                                          |
| Daminie Hutton     | Classical Civilisation, English Literature(A)                                                    |
| Katherine Hyde     | Chemistry(A) Step 1, Mathematics(A), Physics(A), A/S Mechanics(A)                                |
| Diana Jacob        | French, German, A/S Business Studies                                                             |
| Winnie Kam         | Chinese, Mathematics, Textiles(A), A/S Business Studies                                          |
| Rita Lai           | Chinese, Mathematics, AdGNVQ Business (Dist)                                                     |
| Manna Lai          | Art(A), Textiles(A)                                                                              |
| Robyn Lawrence     | Mathematics, Physics, A/S Further Mathematics                                                    |
| Rita Lee           | Chinese, Mathematics, AdGNVQ Business(Dist)                                                      |
| Jessica Logan      | French, German, Music                                                                            |
| Helen MacBain      | Chemistry(A), English Literature(A), Mathematics(A), A/S Mechanics(A) Scholarship Awarded by UCL |
| Faye Mellor        | English Literature, General Studies, Geography, Mathematics                                      |
| Natsuko Shimanuki  | Japanese, Mathematics, Music, A/S Textiles                                                       |
| Kathryn Shipman    | Biology, English Literature, Textiles                                                            |
| Ruth Spokes        | Classical Civilisation, AdGNVQ Business(Dist)                                                    |
| Jessica Sverdlhoff | Classical Civilisation, AdGNVQ Business (M)                                                      |
| Christina Thwaites | English Literature(A), French, Geography(A), A/S Art(A)                                          |
| Hannah Wood        | Classical Civilisation(A), English Literature                                                    |

### Advanced Key Skills NVQ - Level 3

|                   |
|-------------------|
| Catherine Benoist |
| Hannah Wood       |

### GCSE - Extra subjects

|         |               |                               |
|---------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Upper 6 | Rita Lai      | Accounting, Short Course IT A |
| Lower 6 |               |                               |
| A level | Ka Lai Chung  | Chinese                       |
|         | Brenda Lee    | Chinese                       |
|         | Jennifer Li   | Chinese(A)                    |
|         | Virgenia Tang | Chinese                       |
| GCSE    | Liv Ko        | Chinese A*, Mathematics       |

### GCSE EXAMINATION RESULTS 1999

|                   |                                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Hannah Bourne     | Child Care C, English B, Spoken A, English Literature A, French, Mathematics B, Science CC, Textiles A, Short Course Religious Studies A                  |
| Katie Bromley     | English C, Spoken C, English Literature B, French B, Geography B, Mathematics B, Physical Education A, Science CC, Short Course IT A                      |
| Charlotte Burnham | English B, Spoken A, English Literature A, French B, Geography A, Mathematics B, Science BB, Short Course IT B                                            |
| Danielle Ford     | Child Care, English C, Spoken C, English Literature C, French, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education C, Short Course Religious Studies B                 |
| Victoria Fox      | Child Care, Classical Studies, English C, Spoken C, English Literature C, French, Mathematics, Textiles A, Certificate of Achievement                     |
| Claire Harrison   | Mathematics Dist, English A, Spoken A, English Literature A*, French B, Geography A*, History A, Mathematics B, Science BB, Textiles B, Short Course IT A |

