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Schools can be very modest places. Nobody likes a show-off so we tend to be self-effacing about our achievements. However, reading this magazine will enable you to see how much we SHOULD be showing off! The range of activities taken by our girls and boys over the course of the year has been extensive, not to mention the weight of academic work undertaken in 'real' school time. Our pupils and teachers can be very proud of what they achieved last year from abseiling to xylophone playing, during school days, after school has finished and at weekends.

Being a small school we have fewer staff to arrange and supervise these extra-curricular experiences, so on behalf of the pupils I would like to thank the teaching and non-teaching staff for their dedication and selfless work for our charges. We may be small, but the range of what we offer can put our larger neighbours to shame.

It is very exciting for me to join St Elphin's at such a busy time. Our Inspection in December 2000, after I had been appointed but before I moved in, saved me a great deal of research about what needed to happen, while reassuring me that I had joined a purposeful, successful and above all caring school. The arrival of a new Chaplain and a new Bursar has enabled us to look at systems and things that have 'always been done that way', to question their validity in 2001, retain what is good and improve the rest. It's a very busy time to be at St Elphin's, but the opportunities are endless.

In April we heard the sad news that our near neighbour, Stancliffe Hall School was to close in the summer of 2001. Competition is healthy, so we take no pleasure in this news. However, we were happy to be able to offer places to 39 pupils and 5 staff for September 2001. I am sure that they will enjoy being Elphinians and uphold the standards of the school as exemplified in this excellent magazine.

Erica Taylor

Editor: Ann Hodgson

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This is my twentieth year of being Editor of "The Elphinian". Thank you to all those who have helped me during these years when we have recorded so many changes and events in the life of the school. My gratitude goes, too, to all the staff of John Mackie Printers who have printed the magazine for twelve years and have been invaded annually by groups of keen journalists! The numerous helpers (up to twelve in one year) have learnt a lot and tell me they have found it so useful in later life. Ed.

Many thanks to our secretaries Jean Davies and Helen Fairley.

Front cover: Harriet Holt, Rachel Howard, Mabel Odonkor and Nicola Sterland bask in the sunshine at the school's front door

School Celebrations



Amy Wass, Kirsty McCarrison, Hannah Atkins, Katherine Hillard and Narinder Gill

At our annual Speech Day, following the traditional Commemoration Service at St Helen's and a magnificent lunch provided by the School's superb kitchen staff, parents, girls, staff and governors settled down to a mixture of speeches, prize-giving, fun and entertainment.

The audience was addressed by the retiring Chairman of Governors the Rt Revd John Packer, the Acting Head Teacher, Deborah Mouat and by 'Old Girl' and School Trustee, Rosemary Chambers (of the famous Thornton's Chocolate family). Mrs. Chambers, who has been connected to the School in many capacities since she first entered the Infants at the age of four, spoke movingly of her happy school days and impressed everyone with her obvious devotion to St Elphin's.

The highlight of the afternoon was the prize-giving ceremony where girls were rewarded for their hard work of the past twelve months. The School's outstanding exam results, *fourth place in Derbyshire*, were a source of pride to everyone and the spotlight fell on

Amy Wass and Narinder Gill

who achieved the very rare distinction of gaining 100% marks in GCSE English and Art respectively.

Other notable prize-winners included Katherine Hillard who gained an amazing 5 Grade A A-Levels and the Cambridge University bound Hannah Atkins.

Bishop John Packer, Head Girl Vikki Sheldon and Reverend David Hawtin

The afternoon was rounded off in fine fashion with a mixture of music, acrobatics and drama provided by the schools multi-talented girls. All in all this was definitely a Speech Day to remember!

A letter from The Reverend Canon John C. Tomlinson – Chairman of Governors

Dear Friends,

I was very pleased when invited to say a few words to introduce myself and to share some of my hopes for the future of St. Elphin's School. I have in the past been warden of a residential training centre for young people. Before being appointed Rector of Buxton and now Matlock, I was the Diocesan director of Education for church schools in the diocese of Derby.

I am committed to the experience of residential education and believe here at St. Elphin's we have a unique contribution to make in the education of girls. We have now received the Independent Schools Council report of their inspection of St. Elphin's and can be more than proud of the report's comments about our school.

As in every report there are also matters, which require the governors' commitment to improve, and I am pleased to let you know that the governors accept the recommendations of the report in their entirety. They are making available sufficient financial resources to enable the inspectors' report to be implemented. This will mean continuing to improve the library facilities, improve and enhance the boarding provision and to give necessary attention to security and campus lighting.

We shall continue to improve, in whatever way is appropriate, the government of the school and create whatever groups within the governing body which are appropriate to improve communication. I hope that this will mean the involvement of governors, teachers, and pupils as well as the senior management team in consultations at all levels.

As chairman of the governors I will be a frequent visitor to the school, meeting staff, senior management, pupils and parents. I hope you will feel able to approach me on matters you believe are relevant. I have already begun to meet with staff and have attended a meeting with parents and am gradually recognising those areas in which, as chairman of governors, I might most usefully be involved.

The future of St. Elphin's can be assured where it is publicly acknowledged and recommended as a centre of excellence. This is a task which is necessarily shared by governors, staff, and parents working together to advertise as widely as possible and for them to be totally committed to the school and its future. With thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts with you.

Splendid Inspection Report

Staff and pupils have more than one reason for celebrating this year. As well as looking forward to the arrival of Mrs. Taylor at the beginning of the summer term, the recent publication of its ISI Inspection Report has highlighted the school's many excellent features.

The school which was inspected in December 2000, is praised for its pupils' "high standards of achievement" which are "exemplified by the high proportion of grades A* to B obtained in the GCSE examinations in recent years". Furthermore, the Report states that much of the teaching is of a "high quality" whilst the atmosphere of the school is described as being "happy and relaxed".

Special praise is given to the school's programmes for pupils with particular educational needs, such as those suffering from dyslexia and those girls who have English as an additional language – these are described by the inspectors as being "very effective".

Mrs. Taylor is "delighted to be the Head of such a thriving and accomplished school."

Paul Franks



The Reverend Canon John Tomlinson, the Reverend David Hawtin (Bishop of Repton), Mrs. Erica Taylor and Dr. Deborah Mouat (Deputy Head Teacher)

QUIZ 2001. Childhood photos of staff can be found throughout. Answers on page 48. Very easy with some.

Welcome to our New Headmistress, Mrs. Erica Taylor



History

Where do you come from?

"I come from Southampton, though I now live in York."

Which schools have you worked at during your career as a teacher/head teacher?

"The Atherley School, Southampton King Edward VI, Southampton Lancing College, Bootham School, York, York College for Girls, Queen Ethelburga's College, York."

Did you want to be a teacher or a head teacher when you were young or did you want to be something else?

"When I was very young I am told that I wanted to be a nurse but from around about the age of four I wanted to be a teacher and have done ever since."

What was your favourite subject at school?

"Once I started in the seniors my favourite subject was science."

This school

Why did you decide to come here?

"I liked the atmosphere of the school."

Are you enjoying it here?

"Yes! I like the area (especially the walks- Sam also enjoys the walks) and I still like the atmosphere of the school."

Future

Do you have any ideas for future house events?

"I am open to suggestions from girls as well as having a few thoughts of my own."

Do you have any ideas for new school rules?

"I don't have any ideas for new school rules but I think that all girls should be polite and thoughtful."

Do you have any aims for the school?

"My aim for the school is that by the time we (year 7) leave the school it will be so well known that when you say that you went to St.

Elphin's people will know where you mean and say things like 'oh you lucky people'."

Dog

Why did you choose Sam as the name for your dog?

"I wanted a name that young children would be able to pronounce."

How old is Sam?

"Sam is just three years old."

What breed is Sam?

"Sam is a black-Labrador."

How long have you had Sam?

"Since he was 6 months old."

Summer

We hope that you enjoy the summer holidays, what do you think you will do during them?

"I am going to be coming into school to do some work. I am going to my daughter's wedding and I hope to get both Sam and I fit and healthy."

Do you have a hobby to while away the holidays?

"I really enjoy embroidery."

We have enjoyed interviewing Mrs Taylor and would like to say thank you for coming here and letting us interview you. We think that you will be a wonderful head at St Elphin's.

Annie Sedgwick, Emma Brokes
and Kyna Milnes

An Obituary for Mr. L A Hopkins - Hoppy

Mr. Louis Albert HOPKINS, St. Elphin's School Governor from 1955 - 1993, died peacefully in hospital in Cheshire in May 2001, aged 93 years. Known to everyone as HOPPY - indeed it was only at his funeral that I learned what the A in his initials stood for, he was a hugely significant figure in the progress of the school. For many years Vice-chairman of Governors as well as Chairman of the General Purposes Committee, he had guided the school while five different Heads were in charge, and it was entirely appropriate that the specialist-teaching block, opened in 1984, should bear his name. "Hoppy" was my mentor throughout my years as Head, and he and Barbara, his devoted wife of 69 years, remained as friends after I retired. Judith Crook and I attended the celebrations, first, of "Hoppy's" 80th and then 90th, birthday and I am still closely in touch with Mrs. Hopkins, hoping to stay with her in a few weeks time.

A scholar, deeply committed schoolmaster and warm human being, "Hoppy" had been educated at Bablake School, Coventry, and Downing College, Cambridge where he obtained a first-class degree in History. His teaching career had included schools as diverse as Abbotsholme boys' grammar schools in Lancaster and Gainsborough (his first headship) and finally Sir John Deane's, Northwich, which, by the time "Hoppy" retired as Head, had become co-educational. "Hoppy" was a great

communicator and must have been an inspiring (and probably formidable) teacher and Headmaster. His own acute mind left little room for sloppy thinking in others, and steeped as he was in knowledge of the past he was sometimes suspicious of modern trends. Yet as Governor he had great wisdom and foresight. He planned ahead and adapted as was necessary.

St. Elphin's was well served by its governors in those years which followed the Second World War. Stanley Thornton, Bill Linnell and "Hoppy", in particular, were always at hand to advise successive Heads and the school moved forward significantly. An effective building programme was carried out, a scholarship scheme (Hoppy's brainchild) was established to attract 'bright' pupils and every effort made to reach out to new markets for potential pupils, both here and from abroad. The necessary fee increases and the move towards co-education had challenged the smaller single-sex schools as never before. During my headship I was fortunate to have Bishop Michael Henshall (as Chairman) and "Hoppy" (as his Vice-

chairman) since they worked so well together and came to meetings properly briefed and with key issues well aired in advance.

"Hoppy" was interested in and knew everyone. There was rarely an important function that he missed and over the years he acquired a formidable knowledge of the school of which he was a Trustee. This knowledge was put to good use. Not only was he an expert on finance, he also understood the minutiae of school timetables, could see the need to preserve traditional subjects whilst "moving with the times" and was especially sensitive to the value of a general and broad education. (He had, after all, been part of the team which introduced the 'A' level General Studies papers pioneered by the J.M.B. Examining Board). "Hoppy" was also keen to encourage extra-curricular activities, and allowed for the staffing of these. He loved talking spontaneously to staff and pupils, and often knew far more about them than perhaps they realised.

Not surprisingly for a man of such humanity, "Hoppy's" family - his dear wife, his daughters and his grandchildren - were his *raison d'être*. His deeply religious faith sustained him, too, especially in his last years. I feel privileged to have known a person of such quality, and his passing will be mourned by all who knew "Hoppy". His was truly a life well lived.

Peter Pollard



Hoppy pictured with our visitor the Duchess of Devonshire and Michael Henshall, Bishop of Warrington in 1982

Valete

PATRICIA MILES

Magistra optima



Head of Classics Department
Staff representative on Governing Body
Director of Studies
Public Relations and Marketing
GNVQ Co-ordinator

Patricia's arrival at St Elphin's in February 1979 was temporary and precipitous but it was the start of a long, varied and productive career in the school.

Not only did Mrs. Miles ensure that able students had the best possible grounding in Latin and Greek, but she also introduced Classical Civilisation. Patricia's enthusiasm and expertise in her subjects is shown by the large numbers of girls who continued to study these disciplines at University, including a number at Oxbridge.

Classroom teaching was supported by numerous day trips to English classical sites – Royston Grange, York, Chester, St Albans, Wroxeter, and longer trips to Italy and Greece, an integral part of St Elphin's life, which will have lasting memories for many. Classical sites are always impressive, but at times modern. Italian young men and Mediterranean sea-urchins spines both presented more immediate problems!

Educational policies have changed many times in recent decades and Patricia ensured that St Elphin's moved with the times. Hours

were spent adapting the curriculum, advising pupils and guiding staff.

During the five years in which Patricia was in charge of P.R. two splendid prospectuses were produced numerous leaflets and fliers for the home market and abroad.

There were Information evenings and ISIS exhibitions with ever more exciting photographic display material and newsletters. Thank you to Peter Miles for all his hard work and the hours spent at his computer producing quality material for his wife's school.

Patricia's fertile imagination provided a number of highlights on Open Days – tog-clad Romans lay on their couches consuming appropriate delicacies, and who will ever forget the two slave auctions and the one and only chariot race all of which drew large crowds.

For over 22 years Patricia has been a force to be reckoned with at St Elphin's, both in the classroom and staff room. She has influenced many lives and will be remembered with gratitude and affection by pupils for her exciting and effective teaching and firm but fair discipline, and by colleagues for her keen academic mind, endless hard work, boundless energy (including playing hockey against the girls!) and loyal support. I enjoyed working with Patricia enormously. I admired her flair, evident in dress, speech, writing and action. She achieved a fantastic amount in and for the school. She will enjoy having more time to follow the careers of her three talented daughters and watch the development of her two lovely grand-daughters. We all wish her a happy and fulfilling retirement which is richly deserved.

Thank you, Patricia, for all you have been and done at St Elphin's. Enjoy the next phase of your life with all its possibilities.

Judith Crook



JOHN MAYO

There are two ways to describe John, firstly as a true gentleman and secondly as a fantastic teacher. He is charming, kind and courteous and is always willing to help anyone in distress in anyway at any time with a twinkle in his eye. As a Head of Science I could not ask for more from a teacher in my department than John. He knows the A-level syllabus and the assessment criteria inside and out and year after year he ensured that together with his pupils they achieve excellent results. John is an all round brilliant teacher and has been a great asset to St Elphin's for numerous years, running photography club at lunchtimes and supporting the girls by attending many events. He will be greatly missed by everyone at St Elphin's, staff and girls because there is only one John Mayo and we wish him a long and enjoyable retirement.

Caroline Pilkington



The End of an Era



St. Elphin's School was a world apart when Mrs Margaret Renshaw was appointed Bursar's Secretary in January 1969 after returning from living in New Zealand. The Bursar at that time was Commander Collins and Margaret has the distinction of working with four different Bursars whilst changing her role to become Assistant Bursar (1974) and Finance Manager (1994) before being appointed as Acting Bursar in 1999. In fact there is not much about the School that has

escaped Margaret over the years and I hope she has many happy memories of her 32 years loyal service to the school.

I hope the points below invoke memories of Mrs Renshaw's more notable traits – these are my memories as seen through the eyes of an ex-Bursar:

the enjoyment of the Spring lambs reared by Mr. and Mrs. Renshaw

the meticulous way in which the accounts were kept

the wonderful hats and outfits worn at Speech Day

the sumptuous buffets provided for staff, students and parents

I personally am very grateful for the assistance and advice given to me when I became Bursar. The progression from

JULIE HABELHAMES

Julie Habelhames left us at the end of the summer term after being Housemistress in Orchards for a year. Mrs. Habelhames takes up a new position shortly at Wilsic Hall School, Wadsworth, Tickhill. She will be looking after autistic and Downes Syndrome children in her new post. We wish her well.

Anne Phillpot

teacher to Bursar would have been far more difficult had I not had such expert guidance. I am sure many people will remember how Mrs. Renshaw helped them out of the difficult situation they found themselves in – I certainly do.

I hope Mrs. Renshaw now has the opportunity to experience the many things she was always too busy to attempt whilst working at St. Elphin's.

Eva Ainscough

Our New Chaplain

On Thursday 12th July, Amy and myself were lucky enough to meet our new sports playing, sky-diving Chaplain. Want to know more? Read on.

Coming from a "Blue Coat", Church of England school in Walsall, Mr. Williams is used to teaching Religious Studies and being Chaplain to over 1000 pupils in a mixed area with over 50% of pupils coming from Asian and African-Caribbean backgrounds. As well as his ten years at Blue Coat he has also worked in Burton-on-Trent for three years and as curate for three years in the South of England.

Mr. Williams says that he is "looking forward to working in a smaller school as there is more of a sense of community." He will no doubt be enforcing this feeling as he and his wife, Jenny, will be living on site later this year. One of their four children will also be living with them whilst their three other children will be popping in between gap years and University terms.

Chaplain is very keen to develop the chapel, create links with other churches and generally become more open to the local community giving girls "a chance to sample the breadth of the church of England." He also intends to play a supporting role in the CU (Christian Union) Group which will be running again in September as well as offering pastoral support to any pupil.

Mr. Williams is also very enthusiastic about participating in future teacher/pupil sports events as he enjoys sports such as badminton, tennis, squash and swimming. According to Jennie (his wife) he is very competitive so prepare yourself Mr. Coutts! These activities must seem rather tame though in comparison to some of our future Chaplain's recent adventures! A few months ago, Mr. Williams participated in a sponsored sky dive along with his head pupils (don't start getting ideas about Amy, Doris and myself jumping out of planes!) in order to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital. They managed to raise over £1000 for equipment for the heart unit there in memory of a former pupil.

By the end of our meeting we were sure that Mr. and Mrs. Williams would fit into St. Elphin's easily and that they would be a welcome addition to the school. I look forward to working with our new Chaplain next term and I am certain he will be very popular both with the pupils and the staff.

Kirsty McCarrison L6



WELCOME - WELCOME - WELCOME



Welcome to **Dr Mark Dinsdale**, Physics, who studied at Sheffield University with a doctorate in High Energy Physics. Dr Dinsdale joined us in September after seven years teaching at Rushcliffe Comprehensive School. He is a keen sportsman, in particular squash, football and golf, and an enthusiastic rock climber. He is also running the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.



Deborah Botham is an experienced English and Drama specialist who taught previously at Holy Trinity School, Crawley, and at Sharnbrook Community College, Bedfordshire.



Jacky Whiteside our newly appointed Librarian, has a wide variety of work experience ranging from Librarianship with the Marconi Space and Defence Systems, lecturing at Farnborough College of Technology to self employment and Graphic Designs, after a degree at Amersham College of Art and Design.



Irene Wilkie

After February half term we welcomed Miss Wilkie as Housemistress to Hillview.

In a very short time she has become an inspiration to the girls in her House with her canny Scots firm but fun attitude!

We wish Miss Wilkie well and hope she'll enjoy her new life at St. Elphin's.



Congratulations to **Mrs. Caroline Wood** (née Pilkington) who was married to David in August 2001.

Katie McLennan and Liz Boyer

This year we are fortunate in having two delightful Australians as Gap Year students to help in Hillview.

Katie McLennan is from Adelaide. Her mother is an Old Girl and her Grandpa is Governor Richard Horne. Liz Boyer is from Sydney. Both are very mature and hard working members of our "House" team, helping with the young boarders and by day helping in the Nursery Department.

Both Liz and Katie are enjoying their summer holidays traversing Europe with like-minded travellers and will leave us in December to take up their University places in Australia.



Anne Phillpot

Mrs. Wendy Kenyon who was last head of Religious Studies at Sheffield High School. She has returned to teaching after a five year break of being a full-time mother.



CHAPEL NOTES

As St. Elphin's began as the Clergy Daughters' School in Warrington in 1844, we have always had a number of clergy daughters. Here are some of our present pupils.



The Very Reverend **Stephen Smalley**, Dean of Chester, with his daughter **Evelyn**. This picture was taken at a ceremony in Chester Cathedral during March 2001, when an honorary degree of L.L.D. was conferred on Dr Smalley for his services to Chester College of High Education, of which he is Vice-Chairman of Governors.

The Dean was until recently a Governor of St Elphin's. He retires to Gloucestershire in July of this year, as Evelyn goes on to university life. Best wishes to you both.



*The Reverend Johnson
with his daughter Hannah*

This is my Dad Fr. **Nigel Johnson**. He is the Rector of Newbold. We moved to Newbold about twenty months ago and we like it here! He has been helping with the Friday masses at school while we had no Chaplain. He trained to be a Priest at Lincoln Theological College, was a Curate at Huddersfield, a Vicar in Holmfirth, and Rector of Calow and Sutton cum Duckmanton, near Chesterfield before we came to Newbold.



Dr. Liz Varley pictured here with her daughter **Ruth** began full time Church work in January 1982, as Fieldwork Secretary in the Community and Race Relations Unit of the British Council of Churches (as it then was). She was a member of General Synod in November 1992 when the historic decision was taken to accept women as priests in the Church of England. After serving as Adult Education Adviser to the Durham Diocese and Social Responsibility Adviser to the Newcastle Diocese, she was ordained in September 1996 and served her curacy in Sedgfield (Tony Blair country). She is currently Director of Training for the Stepney Area, part of the London diocese which covers the East London boroughs of Hackney, Islington and Tower Hamlets. The Area has fifty-eight parishes, all in Urban Priority areas and serving some of the most deprived communities in the country. Her work includes organising courses for Church Council members, Sunday School leaders, new clergy, trainee Readers, people involved in healing ministries and plenty more besides. At the moment Dr. Varley and her team are setting up a Training Audit to help all the Stepney parishes review the training they offer to their members, and see how to make it even more effective.

Very many thanks to our reliable team of Chapel helpers who have worked so hard for Friday Eucharists:-

Mabel Odonkor, Sally Ho, Yasmin Sneyd, Rachel Howard, Kyna Milnes, Heather Haggis and others.

Grateful thanks also to the many visiting priests who have led our worship on Tuesdays and Fridays. We have really appreciated your help and dedication.



**The REVEREND
STEPHEN JONES**

"Chaplain", as he was universally known (he would have preferred the title Father Stephen, but that was not to be!) joined us in September 1996, and over the following 13 terms served the school, its staff and girls, with great distinction. With the support of Mrs. Fisher, he was able to re-establish with great enthusiasm the style of chapel worship which is so fundamental a part of the Woodard tradition. The central part of this was to be weekly whole school eucharist which has now become such a firmly established part of our routine. In this he was ably assisted by a loyal group of acolytes from the lower end of the senior school. Whilst the decision to turn the chapel around may not have been universally popular (especially with girls who soon discovered how uncomfortable it was to arrive late for chapel), one of his greatest successes was the decision, thanks to the generous donation of an old girl, to purchase new pews for the chapel. His sure sense of aesthetic judgment has been amply borne out by the many girls and parents who have said how well the pews fit in to and enhance the appearance of the chapel.

