

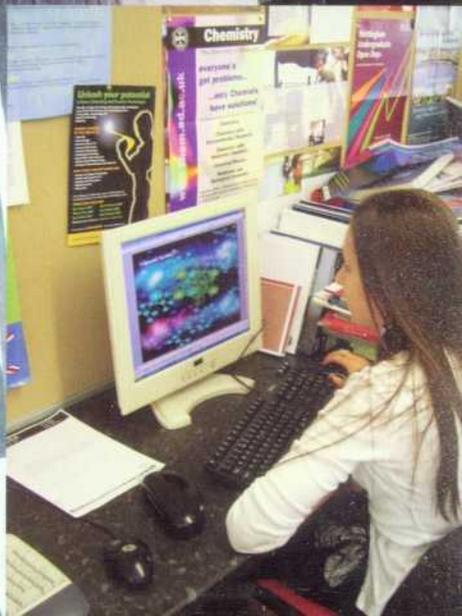


# STOVER

ACHIEVING YOUR ASPIRATIONS



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# principal's welcome

Stover has enjoyed an extremely busy and successful year and it is a pleasure to report that the school is flourishing in all areas.

Achieving your aspirations. At Stover we aim high and this year our outstanding public examination results are testament to pupils who have achieved their ambitions and goals.

Academic results at Stover are consistently impressive and we are very proud of our excellent record of pupils achieving high grades.

At A Level our pass rate was 99% and at AS level 100%. Our average UCAS point score per pupil increased by a massive 13 points from 2006 following on from a rise of 14 points from 2005 giving a total rise in two years of 27 points. I was particularly delighted with the high ranking we achieved in the Times newspaper for our

a Year 12 group of 36 students, a record number for Stover.

This year more pupils have enrolled into the National Academy for Gifted and Talented Youth which enables pupils to attend workshops and courses on a wide range of topics, as well as being involved in many web based activities.

Over the year there has been a great deal of activity in departments. The Music Department has been very busy. The Carol Service in Exeter Cathedral, gave us the opportunity to hear our choirs, orchestra and jazz band perform. It was a truly memorable occasion. In the Spring term we held our annual performing arts festival and a production of Noye's Fludde, a joint venture with New Devon Opera. It was a great success for Stover, its first venture into a full scale operatic production.

whiteboards to enhance our provision. Network points are available to our senior boarders and we have set up an Internet Café in Junior boarding.

Our annual drama production was very different this year and took the form of a pantomime, "Robin Hood, the one with Dracula" written by Mrs. Jan Middleton, Head of English.

In Science pupils participated in the Crest Award scheme at both Bronze and Gold levels. We have taken part in the Salters Chemistry competition and there have been entries in the Bill Bryson writing competition. Hannah Gower was runner up for her entry on the topic of "genetic engineering" in a competition organised by the Institute of Biology and she received her prize at a ceremony in London.

We attended master classes in Mathematics as well as entering the Mathematics Team Challenge. We also held our annual French exchange and ski trips and the History and Geography Departments have organized field trips to complement their classroom studies.

The Duke of Edinburgh's scheme celebrated its 50th anniversary this year and I am delighted that there are over 50 pupils participating in the scheme.

Year 10 undertook a week of work experience, which I know they all found very rewarding.

I was also delighted that nine pupils were confirmed in Exeter Cathedral at Easter.

Pupils spend a great deal of time working for others and there have been a number of events to raise money for charity. We are committed to Fair Trade and regularly have stalls selling fair-trade products.

There is a new and tangible energy and vibrancy within the Senior and Preparatory school.

There are many exciting opportunities ahead and we look forward to continuing the vision and commitment made by our founder, Mrs. Joan Key.

Pupils leave Stover with excellent qualifications and the confidence to achieve their aspirations, both now and in the future. We must all continue to stretch our minds and imagination, leave our comfort zone, seize the opportunities and make a difference in the world.

*Mrs. Sue Bradley,*  
Principal



average UCAS point score per pupil. This has enabled our pupils to take up their places at top Universities.

Emma Pop, who gained five A levels at Grade A, is now reading Languages at Cambridge University. Lucy Webber was awarded a Top Candidate award for A Level English Literature coming in the top five in the country out of 19500 candidates.

At GCSE 94% of pupils gained five or more A\*-C grades, up 6% from 2006, and 84% gained 8 or more A\*-C grades, a 14% increase over the previous year. Our pass rate was 100% and the percentage of A\*-C grades increased from 2006.

Stover is a broad access school and achieving results of such a high calibre is one of the great strengths of the school.