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|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Eleanor Hughes   | English A, Spoken A*, English Literature A*, French A, Geography A*, German A, History A, Mathematics B, Music A, Science AA, Short Course IT A                     |
| Min-Hye Jin      | Art B, Mathematics A*, Science AA, Textiles B, Short Course IT B                                                                                                    |
| Jin-Young Kim    | Art A, Mathematics A*, Science BB, Short Course IT B                                                                                                                |
| Joyce Lai        | Art B, Chinese A, Mathematics B, Science, Textiles A                                                                                                                |
| Kyung-Ah Lee     | Art B, Mathematics A, Music A, Textiles B                                                                                                                           |
| Rebecca Moncrief | English A, Spoken A, English Literature A, French C, Geography A, Mathematics B, Music B, Science AA, Textiles A, Short Course IT A                                 |
| Anjana Nair      | English, Spoken B, English Literature A, French C, Mathematics C, Music, Science CC, Textiles C                                                                     |
| Joyce Ngai       | Art A, Chinese A*, Mathematics A, Science BB, Textiles A, Short Course IT B                                                                                         |
| Lea Owen         | English C, Spoken C, English Literature B, French, Geography C, Mathematics C, Physical Education B, Science CC, Short Course IT B                                  |
| Holly Page       | English B, Spoken A*, English Literature A*, French A, History A, Mathematics A*, Music A, Religious Studies B, Science AA, Short Course IT A*                      |
| Amy Rodgers      | Classical Studies A, English B, Spoken A*, English Literature A, French C, History B, Mathematics B, Music B, Religious Studies C, Science CC, Short Course IT B    |
| Victoria Sheldon | Classical Studies A, English A, Spoken A*, English Literature A*, French A, Mathematics B, Physical Education A, Religious Studies C, Science BB, Short Course IT B |
| Emma Shirley     | English A, Spoken A, English Literature A, French B, Geography A, Mathematics B, Physical Education B, Science BB, Short Course IT B                                |
| Evelyn Smalley   | Classical Studies A, English Language B, Spoken A, English Literature A, French C, Mathematics B, Religious Studies B, Science CC, Short Course IT B                |
| Katy Thurman     | English A*, Spoken A*, English Literature A*, French A*, Latin A*, Geography A*, History A*, Mathematics A*, Music A, Science A*A*, Short Course IT A*              |
| Rebecca Volli    | English A, Spoken A, English Literature A*, French B, Geography C, Mathematics B, Science CC, Textiles C, Short Course IT B                                         |
| Olivia Walker    | Classical Studies A*, English A, Spoken A*, English Literature A*, French A*, German B, History A, Mathematics B, Music B, Science BB, Short Course IT A            |

### Year 10

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| Doris Chan    | Chinese A   |
| Iris Lau      | Chinese A*  |
| Lauren Reuter | Spanish A   |
| Amy Wass      | Afrikaans C |

### University Entrance Test in English

Daisy Chan, Min-Hye Jin, Jin Young Kim, Liv Ko, Manna Lai, Kyung-Ah Lee, Rita Lee, Jennifer Li.

### RSA EXAMINATIONS

**Text Processing 11- Part 1.**  
Philippa Heathcote (Dist), Rita Lai (Dist), Rita Lee.  
**Word Processing 11 - Part 2.**  
Philippa Heathcote, Rita Lai (Dist), Rita Lee.  
**Text Processing 1 - Part 1** Liv Ko (Dist)  
**Word Processing 1 - Part 2** Liv Ko (Dist)

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### MUSIC RESULTS 1998 - 99

|              |             |                                                                                                   |
|--------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Piano</b> |             |                                                                                                   |
| Grade 1      | Distinction | Sarah Beresford                                                                                   |
|              | Merit       | Kayley Eagle, Bryony Lawrence, Felicity Rowland, Maria Theodoulou, Jessica Younger, Leanne Varney |
| Grade 2      | Pass        |                                                                                                   |
|              |             |                                                                                                   |
| Grade 3      | Merit       | Bryony Lawrence                                                                                   |
|              | Pass        | Gemma Eagle, Phoebe Cunnane                                                                       |
| Grade 4      | Merit       | Phoebe Cunnane                                                                                    |
|              | Pass        | Eleanor Hughes                                                                                    |
| Grade 5      | Distinction | Min-Hye Jin                                                                                       |
|              | Merit       | Catherine Leteve                                                                                  |
| Grade 6      | Pass        | Euphemia Cunnane                                                                                  |
|              |             |                                                                                                   |
| Grade 7      | Merit       | Charlotte Brown, Kyung Ah Lee                                                                     |
|              | Pass        | Joyce Lai                                                                                         |
| Grade 8      | Merit       | Rita Lee, Jennifer Li, Kathryn Shipman                                                            |
|              | Pass        | Kyung-Ah Lee                                                                                      |
| Grade 9      | Merit       | Katherine Hyde, Jessica Logan                                                                     |
|              | Pass        |                                                                                                   |