Stephen came to us with a uniquely distinguished pedigree; Derbyshire borne and bred he attended Magdalen College Oxford from 1972-1975 where he read Law. After working as an administrator at Manchester University and as a Civil Servant at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission he became ordained after a period studying at Lincoln Theological College. Seven years as Succentor at St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, saw him not only rubbing close shoulders with royalty on many occasions, but also able to indulge his love of and expertise at music.

A fundamentally shy man, not given to gimmicks or visual aids in worship, Stephen's assembly talks, always given without recourse to notes of any kind, were always laced with wisdom and a strong moral message for those who cared to listen. His sense of humour, and often highly sophisticated feeling for innuendo were often appreciated by most, if not quite all colleagues and pupils.

We wish him well in his new role in Parish life, and in his musical work at Southwell Minster.

Andrew Teague





*Scenes from the
Infant School Year
– Christingle and
“The Scarecrow”*



Margaret Flood House

THE INFANT AND NURSERY SECTION



It really does not seem a year ago that I was writing the Infant and Nursery report for the school magazine.

Where has this year gone? As always we have been busy with our traditional celebrations. Harvest Festival went well and we enjoyed going out with Dr Ogden, delivering the Harvest gifts to local people. Our nativity play "It's a Baby" packed the Stopford Hall and we have wonderful photographic memories of wobbly crowns and halos, slipped wings and a little glimpse of vests!

We celebrated the Chinese New year by cooking a traditional Chinese meal and attempting to eat it with chopsticks. The food was delicious when we actually got it into our mouths!

Saddened by the Indian earthquake, we decided to raise some money to help and we had great fun with various stalls and games. A handsome sum of over £300 was eventually sent out.

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the Lyceum Theatre to see their production of "The Twits" by Roald Dahl. We welcomed a theatre company to our school where they explained (in a fun way) the mysteries of light to infants and juniors.

The reception infants had a wonderful morning exploring Bakewell as part of their Early Learning Goals.

We are now busy rehearsing for our end of term concert and Sports Day and we look forward to welcoming new colleagues and pupils in September having had an exciting fortnight at our Summer School.

Rosemary Cuff (Head of Lower School)



Margaret Flood, renowned Headmistress of St. Elphin's School, whose portrait hangs in the Infant and Nursery Department Entrance Hall.



The bubbles glisten and glimmer in the sunshine. They sailed in the sky. When they were in the sky they were sparkling like glass. There were all colours of the rainbow floating together. When we blew the bubbles they twisted and turned. They floated up on the breeze.

Jemma

We blew bubbles outside. They glistened and glimmered. They sparkled very shiny too. They are like glass and baubles. They floated and glided. They looked like they were sailing in the sky. All the colours of the rainbow shone into the bubbles. Then they went up into space and were gone.

Chloe

They glided and they twisted and turned. I can see through them. They look like glass balls. The sun shone on the bubbles. All of the colours of the rainbow sparkled in them. They went over the roof and we lost them.

Sian

Bubbles. We blew bubbles outside. They twinkled in the sunshine. They glittered. They were clear and sparkling. I could see lots of colours in them. They were dancing in the air. The bubbles floated.

Jill

They glistened and floated and sailed and they were transparent. They had rainbow colours and glided and twinkled in the sunlight. They were like little glass balls. The shape of them was little spheres. They twisted and turned and they soared up high. The bubbles nearly went over the roof, then they popped.

Sinead

They glided and floated and sparkled in the sunshine. They danced in the breeze and soared up high. They were transparent like little glass balls in the sky. The bubbles were shaped like a sphere. They glimmered and twinkled and turned. The bubbles spun round. They were like a tin of beans floating in a bunch. The bubbles had rainbow colours in them.

Charlotte

They floated up on the roof and they twinkled. You could see through them. They sailed in the air. They looked like a bauble. They had the colours like a rainbow. They soared up high. They twisted and turned and danced in the breeze and spun around.

Alice

The bubbles glistened and they sparkled. They look just like glass when they float. They floated right up to the roof and one popped on the roof. They glimmered. They go up high to the roof and more. They sailed away from us. They twisted and turned and dance in the breeze. They look round like a bauble. They were transparent. First they stick together, then they don't. They go floating away from each other.

Kerry

WHAT'S HOT
Beanies





The Junior School Year



Prizewinners at Speech Day



End of term in sight

The air raid siren sounds and all the Juniors leave their desks and hurry to the Anderson shelter. (Have you built yours yet?) The shelter comes complete with bed, bucket, loo roll, candles and matches! No, we are not in the 1940's, but the Summer Term of 2001. This is the Junior History project.

If visitors had turned right instead of left in the front of the classrooms then they would have entered a tropical rainforest, inhabited by snakes, birds and creepy crawlies! (Not for the arachnophobics.) This is the Junior Geography topic.

The girls have written reports about the rest of the activities this year and I am sure that you will enjoy reading them.

As always, it is sad to say goodbyes. We have been so fortunate to have had Mrs. Carol Pilkington working with us in

various areas of the Juniors. She is always kind, calm and exceedingly well prepared. She is very well respected by colleagues and the children. She has helped out this year with numeracy and literacy with our joint Year 3 & 4.

We were sorry to say goodbye to Mrs. Di Blount during the first term of the year and thank her for her many years of service at St. Elphin's both in the Junior School and for her service to the D of E in the Senior School. Miss Hall, her successor, sadly has been dogged by ill health and has undergone several operations and different forms of therapy. We only knew her for six weeks but instantly warmed to her bubbly personality. We do wish her a speedy recovery and much better health in the future.

Mrs. Henson immediately agreed to do supply cover for her absence - even

knowing that we were going to be inspected! The Batik work and silk painting currently on display by Years 5 & 6 are a testament to her artistic flair. She has organised many outside visits, which the girls have thoroughly enjoyed. We say "au revoir" to her and hope that she will continue to do supply work for us.

We are glad that now Mrs. Gardiner takes Year 6 and Miss Smith Year 4. We welcomed not only Mrs. Lamb to be Year 3 form teacher and Mrs. Pickford to look after Year 5, but all the other new pupils who joined us in September. We have a very exciting school year ahead.

Rosemary Cuff



Our festival choir hits the right notes on Speech Day

This year our junior school play was "Trouble with Sister". This mystical and hilarious production was enjoyed by the audience and the participants.

We want to thank our Mums and Mrs. Botham for all the hard work they put in to make the costumes.

Even with the odd additions and a few missing lines we all thought it was a success!

Phoebe Cunname Y5

CONFIRMATION AND BAPTISM

On the 13th November 2000, junior and senior girls from St Elphin's were confirmed in the school chapel. As 7.00 p.m. drew near, the pupils of our confirmation class ate supper with the Bishop who would soon be giving us our first Communion bread and wine.

Being confirmed was a different but great experience for me. The Bishop blessed the candidates and we received the blessed bread and wine. He then gave each of us a lit candle, which represented Jesus, the light of the world. We walked down the aisle, with the candles, members of Christ's church. We now all take Communion every Friday in Eucharist.

Jessica Witty



The Twits

All the juniors and the infants went on a theatre trip to see "The Twits" at the Lyceum in Sheffield.

The play was so good and the actors so funny. Mrs. Twit looked like she had had an electric shock because her hair was sticking up and she wore the funniest clothes ever. Mr. Twit was not any better. He was worse! He had a long beard with bits of food in it. Disgusting! Do you know what they lived in? It was a small caravan. The props and scenery were excellent. So were the animal characters, especially the monkeys. There was lots of audience participation and we all had a wonderful time. If you want to laugh a lot, go and see it if you get the chance.

Victoria Tonks

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Years 5, 6 and 7 went to Darley Dale church to sing to celebrate the Women's World Day of Prayer. We sang some hymns with the ladies who were there and also sang some songs on our own. The ladies said very nice things about our singing.

Caroline Boffey

Prep School Day

Suddenly, all these boys and girls started to flood into the dining room. We were all put into groups and my group's first subject was Physics. We all had to make towers out of fifteen straws.

Our next lesson was Biology. We were looking at onion cells under a microscope. It was fun, but it took me ages to find the right patterns.

At last, we had textiles. We made place mats. Mine was a house but some people made campavans and igloos. It was good fun picking all the different materials.

Overall it was an enjoyable day. Thank you to everyone who organised it.

Philippa Hayward



Red Nose Day

This year Red Nose Day was on the 16th March and some people did really weird things.

In the morning everyone had to bring a pound coin and dress in something orange. You should have seen the number of red noses when we went to chapel. Everyone burst out laughing when Vikki Sheldon walked in. She was wearing her pants outside of her trousers!

Thank you to everyone who helped us.

Verity Wall

NETBALL MATCHES

Years 5 and 6 played two netball matches last term. Our first match was against Saint Anselm's. Saint Anselm's team was very good so they won. The score was 18-0 to Saint Anselm's.

Our second match was against Saints Peter and Paul. We did lots and lots of practice. The score was 6-1 to us. We were much more pleased with that result.

Amy Yates



Whitehall

At last we arrived. I went into my room and made my bed. We had dinner and we went out for a walk. Then we went to bed, but didn't go to sleep!

In the morning, after we had had our breakfast, we went rock climbing and caving. It had to rain! That night when we went to bed we didn't go to sleep either.

The next morning we went on a hunt that was very muddy. I managed to get stuck in some mud and fall down. I had a wonderful time and so did everyone else.

Eleanor Dale

The Indian Earthquake Appeal

Last year, a dreadful earthquake struck India. Thousands died and many more were injured. St. Elphin's School helped by raising money for food, houses and medicine. There were many games stalls plus a clothes stall, a cake stall, a toy stall and a book stall. Some seniors also organised a disco for the juniors.

Altogether we raised over £300.

Katie Hunston



LEEDS ARMOURY

Leeds Armoury was great! The best bit was when we were allowed to try on the clothes they used to wear in Tudor times. We were allowed to play on two computers and had to answer a question sheet we were given. We also saw King Henry VIII's heavy armour, which he wore in the war. The poor horse King Henry sat on must have been squashed with all the weight because he was rather fat.

Samantha Meriman



Rowsley in the Victorian times

Last term we were learning about the Victorians so we visited Rowsley. We were dropped off outside Caudwell's Mill, where we looked at some of the machines that the Victorians used. Then we walked round and looked at some of the buildings, like the Toll Bar House, the Peacock Inn and the Station.

We walked through Peak Village and talked about the buildings which used to be there. (Did you know that the small building in the centre of the Village is the original Station House?). We also looked at the small terraced houses where the people who used to work on the railway lived.

Last but certainly not least, we visited the Blacksmith's forge in Caudwell's Mill. He showed us some of the things he made.

All too soon, it was time to go.

Hannah Potten

THE TWITS by Roald Dahl

"The Twits" is a play and book about two people called Mr. Twit and Mrs. Twit, who are always playing tricks on each other. I really enjoyed the play, especially Mr. Twit who had gravy and all sorts of other things in his beard, and who also did rude things.

Jordan Stewart



*Memorable
Moments
in the
Junior
Year*



FRIENDS

Friends are forever.
Reach out to each other.
Inseparable from each other.
Excite each other.
Need each other.
Decide who's the best.
Send each other letters.

Rhian Hughes

Friends are good to have around.
Be kind to them respect them.
Don't say silly things about them
just because of one little fall-out.
Do things together go on walks
Together.



It is O.K. to have more than
one friend so don't say it isn't.
Don't be nervous if you are
Asking somebody to be
Your friend.
Remember Friends
Always stick together.

Friends are for playing with.
Racing round with.
I always remember them.
Every month we send letters to each other.
New friends are as good as old friends.
Do your best to see the best things about
everyone.
Some friends never break up with you and
never forget you.

Emily West

Friends are nice to each other, they always
stick with each other. Reena and I are best
friends, we always play together.
I like to go to the cinema with my friends.
Everyone should be good friends, forever.
Never say horrible things about a friend.
Doing things with friends is always excellent
fun. So it doesn't matter how many friends
you've got.

Stephanie Levers



Our Class of Friends

Rhian is very funny and she makes us laugh.
Laura Sutton makes up good games.
Sophie always helps us.
Emily helps us organise fun things to do.
Chloe helps us with our work.
Stephanie is kind and helpful.
Laura Whitton is clever and fun to be with.
Friends are for playing with and telling secrets
with each other.
I always remember all my friends.
All of us should like each other even if we don't
get on with each other.

Sophie Webb

Friendship

Friends are people who care.
Real friends always remember.
I have mine, you have yours.

Chloe Watmore



The Sun



Picnic-shiner
Desert-maker
Skin-peeler
Night-spoiler
Drought-bringer
Ice-cream-melter
Sweat-dripper
Icarus-killer
Bright-sparkler
Skin-boiler
Eye-blinder



Fiona Hawker Yr 4

10 things in ...

A Snowman's Pocket

A Scarf
Warm gloves
Woolly hat
A coat
A cold drink
Ice cubes to keep him cold
A spare carrot for his nose

Rebecca Cooper Yr 4

Santa's Pocket

Dust that makes dreams come true
A carrot for Rudolph
Mince pies for supper
Presents to go under the Christmas
tree
A letter to Santa
A stocking
Hot water bottle
A bag of sweets
Cards for children.

*Hannah Sutton
Yr 4*



The Traveller's return

"Is there anybody there?" said the fearless Traveller.
The moonlight shone through him as he knocked
louder and lifted his head. The Listeners stared down
into his lonely grey eyes, shivers ran down their
backs like lightning.

"Is there anybody there?" said the Traveller
impatiently

The horse snorted while cropping the grass. The
Listeners leaned out of the prison windows to see if
the traveller was still there.

He knocked again on the moonlit door, "Is there
anybody there?" he said. He looked up. They moved
silently from his sight.

"Tell them that I came and no one answered. That I
kept my word," he said. He moved away from that
shadowy house.

They heard the clanging of a stirrup and then another.
The horses moved faster and faster and quieter and
quieter.

"I'll be back - I promise!" he threatened. And he
vanished into thin air.

*Simone Park Yr 4
(with thanks to Walter de la Mare)*

TODAY I SAW ...Y3

Today I saw a cuddly bear
Moaning in a zoo.
Perhaps he'd like to take
a walk
And visit the nearby loo.
Laura Sutton



Today I saw a caterpillar
Eating a lovely green pea.
He wasn't very nice because
He went and barbecued me.

Rhianne Hughes

Today I saw a butterfly
Hiding in a tree.
She started fluttering over the flowers
And fell into a pot of tea.

Rhianne Hughes

Today I saw a little worm
Wriggling on his belly.
I asked him to come inside
And see what was on the telly.

Chloe Watmore

Today I saw a purple panda
Walking upside down.
He was looking very funny
In fact he was a clown.

Laura Whitton



Today I saw a wild boar
All his fur was brown.
He wore a velvet waistcoat
As he was going to town.

Lizzie Sedgwick

Today I saw a small frog
Hopping on his foot.
Perhaps he'd like to come to the vet
And put on Robert's boot.

Emily West

Today I saw a lazy spider
Spinning half a web.
He was so very, very tired
He had to go to bed.

Sophie Webb

Today I saw a cute dog
That was climbing up the wall.
His name is Archie Levers
He fell down on my ball.

Stephanie Levers



Today I saw a huge blue fish
Sitting on a rock.
It nearly broke the seaweed in two
And had to change its frock.

Iona Carter



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Infant and Junior Sports

Thank you everyone – the crossed fingers obviously worked as we had hot, sunny weather for both the Infant and Junior Sports Day.

The Juniors showed many skills that afternoon, including long jump, relay and throwing the rounders ball as well as traditional flat, egg and spoon and gathering races.

We had a good line up for the Fathers' race and almost had to have a photo finish! It is so exciting for the Infant and Nursery children to run on the athletics track (but quite difficult for them to keep in the correct lane!).

The children particularly enjoyed the sack, obstacle and egg and spoon races. Parents were enchanted by the 2 year olds running with their teddies! There was much merriment when children ran out of their plimsolls and also left the race to chase after wind blown sun hats! However, most laughter seemed to come when two fathers unintentionally slid down the bank on to the track!

The event ended with an Olympic-style medal ceremony when every child received either a Winners Medal or one for being a Good Sport.

After all, that is what a Lower School Sports Day is all about.

Rosemary Cuff



Superfit Staff?



Effie Cunnane has been awarded her gold Young Investigator award by the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

The Trouble With Sister (Junior School)

This magical play with an array of mystical characters produced a wonderful evenings entertainment for parents and members of the public alike who watched entranced as 'Kelly', played by Katie Hunston, embarked on a journey of discovery only to be reunited with the sister she wished had 'Gone away!'

Along the way dreams were dashed, the Queen of Darkness (Amy Yates) foiled and a sibling relationship sweetened, all with a little help from Kelly's brand new friends.

A marvellous evening and special thanks to all the girls concerned. *Deborah Botham*



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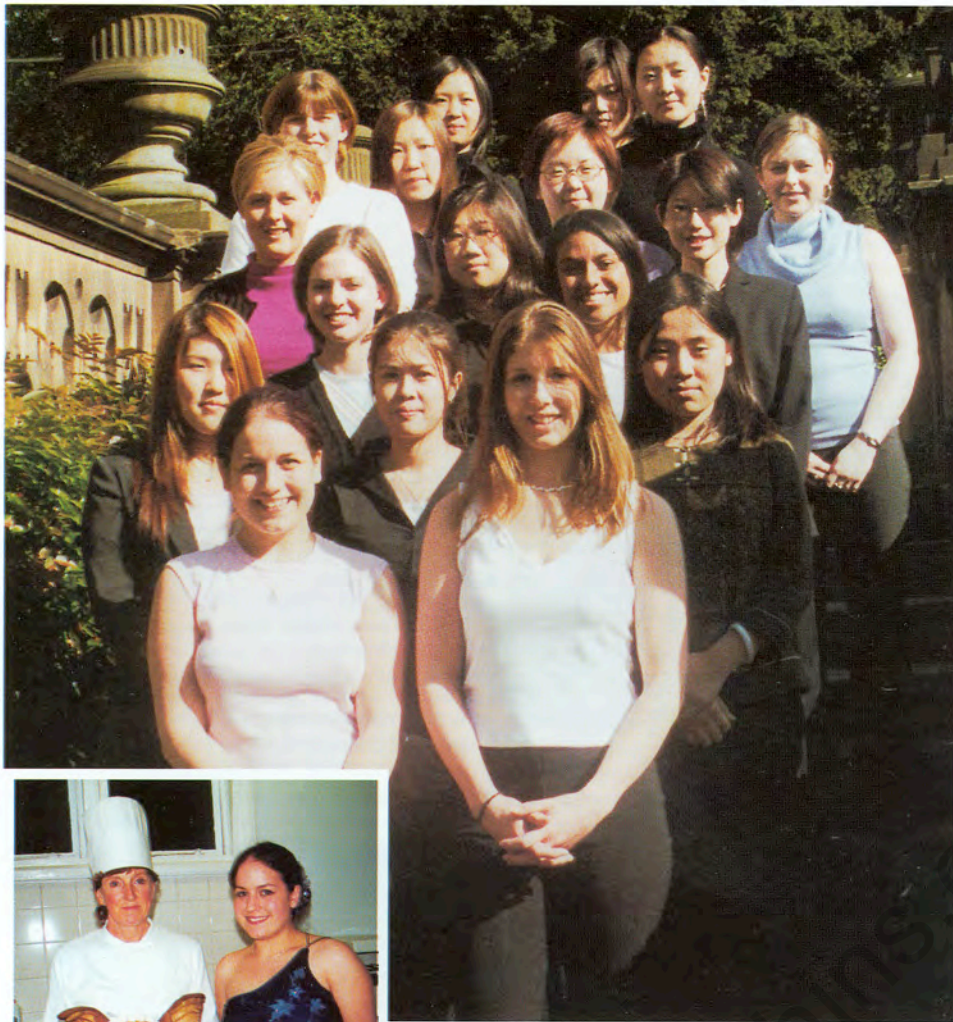
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Destinations of Upper Sixth

- Dimita An** – Nottingham Trent – Quality Management
- Katy Bromley** – Gap Year then Leeds Met. – Business Studies
- Karley Chung**
- Claire Harrison** – University of Leeds – Diagnostic Radiography
- Min-Hye Jin**
- Jin-Young Kim** – Oxford Brookes – Business Management
- Joyce Lai** – UMIST – Marketing & Textile Management
- Josephine Leung** – UMIST – Human Resource Management
- Rebecca Moncrief** – Northumbria University – Occupational Therapy
- Joyce Ngai** – London College of Fashion – Fashion
- Lea Owen** – Leicester de Montford – Marketing
- Victoria Sheldon** – Birmingham University – French & Classics & Lit.
- Emma Shirley**
- Evelyn Smalley** – Bristol UWE – Marketing
- Katy Thurman** – Cambridge (St. Catherine's) – Veterinary Medicine
- Carol Xu** – Birmingham University – Money, Banking & Finance
- Nan Zhang** – Kingston – Foundation, Art & Design



Head chef Linda Whitehead and Evelyn Smalley prepare for the traditional Boar's Head Carol

LOWER SIXTH

- Sarah Beighton
- Doris Chan
- Cherry Kong
- Narinder Gill
- Iris Lau
- Bowie Lee
- Jade Lee
- Rita Leung
- Kirsty McCarrison
- Queenie Ng
- Allison Tse
- Joanne Wang
- Amy Wass
- Ting Xu

Our new Head Girl Team (2001-2 on the front row)





Upper Sixth Notes



Head Girl

Victoria Sheldon

Deputy Head Girl

Katy Thurman

Suddenly there we were with no one in school bigger than us – except for most of the staff! We found we'd all been given new responsibilities and now we'd have to set the example for the rest of the school. Speech day arrived and Vikki and Katie entertained us memorably with a space odyssey and Evie gave us a touch of Joyce Grenfell. We all played our parts for the ISIS inspection and managed to pull the wool over the inspectors' eyes so it went really well. Christmas dinner saw us nearer to the top table than ever, although our outfits were much trendier than theirs.

The Christmas holidays were marred by nagging parents and too much revision – supposedly to prepare us for the mocks. After the exams we got back to Off Site Sports – easily the most enjoyable lessons of the year! Most of us really enjoyed snowboarding/skiing, yoga and paint balling – even though the paint balls hurt a lot more than we expected!

Those doing English went to see *The Taming of the Shrew* in Manchester and were fantastically

House Captains

Kennedy

Emma Shirley

Pigot

Katie Bromley

Powys

Liv Ko

Wilson

Rebecca Moncrief

lucky, as it was a stunning performance. The GNVQ group also organized a special inter house competition which went really well.

By the Summer term spirits were getting higher despite the looming exams and certain people decided to amuse themselves by repeatedly leaning a huge cardboard tube against the edge of the door so that it hit the unsuspecting coming into the form room.

As our time at St. Elphin's drew to a close, we were able to enjoy tea with the staff and a meal out at an Italian restaurant with Mr. and Mrs. Hodgson (our long-suffering form teacher). On the final day we had the chance to launch a highly satisfying attack on the other years with our water pistols – worth every penny of £2.50 from Woolworth's.