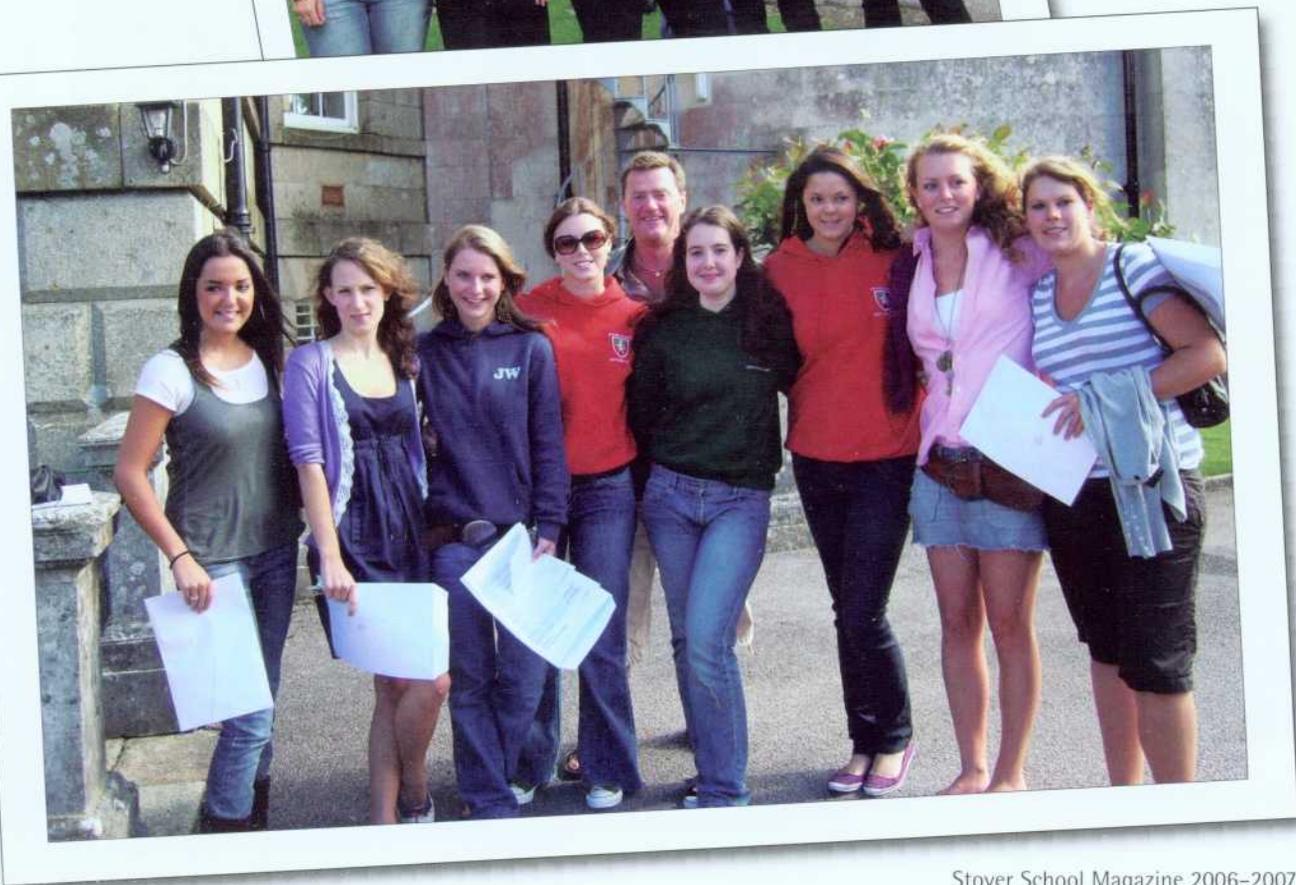
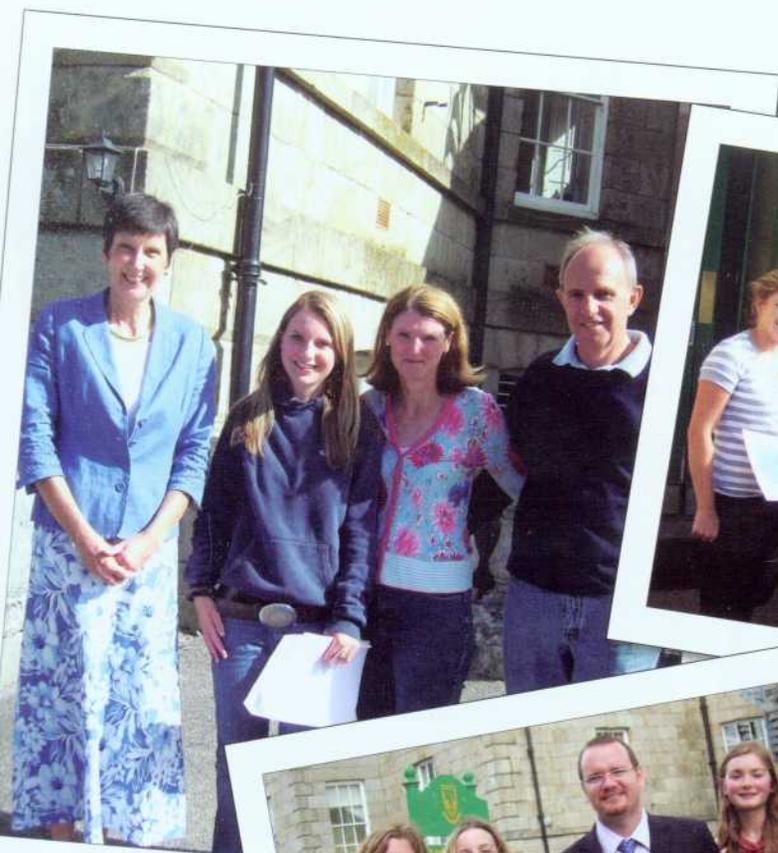
Stover Sixth Form is flourishing and this September nine boys joined us, giving