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| <b>Organ</b> |             |                                  |
| Grade 4      | Distinction | Kyung-Ah Lee, Virginia Tang      |
|              | Merit       | Elizabeth Hayward                |
| Grade 5      | Pass        | Ruth Varley                      |
|              |             |                                  |
| Grade 6      | Merit       | Kyung-Ah Lee                     |
|              | Pass        | Natsuko Shimanuki, Virginia Tang |

|               |             |                                                   |
|---------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Violin</b> |             |                                                   |
| Grade 1       | Merit       | Hannah Johnson                                    |
|               |             |                                                   |
| Grade 2       | Distinction | Virginia Tang                                     |
|               | Pass        | Miriam Hammond, Christina Powell, Sophie Shardlow |
| Grade 3       | Merit       | Elizabeth Hayward                                 |
|               | Pass        | Euphemia Cunnane                                  |
| Grade 5       | Merit       | Holly Brown                                       |
|               | Pass        |                                                   |
| Grade 8       | Merit       | Katherine Hyde                                    |
|               | Pass        |                                                   |

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| <b>Viola</b> |             |               |
| Grade 6      | Distinction | Jessica Logan |

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| <b>Clarinet</b> |             |                 |
| Grade 1         | Distinction | Jade Lee        |
| Grade 4         | Merit       | Charlotte Brown |

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| <b>Flute</b> |             |                 |
| Grade 1      | Distinction | Elizabeth Cason |
| Grade 2      | Pass        | Sian Bacon      |
| Grade 5      | Merit       | Manna Lai       |

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| <b>Treble Recorder</b> |       |                 |
| Grade 2                | Pass  | Sophie Shardlow |
| <b>Saxophone</b>       |       |                 |
| Grade 3                | Merit | Sophie Hill     |

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| <b>Trumpet</b> |      |            |
| Grade 5        | Pass | Brenda Lee |

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| <b>Eb Horn</b> |      |                   |
| Grade 5        | Pass | Natsuko Shimanuki |

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| <b>Singing</b> |             |                                  |
| Grade 1        | Merit       | Verity Wall                      |
| Grade 2        | Distinction | Felicity Marshall                |
|                | Merit       | Jessica Younger                  |
| Grade 3        | Merit       | Evelyn Smalley, Maria Theodoulou |
| Grade 4        | Pass        | Kyung Ah Lee, Evelyn Smalley     |
| Grade 5        | Distinction | Kyung-Ah Lee                     |
|                | Merit       | Elizabeth Hayward                |
| Grade 6        | Pass        | Virginia Tang                    |
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| Grade 7        | Pass        | Virginia Tang                    |
| Grade 7        | Merit       | Elizabeth Hughes                 |
| Grade 8        | Distinction | Jessica Logan                    |

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| <b>Practical Musicianship</b> |      |                                 |
| Grade 5                       | Pass | Kyung Ah Lee, Natsuko Shimanuki |

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| <b>Theory</b> |             |                                                                                                                                                   |
| Grade 1       | Distinction | Sarah Beresford, Victoria Cho, Jin Young Kim, Min-Hye Jin, Doreen Mak, Natasha Mitra, Christina Powell, Jade Lee, Maria Theodoulou, Leanne Varney |
|               | Pass        |                                                                                                                                                   |
| Grade 2       | Distinction | Sarah Beresford, Kayley Eagle, Amy Rodgers, Felicity Rowland, Phoebe Cunnane                                                                      |
|               | Pass        |                                                                                                                                                   |
| Grade 3       | Distinction | Kyung Ah Lee                                                                                                                                      |
|               | Pass        | Sally Barnett, Charlotte Brown, Gemma Eagle                                                                                                       |
| Grade 4       | Distinction | Kyung Ah Lee, Natsuko Shimanuki, Euphemia Cunnane                                                                                                 |
|               | Pass        |                                                                                                                                                   |
| Grade 5       | Distinction | Elizabeth Hayward, Daminie Hutton, Bryony Lawrence                                                                                                |
|               | Pass        |                                                                                                                                                   |
| Grade 6       | Distinction | Natsuko Shimanuki, Virginia Tang                                                                                                                  |
|               | Pass        |                                                                                                                                                   |
| Grade 8       | Distinction | Holly Page                                                                                                                                        |
|               | Pass        |                                                                                                                                                   |