Our sincere thanks to all the staff for their hard work and support. All that remains now is to wait for the results. . .

Vikki Sheldon and Becca Moncrief

What's Hot

Men	Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett
Music	Shaggy
Magazines	Cosmopolitan
Mobile Phones	Nokia 3210
Clothes	Cowl neck tops
Clothes shops	Morgan & Co
Food	Boots Meals Deals Chicken Soup
Cars	Having one!
Off-site sports	Paint-balling
Misc	Sunbathing Clubbing School laundry 3 hour baths Clubbing



What's Not

Men	H from Steps, Tom Jones
Music	Clint Eastwood-Gorillaz
Magazines	Bliss
Mobile Phones	Motorola
Clothes	Short trousers, white socks
Clothes shops	Marks and Spencer
Cars	Not having one!
Off-site sports	Indian Head Massage
Misc	'A' Levels (including key skills) Quick showers



Lower Sixth Notes



First Aid, eggs, bin liners, pillow cases and pieces of wood started off our life in the 6th form, not to mention our dedicated leadership team of Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Dakin and Mr. Farrer. With a little help, a group of almost complete strangers managed to rescue both people and eggs without further injury and also direct each other across the moor. Did we mention that all but one of us had pillowcases actually on our heads for this?

The activities on the Moor finished, it was off to the cookery room to produce dishes from each of our own cultures and countries. We may not be the Jamie Olivers of the school, but there certainly were some interesting and tasty foods on offer!

Life in the 6th Form settled down after a few weeks and we almost grew fond of the break duties. No more 2 biscuit restrictions on us! The work was challenging and very different from what we had all experienced previously. We were of course, acting as guinea pigs for the new AS system, which was terrifying! The work load was increased and the time in which to do it, decreased, but with the help of our teachers and each other, we managed to get through it!

Off Site Sports provided a welcome relief on Friday afternoons, giving us the chance to experience rock climbing, canoeing, in freezing cold water at Carsington and probably most enjoyably, paint balling! You soon find out who your friends are when paint guns are involved! All in all, being a member of Lower 6th this year has been an interesting experience. Many new friends have been made and much work has been accomplished. It was sad to see the Upper 6th leave, many of whom are close friends that will be sorely missed. Now, it's our turn to rule the school, nicely of course! Prefects have been announced and Upper 6th looks set to be a very productive and memorable year!

Kirsty McCarrison and Amy Wass

What's Hot

- Freshly Baked Bread
- Angel
- McFlurries
- Chocolate
- Sport
- 2Pac
- Denim
- Designer Sunglasses
- Painted Shoes

What's Not

- Fat Pants
- Blue
- Essays
- Spice Girls
- A-Levels
- Boob Tubes
- Prejudice
- Terrorism

Off-site Sports

Off-site Sports was a welcome relief for all sixth-formers on a Friday afternoon. Led by Miss Jefferies, Mr. Coutts and Dr Dinsdale, both Upper and Lower Sixth participated in water sports at Carsington, Bowling and Laser Quest in Derby and Yoga right here in school. Little did we know that the Laser Quest was a warm for the final and most enjoyable activity, paint balling! Some of us took this very seriously whilst others decided that hiding was the best form of defence. Unfortunately for them, Duke of Edinburgh training allowed us to map a course, approach quietly and use the element of surprise to our advantage! Extremely useful skills whilst plotting a safe course through a field containing a bull, but never under-estimate a bull's own use of surprise! We also went rock-climbing in Sheffield which was an experience! Most girls did well, reaching the top and coming back down calmly and safely whilst others of us reached the top, but found descending a slightly different matter! Cries of "Have you got me?" could be heard for miles around. We returned to school with a real sense of achievement (and a few shaking hands!). Thank you to all teachers who were involved with our activities and we hope that next year will be just as much fun. May we go paint-balling again?

Kirsty McCarrison

Careers

In December Years 7 to 11 watched a performance by "Impact" a Work Based Training theatre tour group. The content of the presentation was excellent, cast members adopted several roles ranging from Brittany Spears to "The Men in Black" in order to communicate all Post 16 and Higher Education information. There was music, singing and dancing; the latter unfortunately (from my point of view) involved audience participation and wearing a rather dubious wig!

HIGHER EDUCATION APPLICATIONS

In June the now upper sixth visited the Higher Education Convention at the Sheffield Arena in order to obtain information about prospective universities prior to making their university applications. In September work began in earnest, choosing six institutions and writing the dreaded personal statement. This is the crucial part and Ann Hodgson and myself joined forces to offer guidance. The girls produced excellent, individual statements and all received offers from the institutions of their choice. Well done everyone - All you have to do now is achieve the grades in your examinations!

Work Experience

Year 11 were again offered the opportunity to take part in Work Experience which took place during the last week of June, immediately following their GCSE examinations. This year girls personally selected their preferred organisations from a database compiled and vetted in terms of Health and Safety aspects by the Derbyshire Careers Service. My job was then to liaise with the prospective employers and brief girls beforehand to ensure they were fully prepared. As usual the "experiences" were very varied and included working with animals (dogs, cats, horses) at a boarding kennel, healthcare with a team of district nurses, working with pre-school children, catering and hospitality, back stage experience at the Buxton Opera House and office work with solicitors and a company specialising in computer interface design. (The latter actually resulted in some paid holiday work so that was a bonus!)

Feedback from the girls involved was very enthusiastic, they all had an enjoyable and meaningful, if very tiring week and all were glad they had taken part. Importantly, all had gained insight into the world of work.

Some "quotes"

"When GCSE's finished it felt really strange, I didn't know what to do with myself I felt as though I should be revising. I'm really glad I did Work Experience because it gave me something to think about."

"I was really shocked everyone was wandering about in jeans" (a reference to a 'Dress down Friday' policy at a solicitor's office.

"I have never been so tired in my life but its worth it, I'm really glad I came."

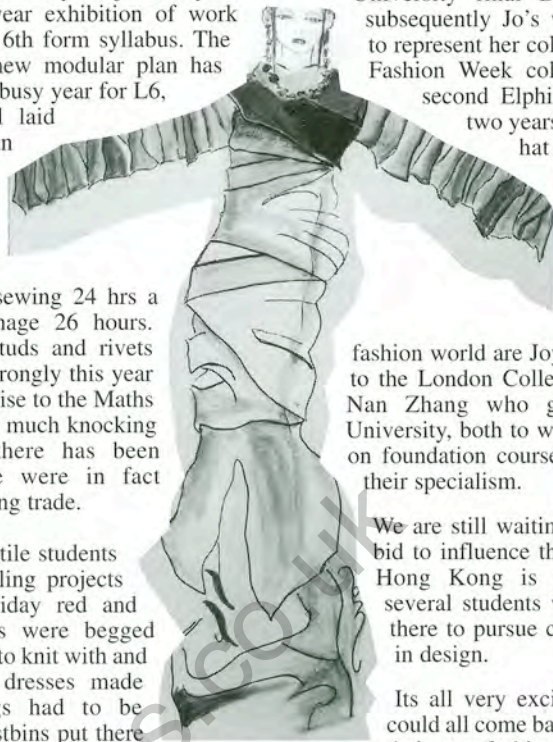
In answer to the question "What do you think is the most important skill people need?"
'Teamwork' 'Communication' 'To be able to do more than one job.'

Sue Dakin

TEXTILES SNIPPETS

A busy department as usual, we arrive at the end of term with the room looking more like Aladdin's cave each year. The GCSE and A level groups have their displays of work on show again but this year they are joined by the L6 with their first year exhibition of work required for the new 6th form syllabus. The introduction of the new modular plan has made it an extremely busy year for L6, instead of the usual laid back Mediterranean ethos of "domani" "domani". We are considering moving in camp beds and sleeping bags for them, so instead of sewing 24 hrs a day they might manage 26 hours. Punk pins, chains, studs and rivets have featured quite strongly this year producing (we apologise to the Maths department below) so much knocking and banging that there has been speculation that we were in fact training for the building trade.

★ Many former textile students will recall recycling projects where bank holiday red and yellow bin bags were begged from the council to knit with and half completed dresses made from crisp bags had to be rescued from dustbins put there by our super zealous cleaners.



Well now another one of our number has made it to the London catwalk with a frothy wedding dress made of hundreds of pink and yellow "jay cloths" (sponsored by Wilkinson Home and Garden!) This "symbol of wedded bliss with the spouse being domesticity" was shown by Jo(anne) Mapp at the Nottingham Trent University final Degree Show and subsequently Jo's work was selected to represent her college at the London Fashion Week college shows - the second Elphinian to do this in two years. Can we make it a hat trick next year? We still have several old students in the pipeline. The latest to join the St Elphin's take over of the fashion world are Joyce Ngai who goes to the London College of Fashion and Nan Zhang who goes to Kingston University, both to widen their horizons on foundation courses before choosing their specialism.

We are still waiting to hear how our bid to influence the fashion scene in Hong Kong is progressing from several students who have returned there to pursue courses and careers in design.

Its all very exciting, perhaps they could all come back and stun us with their own fashion show!

Liz Hughes

Library

When I joined the School in September the first challenge was to report on the state of the libraries and put forward some suggestions for improvement. Many of the staff helped by compiling subject material "wish-lists" - most of which have been fulfilled. The stock of books and CD-Roms in the Whittam Library has increased considerably and there is now a good selection of periodicals.

The new computerised loan system has proved very successful, and popular with the students. It also makes my job much easier as I no longer have to try to decipher a hundred different handwriting styles! The Whittam Library has a more comfortable reading area (thanks to Miss Jones) and by next term will have new, padded chairs and two-person desks. The subject sign system is being improved and there are displays promoting different topics each half term - the most recent, for Sport, was made by the Year 7 library assistants.

The Lower School Library is also seeing changes. Piles of new books and CD-Roms are on the way, as well as some new seating. Mrs. Cuff's older pupils are being actively encouraged to use the Whittam Library as well as their own and have borrowed poetry, nature and fiction books. The younger children are also becoming familiar with the main library; they visited for storytime at Christmas and will be having a summer poetry session at the end of this term.

It has been a very busy and interesting year and as a result we shall start the new term with much better facilities in both libraries - although there is still room for improvement...
Jacky Whiteside



LIBRARY APPEAL

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Kirsty 'Peaks' at 107!

Little did St Elphin's 6th form pupil Kirsty McCarrison realise when she began her Work Experience at the Peak 107 Radio Station, Chesterfield in June that she would end up with so many new friends and a job!

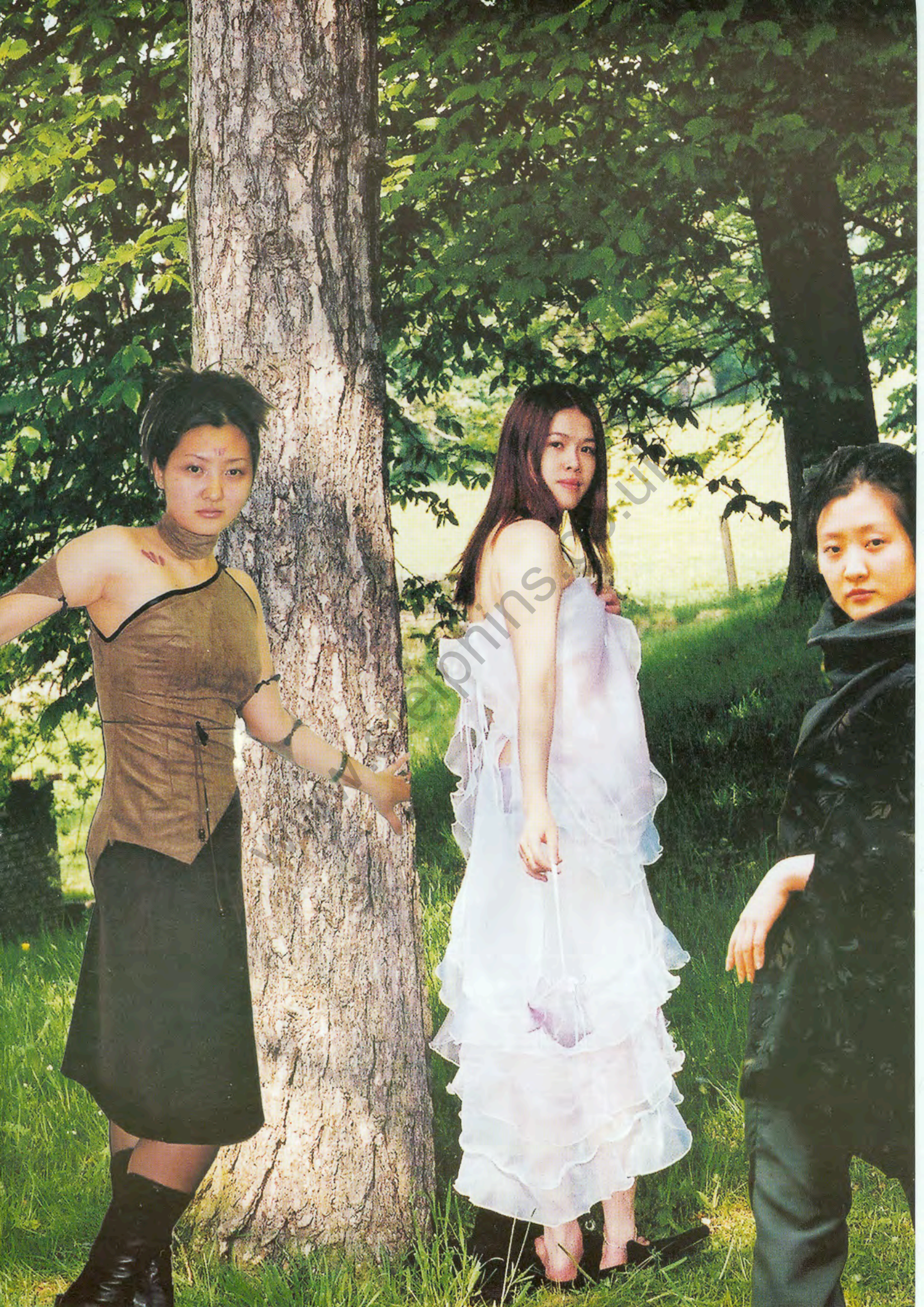
During her fortnight at the station Kirsty worked in all the station's different departments including the newsroom, where she wrote cues and edited interviews on the computer.

So impressed were here employers with Kirsty's, enthusiasm, "smiling face" and aptitude for the demands of radio work that they asked her to work every Saturday in the newsroom, "doing" the football. As Kirsty explains "I record interviews and results and then edit them before they are broadcast".

Kirsty, a keen Manchester United fan, loves the "fantastic atmosphere" of the station where she has found all the staff to be very friendly and relaxed.

Perhaps a career in broadcasting beckons for this talented youngster!
Paul Franks

Three creations designed (modelled) by, left to right
Nan Zhang (herself), Rebecca Moncrief (Karley Chung), Joyce Ngai (Nan Zhang)



AT HOME...

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

This year has been one of transition for Duke of Edinburgh (D. of E.). With the departure last year of Dave Farrer and this year of Di Blount the reins of D. of E. have fallen to myself. Both Dave Farrer and Di Blount ran successful expeditions for many years and are a hard act to follow. We are grateful for all their hard work in making D. of E. a success at St Elphin's. I have found myself on a steep learning curve. Fortunately both Dave and Di have been on hand for help and advice.

Over the winter months Y10 concentrated on the service, skill and physical recreation sections of the Award. In November a training day walk took place where Y10 pupils complete 8 miles from Bonsall to Winster and Birchover. This helped develop navigation skills that proved useful on the practice expedition.

The summer plans were severely disrupted with the Foot and Mouth outbreak and many school abandoned their expeditions for this year. At St Elphin's we kept the last few weekends of term available and after careful consideration of local landowners decided to complete practice expeditions before term ended. This will allow the assessment of these groups in September while the weather is still reasonable.

On the weekend of the 30th June the Y10 Bronze practice expedition group, Kayley Eagle, Bryony Lawrence, Anna Macdonald and Amelia Gilman, proved to be a successful team. Their navigation skills though initially a little rusty (they got off route on the very first leg) proved to be precise and

accurate. Their culinary skills were exceptional and I felt quite envious watching them cooking sausages at breakfast to be saved for sandwiches at lunch. The second day included a hard section over 'Alpine peaks' from Matlock to Bonsall. They took this in their stride and I was impressed by their collective teamwork and support of each other.

On 8th July the Y9 Bronze practice expedition consisted of two groups. The first group of four consisted of Rachel Howard, Nicola Sterland, Sally Barnett and Jennie Solomon. In the second group were Sally Ho, Christine Yam, Harriet Holt and Caroline Cable. On the second day Sian Bacon joined the first group which completed the first day of walking in record time. They were so fast I did not see them until they had almost reached the campsite. This was due to some astute navigation by the team. The second group were not far behind until they reached Birchover where they went too far along a lane and ended up in Winster. The group realised their mistake and credit must be given to them for not giving up and for getting back on track. The second day was again a long haul and the group dealt professionally with a first Aid case within the groups (Jenny cut her leg). It was a long day particularly the stretch to Bonsall where some navigation errors extended their route. Eventually they arrived at the cross in Bonsall and soon finished another expedition.

We can now look forward to the assessment expeditions in September. I hope the groups are prepared.
Mark Dinsdale



NEVER A DULL MOMENT

The boarders at St Elphin's don't have time to get bored. Our weekends are always jam packed with exciting activities and trips.

The first activity of the year involved fitness for a good cause. The girls participated in a 10km walk and raised around £900 for children in Africa. This was closely followed by a sight-seeing trip to Ripon Cathedral and Harrogate. We have "hit" many of the local shopping malls, Christmas Chaos in the Trafford Centre and May madness in Meadowhall!

Our dedicated boarding mistress, Mrs. Hablehames, organised a trip for the girls to go on to the Goole canal barges, which the girls sailed on for a short trip and enjoyed the museum and hands on painting activities.

There's one thing no girl can live without chocolate! Imagine the reaction when St Elphin's visited Cadbury world. Everyone had their fill of chocolate during the day!



The spring term kicked off with a trip to Martin Mere, under the guidance of our resident Bird expert and St Elphin's old girl, Polly Phillpot. The girls were educated on the local bird species, which flock to the Mere and also many exotic species. Liz Boyer had the misfortune of breaking her foot before this trip and consequently enjoyed the day sitting in a wheel chair with a warm rug, being wheeled around dutifully by Mabel Odonkor and Clare Jackson!

A dark smoky room, tiny corridors, flashing lights and laser guns, this may not be your cup of tea but our girls loved it. This all happened at Quasar in Derby. The girls enjoyed their laser wars, especially as it involved shooting at the members of staff with Lasers! This was followed by more friendly competition in tenpin bowling.

A trip to see the world renowned "Cirque du Soleil" was a great success as was the performance - spectacular - and we were left speechless! This year we have visited both American Adventure and Alton Towers. The staff provided endless entertainment on both trips! Mrs. Habelhames is now sworn off roller coasters after a terrifying ride on "The Missile" at American Adventure, and Miss Wilkie tested her lungs out and blew our eardrums with her screaming on the Nemesis at Alton Towers. Both days were a great success.

Being in the heart of the Peak District, we are lucky to be surrounded by the beautiful countryside. Girls take part in the local events including Well dressings, country fairs, fireworks displays and local music festivals. They often take walks around the area and we have also taken cycling trips around the beautiful Carsington Water, where the hills provided quite a challenge!

Added to this we make regular trips to swimming pools in the local area as well as ice and roller skating, cookery, internet and an interesting day at the Magna Science Park.

A big thank you to all the energetic House Staff and Mr. Clarke!

Liz Boyer and Amy Sneyd

Trip to Chester

On the third of July 2001 Years 7 and 8 went to Chester. After a two hour-long bus trip we arrived and started our walk to the Dewa Museum.

When we arrived at the museum we found that it was full for fifteen minutes and had to wait until that period of time was over. At last we entered and stepped through the bright red door into another world. We packed into a thin passageway and saw that on our left was the side of a Roman galley. We then entered the galley and stood, frozen, while a terrifying voice informed us that we would row hard and that some of us would never see our homes again. Comforting! After this we progressed through the museum and amongst other things, discussed why it would be hard to kill a Roman guard when he was on top of the battlement and what having a bath would have involved. After watching a short film on Roman Chester we went and viewed some archaeological digs and investigated in the hands on room.

Once we had left the museum we walked around Chester and saw the amphitheatre, which someone had partially covered by building a nunnery on top of it. Due to the fact that rumbling stomachs could

be heard a mile off Mrs. Miles decided that it was time for lunch, so we marched onto the park and ate our lunch sitting on some Roman stones no less. After lunch and some time to walk round in small groups we went to the Grosvenor Museum.

At the Grosvenor Museum we were given several tasks to perform. On one table we had to decide which pots on a table were genuine, which were fake and which were from other times. The words "Chester roman imitations" on the bottom of one pot gave away the answer, unfortunately others weren't so easy. We also had to decide what different artefacts were used for and study a skeleton. At one table we had to pick out bits of bone, shell, coal, etc. from a tray. The bone tray was so full that we could have made our own skeleton! The only other table was full of tiles so that you could make your own mosaic, unfortunately my group didn't get to have a go on that table. As well as that we tried on Roman armour, it was so heavy that my back aches at the mere thought of walking in it! When we finished those activities we looked round the Roman exhibition and filled in worksheets.

We then left the museum and traipsed back to the bus where we talked our way home.

Kyna Milnes

Hardwick Hall

After years of begging Mr. Franks for a trip to Hardwick Hall, we finally got one.

On 28th June we all piled onto a coach and arrived at Hardwick Hall. As we approached the massive glass front we remarked at how rich Bess of Hardwick must have been to have long glass windows and Flemish tapestry.

As we climbed to the Gallery we learnt about self-locking doors, and Bess of Hardwick's four husbands, each of which had died after only a few years of marriage. This left her with a lot of money. Bess became the second richest woman after Elizabeth 1st.

When Bess built Hardwick Hall she even had rooms built for Elizabeth, who actually never visited the house. We thank Mrs. James for a great tour and Mr. Franks for organising the trip.

Caroline Cable.

Two Sides to Every Story

The Geography trip to the Peak District National Park to look at life effects of tourism was very successful and included a survey of Castleton and the surrounding area.

We have been plotting weather developments over the floods looking at and taking maps from the Met Office Web site, collecting newspaper articles on flooding and relating it to our 'A' level hydrology studies.

We are joining a web based inter-school link operated by the Met. Office called MetLink International where schools around the world swap data by mail on their climate and local weather. I should hope to resolve all years in this exciting project.

Tony Coultts



The secret seven on the moor with Molly, their dog

Now the Other Side

On a cold September morning St Elphin's prime geographers plus one Birthday Boy and his dog sent off for the bright lights of Castleton. Surveillance was carried out in the mud of Stanage Edge including compaction, vegetation, erosion and garden investigators.