The highlight of the year was Stover's first music tour. 50 pupils travelled to France where they performed several concerts at which they received standing ovations. They also had a tour of the Paris Opera House.

The Sports department has also enjoyed a very successful year and there have been some notable individual successes. Pupils have been selected for County squads in hockey, cricket and swimming. Golf is increasingly popular and we have entered competitions locally and nationally. In two years the number of boys in the Senior School has grown from 28 to 70 boys and we can now field strong teams in football, cricket and rugby.

ICT developments continue and over 30 new computers have recently been installed. There are now additional PCs in classrooms as well as interactive

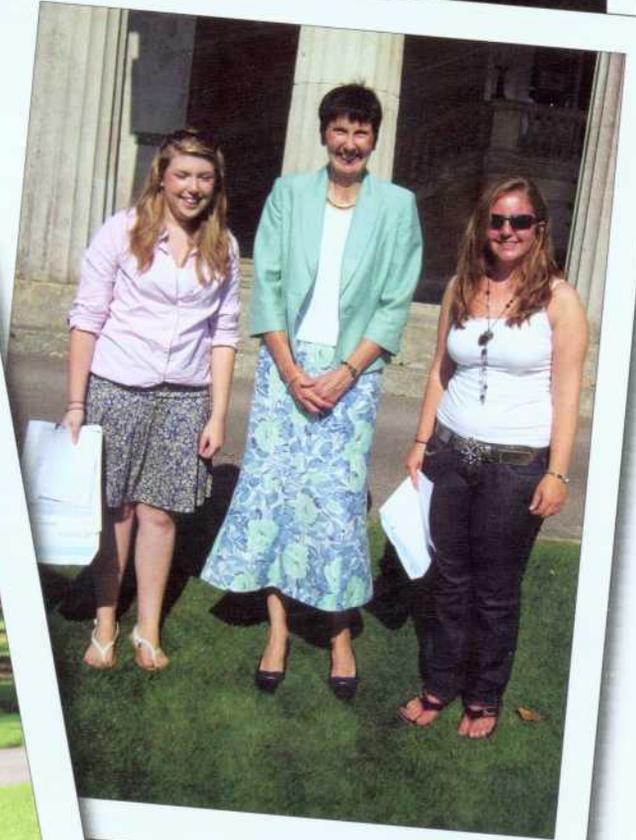
# examination results day



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Hello to baby Jessica Sarah Panell

## Staff Starting September 2006

**Reverend Anna Norman-Walker, BA Hons Theology with Ministry, School Chaplain and Teacher of RE and PSE**

Reverend Anna has recently completed her curacy. She will combine her work at Stover with running a local parish and she will have a designated space in Stover Preparatory School

**Mrs Mic Corby BSc Pure Mathematics, DiplEd Numerical Mathematics and Geography  
Head of Mathematics**

Studied at Newcastle upon Tyne. Mic taught Mathematics part time at Stover several years ago before moving to a part time post teaching Mathematics at St Margaret's School in Exeter.

**Mrs Elaine Machin BA (Hons) Information Technology and English and PGCE Information Communication Technology  
Head of ICT**  
Elaine studied at Manchester Metropolitan University and was previously Head of ICT at Queen's College, Mallorca

**Miss Claire Bulford, BEd in Physical Education with English  
Teacher of PE**  
Claire studied at Marjons in Plymouth and has taught PE at Budmouth Technology College in Dorset for four years.