### SWIMMING AWARDS

#### Life Support 3 and Award of Merit

K. Bromley, D. Ford, V. Fox, E. Hughes, L. Owen, V. Sheldon, K. Thurman

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H. Bourne, C. Burnham, C. Harrison, M. H. Jin, J.Y. Kim, J. Lai, K.Y. Lee, R. Moncrief, A. Nair, J. Ngai, H. Page, E. Shirley, E. Smalley, R. Volli, O. Walker



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| Grade 2      | Pass        |                                                                                                   |
|              |             |                                                                                                   |
| Grade 3      | Merit       | Bryony Lawrence                                                                                   |
|              | Pass        | Gemma Eagle, Phoebe Cunnane                                                                       |
| Grade 4      | Merit       | Phoebe Cunnane                                                                                    |
|              | Pass        | Eleanor Hughes                                                                                    |
| Grade 5      | Distinction | Min-Hye Jin                                                                                       |
|              | Merit       | Catherine Leteve                                                                                  |
| Grade 6      | Pass        | Euphemia Cunnane                                                                                  |
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| Grade 7      | Merit       | Charlotte Brown, Kyung Ah Lee                                                                     |
|              | Pass        | Joyce Lai                                                                                         |
| Grade 8      | Merit       | Rita Lee, Jennifer Li, Kathryn Shipman                                                            |
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|              |             |                                  |
| Grade 6      | Merit       | Kyung-Ah Lee                     |
|              | Pass        | Natsuko Shimanuki, Virginia Tang |

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| Grade 2       | Distinction | Virginia Tang                                     |
|               | Pass        | Miriam Hammond, Christina Powell, Sophie Shardlow |
| Grade 3       | Merit       | Elizabeth Hayward                                 |
|               | Pass        | Euphemia Cunnane                                  |
| Grade 5       | Merit       | Holly Brown                                       |
|               | Pass        |                                                   |
| Grade 8       | Merit       | Katherine Hyde                                    |
|               | Pass        |                                                   |

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| Grade 6      | Distinction | Jessica Logan |

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| Grade 5        | Distinction | Kyung-Ah Lee                     |
|                | Merit       | Elizabeth Hayward                |
| Grade 6        | Pass        | Virginia Tang                    |
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| Grade 7        | Pass        | Virginia Tang                    |
| Grade 7        | Merit       | Elizabeth Hughes                 |
| Grade 8        | Distinction | Jessica Logan                    |

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|               | Pass        |                                                                                                                                                   |
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|               | Pass        |                                                                                                                                                   |
| Grade 3       | Distinction | Kyung Ah Lee                                                                                                                                      |
|               | Pass        | Sally Barnett, Charlotte Brown, Gemma Eagle                                                                                                       |
| Grade 4       | Distinction | Kyung Ah Lee, Natsuko Shimanuki, Euphemia Cunnane                                                                                                 |
|               | Pass        |                                                                                                                                                   |
| Grade 5       | Distinction | Elizabeth Hayward, Daminie Hutton, Bryony Lawrence                                                                                                |
|               | Pass        |                                                                                                                                                   |
| Grade 6       | Distinction | Natsuko Shimanuki, Virginia Tang                                                                                                                  |
|               | Pass        |                                                                                                                                                   |
| Grade 8       | Distinction | Holly Page                                                                                                                                        |
|               | Pass        |                                                                                                                                                   |

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