Next stop was the CBD of Castleton. After dodging the coach loads of other GCSE groups, we synchronised our watches and off we plodded leading Birthday Boy and co to a cup of coffee, tea-cake and choes.

Streets were found eventually and land use surveys were produced. Unfriendly gift shops were avoided at all costs by tourist and locals, when looking at answers filled from the questionnaires. Onwards and upwards. . . and upwards. . . and just a little on further upwards, we climbed through perilous weather conditions, led by our enthusiastic Birthday Boy and side-kick Molly, to the top of Man Tor.

After a good photo opportunity we sped to the bottom to the comfort of our minibus. Once aboard we encountered a pungent stench – all heads turned to our driver, until realisation dawned that Molly had been rolling in something she shouldn't. Rather an eventful day, all thanks to our ALWAYS enthusiastic Geography teacher Mr. Coultts (and dog Molly).



SCIENCE FESTIVAL

Years 9 and 10 attended the Science Festival at Derby University. The girls went to lectures on 'Monitoring Freshwater Pollution' 'Organelles', 'Ores and Okovs', 'Photofantastic and the best of all Dr Bumhead's Chemistry set'. This was an excellent end to the day full of flames and exciting bangs and explosions.

Caroline Pilkington

Photography Club, Cookery Club, Cartoon Club and Scrabble Club all met after school in the week and have been enjoyed by all.



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A Day in London – Classics

On a warm Thursday morning, we set out at 7.30 in the morning on what was to be a long and gruelling bus journey to London. Unfortunately, the weather took a turn for the worse when we reached London, but we weren't going to let that spoil the joys of getting off the bus after a 3-hour journey.

The first place we went was the British Museum, which was huge, and we promptly lost a couple of people among the exhibits. First, we went to look at the sculpture from the Parthenon in Athens that Lord Elgin had rescued/stolen from the building and brought back to London. After gawping at the magnificent carvings for a while, we went to the Roman and Greek section of the museum. We looked at early Roman pottery and bathtub shaped coffins. We eavesdropped on an old lady's conversation about her theory that dinosaurs were still alive in Roman times, and we were having a thoroughly good time, without too much disturbance to the general public (we hope!)

We soon got side tracked though and escaped into the rest of the museum. Although we were supposed to be looking at the Roman stuff, we found ourselves staring in horrified fascination at 'The Lindow Man' and mummified cats. When Mrs. Miles regained control over us, we went back to the Greek and Roman section, detouring to look at the Rosetta Stone along the way.

Finally, we were forced to leave the museum so we could go to the London Museum in the afternoon and go to McDonalds (shudder) for lunch, although the more discerning went next door to Pret à Manger. The London Museum was not as big, but equally easy to get lost in, especially in the Tudor town replica, we were in there for hours. It was like a maze! And if I ever hear that madrigal again . . .



Anyway, we looked at the Roman artefacts and some amazingly detailed jewellery and ornaments. We saw skeletons, cooking pots, combs and ancient mirrors and make-up. The star of the show was The Spitalfields Roman, the remains of a Roman woman found near London. The excavation of her body was shown on the TV series 'Meet the Ancestors'.

When it was time to go, people had wandered off into other parts of the museum and members of the class had to be practically dragged away from 'The Love Cup' and the Coronation Carriage, which frankly I thought was horrible.

We had a brilliant day in London, on what was later described as "the best school trip ever". The best thing about it was that we not only learned about history, but we were enjoying ourselves in the process.

Harriet Holt

Thank you Mrs. Miles – our final outing with you.

U6 Personal Studies –

Students are required to make an in-depth study of a chosen artist including reproducing their work.



*Nan Zhang – Artist – Ni Ren
Grade A*



*Joyce Ngai – Artist – Polyanna Pickering
Grade B*

Year 7 Notes

After a lovely induction where we did things like see if wood lice liked to swim (I don't think they do as they seemed to stop moving for good after we put them in water), we set to work. What with hockey and netball matches that we lost and plenty of prep, the term seemed to fly by and before we new it Christmas was upon us. The Christmas dinner was very good and apart from a few hiccoughs (such as forgetting to offer Mrs. Corfield the drink first) year seven made a fairly good impression.

The spring term was very uneventful and soon it was Easter. The holidays had hardly started before they ended (that is a nasty habit of theirs). We came back to school and the last drops of holiday happiness soon disappeared as we were confronted by exams. After a hectic fortnight of revision and exams we eventually emerged from our "quick revision" books and were able to look forward to the summer holidays which, after the school play were suddenly tomorrow. Goodbyes were said, sweets were exchanged and photos were taken before we all went home to enjoy our freedom

Kyna Milnes

AMY

I have loved it here at St. Elphin's. I have met new people and new teachers although there have been some bad times and good. People have helped me when I needed it the most and I am very grateful. St Elphin's has helped me a lot so far because I am much more confident with reading and acting.

Mr. Franks' lessons are fun. I would like to thank Mrs. Hodgson because she has encouraged me to read and now I like reading. Mr. Coult's lessons are strict but also fun. I would also like to thank Miss Jefferies for the support she has given me and last but not least Mrs. Corfield for being a wonderful Maths form teacher.

Thank you 'all' the teachers for a wonderful year. I hope every year is like this one.

Amy Carannante

WHAT'S HOT

- Books to read on beach
- Smelly pens
- Mobiles (Nokia)
- Rats, Gerbils, Hamsters
- MTV
- Sky (TV)
- Holidays
- Fizzy drinks
- Rap rock & classical music
- Marble gel pens
- Hip Hop
- Shopping (Clothes)
- Chocolate
- Chips (McDonalds)
- Bowling
- Rounders & athletics
- Text talk
- Micro snacks
- Braces

WHERE?

Where do you hide the Sun?
Sunken beneath a white cloud bank.

Where do you hide the moon?
Above Alamo on the mountains.

Where do you hide a star?
On the starboard side of a comet.

Where do you hide a comet?
Come to the edge of the universe to find out.

But where do you hide a planet?
And where to hide a word?

Kyna Milnes

Where to you hide a bee?
You've got to be early to see!

Where to you hide a pig?
Look in the top Igloo!

Where do you hide a fly?
Listen to a duff lyric!

Where do you hide a panther?
Go to the kitchen and find a saucepan there!

Kendal Tomlinson

Where would you find a pig?
Flying to a pigeon coot.

Where would you find a rat?
In a Karate class.

Where would you find a cat?
In a category.

Jaeger Rowland

Where do you hide a boar?
In a feather boa, ruffling the feathers.

Where do you hide an ant?
Driving a van, travelling to London.

Where do you hide a bat?
In a batch of cookies, or in a parade, twirling a baton.

Natalia Sherif

Where do you hide a Yorkie?
Below the great sites of New York i.e. Central Park.

Where do you hide a Pug?
In a crowd of pugnacious football supporters.

Where do you hide a whippet?
Below, eating Banana Whippitifully in the cold cellar.

Emma Brookes

Where do you hide Earth?
In a wiggerly, swiggerly earthworm.

Where do you hide a comet?
Come to my house to see!

Heather Haggis

Where do you hide a cat?
In a Knight's catapult.

Where do you hide a pig?
In the pigment of your imagination

Where do you hide a bat?
In a wind battered cave.

Katy Matthews



Yr 7 Induction Course extracts

Monday

Woke up this morning extremely sure I'd been expelled, then I realised it was just a dream. I don't know why I always worry so much.

My watch seemed to stop, then, finally it was time to go to tea. There were cakes of every sort imaginable. Later we went to see our form-room. I couldn't wait to start doing seniors' work.

Tuesday

First thing we did today was go to a music workshop, run by Mr. Teague. I played "Lightly Row" on my euphonium. It went very well. Mr. Teague said it wouldn't be long until I'm in the orchestra. I've never been in an orchestra before.

Then we went to a drama workshop. One game was where we were in pairs and we had to lead our partner around the drama hut with their eyes shut.

Afterwards we went to the Biology labs to conduct an experiment to find out what habitats woodlice live in. I would like to be able to say "no woodlice were harmed in these tests" but I can as many people tried to find out if woodlice lived in water. Needless to say the woodlice drowned.

Then we did a treasure hunt which helped us get used to going to all the different parts of the school as we would be in our normal senior school week.

I also used the vending machine for the first time today. I put the money in, made my selections for my two bars of chocolate, just as it said, but I only received one.

Wednesday

We went to Carsington Water today where we hired rafts and sailed them.

I had never been in a boat before today and I can't wait to go in another. We played games in the water and really enjoyed ourselves.

We also boarded today in Lower Orchards. Miss Spurling and Miss Jones organised a party where we had to get dressed in funny costumes. Mine was a dress that looked like it was worn the time of cowboys.

We played a game of forfeits, which were mainly standing on the fire escape stairs of the old prep room and shouting different messages. I will not write what I had to say in case this book gets into the wrong hands.

I finally got to sleep at 1 o'clock tonight.

Thursday

We went to the Chestnut Centre today for otters and owls.

I would like to carry on our induction course so it finishes on Friday instead of today, but if it did, I may die of exhaustion.

Emma Brookes

WHAT'S NOT

- Tweenies
- Teletubbies
- Homework
- Termites
- Spice Girls
- Food shopping
- Health food
- Tennis/Hockey
- Blackjack
- Chocolate sweets
- Spots
- Cricket
- Swim costumes
- Mini-skirts



FUN WAYS TO RAISE MONEY

Social Services – just some of our projects this year

Exciting scholarships for Africa

We are delighted that some of the money from the Sponsored Walk this year is providing St. Elphins scholarships for twenty girls in the central African country of Tanzania.



Muyama Secondary School

Muyama Secondary School is one of just five secondary schools in the Kasulu District of Kigoma Region of Tanzania. Like all the other secondary schools in the district it has places available for three hundred and twenty students over the four years of lower secondary up to certificate level. At the moment there is no provision in the district for 'A' level students. When you consider that there are something like 90,000 primary school pupils in the district, you can see how fierce competition is to obtain a place in secondary. But even if you are successful in getting a place, the problems don't stop there. School fees are about £50 per year and additional costs can easily double that. This amount is more than the yearly income of many of the families as most of them are subsistence farmers. In recent years, matters have been made worse. Traditionally, many farmers grow some coffee in this mountainous

region as a cash crop, which they would sell in the market in Burundi, which is only a few miles away. Unfortunately, a terrible civil war is raging in Burundi and the border is now closed. The farmers simply haven't enough money to take the crop to a market further away.

When families in this area are short of money for education they traditionally favour the sons of the family over the daughters and many people, even girls themselves, don't believe they have as much right to education as boys. Certainly Muyama School has female students who are in danger of dropping out of school for this reason. It is entirely appropriate, therefore, that St. Elphin's girls have been supporting their sisters in Muyama both financially by helping some of them with school fees and also helping to develop their knowledge and understanding of the world by exchanging letters and photographs.

Muyama Secondary School
P.O. Box 199, Kasulu

The weather here is welcoming. It is still raining. People are planting beans and harvesting maize in some places of Kasulu.

I am very happy for the good news from St Elphin's Girls school who have raised some money to assist Muyama Secondary School girls who are in trouble meeting their fees. May I assure you that the money will go to supporting the fees of the girls at my school.

At the bottom of this letter is a list of names of 20 girls who will receive the money.

Lastly but not least on behalf of the girls and my staff I would like to thank St Elphin's Girls School the Headmistress and the entire staff of the school for this timely assistance.

I remain, Yours sincerely, Gerard B Ntungye, Headmaster

Maisala Omari, Alphonsina Nashon, Pendo Fidel, Editha Elias, Agnes Festo, Benitha Shedrack, Faraja Timotheo, Vestina Nyogonya, Agnes Naftali, Pendo Boniface, Mwatanu Shabani, Cathirine Marco, Amina Mtremi, Fatuma Bakari, Hadija Hamisi, Neema Wilson, Uzia Joseph, Sara Athanas, Dablina Piason, Evelina Wilson

I might add that in doing this you are not completely ignoring the boys. School fees are the only income that the school receives so that this additional income will help the school to develop its facilities for all the students.

Stuart Marriott



Chernobyl girl comes to Darley Dale!

12 year old Olga Kartsava has made the long journey from Belarus to Darley Dale as a result of the kind-hearted generosity of the village's St Helen's Church and she is now studying hard at St Elphin's School, following months of negotiations involving the embassies of two countries.

Meningitis Research

St. Elphin's girls raised £120.00 for meningitis research as a result of the 'home clothes' day held on the 3rd November for Bonfire Night.

The money raised will go to support the Spencer Dayman Meningitis Laboratories at the School of Medical Sciences, University of Bristol, which is currently raising funds to refurbish the ground floor area of the School at a cost of £200,000.

Indian Earthquake Appeal

When the pupils heard about the tragic events in India following the massive earthquake they immediately set about raising money for the appeal.

The Juniors and Infants in particular have been extremely busy, devising games, running raffles and quizzes and putting together an array of stalls. These include a home baked cake stall, which proved popular with everyone especially Mr. Coutts, the Geography teacher, who was seen leaving with a very large bag of goodies! There was also a Treasure Map, Name the Teddy, a poetry competition, a sale of second-hand books and a 'Guess the Teacher as a Baby' photo quiz.

Adding together their own pocket money, collecting 10 and 20 pences and the proceeds of the stalls and games the girls and boys have raised an amazing £350.00!

Not to be out done the girls in the senior school have also done their bit. Yasmin Sneyd and Natasha Mitra (Year 8) raised over £1000 by dressing up as mobile phones for a day. They also helped organise a Junior School disco and this added another £25 to the collection.

COMIC RELIEF

March 16th was Red Nose Day with a variety of activities. Year 7 busked for the Governors. Year 10 had a cake sale, Sister Mitre sewed nametapes on, and it was Home Clothes Day. Hair changed to almost all colours of the rainbow. Teachers wore sports gear. Miss Jones was the star with her Kick Boxing outfit, black eye and missing tooth.

Yasmin and Natasha did another Treasure Hunt. Mr. Franks had his lower legs waxed by a beauty consultant from a local salon and Dr. Dinsdale had his beard carefully shaved off by Phyllis, Lisbeth and Alex. A final amount of over £500 was sent to help projects in UK and Africa.

Judy Corfield

Many thanks to Judy Corfield for all her organisation of these events.



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Music Notes



Music has continued to flourish this year, and the September term started with many girls signed up to learn instruments with our team of peripatetic staff. The pattern of rehearsals for choir and orchestra has continued as before with the choir busy preparing and singing a motet or anthem at the Friday eucharist each week. Some orchestra rehearsals were spent working with the newly established woodwind group which gives our clarinetists and bassoon something more challenging. During the autumn term, in addition to speech day, musical highlights included our string players taking part in a concert at Alderwasley, and members of the choir singing in Haydn's Creation at Chesterfield Parish Church in November. The carol services, senior and junior were very well received as always. During the Lent term we had inter-house competitions, which included outstanding performances from Holly Brown and Queenie Ng.

During the first half of the Summer term we were all very busy – the juniors sang with great success at the Mansfield Festival, winning all their classes, the seniors meanwhile preparing for the end of year concert which this year was held in St Giles' Church in Matlock as a public event. The programme which was very varied, gave many girls the opportunity to perform. Highlights included performances by the whole of Year 7 of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and "Amazing Grace", and a select group from the choir performing Psalm 23 by Schubert –

the first time we have sung music in 4 part harmony (SSAA). In this piece the girls sang with exquisite precision of pitch and blend. On a more popular front the whole choir sang another version of the same words – this time more familiar to viewers of "The Vicar of Dibley" – the version by Howard Goodall in which the concluding solo section featured Lizzie Davies of Year 8 making her solo debut. For many, the high spot of the evening was undoubtedly the performance of the Telemann Viola Concerto which featured our own Mr. Neil Clarke as the soloist. This gave those string players who took part a really special opportunity to perform something challenging and rewarding, as well as providing a stimulus to others to show what hard work can achieve. Other items included pieces by our Woodwind Group and our newly established flute group. Our thanks to all the peripatetics who supported the concert, and for their hard work during the year too, and especially to Mrs. Jean Thomas who handled all the accompanying so superbly.

Peris in Concert

The 5th May saw another excellent performance in a line of similar concerts involving one of St Elphin's peripatetic music teachers. Mr. Neil Clarke, who teaches violin and viola, gave a stunning performance of several pieces including a Brahms Sonata and a

Tango by Piazzolla. The Tango needed four separate music stands to hold the six foot piece of music and involved many interesting effects from the viola.

Mr. Paul Smith, who accompanied Mr. Clarke, has performed and produced throughout the UK and abroad. He has also broadcast for BBC Radio 3, Classic FM and Capital Radio.

The evening was greatly enjoyed by an enthralled audience. Thanks to Mr. Clarke and Mr. Teague for organising and providing such wonderful entertainment.

Junior choir hit all the right notes

The Junior School Choir competed in four classes in the Mansfield Music Festival on May 16th with great success. They came away with first places and trophies in all classes (including the under 18s!) and words of praise from adjudicator Helen Walter Morecroft, who spoke glowingly of the choir's lovely choice of music and very sweet sound. The music chosen included two songs by English composer Granville Bantock, The Moon and Goblin Gold. Also performed were John Rutter's "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" and Arthur Benjamin's "A Tall Story".

Andrew Teague



House Drama



Ingredients

- 4 small boxes full of props
- 4 children's fairytales
- 4 news items from a daily paper

Method

House Captains to stir together ingredients. Pour the girls into 4 empty rehearsal spaces. Add a lot of imagination, some dramatic techniques. Place the girls on an empty stage for 15 minutes.

At 9.00 a.m. on the morning of January 18th, each house started work on a production and a programme for the House Drama Competition. By 2.00 p.m. that afternoon, they were being judged. The productions were very entertaining and difficult to place in order of merit.

Wilson House surprised their "Snow White" with her very own "This is your life" with all going well until she was re-united with her evil stepmother.

Powys' very modern "Sleeping Beauty" was a joy to watch, especially the comic performances from a wealth of characters.

How could we not pity Pigot House's poor Cinder who had such a terrible time at the hands of those sisters with attitude? However, it was Kennedy who came out top with their insight into a producer's nightmare – staging "Dick Whittington" and how to overcome all those problems.

Evelyn Smalley was awarded Best Actress for her portrayal of Dick Whittington himself. Lizzie Davies and Rachel Howard came a close second and Best Newcomer went to Katy Mathews in Year 7, for her dashing Prince Charming.

Deborah Botham

Senior School Production

The production was spent "with friends" this year, as two short plays were performed, inked by the theme of friendship.

The fast paced "Everybody's Friend" kept the audience on their toes as they watched the story of three elderly ladies unfold before them.

Anna MacDonald (Yr 10) played the stern Miss Furley. Not only could she not smile but she had to master the art of acting on crutches for the part. Maria Theodoulou (Yr 10) made a huge impact on stage as the interfering cleaner, Mrs. Roberts. Thank you for being such a sport, Maria and creating such a colourful character. Phyllis Odonkor (Yr 11) showed off her prowess with a physical theatre convincing the audience she was creeping across from balcony to balcony at a height of thirteen floors.

"All Friends Together" was performed by a cast of Yr 9's and Yr 7's, who all gelled together to present a hilarious comedy. Not only were the audience entertained but they were included in the play by being involved in the party. Who can forget Caroline Cable's bright pink hair or Mabel Odonkor as a metallic Robot? The play was directed by the cast and culminated in a chaotic and very funny dance routine.

Speech and Drama Examinations

In March this year girls took the annual LAMDA examinations. The results were very impressive with many girls achieving Honours and Distinction marks. Well done to them. Several girls took an examination in an area, which was new to them, for example Improvisation was examined this year. They all worked hard to achieve their successes. Two Year 11 girls, Phyllis Odonkor and Charlotte Nunn undertook the Bronze and Silver Medal Awards. They should also be proud of their results.

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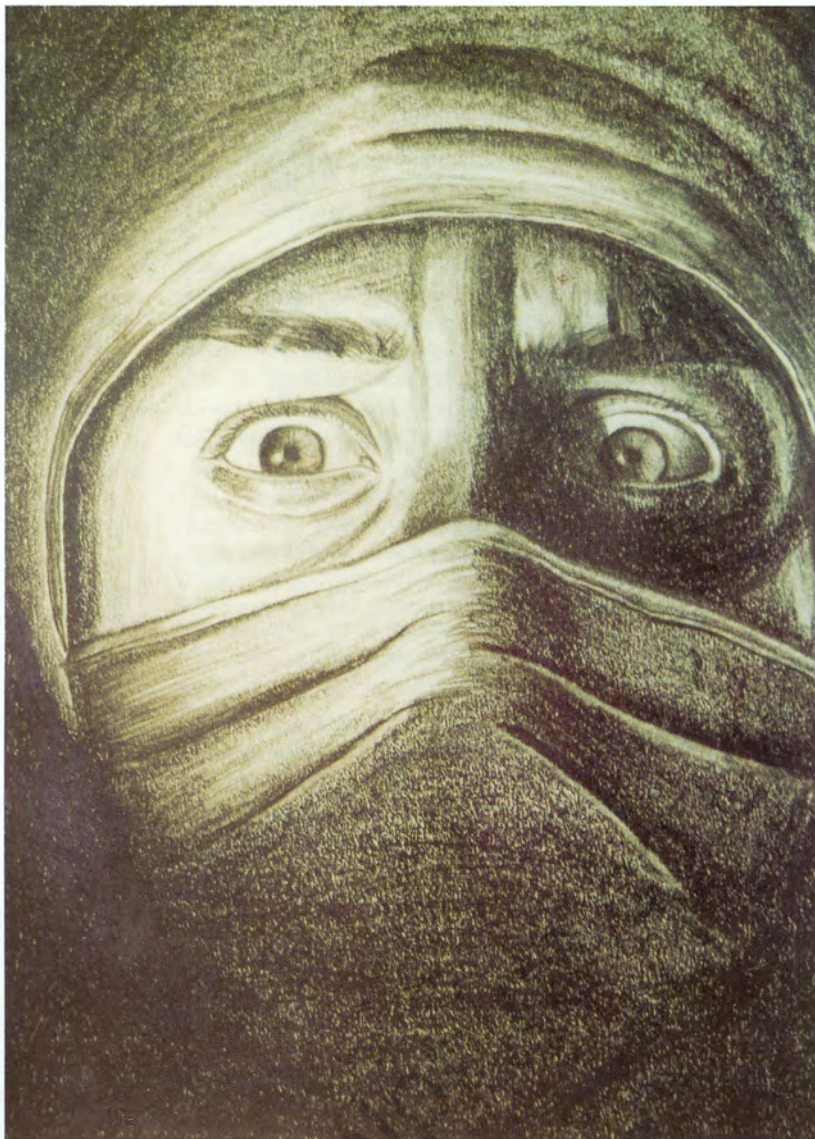
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of 'Point Horror' Book
GCSE Grade A*



*Kirsty McCarrison L6. Personal Study 'Salvador Dali'
A.S. Grade A*

Year 8 Notes

The first term seemed to fly by but sadly at the end we said goodbye to Jenny. The ending was fantastic. We went to Lizzie's pantomime she played an owl, mouse and a little dancer and she was brilliant.