**Mr Jonathan Haigh, MA Engineering Science (Oxon), PGCE in Secondary**

**Mathematics  
Teacher of Mathematics**

Jonathan has recently completed his PGCE at the College of St Mark and St John and has been teaching at Saltash Community School

**Mrs Alison Butler BSc Home Economics  
Teacher of Home Economics**  
Alison studied at the Newcastle upon Tyne Polytechnic and has previously been teaching Food Technology and Catering at Eggbuckland Community College.

**Stuart Pillinger, BA in Economics and Political Development, MA in Applied Linguistics, PGCE**

**Teacher of Business Studies**  
Stuart studied at Exeter University and has been teaching Business Studies at Stover since Spring 2006.

**Cathy Middleton, BA (Hons) in Modern Languages, MA in Italian, TEFL, Cert Ed in FE  
Teacher of French in SPS and Teacher of EFL**

Cathy has been at Stover since Autumn 2003 teaching EFL and will be taking on the role of French Teacher in Stover Preparatory School

**Bet Lea,  
School Secretary and Assistant Housemistress Junior Boarding House**  
Bet is already known in the Stover community having carried out boarding duties and attending Sunday Services during the year.

**Isabel McIntosh  
Nursery Teacher**

After the birth of her son Isabel was the Pre-School Supervisor at Chudleigh Pre-School. Isabel has many years of experience as a Nursery Nurse and a Nanny.

## Staff Changes September 2006

**Glenda Fletcher** will become the Housemistress in Mansion House in addition to continuing to teach Home Economics. She was previously Assistant Housemistress.

**Claire Bennett** will be Assistant Housemistress in Park House for two nights a week in addition to her part time role of Teacher of Art.

**Geraldine Thompson** is relinquishing her role of Nursery Assistant to take over a number of duties. Besides running the stationary shop at lunch and break time, she will carry out activities for boarders one night a week and will support Senior School staff in reprographics as well as technical support to the Art Department.

**Aikaterini Stergiopoulou** will be teaching Classical Civilisation to our Sixth Formers. Aikaterini is a Ph D student at the Department of Classics and Ancient History at the University of Exeter where she gained her Masters in Ancient Drama and Society.

## Staff Starting January 2007

**Dr Deborah Allway, Bsc MSc PhD Chem UCM PGCE Chem Herts  
Head of Science, previously teacher of Science at Dr Challoner's High School in Buckinghamshire**

**Gap Year Students, Laura Agnew, Edwina Bone**

**Mrs Boorer, Teacher of Classical Civilisation**

**Mrs Mandy McVitty, Learning Support Assistant for Hollie Hearn**

**Beverly Fulford**

Ms Fulford, known as Bev to her friends, has given academic and pastoral support to individual pupils over the past one and a half years. Never known to raise her voice, her long blonde hair and sunny smile were her distinguishing features. Beverly's career change involves working at the same local school as two of her children. News of Bev and her family can be had from Miss Broadhurst and the boarding staff who go dog walking together on their days off.

**Claire Ettridge**

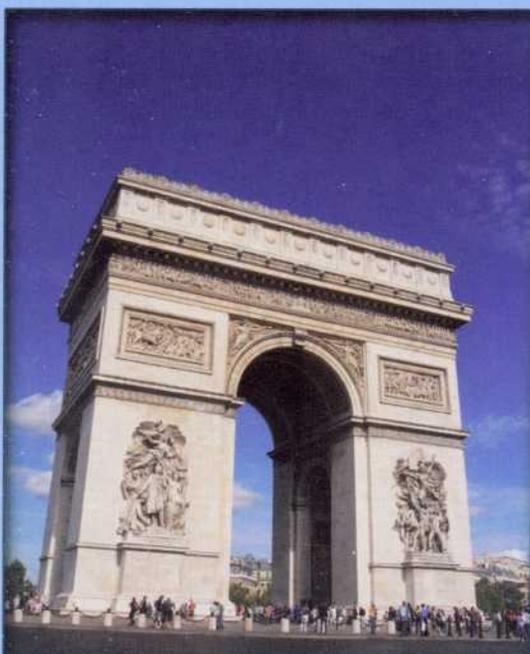
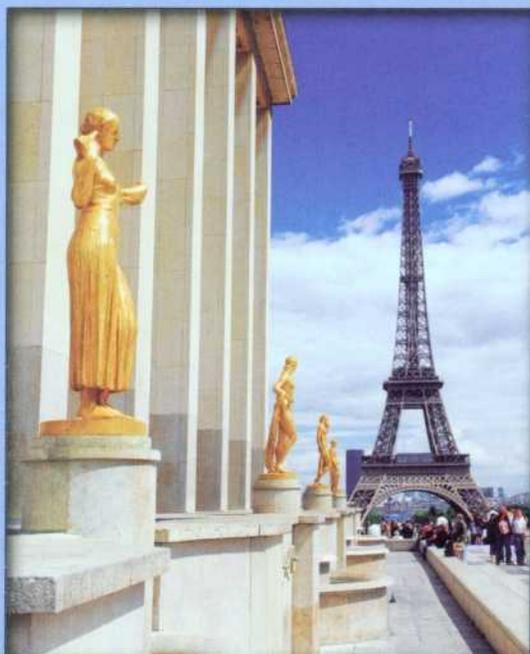
Mrs Claire Ettridge's commitment and dedication to the school, staff, students and parents as School Secretary over the past five years will be greatly missed as she leaves to channel all her energies into her family and home.