After we had survived that episode we saw "Guys and Dolls". Two tired classmates fell asleep in it, but everyone who did watch thought it was great.

To follow that it was Christmas Dinner. Becky eating all the mash potato in sight, Mr.Coutts singing "with the ladies", Mr.Franks worrying about his dicky bow all night and Chaplain taking the lead in all the carols. It was a Christmas miracle when Miriam ate three, yes three carrots!

In the Easter term we had Red Nose Day, when Mr.Franks had his legs professionally waxed and Dr Dinsdale had a close shave! The whole school raised around £300. Then it was orange day when Natasha and Yasmin dressed up as mobile phones for Bangladesh. They raised £150 between them.



In the Easter holidays some of U8 went on the PGL

WHAT'S HOT

- Actors
- MacFlurry
- Coke
- Dogs
- T Shirts
- Eastenders
- Chocolate
- Rollercoasters
- Shopping
- Big Brother
- Internet
- Bagpus



trip. Becky had trauma with a sailing boat and a crocodile in the lake, Yaz and Tash having a fight in the boat and tipping it over. Miriam and Amy's boat flooded, but Miriam threw some out with her trainers. They then found an easier way when the boat capsized.

The summer term came but it didn't seem like it with wind and rain, Summer also saw the arrival of new girl, Sarah.

A hot summer day appeared perfect for sports day. Everyone enjoyed it when Yaz and Amy's granddad brought everyone an ice-cream. Mum won the shot put with 6.66m. We were also taken to Hardwick Hall. We saw the most amazing house and the strongest table.

Overall we had a wonderful year and are looking forward to the next, after a long holiday of course!

Miriam Hammond
Amy Sneyd

We have had a number of trips to the theatre including one to see "Cinderella" at Mansfield. We were all ready to go and I had to direct Mr.Franks to the Theatre, as I look after the Shetland ponies backstage. I was looking forward to seeing it from the audience for once!

Our classmate Lizzie Davies was in the play as a dancer. We all got there and were looking for somewhere to park when Mr.Franks "accidentally" crashed the minibus. (Very small brush against a bollard in the car park - Ed). Miriam thought it was hilarious! Finally we got inside and all went to get drinks and sweets.

We sat down and started to watch. The ugly sisters got their storyline wrong but it was very funny. Natasha, Prudence and Jessica fell in love with Rambo and Dandeani, the Shetland ponies. They were naughty as usual.

Everyone enjoyed the play because it made us laugh so much. We all thought the ugly sisters must be the most fashionable sisters around.

Beth Bearder

WHAT'S NOT

- Steps
- S Club 7
- Bad Videos
- Brussels Sprouts
- Baked Beans
- Emmerdale
- School
- Getting up early
- Monday mornings
- Chilli
- Trains
- Long journeys



MY FAVOURITE SPORT

HORSE RIDING

My favourite sport is horseriding because I love the feel of the movement of ponies. I love it because I go showing and to win is fantastic because then everyone talks about you and say how wonderful you are. I love being in the spotlight galloping across the arena with everyone cheering you feel so free. Ponies are so elegant and I'm glad I ride.



Beth Bearder



A new life for Paul Franks, year 8's form master, with his daughter Daisy

My favourite sport is trampolining because if you fall it doesn't hurt. I like bouncing and it's really fun when you go on with a partner because you bounce really high.

Miriam Hammond

My favourite part of Sports Day was when it was my race because it was the only race I was doing. I was also happy because my Grandad came. What I remember most about Sports Day is how well Becky Brown did the high jump and how well Miriam did in the Shot Putt. I also remember Harriet falling just before the finish line of her race, but she still won. I was very happy that Wilson won and that Lizzie won lots of cups. I think she deserved them because she did a lot of running and throwing events.

Yasmin Sneyd

My favourite sport is swimming because the feeling around you is great and refreshing. When you dive in the sudden coldness of the water wakes you up.

I love going to Galas because that is a feeling of excitement around you. The best bit though when your swimming and you hear people cheering you on. It gives you a little extra push.

Amy Sneyd

My favourite sport is dancing. I do competitions where medals and cups are to be won! I love the competitions because people give you a lot of support. The feeling is great when you win because you're the only one forward in the line and my Mum is clapping really loud which is wonderful. I do love dancing!



Elizabeth Davies

My favourite thing about Sports Day was when I won the javelin because I don't often win. The worst thing was when you were sitting there waiting for your event because you get nervous and think you will lose. Some funny things happened as well like when Harriet tripped and fell on her bottom about a metre away from the finish line, but she still managed to win; Miriam won the Shot Put and the look on Becky's face when she finished her race was of relief.

Natasha Mitra



YEAR 8
 2000 – 2001
 Beth Bearder
 Jessica Brogden
 Rebecca Brown
 Elizabeth Davies
 Miriam Hammond
 Grace Lau
 Natasha Mitra
 Amy Sneyd
 Yasmin Sneyd
 Prudence Wagstaff



YEAR 7 – 2000-2001
 Emma Brookes, Amy Carannate, Holly-Rose Godkin, Heather Haggis, Hannah Hitchcock, Ellie Howson, Hannah Johnson, Katy Matthews, Kyna Milnes, Rachel Ragsdale, Jaegar Rowland, Annie Sedgwick, Natalia Sherif, Kendal Tomlinson, Lorna Tonks, Nicola Yates



STAFF – 2000-2001
 Kate Barrett, Catherine Bathie, Mary-Claire Bogie, Deborah Botham, Judy Corfield, Tony Coutts, Rosemary Cuff, Sue Dakin, Jean Davies, Mark Dinsdale, Helen Fairley, Rebecca Figg, Paul Franks, Kate Gardiner, Teresa Goodwin, Julie Habelhames, Melanie Hall, Julie Henson, Diane Hewitt, Ann Hodgson, Liz Hughes, Claire James, Catherine Jefferies, Georgina Jones, Wendy Kenyon, Gerry Martin, John Mayo, Angela Mellor, Lorraine McGlone, Patricia Miles, Jenny Mitra, Deborah Mouat, Nigel Ogden, Patricia Outram, Christine Phillips, Anne Phillpot, Carol Pilkington, Caroline Pilkington, Liz Prince, Margaret Renshaw, Rebecca Smith, Sue Spriggs, Sheila Taylor, Andrew Teague, Elizabeth Wass, Jackie Whiteside, Irene Wilkie, Liz Boyer, Katie McLennan (some pictured on page 8)

Year 7 Notes

After a lovely induction where we did things like see if wood lice liked to swim (I don't think they do as they seemed to stop moving for good after we put them in water), we set to work. What with hockey and netball matches that we lost and plenty of prep, the term seemed to fly by and before we new it Christmas was upon us. The Christmas dinner was very good and apart from a few hiccoughs (such as forgetting to offer Mrs. Corfield the drink first) year seven made a fairly good impression.

The spring term was very uneventful and soon it was Easter. The holidays had hardly started before they ended (that is a nasty habit of theirs). We came back to school and the last drops of holiday happiness soon disappeared as we were confronted by exams. After a hectic fortnight of revision and exams we eventually emerged from our "quick revision" books and were able to look forward to the summer holidays which, after the school play were suddenly tomorrow. Goodbyes were said, sweets were exchanged and photos were taken before we all went home to enjoy our freedom

Kyna Milnes

AMY

I have loved it here at St. Elphin's. I have met new people and new teachers although there have been some bad times and good. People have helped me when I needed it the most and I am very grateful. St Elphin's has helped me a lot so far because I am much more confident with reading and acting.

Mr. Franks' lessons are fun. I would like to thank Mrs. Hodgson because she has encouraged me to read and now I like reading. Mr. Coult's lessons are strict but also fun. I would also like to thank Miss Jefferies for the support she has given me and last but not least Mrs. Corfield for being a wonderful Maths form teacher.

Thank you 'all' the teachers for a wonderful year. I hope every year is like this one.

Amy Carannante

WHAT'S HOT

- Books to read on beach
- Smelly pens
- Mobiles (Nokia)
- Rats, Gerbils, Hamsters
- MTV
- Sky (TV)
- Holidays
- Fizzy drinks
- Rap rock & classical music
- Marble gel pens
- Hip Hop
- Shopping (Clothes)
- Chocolate
- Chips (McDonalds)
- Bowling
- Rounders & athletics
- Text talk
- Micro snacks
- Braces

WHERE?

Where do you hide the Sun?
Sunken beneath a white cloud bank.

Where do you hide the moon?
Above Alamo on the mountains.

Where do you hide a star?
On the starboard side of a comet.

Where do you hide a comet?
Come to the edge of the universe to find out.

But where do you hide a planet?
And where to hide a word?

Kyna Milnes

Where to you hide a bee?
You've got to be early to see!

Where to you hide a pig?
Look in the top Igloo!

Where do you hide a fly?
Listen to a duff lyric!

Where do you hide a panther?
Go to the kitchen and find a saucepan there!

Kendal Tomlinson

Where would you find a pig?
Flying to a pigeon coot.

Where would you find a rat?
In a Karate class.

Where would you find a cat?
In a category.

Jaeger Rowland

Where do you hide a boar?
In a feather boa, ruffling the feathers.

Where do you hide an ant?
Driving a van, travelling to London.

Where do you hide a bat?
In a batch of cookies, or in a parade, twirling a baton.

Natalia Sherif

Where do you hide a Yorkie?
Below the great sites of New York i.e. Central Park.

Where do you hide a Pug?
In a crowd of pugnacious football supporters.

Where do you hide a whippet?
Below, eating Banana Whippitfully in the cold cellar.

Emma Brookes

Where do you hide Earth?
In a wiggerly, swiggerly earthworm.

Where do you hide a comet?
Come to my house to see!

Heather Haggis

Where do you hide a cat?
In a Knight's catapult.

Where do you hide a pig?
In the pigment of your imagination

Where do you hide a bat?
In a wind battered cave.

Katy Matthews



Yr 7 Induction Course extracts

Monday

Woke up this morning extremely sure I'd been expelled, then I realised it was just a dream. I don't know why I always worry so much.

My watch seemed to stop, then, finally it was time to go to tea. There were cakes of every sort imaginable. Later we went to see our form-room. I couldn't wait to start doing seniors' work.

Tuesday

First thing we did today was go to a music workshop, run by Mr. Teague. I played "Lightly Row" on my euphonium. It went very well. Mr. Teague said it wouldn't be long until I'm in the orchestra. I've never been in an orchestra before.

Then we went to a drama workshop. One game was where we were in pairs and we had to lead our partner around the drama hut with their eyes shut.

Afterwards we went to the Biology labs to conduct an experiment to find out what habitats woodlice live in. I would like to be able to say "no woodlice were harmed in these tests" but I can as many people tried to find out if woodlice lived in water. Needless to say the woodlice drowned.

Then we did a treasure hunt which helped us get used to going to all the different parts of the school as we would be in our normal senior school week.

I also used the vending machine for the first time today. I put the money in, made my selections for my two bars of chocolate, just as it said, but I only received one.

Wednesday

We went to Carsington Water today where we hired rafts and sailed them.

I had never been in a boat before today and I can't wait to go in another. We played games in the water and really enjoyed ourselves.

We also boarded today in Lower Orchards. Miss Spurling and Miss Jones organised a party where we had to get dressed in funny costumes. Mine was a dress that looked like it was worn the time of cowboys.

We played a game of forfeits, which were mainly standing on the fire escape stairs of the old prep room and shouting different messages. I will not write what I had to say in case this book gets into the wrong hands.

I finally got to sleep at 1 o'clock tonight.

Thursday

We went to the Chestnut Centre today for otters and owls.

I would like to carry on our induction course so it finishes on Friday instead of today, but if it did, I may die of exhaustion.

Emma Brookes

WHAT'S NOT

- Tweenies
- Teletubbies
- Homework
- Termites
- Spice Girls
- Food shopping
- Health food
- Tennis/Hockey
- Blackjack
- Chocolate sweets
- Spots
- Cricket
- Swim costumes
- Mini-skirts

CHRISTMAS IS A:

Tree-decorator
 Gift-bringer
 Joy-bearer
 Lamb-sharer
 Turkey-eater
 Carol-singer
 Bell-ringer
 Cold-blower
 Christmas tree-brightener
 Son-giver
 Light-shiner



Hannah Johnson

*I should like to take home the sparkle of a wish,
 The twisting of the troubled water.
 I should like to feel the whisper of a horse's
 chocolate mane,
 To be on the burning face of the sun.
 I should like to touch the freshness of the clear,
 sweet air,
 And smell the magic of deep, Royal purple.*

Annie Sedgwick



CHRISTMAS KENNINGS

Christmas is a:
 Fir tree-decorator,
 Snow-sprinkler
 Turkey-cooker
 Star-lighter
 Baby-bearer
 King-fetcher
 Inn-filler
 Carol-singer
 Church-filler
 Candle-lighter
 Pear-tree-filler



Kyna Milnes

*I should like to take home the taste of the stars.
 To paint the sound of chocolate slowly, slowly being
 smothered in caramel.
 To see sound waves clashing against radio active
 vibes.
 To play in the taste of jelly slowly melting into
 infinity.
 To see a kettle drum beating against my heart.*

Heather Haggis

I should like to . . .

*I should like to paint the sweet taste of
 luscious caramel.
 I would like to touch the beat of a trumpet.
 I would like to fly high in the sky like a bird.
 I would like to touch Jesus Christ.*

Hannah Johnson



*I should like to hear the glory of the moon
 above the world.
 The comfort of the cat curled up in the sun.
 I should like to smell the softness of silk
 shimmering in a breeze.
 The burble of a brook meandering calmly on a
 summer day.
 I should like to taste the shimmer of snow in
 a red winter sun
 The north wind whistling to the world's end
 and back.
 I should like to know eternity, the moon, the
 stars, the sun.*

Kyna Milnes

CHRISTMAS IS A:

gift-bringer
 joy-bearer
 lamb-sharer
 turkey-eater
 sleigh-rider
 bell-ringer
 Christmas pudding-eater
 snow-baller
 wine-drinker
 present-wrapper
 mince pie-baker
 cake-icer



Ellie Howson

Winter magic as the school fountain is frozen

*I should like to listen to the fragile,
 blossoming flower;
 And paint the sleepiness of a tired,
 newborn kitten.
 I should like to paint the sweet scent of
 the first rose of summer,
 Or the gentle whisper of soft silky velvet.
 I should like to smell the silkiness of a
 rabbit's floppy ears.
 I should like to touch my dog's barks,
 And see a happy voice
 I should like to paint my Mum's voice,
 And take home rays of sunshine and
 happiness.*

Natalia Sherif

*I should like to paint the sound of the magical waterfall,
 The whisper of the snowman's crystals,
 The sharp scent of the passing wind,
 The piercing stabs of ice-cold rain,
 The first breath of a new-born lamb,
 The gleaming taste of the moon and the stars,
 The smell of luminous colours of pink and yellow.*

Jaeger Rowland



*I should like to feel the happiness of the
 glowing white barn owl flying past the moon.
 The Yellow of the buttercup when the clock
 strikes twelve.
 I should like to dance in the land of Oz when
 the sun shines on the lake.
 To feel the evil of a witch when casting a magic
 shower
 To hear the sound of the birds, chattering in the
 trees.*

Kendal Tomlinson

*I should like to touch the sparkle in a gleaming star.
 Smell the sweetness in a red rose opening at dawn.
 See the sharp tang of lemon juice.
 Taste the sweet dew on a crisp, winter morning.
 Taste the innocence of a new born baby.
 Feel the magic streaming off Harry Potter's wand.*

Nicola Yates



CHRISTMAS IS A:

present-sender
 present-giver
 carol-singer
 joy-bringer
 surprise-creator
 snow-spreader
 saviour-bearer
 stocking-filler



Katy Matthews



Narinder Gill - L6 Coursework - "Leviathon"
Grade A - 100%!



Charlotte Brown Year 11
Examination "Movement"
GCSE Grade A

THE STRONGEST LINK – YOUNG ENTERPRISE



Amy Wass, Personnel Director of the Young Enterprise company, 'Eclipse', faces Anne Robinson, intimidating figure of day – time television, as she is asked about the highs and lows of 'Eclipse's' year.

ANNE: How was the company structured?

AMY: Members voted on the best positions for all members, which resulted in:

MANAGING DIRECTOR

– KIRSTY MCCARRISON (The Boss)

COMPANY SECRETARY – ALISON TSE

& SARAH BEIGHTON (Miss Efficiency)

PERSONNEL DIRECTOR – AMY WASS

(With a burning ear)

FINANCE DIRECTOR – BOWIE LEE

(Our own Carol Vorderman)

MARKETING DIRECTORS

– NARINDER GILL & BECKY ADAMSON

(Spreaders of the word)

OPERATIONS DIRECTORS

– DORIS CHAN & JADE LEE

(Key ring character 'bashers')

SALES DIRECTORS

– IRIS LAU & RITA LEUNG (Smiling faces)

ANNE: I presume that you needed to start making your products quickly but where did your finances come from?

AMY: From October to December, we did raffles cake sales and car washing (very popular with the teachers for some reason!) This allowed the production of the cards, candles and key ring characters to begin.

ANNE: Sounds too good to be true. There MUST have been some problems by now?

AMY: We suffered a bit when 3 members resigned due to circumstances out of their control. However, the company focused on production and sales records soared towards Christmas – 'Eclipse' was in no way the weakest link.

ANNE: I suppose the Trade Fair at Chesterfield was just an excuse for a day out then?

AMY: The complete opposite in fact. After the crisis of Bowie leaving the moneybox in her room, we bravely faced 8 hours of standing in the cold, wind and rain, competing against the other companies in the area; from which we

made about £40, despite Rita pushing pot pourri bags under customer's noses!

ANNE: How did you present your company to the judges in June?

AMY: We did a spin off of the show, which we called 'The Strongest Link', with Kirsty playing the role to perfection. We went to the area final and then progressed to the last 6 at the county final, held at Pride Park, Derby.

ANNE: As hard as it is to admit that you have been successful, what awards did you receive?

AMY: Best Report, Most Enterprising Company and 2nd place in North Derbyshire (only being 4 points behind the winners!)

ANNE: So 'Eclipse', you seem to have weathered the storms that you faced and achieved dare I say, success in the world of business. But what is it that you will take away from this experience?

AMY: Everyone has gained something different (apart from a few extra pounds from the Thornton's chocolate!) These have included patience, time management, commitment and above all, increased confidence.

Anne Robinson aside, Young enterprise has been a wonderful experience, despite the hard work, but would not have been possible without the dedication of several groups of people.

Firstly, on behalf of the group, I would like to thank Mrs. Dakin and Mr. Richard Short, who have been wonderful advisors throughout the year. Also to our shareholders, who placed their money in our hands. We hope that you have been rewarded for your trust.

And to all of our directors, well done, and maybe we can plot a take over bid for next year's company!

Amy Wass L6



11

Understanding Business

Classes were suspended for two days for the Lower Sixth and the business students of the upper Sixth while the "Understanding Business" team – all experienced in a variety of businesses gave the girls an insight into the skills required for the business world. Teamwork, problem solving and communication were the key skills given particular emphasis.

We saw a completely different side to our Asian students, who are normally so quiet in class, noisily competing to be the best team. Their lively response was gratifying. It was very useful for the students to see the business world from a different perspective and for them to consider whether they had, or could acquire, the necessary skills to enable them to succeed.

Sue Dakin



Problem solving with Sixth-form

BUSINESS STUDIES

This has been yet another busy year for the Business Studies department. Year 13 GNVQ students have taken part in a full programme with visits, activities and outside speakers all of which were eventually used as the basis for their assignments. December saw their mini company GT2000 producing greeting cards, framed pictures, beaded jewellery and 'fish' decorations. They decided that their profit of £260 should be donated to "Breakthrough" a breast cancer charity. In March they organised a very enjoyable inter house event, which they called Map Track. This involved house teams answering general knowledge question to gain clues which would lead them to the treasure hidden somewhere around the school. Everyone received a prize with the biggest prize going to Kennedy the winning house. Just before the Easter holidays the group paid a visit to the Derbyshire Police Headquarters at Ripley. Here they learned about how the police used IT and were allowed to visit the Command Centre where 999 calls are received.

This year sees the end of the GNVQ course and the beginning of a new vocational A-level course in year 12. Here the practical nature of business studies continues. The first assignment for year 12 was based on a presentation given by the Operations Manager at Servo plc when they learned all about the workings of the company. In March there was a visit to Somerfield to talk to the manager about management responsibilities and the importance of innovation and enterprise. This was followed by a visit from a marketing team from Thorntons who conducted a focus group exercise to help with their research into the development of a new chocolate. There was also a visit from an independent financial adviser to speak about financial services for individuals and business. Unfortunately all these activities have to be followed by lots of hard work and the flurry of assignment writing still continues!

Sheila Taylor

Year 11 Notes

Extracts from Charity Letters for GCSE media

We at Oxfam are appealing for your help. All we are asking for is 5p a day, that's just £2 a month to help some of the poorest people in Tanzania.

In the remote village of Kola Ndota, the only hospital for miles around is lacking in the many facilities that we take for granted, such as running water, single-use gloves and anaesthetics.

Every person can only fight for themselves, as there is so little for them, or their children's lives. Koty was only 10 months old when he and his father both fell under ill health. There was only one spare bed in the hospital, and so Koty's father died later that year, sacrificing his own life to save his son. If the hospital were better staffed and better equipped a tragedy like this would not have happened.

The people's only means of transport is by bike, which means that as it takes so long, it's eating away at the time to treat the sickness. When they arrive at the hospital they find conditions unhygienic and the hospital under-staffed and under-equipped. These people are desperate for a better chance in life, and this is where you can help.

Holly Brown

It is tragic that millions of children die needlessly because they are denied vaccines that are readily available and all because they are poor or live in isolated parts of the world.

These children desperately need our help to protect themselves from measles, polio, tetanus, diphtheria, tuberculosis and whooping cough, the deadly diseases that they fear.

It costs just £9 to immunise a child against these fatal diseases. £9 covers the cost of transporting the vaccines in special cool boxes to the isolated communities and also the cost of training the local health workers to treat these needy children.

By donating just £9 you will be helping us to vaccinate more of the millions of children who face life-threatening diseases on a daily basis.

Thank you for your kindness and support.

Charlotte Brown

Liberty Rock - an extract from the opening of a novel loosely based on "Coral Island"

Coral Island was the leader of a group of rebels. They lived on a small island, little more than a rock with some palm trees on it, in the Pacific Ocean, and were the descendants of a group of pre-historic quasi-humans who had originally drifted there by accident on a log. Some three hundred years ago, a Spanish explorer whose name has been long forgotten had put ashore there and claimed the island for Spain. He had sailed away again as soon as he realised that the island had no real minerals and certainly no gold, but the islanders had been struggling to throw off the yoke of Western rule ever since. Coral had

made it his life's work to set his people free from the cruel Spanish tyrants who had kept them repressed for so long. Today he was feeling annoyed. One of the patrols had found a Western man on the beach, presumably washed up from the aeroplane that had crashed into the sun nearby. The people of Liberty Rock knew about aeroplanes; they often flew overhead, and sometimes they fell into the sun nearby. When that happened, useful things could be scavenged from the shore after the next high tide. It was there that he had found the book. He kept it in a special box in his room. All the lines inside had long since been washed away by the relentless humidity of the climate, but the letters on the front were still visible, yellow and gleaming. He had named himself after the book; not that he could read it, of course, but a man they had taken prisoner a while back had told him what the shiny letters said. The words had seemed mysterious, powerful, and he had been Chief Coral Island ever since.

The problem was that the people of Liberty Rock firmly believed that Aeroplanes were gifts from the gods; when they just flew overhead, they were obviously intended for somebody else. However, they were not supposed to have people on. Gods, maybe, but not people. And that sorry little specimen, with his pasty skin and childishly short hair, was obviously not a god. So, he must be a thief trying to steal the gifts that the gods had intended for the pious people of Liberty Rock. But in that case, the gods themselves would punish him. Or, perhaps he was a messenger from them? Why they would use such a little maggot was more than he could tell, but the ways of the gods were always strange to people, so the priests said. Either way, the safest thing to do was keep him alive, lock him in an empty hut, and wait for the gods to send a sign. Yes, he would do that. He walked decisively out of the hut.

Michael E. Smith was starting to feel relieved. So far, no one had shot him. He seemed to have slid out of the centre of attention, which was just fine as far as he was concerned. A couple of the savages seemed to be having an argument, he couldn't tell what about. He tried edging quietly towards the trees, but the nearer of the two men growled something to one of the guards, who nudged Michael firmly back to the centre of the clearing.

"Right, right, fine. I'll just stay here then, shall I?" said Michael to no one in particular. Suddenly, a girl with fair hair appeared on the far side of the clearing and signalled frantically to him. She was a mess, hair all over the place, clothes torn, and in desperate need of a shower, but unmistakably she had arrived on the same plane as he had. Not wishing to appear unfriendly, he waved back.

Tracy's heart leap as she burst into the clearing only to find that it was full of the awful men with guns. None of them appeared to have noticed her arrival, but there was a man on the other side with white skin dressed in a slightly crumpled suit looking straight at her. She signalled at him to stay quiet and went to turn around and go back into cover. Her heart sank as he waved at her, and the people all turned and looked at her. One of them said something in a language she could not understand, and then she was grabbed and carried to a strange little hut made out of clay bricks, with a sheet of corrugated iron on the top, thrust inside and locked in.

Ruth Varley

Kathy organised a weekend where all folk musicians from around Derbyshire could come and learn new tunes, which were taught by professional melodeon players such as Brain Peters and Andy Cutting. At the end of the weekend there was a competition, which was who could compose the best tune. I wrote this piece of music and named it "Felicity's Waltz".

Over the years I have performed in many concerts, both in and out of school. I have even played in front of French villagers, whilst on a school trip.

I have now been playing the melodeon for eight years, for four with Kathy and four years with Brain Peters. I really enjoy playing the melodeon. It has helped me to build up my confidence.

Felicity Rowland



What a busy year! Year 10 seems like a gentle stroll compared to the fast pace of Year 11. If you asked any one in our form what the most taxing thing about Year 11 was, they would definitely reply 'Coursework!' This year we were bombarded with our toughest challenge yet. Coursework seemed to come from everywhere all at once and we thought that we would never be able to cope.

The Autumn Term brought History, Geography and Art trips for all concerned and with reasonable success (even though not all information had been taken in). Miscellaneous mini-bus rides felt like the big ride at Alton Towers thanks to a certain member of staff on the Geography field trip (mentioning no names!) We ended the term on a high thanks to the whole-school theatre trip to see 'Guys and Dolls' followed by our last Christmas dinner as a complete form.



Immediately after the Christmas holidays and hours of revision came our mock exams. Tempers were frayed and all ended in tears for some! Choruses of Physics formulae reverberated around

the corridors and screams of "Will I ever finish my art prep sheet?!" However, all this gave us a good idea of what was in store for us for the real thing.

The Summer Term came and all relatively unprepared for what was to come after Half Term. Solid revision was our key priority and many revision lessons soon sorted out what we did (and did not) know! The exams came and all were survived pretty well, with only a few upsets along the way. The year was rounded off nicely by a staff and pupils' dinner out one warm sunny evening signalling the time for relaxation – and a well-deserved holiday!

Holly Brown



Playing the Melodeon

It all started back in 1993, when one of the pupils of Eyam C of E primary schools' parent, Kathy Burke, and some of her friends brought in two very strange musical instruments. Kathy and her friends played several tunes on these two instruments. I was totally fascinated by them.

The second instrument which captured my attention the most was the Melodeon. It has two and a quarter octaves and is in two keys (most melodeons are in the keys G and D but can find some in the key of C). Usually there are ten buttons on the G row, twenty notes, and eleven buttons on the D row, twenty two notes. Each of the buttons gives two notes by pushing and pulling the bellows, similar to a mouth organ (harmonic). It is a reed instrument made up of left and right wind chests connected by flexible

bellows. The right hand plays the melody, whilst the left hand plays notes or chords to keep the rhythm of the tune. An air button on the left hand side of the instrument ensures a supply of air as required. The bellows surprisingly are made of cardboard and the keys of plastic.

I had lessons with Kathy every week for four years, learning to play a whole range of tunes from waltz's to jigs. I learned to play such tunes as "Fox and Geese", "Speed the plough", "Winster Gallop", "Donkey Riding", "Pepper in the Brandy" and "Kerry Polka" are just a few of my favourites.

More and more people wanted to play the melodeon, so in 1994 Kathy set up a group called the Hope Valley Squeeze Box Project. Kathy managed to find more and more melodeons to buy, which she bought and then rented them out to other players.



YEAR 11 2000 – 2001

Nicola Bateman, Naomi Brogden, Charlotte Brown, Holly Brown, Elizabeth Cason, Vivian Cheung, Amy Daniel, Gemma Eagle, Clare Jackson, Winnie Leung, Charlotte Nunn, Phyllis Odonkor, Lisbeth Rosebery, Felicity Rowland, Sophie Shardlow, Ruth Varley, Alexandra Vernon



YEAR 10 2000 – 2001

Lisa Beighton, Chris Cheung, Kayley Eagle, Chaire Foster, Amelia Gilman, Samantha Haworth, Caffy Hon, Jenny Hudson, Bryony Lawrence, Catherine Leteve, Angie Liu, Anna Macdonald, Christina Powell, Alice Tam, Maria Theodoulou, Packy Tse, Leanne Varney



YEAR 9 2000 – 2001

Rebecca Allen, Sian Bacon, Sally Barnett, Caroline Cable, Katie-May Godkin, Gianna Grossi, Caroline Hatchman, Sally Ho, Harriet Holt, Rachel Howard, Amy Lukie, Felicity Marshall, Mabel Odonkor, Jennie Solomon, Nicola Sterland, Christine Yam

Year 10 Notes

The year started off with everyone in a relaxed mood. . . that was soon all about to change! Yr 10 is the year that we had all been dreading since year 7, the start of GCSE'S.

The school year started off with the wonderful sponsored walk! A lot of money was raised but by the end people were in heaps on the floor!

After half term we were just starting to realise what the consequences of our chosen subjects were having, when the typical English weather of wind, rain, rain and rain occurred!! This meant that the school was closed down for a week, which was a great pity. Of course we all did our homework and worked really really hard during this week off.

Once again house hockey came upon us, and as usual it rained. The pitch was flooded and we all looked like drowned rats! Nothing-different there then.

On the day of the Christmas dinner the whole school went to the Crucible theatre in Sheffield to see the performance "Guys and Dolls", even if Mr. Coutts did have some what of an enjoyable time (lemon bonbon ring any bells?) but the show was really enjoyable and we would like to thank Mrs. Hodgson. Everyone was worried that we wouldn't have time to get ready in order for the annual Christmas dinner! It was an excellent end to the millennium.

Everyone came back from the Crimbo Hols, fully refreshed and wishing they had never returned to school, once again the work came crashing down on us and didn't stop.

Easter arrived and a troop of three from year ten travelled off to France on a PGL activity holiday. I won't go into too much detail . . . but one thing I will say is . . . Miss Jefferies. . . somersaulting over bars?

The rounders season was upon us . . . by far year 10's favourite sport! The only problem was how could we possibly match up to our previous 2 years of winning every match?! Regrettably not, we won some, lost some, and drew some.

County trials were held in Derby at Moorways Stadium. Lisa Beighton and Leanne Varney definitely came out on top with Lisa crowned county champion in shot put and Lea throwing a whopping 30 metres with the javelin.

Half term came and went far too quickly for most, everyone trying to cram in as much work as possible for those all important exams! Exam week is the most terrifying week at school. We swear it's the teachers favourite. Looking at us shaking and sweating (sorry glowing!), while they sit there grinning! Our marks were handed out, some menacing, while others smiled contently! Everyone now knows that next year some serious revision will be needed!!

A week after the exams finished, it was sports day and I think for the first time in the history of the school it wasn't actually postponed or cancelled. This time Kennedy didn't win, but Wilson did!! No change there then!

The majority of year ten packed their bags and off we went to the Cranedale centre in Yorkshire for a fun weekend of biology! I mean wading through sewage was delightful . . . on the other hand sunbathing on the beach was good! Well actually . . . we were calculating number of species per quadrat!

The weekend after the play four of us went on the D of E practice expedition! Hills, hills and more hills! That's the only possible way to describe it! We were tired, felt dirty, and wishing we were shopping!! I must say though Kayley, Amelia and Bryony did cook a superb breakfast!!

The last day of term and everyone is so glad that it's the hols. House rounders was a good end to the term especially as Pigot won!

We would like to thank all the teachers for putting up with us and were sorry for any trouble caused!! A special thanks goes out to Miss Pilkington! You know you love us really!!

Anna MacDonald

Skin Deep? - an extract

Why are we so obsessed with our body and our appearance? It is because of wanting to please our friends and other people. Also it is because of peer pressure. Some people are very insecure and lack confidence. It is these people that are most likely to go ahead and have plastic surgery or breast implants done. Other people just want to have it done so they can be a model or on a film.

Plastic surgery can be a very bad idea as it can go wrong and look artificial and false. If you have a major breast enlargement you could experience severe back problems. Breast implants and plastic surgery can be very expensive and the clinics and surgeons benefit and take the profit from people who lack in self-confidence (and that are very insecure).

Young people today are becoming unsure of themselves, as they watch television and see people that have a perfect figure and stunning hair. They look to these people as their role models and want to look like them. Madonna, Michael Jackson and Cher are just a few famous people who have had plastic surgery.

Commercial companies try and sell products for the hair, the face, the nails and any other product that can make you look false and artificial. Women particularly like buying these products so that they look and feel good about themselves and make them feel a lot more confident about going out and meeting friends and family.

You should feel good about yourself without makeup and fake breasts, as it just makes you look artificial. Be what you are and not what other people expect of you. Be different if you have to, anything to boost your confidence.

Bryony Lawrence

*Life in the fast
lane in Year 10!*

WHAT'S HOT

Kelly Jones
(Stereophonics)
Eastenders
Hollyoaks
Dawson's Creek
Big Brother
Radio 1
Vivienne Westwood
Calvin Klein
Lava Lamps
The 60's
Eyebrow piercings
Tattoos
The Beatles
Chewing gum
Flares
Cream Ibiza
McDonalds
Pizza Hut
Mrs. Hodgson
Skaters



Duke of Edinburgh

Four intrepid explorers Bryony Lawrence, Anna MacDonald, Kayley Eagle and Amelia Gilman completed their practice expedition over the weekend of June 30th and July 1st. Starting in Middleton by Youlgreave, I was concerned it took one and a quarter hours to reach their first check point and more worried when they explained where they had gone wrong. For the rest of the day however they navigated with complete precision and gained on any time lost. They efficiently set up camp at School and soon had a meal cooking on the stove.

On the second day the breakfast in itself was a major feast with cereal, scrambled eggs, sausages and bread. Sausages were also saved for packed lunch. The walk itself was arduous particularly the major ascent out of Matlock on the way to Bonsall. The explorers were even more exhausted after the long haul over Bonsall moor. Overall the four students worked very well together and positively supported each other throughout. Good luck on the expedition in September.

Mark Dinsdale



Amelia Gilman, Anna MacDonald and Kayley Eagle - map readers par excellence



THE CRANEDALE CENTRE

On the 26th June Year 10 visited the Cranedale Centre. The trip was enjoyable from the moment we got in the minibus. As early as it was, everybody was lively and awake. Every trip has its mishaps and we had our fair share. We stopped at a petrol station and Miss Pilkington got out to fill the tank and lo and behold no fuel key. With a tiny bit of fuel everybody was hoping they would make it to the centre without having to get out and push. As soon as we reached the centre we had time to put out things in our room and went straight to work. On the first day we went to an unpolluted river and learnt how to do lots of different tests on the % of pollution and to see whether it was clean.

This was a great success. We left this river at about four to travel to a very highly polluted centre. As soon as we got there the happy looking faces on all of us changed. It smelt awful we had to do tests in a sewage flow and we all wanted to do the writing so we could avoid having to go in the water. It didn't work.

Lucky Christina Powell was the only one, who managed to stay out. We took all our results that we had taken back to the centre to do all our findings into a final evaluation. By this time we were all thinking about our stomachs, which could be said to be typical of our year. As soon as we got to the centre there was a third world war between all of us fighting for the showers. There were 3 showers. Christina Powell, Jenny Hudson and Lisa Beighton just proved too quick for the others and managed to win the race.

At 8.15 we had a very filling tea of lasagne and chips and death by chocolate cake. By this time we thought we would be heading for bed to have our midnight feasts but it was back to the lab to finish our results till nine o'clock.

Everybody loved their free time because you had a great choice of sports to do and a non-alcoholic bar to go to. Everybody made use of the facilities especially table tennis and the bar where most of us enjoyed a game of twister and Anna won the Twister with a victorious game. We were all looking forward to the next day though and nobody was planning on having an early night.

At nine o'clock we went to the beach. It was hot and we were all looking forward to finding lots of creatures, especially crabs. Everyone was mainly interested in finding the biggest animal rather than filling in their results sheet. Christina Powell and Amelia Gilman were the clowns this day sliding into rock pools full of water and soaking themselves to bits.

We got back to the centre about 3 o'clock and had already packed so we headed for the lab to finish off our results. We set off from the centre at four o'clock. I don't think Year 10 has ever been so quiet as they were on the trip back. I guess all the fun was too much for them. A good time was had by all and it was even requested to go again.

Lisa Beighton

Say 'No' to Cigarettes!

Why do people smoke? What pleasures do the users of cigarettes get out of it? The answer to those questions is, I don't know. There are no positive effects to smoking. It can just cause severe damages to your body.

Smoking is the biggest single cause of ill health and premature death in the U.K. In fact, nearly one in five of all deaths are smoking related. It can cause severe damage to your body, particularly to your heart and lungs.

On average smokers lose more than one day of life each week, and it is an expensive habit because the average '20-a-day' smoker spends over £100 per month on cigarettes. Giving up can be tough.

Read on to discover the health risks of smoking and find out about simple ways to help you quit.

Kayley Eagle

PLASTIC SURGERY

— an extract

I really disagree with plastic surgery for breast implants. I mean they don't look any better at all. In fact, they look worse because you can see they're really fake. Breast implants can cause a lot of problems, and also cost a lot of money. Women have them and then have to have them taken out a few months later because they have leaked.

When people have face-lifts you can see their nose and mouths have stretched. I think you should grow old gracefully. You must also be able to trust the surgeon, as some so-called surgeons are not qualified enough to do the job. They are only in it for the money.

Breast implants cannot do your body much good: look at the case of Britney Spears. She looks all right now but what will she look like in a few years' time, if for some reason she has to have them removed, perhaps to breast feed her children for instance? I think that because she has had them at such an early age, removing them would probably leave her with nothing!

Claire Foster

IS IT YOU! ?

The National Lottery has blown out of proportion since it started. Now there are many different types of the lottery scratchcards such as "Thunderball" etc.

Many people have won money through the lottery, ranging from small amounts to thousands of pounds. Even though some people have lucky wins, many spend £1 each week to buy a ticket for the lottery or more. The lottery is a form of gambling and people are just as easily addicted to it as gambling in casinos.

Lots of lottery ticket-buyers are addicted to the lottery, spending endless amounts of money in the hope that one day they will be lucky. The lottery is just another way of parting people from their cash.

Catherine Leteve

WHAT'S NOT
Baked Beans
Mongrels
Hot Pants
The Devil
Mushrooms
Breast implants

Wading in sewage on Field Trips
Pink Steps
Muse Parents
Sisters/Brothers

Shouting PVC
Fake leather
Fruit/Flower prints
Burger King
Kilts



Bryony Lawrence enjoys her outdoor cookery



House Notes

Pigot

Pigot would like to thank Katie Bromley for being a good house captain. She was a great motivator. The house events were always fun-filled and enjoyable. Maybe we were not always successful, but we worked hard with enthusiasm. Thankyou.

With the help of Jade Lee and Holly Brown's musical talents we were able to add House Music to our list of successes. (Judy Garland would have been proud).

I would also like to thank Lorna Tonks and Lisa Beighton for putting so much effort into the swimming gala. You did extremely well. Although we might not have won the gala we were VERY close. We were found to be slightly short on swimmers and they were happy to volunteer themselves for races. However Pigot did win the fun race at the end * BIG cheer *.

Also very well done to all of Pigot in Sports Day, to Queenie Ng who won the cup for High Jump and to Katy Matthews who did the 800m for her year. You showed huge courage and bravery and made your house very proud.

That brings us on to the house drama. Pigot managed to produce a unique version of a modern "Cinderella". We had parts ranging from the crowds of London to Podium-Dancers!!! Thanks to Lisa Beighton and Maria Theodoulou. Your dancing techniques were very... imaginative.

That brings me to the end of my little diary of the year. I hope that your new house captains will make you just as proud and help you to have an enjoyable and fun-filled year.

Sarah Beighton

Powys

Liv Ko, our house captain has done a excellent job for being organising all the house events and activities. We would like to thank her for all the hard work that she had put in.

Powys tried their best to achieve good results. We had house drama, music, netball and swimming gala. We managed to win in the swimming gala and we ended up with tidying up the swimming pool afterwards! Big thank you to all the girls who took part in the swimming gala, especially Amy Wass who volunteered to swim butterfly after her injury.

House drama was another event which shows great house spirit and team work. Although our house captain was not there, we managed to come second! Thank you to Phyllis Odonkor who organised the day. Well done to Charlotte Brown who played for house music. I am sure she had spent her time, living in the Music Square practising her piano piece. Netball was fun and it enabled our house to build up our team spirit. Although we did not win, we all enjoyed the game. Thank you for the efforts from the girls who took part. Of course, supporters were just as important!

Sports day was the last event and we did extremely well! Everyone in the house took part and they all tried their best on both field and track events. We managed to come second place at the end.

What a busy year we had!

Iris Lau

Wilson

Wilson house has done brilliantly this year. There was an excellent effort in house drama where we did "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs". Our Snow white was Beth Bearder who put in an excellent effort. The judges were amazed by the house spirit that was shown in house drama.

In House Music special thanks are to Becky Moncrief who sang beautifully. Though we came third it was a good effort. We can't be the best in everything. The most rewarding competition had to be Sports Day. I was amazed by the enthusiasm and determination of all the house. After Becky Moncrief winning the 300m she didn't feel very well but Caffy Hon shocked everyone by agreeing to do Becky's next race, the most dreaded 800m!! Special praise has to be given to Hannah Johnson for high jump, Lizzie Davies for long jump and overall points, and Miriam Hammond for shot put. It was a really good day and a well-deserved win. Next year we are going to do even better!

Narinder Gill

Kennedy

This year is an enjoyable year for Kennedy house members. Throughout the year we have been on joining numbers of house events with incredible achievements. We had house drama, house music and other house sport events. These were not just competitions among the four houses, but also the chances for us to show our house spirit!!!

Looking back, the house drama was an amazing day. Kennedy won doing the "Dick Whittington". Evelyn and Mabel performed the main roles and the cat, which impressed the audience.

Moving to the sporting achievement, we were particularly scoring high in Netball. Our netball star Amy Lukic, who had scored the goals for Kennedy as well as leading the team. The Sports Day held last month had showed how energetic we are. Everyone in the house took part in the events, apart from the 11th formers, who had left school after the GCSE exams. Although we could only get the 3rd place for overall, we enjoyed participating in the events. Leanne Varney had an outstanding performance in Javelin and other racing events. Well done, Leanne!! We are sure Kennedy will be even more motivated and do the best next year.

Bowie Lee

THE HOUSE SWIMMING GALA

The gala was loads of fun because all the teachers had to wear these little blue shoes. The races were all very close as everybody is quite good at swimming. Also at the beginning of the gala Kyna did her first full length (3 cheers for Kyna). At the end the scores were surprising because Powys won.

Katy Matthews

House Hockey

House Hockey was nightmare for me because I had to play goal-keeper and my kit kept falling off. I played for Powys. Powys played well and so did I. Half time was very short so I had to skip with padding on and it looked ridiculous. Wilson came first then Kennedy, then Pigot and last was Powys.

Heather Haggis

House Rounders

What with Drama rehearsals, the end of term science quiz and all the rain, I thought we would never get any house rounders in this year! But thankfully we finally managed to get on with it on the last day of term, slightly later than planned, as we had to dodge the down pours! Thank you to all the girls for getting themselves organised so quickly at such short notice.

Well, it was certainly worth all the trouble - if only to see Kirsty McCarrison flat on her back after colliding with certain Pigot house members ... hmmm ... that makes one wonder about the following results...!

1st	Pigot	9 points
2nd	Wilson	6 points
3rd	Kennedy	4 points
4th	Powys	3 points

Catherine Jefferies

Musical Notes

February saw the eagerly awaited House Music competition superbly adjudicated for us by Eileen Morse from Ecclesbourne School. A large number of girls took part playing a wide range of instruments and very pleasing was the class for girls learning for less than one year, which included many representatives from Year 7.

A particular highlight was the Inter House Singing section where each of the four houses presented a performance of the hymn "A New Commandment" followed by a "show" song of their own choice. Mrs. Morse's personal favourite proved to be Powys with "Chim Chiminee" from "Mary Poppins", complimenting the girls especially on their cockney accents.

The overall winning house was Pigot, helped by Holly Brown's memorable violin performance of Kreisler's "Liebesleid", accompanied by Mr. Clarke (her teacher) on piano. Holly was presented with the prize for the competition's outstanding individual as she also played a wonderful clarinet piece called "Summer".