Claire joined Stover as full-time Senior School Secretary in 2002. She became part-time Prep School Secretary in 2003 and moved back up to the Senior School in September 2006. Naturally, she knows the school inside out!

All three of Claire's children have attended Stover School: Ella, now in Year 8; Tash has just begun her A Level studies in the Sixth Form and Emily's success at A Level in the summer term means she has just begun a degree in English and Philosophy at Nottingham University.

Claire, we wish you all the very best in your new role. Thank you for everything.

**Mr. Gavin Dunbar**  
Head of Art retires after nineteen years at Stover. We hope you have a wonderful retirement, full of fishing and fun!



During the summer holidays, Mr. Haigh got on his bike and cycled from London to Paris in aid of two charities. The three day trip involved 162 miles of cycling - and an unscheduled 11 hours on the Newhaven to Dieppe ferry, which ended up going to le Havre instead! The superb generosity of staff and pupils at Stover helped him to raise a total of just under £1400, which was divided between Practical Action and Country Holidays for Inner City Kids. A big thank you to everyone who contributed!

mr. haigh in paris

# stover preparatory school

Following a wonderfully warm, Mediterranean style summer, the SPS pupils returned in September with their usual enthusiasm and Clockhouse was, once again, filled with the sounds of happy young people at work and at play. This positive, purposeful atmosphere continued throughout the year with pupils, parents and staff working together to ensure optimal progress for all.

As a result of many hours of thoughtful discussion and professional debate SPS staff proudly unveiled their new SPS Ethos Statement. This is depicted in the form of a tree and is now displayed in our entrance hall, in classrooms and in the pupils' Home and School Communication Books. The school community are familiar with its content and meaning and we are all working together to 'Plant the Seeds for Success' for our young learners.

The new academic year brought several new initiatives that proved very popular. As part of our belief in encouraging and celebrating both individual and team success, we continued with our very popular Awards Assemblies on a fortnightly basis. At this time pupils were publicly recognised for numerous accomplishments including academic achievement; acts of kindness, evidence of good behaviour and manners and team participation. We also introduced a 'Tidy Classroom Award' which became highly coveted. Our Stover Teddy was presented to the winning class on a

fortnightly basis and there was always much excitement at assembly when the result was announced. I am pleased to say that almost all the classes managed to win this accolade at least once, with a few classes doing so on several occasions.

Also new for this year was the 'Challenge Problem of the Fortnight!' Pupils were encouraged to try to solve the problem for their age group and much fun was had acting out some of the solutions during assemblies. As usual SPS pupils were keen to demonstrate their mathematical understanding, logical reasoning skills and acting talent in order to share solutions in front of the school.

Another new initiative for 2006-2007 was the introduction of an idea we called a 'Circle of Kindness.' Pupils were encouraged to show acts of kindness to others and if 'caught in the act' were given recognition in the form of a cut-out hand which was then displayed on the classroom wall. The target was to complete a full circle of hands around the room. I am delighted to say that numerous classes reached this goal and enjoyed a class party in recognition of this achievement.



It goes without saying that children's first experiences at school have a significant impact on their future success, not only in terms of academic achievement but, most importantly, on their self-esteem and attitude towards learning. These essential life skills begin to develop at a very young age. As children begin their educational journey, it is important that they feel secure in their setting and inspired by the teaching they receive. Now is the time to capture and nurture the wonder of learning - if these early opportunities are missed it is so much harder to rekindle the enthusiasm in later years.

As you read the pages in this magazine you will have a chance to see snapshots of the enthusiasm and excitement SPS pupils feel for learning; the obvious pride they have for their school and the wide variety of experiences available to them. We hope you enjoy reading about these as much as the children have enjoyed participating in them.

*Caroline Coyle*  
Assistant Principal  
Stover Preparatory School

## SPS Celebrates World Book Day

Stover Preparatory School pupils all participated in a 'buddy reading' activity as part of the School's celebration of World Book Day. The older pupils were tasked to prepare a book to read to their buddy in a younger year group. They went about preparing for this special event with maturity and enthusiasm in order to ensure the younger pupils would enjoy the experience. Throughout the school, pupils were captivated by the joy of books and are already asking when they may do this again. Well done, Years 4 and 5!



Ship Ahoy! Stover Preparatory School pupils became pirates for a day as part of their recent 'Celebrate Books Week!' Children and staff alike dressed the part and participated in a variety of activities including a special assembly, treasure hunts in the school's grounds, writing pirate adventure stories and completing art projects. The week long celebration highlighted the importance of reading and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

# nursery report



First Steps Nursery had another exciting academic year, with outings to Torquay Fire Station, Newton Abbot Market and to a local farm.

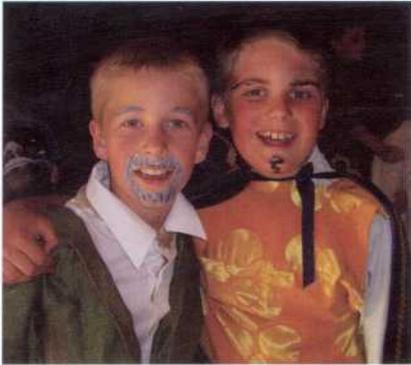
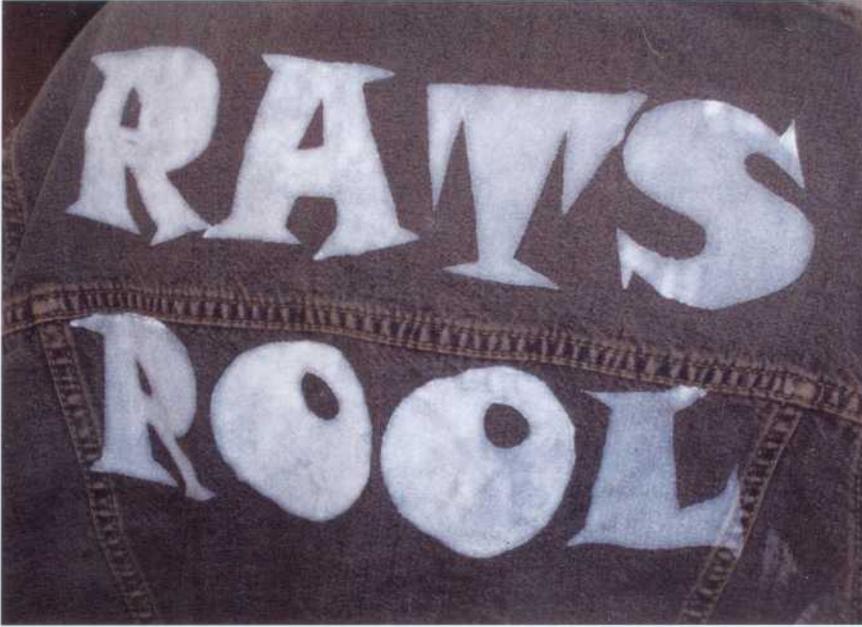
We went by coach to the Drum Theatre to see a Christmas production of 'Igloo Hullabaloo' which focused on celebrating differences between children around the World. It was enjoyed by everyone but, as always, the bus journey was the most popular part of the excursion!

We continue to use our beautiful school grounds, taking every opportunity to run, hide, climb or puddle-stamp, as well as using the jungle as a springboard for imaginative play.

Twelve motivated, happy and confident children left the Nursery to join our Reception class in September.

*Sarah Stoddart*  
Head of Nursery

# stover preparatory school play



In the Summer term, Key Stage 2 performed a musical version of the, RATS!

The sorry tale of a self satisfied and greedy village, who ruthlessly swindled a wandering minstrel.

Based on the book, "The Pied Piper of Hamlyn"

Of rats there were plenty,  
They ate drank and infested,  
Till one day, by the Piper,  
They were bested.

Into the Weser they scurried,  
Then back to the alderman, the Piper hurried,  
No pay for the deed,  
Was how he did plead.

Pay up you mean burgers,  
Or your kids will be toast,  
Claimed the main man,  
But the Mayor was not,  
To say the least, his big fan.

So the Piper played his jig,  
And soon in town,  
Their was not one kid.