Our thanks go to Mrs. Morse for her kindly and encouraging comments and a very fair (despite Mr. Franks' protests) adjudication.

Andrew Teague

HOUSE CUPS

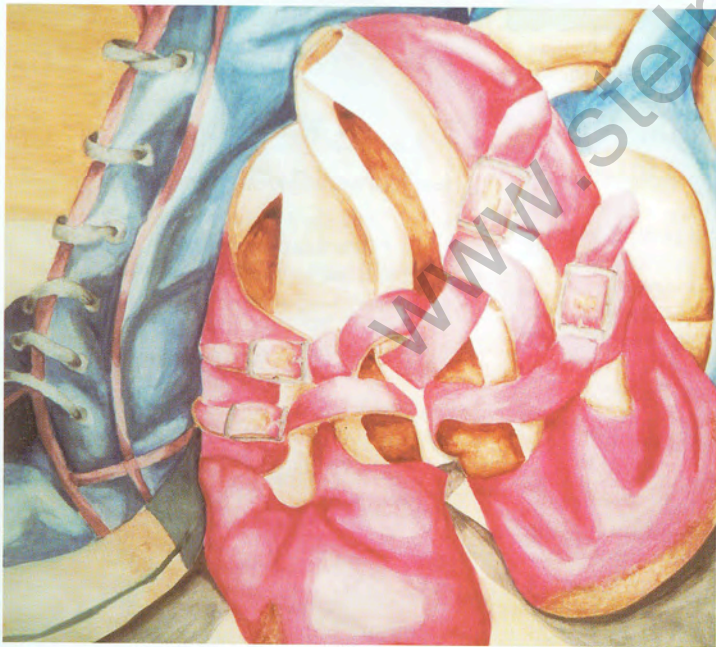
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	3rd	Pigot	4th	Powys
<i>Hockey</i>	1st	Wilson	2nd	Pigot
	3rd	Kennedy	4th	Powys
<i>Rounders</i>	1st	Pigot	2nd	Wilson
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<i>Swimming</i>	1st	Powys	2nd	Pigot
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<i>Music</i>	Pigot			



*Nan Zhang U6
A level Grade A
"Colourful Clothing"*

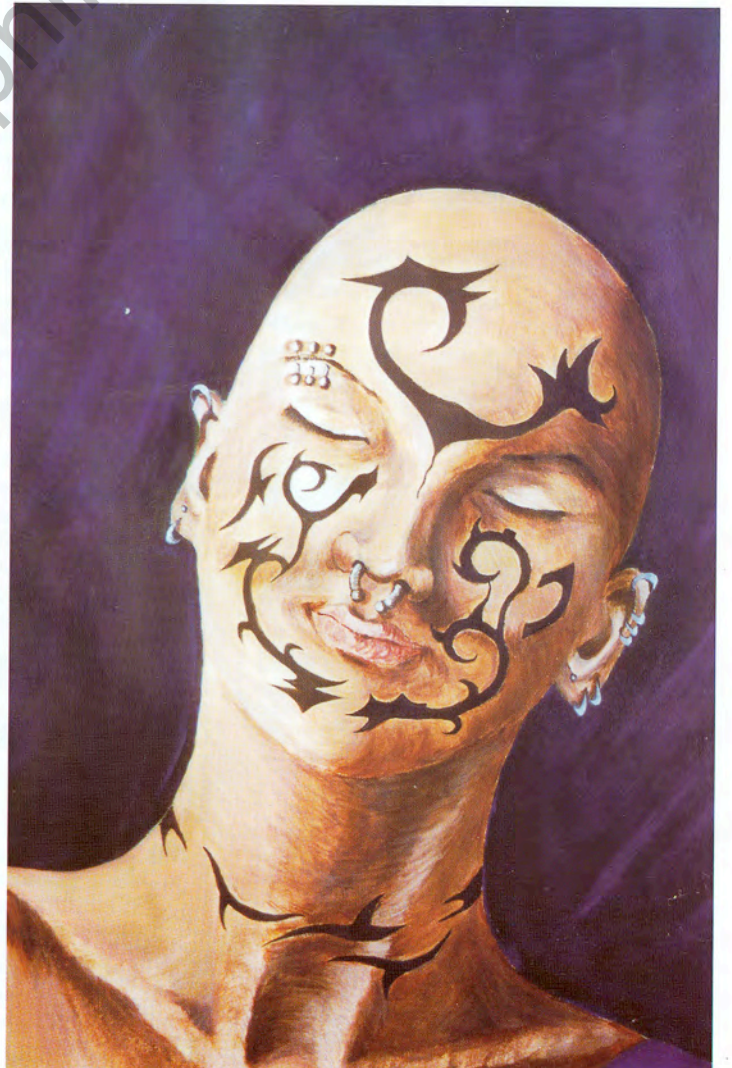


*Top: Narinder Gill L6
AS level Grade A 100%
Personal Study Artist – Jenny Saville*



*Left: Gemma Eagle, Year 11
GCSE Grade A
"Worn"*

*Right: Nan Zhang U6
A level Grade A
"Personal"*



Year 9 Notes

One dreary September morning, a much depressed (yet very suntanned) crew of assorted and very excitable year nines traipsed into their classroom. We thought we'd settled down and matured a bit (at last).

The highlight of the year was our trip to see the British Museum and the Museum of London. Mabel, and many others, street-wise as they are, soon wandered off amongst the exhibits, under the misapprehension of thinking that the British Museum was easy to navigate. Three hours later, they discovered the truth.

A few theatre trips later (including a hilarious production of 'Macbeth'), House Music came around where Felicity and other year 9's impressed the audience with their incredible singing skills, but the audience was truly blown by Rachel and Harriet's Dick Van-Dyke style dancing to Powys House's winning performance of 'Chim-Chimeney'.

However the fun was not to last, as black clouds were gathering on the horizon in the form of options. The class's tempers took a turn for the worse as they contemplated their fate. In the true spirit of year 9, they triumphed over adversity and emerged from the options choices (and the accompanying exams), looking forward to the holidays and all that was to come (Hmmm...).

Gianni Grossi, Harriet Holt, Sian Bacon and Rachel Howard



Amy Lukic and Christine Yam test chocolate drops!

What's Hot

Janet Jackson
Shaggy
Moulin Rouge
Chips
London
Shopping
Tartan
Flares
Bandanas
Flipflops

A WALL POEM

There once was a very long wall,
Hidden away in a garden.
A poor man looked over the wall,
And saw all her friends in a playground.
A scientist looked over the wall,
And saw the meaning of life.
A mother looked over the wall,
And saw her children in successful jobs.

Nicola Sterland



There once was a very camouflaged wall hidden
away on a playing field

One day:

A singer looked over the wall and saw her audience.
A cat saw a flat golden fish.
A writer saw inspiration.
A Landlord saw money.
A teacher saw a class of interested children.
A lonely person saw a loving family.
The Lord saw a peaceful world.

Felicity Marshall



Toilet rolls – an obvious choice for a consumer report by Rachel Howard and Sally Ho

A Wall of Women

There once was a very high wall hidden away in a garden.
Queen Boudicca saw the Romans retreating.
Joan of Arc saw freedom for France.
Queen Elizabeth I saw a prosperous nation.
Florence Nightingale saw a modern hospital.
Grace Darling saw life saved from the evil clutches of the sea.
Marie Curie saw a cure for cancer.
Emmeline Pankhurst saw women in Parliament.
Richmal Crompton saw a naughty boy called William.
Mother Theresa saw an end to poverty.
JK Rowling saw a wizard called Harry Potter.
Denise Lewis saw an Olympic Gold Medal.

Rachel Howard

GHANA'S WALL

I looked over the wall
and saw migrants arriving in Ghana.
I saw the men mining for gold.
I saw Tethesh Quashish planting cocoa.
I saw the chiefs signing the Bond of 1888.
I found Ghana's population being swapped for guns and gunpowder.
I saw Kwame Nkrumah fighting for freedom.
I saw English leaving Ghana.
Nkrumah looked over the wall
and saw a free Ghana.

Mabel Odonkor



Rebecca Allen and Caroline Hatchman stir the pot

SHAKESPEARE'S WALL

There was a crumbling old wall
in Stratford Upon Avon.
Nobody ever went over it.
Nobody had even looked over it.
Until one day:
Helena looked over the wall
And saw Demetrius on one knee
King Lear saw three perfect daughters
Viola saw her brother, Sebastian
Miranda saw Ferdinand coming from the sea
Shylock saw justice
Romeo saw the end of family rivalry
Julius Caesarsaw Brutus lay down his dagger
Katherine Minolasaw women's rights
Macbeth saw an empty throne
Hamlet saw Claudius dying
Shakespeare saw all his characters
Looking back at him

Harriet Holt

A MAGIC WALL

There once was an old magic wall at Ashover Rock.
One day I looked over the wall
And saw Despina was thin.
Despina saw loads of grass and horse treats.
A reporter saw loads of famous actors and actresses.
A little girl saw her bedroom full of sweets and chocolate.
A mother saw a clean house, peace and quiet.
An Olympic runner saw her destiny.
GOD demolished the wall
And saw peace for eternity.

Caroline Hatchman



What's Not

Smoking
Drugs
Britney Spears
Politics
War
Michael Jackson
Plastic surgery



Soup-making with Caroline Cable and Sally Barnett

WALL POEM

There once was a high wall hidden away
in the world.

A dog looked over the wall
and saw a big bone.

A child saw ten thousand toys.

A teacher saw a class of quiet children.

A farmer saw a field full of corn.

A lorry driver saw a nice cup of tea.

A dentist saw a clean set of teeth.

Katie saw her granddad.

God looked at it and it crumbled.

Sally Barnett



Intrepid Debater, Siân Bacon

Rotary Speaking Competition

'Life is too fast in the 21st century' was the motion facing our three brave Year 9 debaters: Mabel, Sally Ho and Sian. They were all very worried about arguing against the motion - after all, life in Year 9 is way too fast, what with juggling choir, orchestra and games, meeting 'prep' deadlines, not to mention choosing GCSE Options!

However, thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Prince, the girls were all geared up to do verbal battle with the Lady Manners team on their home ground. Their nerves seemed to disappear.

All three girls were superb! Mabel spoke very eloquently about the pace of life in her native Ghana. Sally talked about how slow life seems when you are waiting for something exciting to happen and Sian commented upon the never changing pace of nature - no matter what inventions man comes up with.

Although the girls did not win they can be very proud of their performance. Well done and better luck next year!

Paul Franks



The 'Macbeth' Letters - recently discovered

O weird ones, I bid thee bewitching greetings. I write in haste to tell you this:

While travelling, I chanced upon a Thane of Scotland, named Macbeth. I tell you, fellow sisters of death, he would be a perfect target for our evil doings. You see he is a man of few years, who has evil in the dark depths of his heart.

However, unless the evil is stirred up, it will amount to nothing. It would be such a wasted opportunity for us, so I suggest we act.

Our Task is easy: we use our powers to deceive the Thane, and sit back while he destroys himself, wrecking other lives along the way. O think of the consequences, death, drama, destruction - how it warms my heart!

However, we must act quickly, as our perfect chance is about to come, for a battle is on its way.

Tomorrow, on a desolate moor, in thunder, I will enlighten you with my wicked, but truly brilliant plans, which fill me with glee!

Be there by the set of the sun, and do not forget the eye of newt.

Ursula

Rachel Howard

Dear Lady Macbeth,

I have a secret to tell you that I have kept inside me for a while. I organised for Banquo to be killed as I thought he was a danger to us. I hope you understand why I did this. Also in the Banquet I was so shaken because Banquo's ghost was there with me, and that is why I was so weird. What scared me the most was that Banquo is meant to be dead and he is coming back to haunt me.

I am still deeply concerned about Fleance's escape. You, though, my love, I thank the most for saying to your guests that this was my normal behaviour. If it hadn't been for your quick thinking yet again our secrets would surely be found out. I am sorry that you didn't know about me organising Banquo's murder before the Banquet.

I have also, recently placed spies all around as my trust level is at its least. I feel as though I am in a river of blood, because of all the murders, I have committed. I have decided to visit the witches tomorrow. Till then, alas my love, I hope you understand all that has happened. I'll speak with you soon

Macbeth

Katie-May Godkin

My 'Dear Husband

'By the time you are reading this letter I, your wife, will be dead. I can go on no more. 'Tis too much, my heart cries within and there is nothing you can say to stop me. I have tried to protect you. I have had visions since it occurred. I cannot turn round without it all flashing before mine eyes. Never forget that I love you. You can go on but I cannot. I saw this as our fate long before, but there is nothing I can say or do to stop it happening - thou'st always in my heart.

Always your lady

Caroline Cable



From 'The Scottish Herald'

Birnam Wood goes to Dunsinane

It has been reported that yesterday a large proportion of Birnam Wood went missing. It was later discovered to be moving in the direction of Dunsinane. No one knew how this was possible, some said it was magic. Others said witchcraft.

Later during the day the wood stopped near Dunsinane Castle. Were, the woods trying to tell us something? What ever it was they had definitely attracted lots of attention. People were out in the hundreds just to get a look at this incredible incident.

We tried to get in touch with Macbeth to see what his thoughts were on the matter, but all we received back was that he was too busy preparing for the invasion of the English.

So does this have something to do with the invasion. Is it some type of omen or is it just that the trees felt like 'moving home'. Who knows?

Nicola Sterland and Sally Barnett

21st Century Hell-broth - the final 'witches' scene of 'Macbeth' - never seen before

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| 1st Witch | Conjure up a storm. |
| 2nd Witch | Cast out the light. |
| 3rd Witch | The weird sisters are brewing a spell to night. |
| 1st Witch | Round the cauldron thrice and thrice we prance. |
| 2nd Witch | Seducing our victims in the Devil's dance. |
| 3rd Witch | Let's the deadly incantation sing. |
| 1st Witch | And into the pot dark ingredients fling. |
| 2nd Witch | Then with our recipe out of Hell |
| 3rd Witch | We'll mix together a most powerful spell. |
| All | In cold blood we will take you. And in ecstasy, we will break you. You cannot say we did not warn you. (Repeat at intervals) |
| 1st Witch | The unborn babe from a dead whore's womb, Finger bone from Judas Iscariot's tomb. |
| 2nd Witch | The bloody heart of a child possessed. |
| 3rd Witch | The egg of a vulture stolen from its nest. |
| 1st Witch | Eye of crack addict, bloodshot and red, Rotting liver of a drunkard three days dead. |
| 2nd Witch | Lips of a succubus born in Hell, The garden of th'angel who from Heaven fell. |
| 3rd Witch | Claw of Harpy with feathers unpreened, The immortal blood of a vampiric fiend. |
| 1st Witch | Our work is complete. |
| 2nd Witch | Our broth is done. |
| 3rd Witch | And towards our lair another victim comes. |
| 1st Witch | Lure him in. |
| 2nd Witch | Confuse him. |
| 3rd Witch | Seduce him. |
| All | With our diabolical spell we'll charm him . . . |

Harriet Holt



Sports Day

St. Elphin's School inter-house athletic competition saw many potential candidates for the 2004 Olympics arise!

During the Javelin competition, Leanne Varney shattered the current school record by throwing over a distance of 29 metres. Queenie Ng put in a fantastic performance during the high jump event, resulting in a well-deserved 1st place as well as continuing efforts from Grace Lau who participated in both the Junior and Intermediate age groups.

House spirit was in full swing with all girls being cheered on with more enthusiasm than was even present at last year's Wimbledon finals! Just as much school spirit as house spirit was shown when, united in cheers, Katy Matthews was encouraged along the final stretch of her incredible 800m attempt. Pleading the crowd further was her sudden sprint towards the finish line, a fantastic achievement after such a difficult event.

Not to be outdone, Mr. Coutts as always, astounded us with his lightning streak of a race and made many a mother swoon at his athletic ability. Dr. Dinsdale came close behind with a look of sheer determination on his face, and his now aerodynamic chin no doubt played a part in his fantastic attempt! Miss Jefferies certainly showed us what she was made of after she too ran an incredible race, almost putting the boys to complete and utter shame!

All the girls who participated did so with enthusiasm and made their houses proud. However, as always, the strongest house was victorious, this year's winners being WILSON! A well deserved victory if I may say so. Kennedy, Pigot and Powys, better luck next year!

Thankyou to Miss Jefferies, Mrs. James and all the other members of staff who helped to organise and run events on the day.

Kirsty McCarrison L6

Sports Day - Third Year Lucky!

At last - we had our Sports Day! The weather couldn't have been better. After all the rain and the "should we have it or shouldn't we?" of last year, there was no doubt about it that this Sports Day was going ahead and promised to be a very enjoyable and successful occasion. Thank you to all the staff for turning up trumps on the day - as always and running the various events, although I think some staff took running the events a little too seriously though when Mr. Coutts and Dr. Dinsdale could not be kept off the track during the Dads 'n' Daughters race!! They represented their houses proudly - Mr. Coutts streaked like lightning down the 100m straight as Dr. Dinsdale tried his best to make his legs work a little faster, but to no avail - even if they weren't Dads! A good day was had by all. There were tears, triumphs, disappointments, but at the end of the day house spirit won through and Caffy leapt into action to complete the 800m, when a tired Rebecca Moncrief pulled out; Katy Matthews managed with the help of Miss Jefferies to complete the 800m. Records were broken - no not World records, or even Olympic records! In total, five of the long standing school records were broken. The details are as follows:

U15 Leanne Varney (Kennedy) spectacularly beats the 1991 record for javelin (20.7m). It now stands at an amazing 29.4m

U15 Lisa Beighton (Pigot) beats the 1990 record for Shot Putt (8.04m). It now stands at 9.16m.

U13 Elizabeth Davies (Wilson) beats the 1999 record for Discuss (14.86m). It now stands at 15.70m.

U15 Maria Theodoulou (Pigot) beats the 1999 record for Discus (14.52m). It now stands at 14.65m.

U17 Amy Wass (Powys) beats the 1999 U18 record for Discus (17.73m). It now stands at 18.15m.

Wilson were house winners with 95 points. Powys second with 84, Kennedy a close third with 82 and finally Pigot with 76.

Sports Day Cups

<i>Junior High Jump</i>	Hannah Johnson (Wilson)
<i>Junior Long Jump</i>	Elizabeth Davies (Wilson)
<i>Inter. Long Jump</i>	Mabel Odonkor (Kennedy)
<i>Senior High Jump</i>	Queenie Ng (Pigot)
<i>Senior 200m</i>	Jenny Hudson (Powys)
<i>Inman Cup</i>	Leanne Varney (Kennedy)
<i>Junior Victrix</i>	
<i>Ludorum</i>	Elizabeth Davies (Wilson)
<i>Intermediate Victrix</i>	Jenny Hudson, Harriet Holt and Mabel Odonkor
<i>Ludorum</i>	

Well done everyone!

Catherine Jefferies

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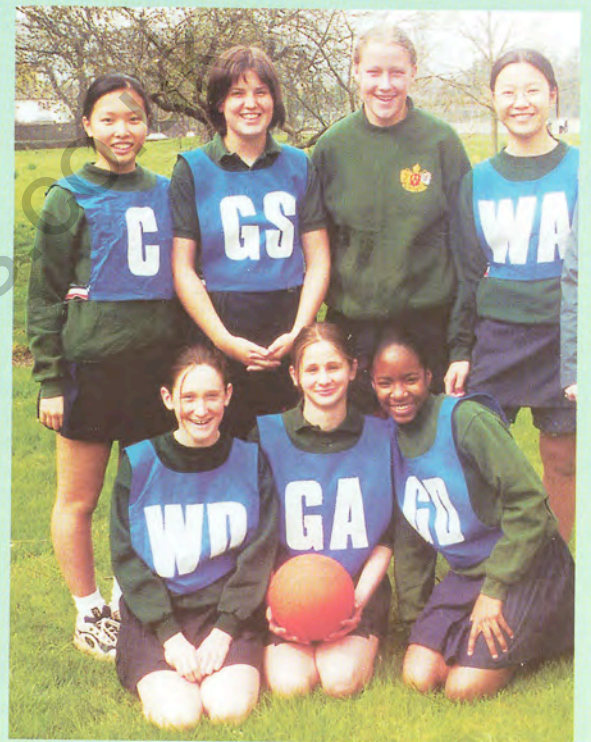
Our famous football team



Lisa Beighton puts the shot



U13 hockey



U14 netball



U12 netball



Harriet Holt and Leanne Varney sprint to the tape

Sporting Congratulations . . .

Well done to:

Elizabeth Davies for attending trial and gaining a place in the Derbyshire U13 netball training this year.

Also in netball, **Amy Lukic** became a member of the Derbyshire U14 Netball team.

In athletics, **Lisa Beighton** took first place in the Shot Put at the regional athletics competition.

Amy Lukic won the 300m and came third in the Javelin at the same competition.



Lisa Beighton, Amy Lukic and Elizabeth Davies

Lisa Beighton, Maria Theodoulou and Amy Lukic for being selected for the Derbyshire Dales athletics team, competing at county level. Special congratulations to Lisa for becoming the U15 Shot Putt Champion.

Athletics again and **Leanne Varney**, who won the javelin at the regional team athletics championships and **Lisa Beighton** who again won the Shot Putt, both at the Intermediate level.



Lorna Tonks for her numerous swimming achievements and endless collection of medals, trophies and certificates.

Swimming

My favourite sport is swimming, I swim five times a week and I swim at a club called City of Derby, I love it.

I like my Mum and Dad coming to my galas. When I am in the pool I turn horrible and swim hard. I go to a county swimming club. The last gala I did with them I did the 200m free and the 400m free as well. If you swim 5 times with the county you get the county colours. I have swum twice with them.

Lorna Tonks

Hockey



U13: Beth Bearder, Emma Brookes, Rebecca Brown, Elizabeth Davies (Capt.), Holly-Rose Godkin, Heather Haggis, Ellie Howson, Grace Lau, Katy Matthews, Kyna Milnes, Natasha Mitra, Rachel Ragsdale, Amy Sneyd, Kendal Tomlinson, Lorna Tonks.

U14: Sian Bacon, Sally Barnett, Beth Bearder, Rebecca Brown, Elizabeth Davies, Katy-May Godkin (Capt.), Lauren Huckle, Grace Lau, Amy Lukic, Natasha Mitra, Mabel Odonkor, Amy Sneyd.

Netball



U11: Phoebe Cunnane, Eleanor Dale, Rhian Hughes, Samantha Merriman, Simone Park, Hannah Potten, Victoria Tonks (Vice Capt.), Jessica Witty, Amy Yates.

U12: Emma Brookes, Amy Carannante, Holly-Rose Godkin, Heather Haggis (Capt.), Ellie Howson, Katy Matthews (Vice Capt.), Rachel Ragsdale, Jaegar Rowland, Annie Sedgwick, Natalia Sherif.

U13: Jessica Brogden, Rebecca Brown (Vice Capt.), Beth Bearder, Elizabeth Davies (Capt.), Harriet Holt, Grace Lau, Natasha Mitra, Mabel Odonkor, Amy Sneyd (Capt.), Prudence Wagstaff.

U14: Sally Barnett, Katie-May Godkin, Caroline Hatchman, Sally Ho, Lauren Huckle, Amy Lukic (Capt.), Mabel Odonkor, Christine Yam.

The Staff vs Pupil Netball Match



This entertaining event took place on the 9th of March on the school's Netball pitch. It was very funny to see all the teachers playing Netball. At first the pupils were doing well. They were beating the teachers at first but the teachers caught up and scored a whopping 5 goals whereas the pupils scored 2. I enjoyed watching it.

Nicola Yates

Tribute to Year 9 Netball Team

Thank you girls for all your hard work this year, it has been a great joy to coach you all and watch your skills develop, making you into the talented netball players that you are today. You have had many successes this year against some strong opposition – Denstone, Brookfield, Lady Manners, just to name a few. It is such a shame, after two years hard work and enthusiasm on your part and from Mrs. Davies that this successful team should break up. We have to say goodbye to some of our best players: Sally Ho (C), Katie-May Godkin (GS), Lauren Huckle (GK) and finally, not forgetting Mrs. Davies, who is unfortunately no longer able to be a part of the winning combination. Girls, it is mainly due to the hard work and dedication of Mrs. Davies that you have become the successful team that you are. We all owe her a huge vote of thanks! However, keep up the enthusiasm next year and we will make a come back!



Thank you to Miss Jefferies and Mrs. Davies for all the practices and matches – it has been a wet but fun year.

Katie Godkin, Amy Lukic and Sally Ho



Saying Goodbye to a Fabulous Tennis Coach



David Keal has been the school tennis coach for six years. During that time he has worked with the Infant Department through to the 6th Form. This has been done with enthusiasm and the ability to persuade all years what a fantastic sport tennis is. His coaching skills and personality have made him popular with staff and girls alike and he has helped us to have three marvellous tennis courts. Although not coaching the girls in lessons, we will still see Mr. Keal around the school. *Claire James*

Badminton

Thank you Mrs. James for taking over the Badminton Club this year. I'm sure it was due to a combination of my curriculum lessons and your extra coaching that led to our junior players wiping the floor with the Lady Manners team earlier this year!

Grace Lau and Christine Yam, Amy Lukic and Katie Godkin, Sally Barnett and Lauren Huckle, Caroline Hatchman and Harriet Holt all did themselves proud winning a combined total of 14 out of 16 matches. A fantastic success! *C.J.*

Y10 Self-defence

The day arrived that we had all been waiting for n̄ the day of pain, death and most of all fun. We walked into the gym not knowing what to expect. Whatever we were expecting it certainly wasn't a 6ft 2in muscular bouncer. The first session he (Craig) introduced us to all equipment that could inflict serious damage towards others. Everyone was amazed at the fact he told us how to use knives and where to obtain them. This was to warn us how other people could harm us, umm...we wonder. Throughout the following few weeks we gradually learnt how to kick, punch, block, "runaway, runaway, runaway" and basically cause serious pain to anyone who dare mess with us. So we warn you now... Don't get on the wrong side of the deadly Year 10's!!

Anna MacDonald, Kayley Eagle, Amelia Gilman

Amy Lukic

A successful sporting season for one Year 9 pupil so far this year. Vivacious and enthusiastic, she is an inspiration to all her team members. Knowledgeable and generous, she often helps younger pupils. Captain of the U14 Netball team for two consecutive seasons, Amy Lukic was selected for U14 County training earlier this year and from this she was selected to play in U16 County matches. It is her performance in these matches and her hard work which has allowed her to be automatically selected for the U16 County team, without trial.

Not content with success in one sport, Amy also involves herself in hockey, badminton, rounders and athletics, where she is a valuable member of the school teams.

Further success came to Amy in the early stages of the athletics season at the Derbyshire Dales trials. A magnificent javelin throw gave her second place in the event and a place in the Derbyshire Dales team. Also a good runner, Amy was asked to run 300m, but responded "I'm useless at running"! This "useless runner" sprinted three quarters of the way round the track to take first and also gain herself a place in the Derbyshire Dales team for the County Championships.

We are all very proud of Amy and look forward to hearing of her future successes.

Catherine Jefferies

Trampoline Club

Trampoline on Wednesdays and Mondays.

Rachel and I are at the end of the 6 Star Award. I began trampoline in Year 7. The Awards start at 4 Star and end at 9 Star. Thanks to Mrs. James for doing trampolining club. It is great fun and something to look forward to every week.

Rachel Ragsdale and Jaeger Rowland

Trampoline Awards

4 Star: Victoria Tonks, Caroline Boffey, Amy Sneyd, Amy Carannante, Holly Rose Godkin, Jaeger Rowland. **5 Star:** Victoria Tonks, Yasmin Sneyd, Amy Daniel, Clare Jackson, Amy Sneyd, Amy Carannante, Holly Rose Godkin, Jaeger Rowland, Nicola Yates. **6 Star:** Sally Ho. **7 Star:** Leanne Varney, Amy Wass, Rebecca Allen.

Gymnastics Awards

Badge 7: Holly Godkin, Rachel Ragsdale, Jaeger Rowland, Heather Haggis, Jenny Beresford, Yasmin Sneyd, Sally Ho, Amy Sneyd, Christine Yam, Rebecca Brown, Grace Lau, Sally Ho, Christine Yam. **Badge 6:** Jaeger Rowland, Holly Godkin, Jenny Beresford, Amy Sneyd, Grace Lau.

My favourite sport is skiing because it's fast, furious, and fun. At the moment I am an intermediate skier. I love skiing.

Amy Carannante

My favourite sport is swimming because the feeling around you is great and refreshing. When you dive in the sudden coldness of the water wakes you up.

I love going to Galas because that is a feeling of excitement around you. The best bit though when your swimming and you hear people cheering you on. It gives you a little extra push.

Amy Sneyd

I like dancing, I like dancing.
It's fancy, prancy and dancy.
I like dancing, I like dancing.
Exams and shows, are all the rage.
It doesn't matter what age, what age,
Just enjoy it and have fun.
Annie Sedgwick

OUR FAVOURITE SPORTS

My favourite sport is football. I love playing it because it keeps you fit and it is fun. I always play it with my Dad for he teaches me. I am in the schools team (I think). I go to play, and it is great.

Kendal Tomlinson

My favourite sport would have to be cycling because you can learn tricks like jumping and tripping over. I love cycling downhill best because you go like the wind. I also love just cycling around as it calms me down.

Nicky Yates

My favourite sport is netball because I love running and jumping for the ball and catching it from the opponent. I also love this game because you really have to concentrate on teamwork. Not that many of us do it that well. I also love hearing our results the next morning in Chapel.

Katy Matthews

My favourite sport is Tae Kwan Do. I like it because it is an interesting martial art. You learn patterns and useful techniques like blocks and kicks to defend yourself. You have a grading every few months and if you pass you get a new belt. I am a yellow belt and I have been going since September. It takes about 3 and a half years to get to black-jet. To get a yellow belt in your grading you have to do a pattern, 3-step sparring, and several kicks and blocks (as well as 20 painful press-ups). You can take part in competitions to get medals and you get to do sparring.

Natalia Sherif



Gymnastics is really fun because we do the vault and lots of awards and the warm-up is fun watching everyone trying to do the splits and crabs (bridges! CJ) - like me. Thank you Miss Jefferies for teaching us gymnastics and using your own time. It's great fun!

Jaeger Rowland

Swimming



Congratulations on the swimming awards:

Junior Life Support: Hannah Hitchcock. **Life Support 1:** Heather Haggis, Katy Matthew, Lorna Tonks, Jaeger Rowland, Hannah Johnson, Kyna Milnes, Emma Brookes, Amy Carannante, Kendal Tomlinson, Rachael Ragsdale, Ellie Howson, Holly-Rose Godkin, Nicola Yates, Lauren Huckle, Christine Yam. **Life Support 2:** Rebecca Brown, Jenny Beresford, Jessica Brogden, Elizabeth Davies, Miriam Hammond, Natasha Mitra, Prudence Wagstaff, Grace Lau, Amy Lukic, Sally Ho. **Save a Baby:** Rebecca Allen, Sian Bacon, Caroline Cable, Gianna Grossi, Katie-May Godkin, Caroline Hatchman, Harriet Holt, Rachel Howard, Mabel Odonkor, Felicity Marshall, Nicola Sterland. **Millennium Medallion:** Clare Jackson, Claire Foster. **Bronze Medallion:** Lisa Beighton, Kayley Eagle, Amelia Gilmasn, Bryony Lawrence, Catherine Leteve, Anna Macdonald, Christina Powell, Holly Brown, Elizabeth Carson, Gemma Eagle, Winnie Leung, Ruth Varley, Alex Vernon.

Rounders



House Rounders

When shall we four houses meet again? In thunder, lightning, or in rain? The final day of term saw four houses pitting their rounders skills against one another, in a bid to beat not only the weather, but the other houses too.

Excellent performances, both individually and as a team were demonstrated by each of the houses, despite the on and off showers. In particular, special mention is owed to Sally Barnett, Elizabeth Davies, Leanne Varney and Lisa Beighton, whose batting had the opposing fields running for miles, in an attempt to retrieve the ball (usually from the pond!). Also, to Heather Haggis and Grace Lau, whose fielding skills for Powys were outstanding!

Mrs. James also deserves a special mention, as she managed to survive several near death experiences thanks to Kirsty McCarrison's reverse hits (we're only jealous!)

Despite the short downpours, teams competed with an ever increasing sense of house spirit and enthusiasm, which shone beyond the rain clouds!

The final scores resulted in Pigot winning overall, closely followed by Wilson, Kennedy and Powys.

Thank you to our two umpires, Miss Jefferies and Mrs. James, for organising the event and for standing in the rain! Thanks are also due to all the girls who participated so wonderfully. We hope next year will be as much of a success! *K.M.*

Well, it was certainly worth all the trouble – if only to see Kirsty McCarrison flat on her back after colliding with certain Pigot house members . . . hmmm . . . that makes one wonder about the following results . . .! *C.J.*

1st Pigot 9 points 2nd Wilson 6 points 3rd Kennedy 4 points 4th Powys 3 points

Our first football match! vs Lady Manners

Team: Ruth Varley – GK, Lisbeth Rosebery, Charlotte Nunn – Captain, Leanne Varney, Alex Vernon, Liz Cason, Kirsty McCarrison, Phyllis Odonkor, Christina Powell, Sally Barnett, Lisa Beighton, Amy Daniel – Reserve

On a bright and breezy Tuesday afternoon, the eager St Elphin's football team embarked on their first match of the year. As kick-off commenced, the apprehensive St Elphin's team captained muttered, "We'll get slaughtered!" Lady Manners' started strongly but with some resolute defending from Christina and Ruth in goal we managed to keep them at bay. However, with some fancy footwork and foul play from the Lady Manners team we were left one goal down and one girl, Phyllis, injured.

After a half-time change of tactics and with the wind behind us, the girls had a greater attacking force and levelled the scores thanks to Sally Barnett's fantastic goal. Thanks to more strong defensive work and vocal encouragement from Captain Nunn the team hung on for a well deserved win. Manager 'Sven' Franks said that "the girls had done good" and we were greatly looking forward to their next game.



Off Site Sports

This year we've enjoyed a great variety of activities organised by Miss Jefferies with help from Mr. Coutts and Dr. Dinsdale. We began with orienteering up near Nine Ladies Circle, which tested our map reading skills. Then we braved the icy waters of Carsington Reservoir to go rafting or canoeing – despite the wind chill everyone enjoyed it especially when Kirsty and Jade voluntarily dived off the raft head first!

We had lots of laughs on the dry slope witnessing the antics of the novice skiers and snow boarders. (Though they had their chance to laugh later when we fell down). Apart from the odd sprain or strain there were no major injuries this time and we all made progress although no one is challenging for the Winter Olympics just yet.

Towards the end of the Spring Term, Off Site Sports became on site yoga (something of a misnomer, surely) with Olga teaching us how to tie ourselves in knots "and NOT giggle!" We also sampled the delights of Indian Head Massage that appeared to resemble a non-toxic approach to dealing with head lice! I waited expectantly for the Indian to come and massage my head but he never showed up.

As our final fling we did our utmost to thrash the staff at paint balling. (They had sought security in numbers by being in the same team). Unfortunately, I'm sorry to say their team came out on top although we did manage to eliminate Mr. Coutts and Dr. Dinsdale in the last round! Everyone had a super time – a fitting end to a fantastic programme.



*Vikki Sheldon
and Becky Moncrief*



The Taming of the Shrew Manchester Exchange

We were delighted to see a performance of our set text produced by an innovative director, Helena Kaut-Howson. We were intoxicated by the carnival atmosphere, with characters from all walks of life and times – Petruchio as a Hell's Angel, on a customised motorbike, with an air guitar and Kate as a punk complete with tattooed cheek.

Disappointingly, the director chose to omit the induction scenes which form the framework of the play but it meant that we were plunged into the action and involved from the beginning in the powerful relationship between Petruchio and Kate who in the end form a marriage of true minds.

The Country Wife Crucible Theatre, Sheffield

We were transported into the Restoration world by an excellent cast, headed by Dominic West, famous brother of former pupils of St. Elphins. The play was fast moving, hard hitting and very professionally acted and produced. The pre-show talk on the importance of class, status and dress at the time taught us a lot. It was good to see completely different type of play – but the ideas behind it somehow still did apply to today's society.



Macbeth Buxton Opera House

How disappointing when we have planned and worked for so long to find this production good on presentation, lighting and ideas, but poor in the cast and acting. However we were still able to use our comments on the presentation of the witches in our GCSE coursework. *A.H.*

My final impression of this production was that it was really good but the actors should slow themselves down a little. I can't compare it to other performances but I still really enjoyed it.

Nicola Sterland

HONK

To finish our school year Mrs. Hodgson arranged a trip to Sheffield Lyceum Theatre for an unforgettable performance. The day was very hot and the journey tiresome with one coach having air-conditioning and the other not! Once arriving at the theatre, drinks and ice creams stabilised our body temperatures and we all made ourselves comfortable for the performance. "Honk" is a humorous adaptation of the classic tale 'The Ugly Duckling'. The play was full of outstanding music, singing and dancing. The set consisted of pond ripples and reeds. With the spectacular lighting and props used it was transformed from under water scenes to kitchens. The play followed the story of how a "different" egg hatched into a "different" but talented and kind ugly duckling. The duckling, during time, transforms into "SUPER" swan, with the super symbol to match. The play was very funny and enjoyed by all.

Narinder Gill

The Reduced Works of Shakespeare

For weeks we had looked forward to the famous Reduced Shakespeare Company's improbable production of all Shakespeare's plays in two hours. A fine Saturday evening in May saw a select group of boarders, daygirls, mothers, staff and family arrive at the Lyceum Theatre, Sheffield, eager for the show to begin.

We were not disappointed as we rocked with laughter at the ingenuity of the re-writers who had put all the comedies into a ten-minute slot and reduced 'Hamlet' to two minutes. Three actors? They were so quick at wig and role changes; they raced from one play to another, filling the stage!

Macbeth roared like Billy Connelly with ginger wig and tam o'shanter. Hamlet's father died an excruciating death and recovered immediately to become Gertrude. One man does indeed 'play many parts'.

Many thanks to parents who provided transport and joined us. We must do it again!
Ann Hodgson

The Medea Crucible Studio

The 'Actors of Dionysus' performed "The Medea" by Euripides – a set text for the Sixth Form. Year 9 who always enjoy a spectacle of blood and gore came to and enjoyed the performance immensely.

Guys and Dolls Lyceum Theatre

For our now traditional Christmas outing we enjoyed a lively performance of "Guys and Dolls" before the Christmas dinner. It was rather hectic getting changed but worth the rush.



The Bacchae

Only a fortnight into the term and Year 9 were off to the theatre to see Euripides' 'Bacchae'. How convenient of the Theatre of Dionysus to stage the very play we were studying. 'The Bacchae' has a particularly gory ending and a chorus of raving women, so, if well done, it can't really fail to engage the attention. This production was excellent and really set us up well to study the text and the Greek theatre.
Patricia Miles

GCSE Poetry Day

Years 10 and 11 travelled to Nottingham to listen to the major poets of our time such as Simon Armitage and Carol Ann Duffy which certainly helped us with our set texts.

LITERACY TAKES A STEP UP

This year has been excitingly busy in the English Department. Everyone in the school is involved in a Literacy awareness boost, which will provide more confidence in reading and understanding. The staff has spent hours compiling our list of key words, now given out to all pupils in a booklet. This will enable girls to learn the spellings for important terms in all subjects and help revision and prep.

Each girl also has an attractive book review brochure. Woe betide any girl who is not carrying a reading book with her at all times – stop and search policy – some girls have already filled their book with notes.

We are also providing a spelling rule each fortnight. Pupils are to learn and use the rule before a final test. Should we include staff too? And parents?

We are now fully prepared and even in advance of the new literacy measures and National Curriculum schemes which began in September, 2001.

Walls of Words

When you visit the school, wander around the classrooms and look at the displays through which we transformed our teaching areas – its amazing how ingenious people have been. In addition to the key words on all classroom walls, we have Art 'Graffiti' on the walls of Long Corridor Roman Walls the Great Wall of China, Berlin and even a William Wall. The whole school, Infants to Sixth Form have had a lot of fun together in their "Changing Rooms" project and we learnt a lot too.

Ann Hodgson

Old Girls

Our new secretaries, Sarah Brain and Melanie Thompson have produced an excellent newsletter. These notes are news items filtered through to us at school.

Emma Carter Is now teaching Geography at Wycliffe Junior School, Gloucestershire.

Melissa Heathcote II i Maths Oxford University.

Alison Moncrief. In her final year of Fashion and Design at Northumbria College Newcastle. Her course included a year in London working for a fashion business.

Sarah Patterson. BSc 1st class Honours Geography, St. Mary's College, University of Durham.

Pam Sheldon. Pam is due to go to Sandhurst to start her Army career in January 2002.

Nicola Strivens. II i English Edinburgh University

Sarah Strivens. Now engaged to Nigel. Sarah is about to become Head of Drama at the Girls' Grammar School in Kettering

Zoe Short. II i Law Bristol University. Zoe is to embark on a career as a Prison Governor.

Claire Inman (left 1995) went to Leeds University. Degree in Marketing. Area Manager at Gardner Merchant (London).



Daminie Hutton works at the London Salon of Vidal Sassoon.

Robyn Lawrence is in Birmingham and says that Jessica Logan is taking a year out to travel and do "musical things."

Rev Catherine Haynes has moved to a new parish – Llangammarch Wells, Powys.

Gillian Hyde – graduated from Warwick and now doing an MA in Bath and will work for a firm in Heidelberg next year.

Amanda Lee graduated from LSE in July and has begun work in actuarial science in London

Shalini Nair working in India and has had a baby boy – August 20th 2001

The June Reunion 2001 Comments from Old Girls

Always a pleasure to return – **Sally Ambrose.** Powys 1977-88 with her niece **Sarah Lilley.** Powys 1995-2000.

Rosalind Maudsley nee Seville. Selwyn 1955-1965
Very interesting to hear Mrs. Taylor's plans for St. Elphin's.

Elizabeth McWaters nee Taylor. Wilson 1958-1964
Happy to learn the future is bright – I enjoyed my time here.

Mary R Scudamore nee Jones 1928-1939. I spent 10 happy years here.

Muriel Onac 1962-82. Very pleased to hear of a brighter future for St Elphin's.

Stephanie Jones 1933-1940 Very happy days.

Dorothy Rickards 1934-1940. Glad to hear of future plans.

Barbara Brooke Taylor nee Barrow 1933-9. How different to visit the old place again – all far more relaxed than the old days!

Phoebe Milton. I'm so glad the school is flourishing.

Avice E Lee (nee Barrow). Feel we are all getting "up the tree" a bit now!!!

Heather A Reeves – pupil 1937-45 – Junior Staff 1968-1981
Good to be here again catching up with events.

Mavis Hunter

Sarah Brain (nee Straw) Gresford 1977-1984. Lovely to be back would love to see more staff next time! – now co-secretary with –
Melanie Thompson Gresford 1977-1984. A trip down memory lane. Not as many structural changes as I had expected. Very interesting to meet past staff and pupils.

Rosemary Chambers (Thornton) Fletcher 1947-1960

Helen J Cawood (retired Art Teacher) 1971-1990

Jeanie Dorman (Turner) 1959-64. SEOGG treasurer.

Christine Codling (Tew) 1960-64. Secretary of OGG for many years. Mother of Katrina also old girl.

Sarah Plastow – nee Townsend. My first return for 37 years and I'm glad its changed so much, look forward to a very positive future under Mrs. Taylor.

Peter Pollard – about whom too much is known already!

Mary Goodman – a hardy attender at re-unions! As enjoyable as ever!
PS Probably the oldest "old girl" here today.

Michelle Fearn (Hawthorn)

Lucy Burke 75-85(ish) Kennedy

Debbie Hall

POLLY PHILLPOT (1985-1992)



Polly has recently gained an MSc in Ecology from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

After leaving St Elphin's in 1992 Polly gained a BSc (Hons) in Ecology from U.E.A. in Norwich.

Then followed a period with the Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust, hands-on work with the endangered species at "Durrell's Zoo" and some research.

After this, a summer with the Sea Turtle Protection Society of Greece in Crete. This preceded an eighteen month period in Mauritius with the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation working with the endangered PINK PIGEON (*Columba mayeri*).

A Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship enabled Polly to pursue study in New Zealand with Prof. Charles Daugherty – her field-work taking place on an isolated island in the Cook Strait.

Polly is presently doing research for the Oxford Wildlife Conservation Research Unit (WILDCRU) on an Estonian Island – Hiiumaa – in the Baltic, radio tracking a new release of endangered European mink. *A.P. Phillpot*

I am writing from Zimbabwe seeking for your assistance.

I am looking for friends of mine who were students at your school. All three of them must have finished in 1996. I lost contact and wish to contact them. If you have a way to help me, I will be most grateful. Their names are:
NKULUR. R. N BANDA (ZAMBIAN)
CHOLA CHILUFYA (ZAMBIAN)
LILIANE NTIRANDEKURA (BURUNDI)

They can e-mail me on this address
HYPERLINK "mailto:CHIDOK@EXCITE.COM" my full name is WILLING CHIDO KUWANA.

If you can pass this message to them for me if you have a way to contact your former students.

Quiz 2001 Answers		8	Anne Phillpot
1	Patricia Outram	9	Elizabeth Prince
2	Mark Dinsdale	10	Georgina Jones
3	Sue Spriggs	11	Caroline Wood
4	Geraldine Martin	12	Ann Hodgson
5	Elizabeth Wass	13	Sheila Taylor
6	Judy Corfield	14	Tony Coutts
7	Elizabeth Hughes	15	Rosemary Cuff

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