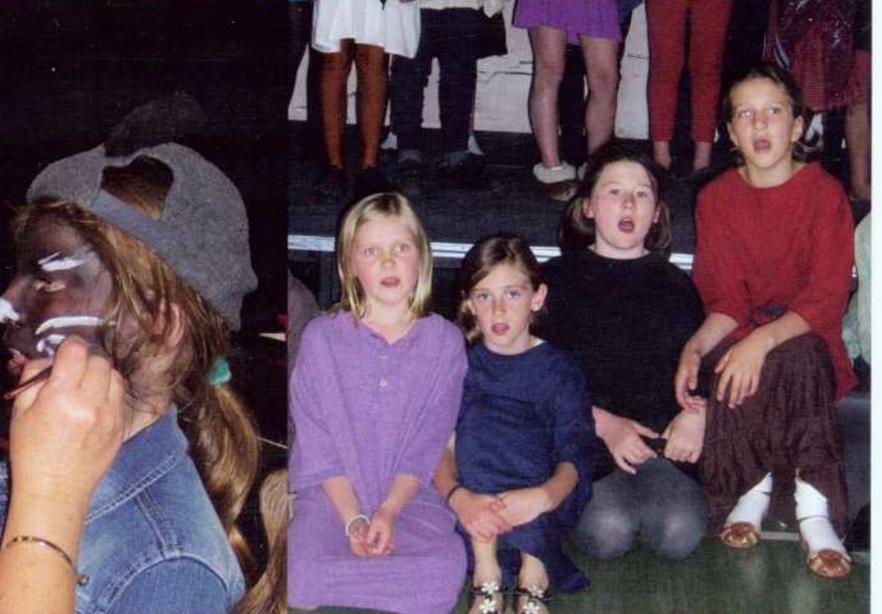
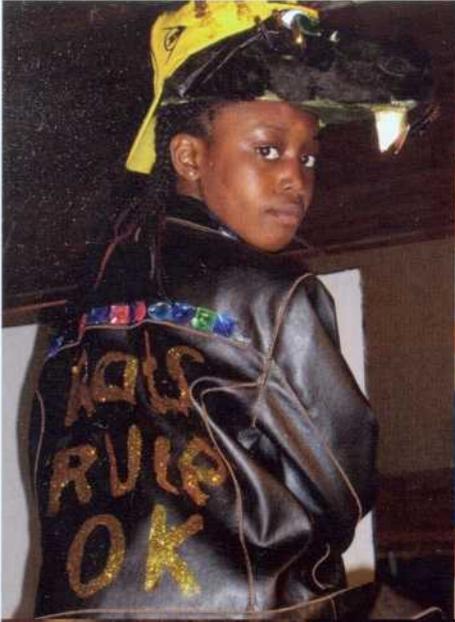
They went off to the hills,  
For the sake of his bills,  
Only one poor crippled boy returned,  
And the Piper kept all that he had earned.

A brilliant performance by the leading singers, supported by an astounding array of rats and villagers in "authentic" medieval gear.

The whole performance was thoroughly enjoyed by pupils, parents and staff alike.



# stover preparatory school play



# reception class



the classroom! We had a busy time flying to different places all over the world. The Year Two children even used our airport on their Australian Day when they checked in for a flight to Melbourne! We also made a trip to Exeter Airport to make sure their facilities were no better than ours.

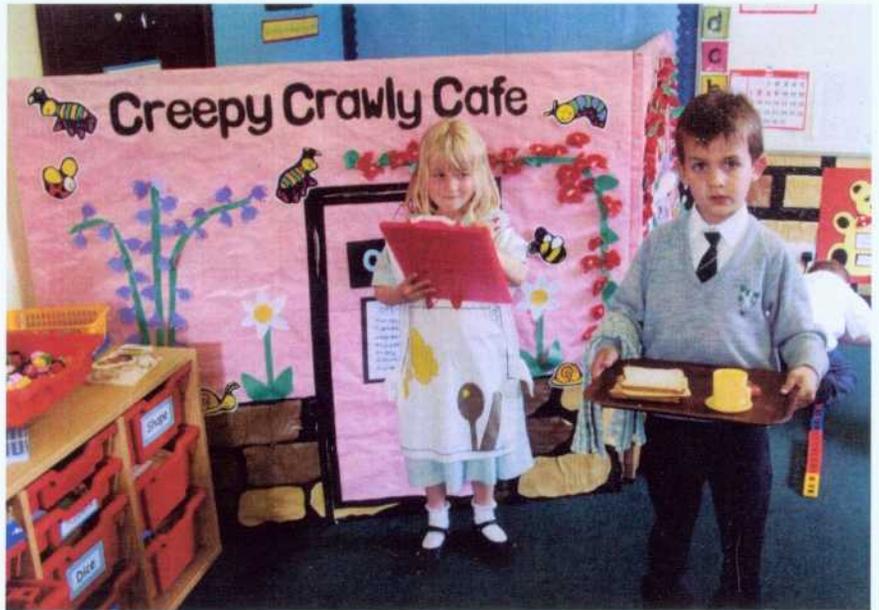
The Summer Term was very exciting as a variety of mini-beasts were brought into the classroom for observation and investigation. "What does a snail like to eat?" proved to be the favourite investigation, especially when it was discovered that the snails preferred to eat chocolate cake and jam to leaves! The role play corner was turned into "Creepy Crawly Café" where the children enjoyed practising their writing skills and using pretend money when they bought food and drink.

The mini beast project was highlighted by a trip to Stover Country Park where the children participated in an exciting mini-beast hunt and pond dipping activities.

In the Autumn Term, the Reception Class started the year with a project about 'Castles'. We visited Compton Castle and also had our own castle in the classroom, where we dressed up as kings and queens, knights and princesses and had lots of fun!

We also learnt about Harvest and went to Cockington Court Orchard. There we ate lots of apples and made apple juice and didn't even get tummy ache. Back in the classroom we made baked apples with lots of different delicious fillings and toppings.

In January, the start of the Spring Term, we opened up Stover Airport in



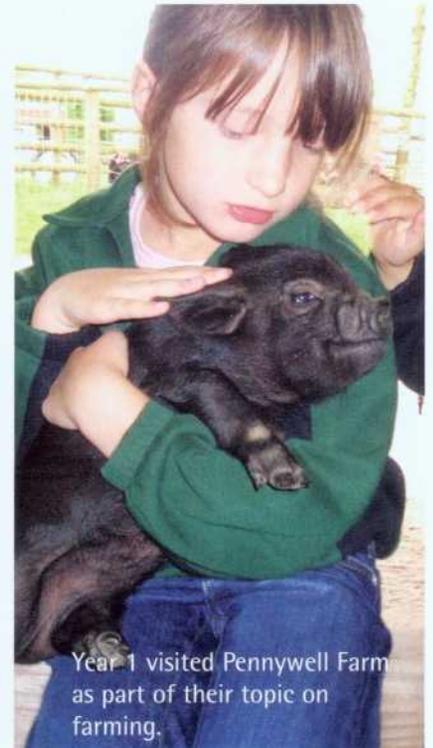


**Year 1 love Books**

For Book Week we enjoyed dressing up as Pirates and on World Book Day we really enjoyed sharing books with the older children. (pictures DSCF 1078 and book reading 020)



We visited Powderham Castle as part of our topic on homes.



Year 1 visited Pennywell Farm as part of their topic on farming.

In SPS we have a 'Helping Hands' scheme, where children earn helping hands from staff for things that they do. This could be tidying up, opening doors, looking after visitors and so on. The important thing is that the children are helpful without being asked!

These hands are then stuck around the classroom, the idea being to make a complete circle. Once this has been achieved the class have a party. Year 1 had their first helping hands party in December and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.



# year 2

The girls and boys in Year 2 have had a very exciting and busy final year in the Pre-Prep. Department and were delighted to welcome Jessica Faye in March.

## What the children liked best about being in Year 2

In Year 2 it is nice knowing my friends. The school trips are great and my favourite trip was to Bygones. I am glad we are doing cricket this year. I enjoy our topics a lot and we have done four this year. I do after school chess club and I am really happy Mr Ayer said I could do it. Since I have started Year 2 my class has been doing comprehension which is good fun. *By Callum King*

The best things about Year 2 are Jean being our Classroom Assistant and having Miss Pannell and Mrs Head as our teachers. I enjoyed learning about WW2. I had good fun taking part in the fashion show. I like my maths classes with Mrs Coyle and I like writing imaginative stories. *By Olivia Parker*

I like it when the fire alarm goes off and then we go to the tennis courts. I like the art lessons with Mrs Head. I like my friends. Jean helps me and is very kind. *By Anna Tilley*

The best things are our topic work on Australia. I like going swimming. I have enjoyed having different teachers for maths. I liked Bygones because I saw a new type of gun. *By Ben Payne*

I like my friends and going in the playground with them. I like to do art, maths and learn about history. I like wearing a tie and blazer. *By Lewis Crump*



Don't panic Captain Mainwaring:  
Year 2 boys are kitted out to join you!

## A Poem for Spring Time by Alexander Lee

In the spring. In the spring.  
Buzzy bees and butterflies fly around all  
day long.  
One day I was looking at rabbits and  
buzzy bees and butterflies and birds.  
A beautiful lake full of fish and crabs  
crawling along the beach.  
I saw a lamb. The lamb was like a little  
bunch of cotton wool.  
The buds are like blue flowers.  
In the water the fish look like little  
rainbows.  
Rabbits look like brown dots in the fields.



Year 2 girls are ready to join the war effort.

## Alliteration poem by Callum King

One worried worm wiggled in the whirling  
water,  
Two troubled tortoises took the train to  
town,  
Three thrushes thought of thunder,  
Four friends fought a fierce fox,  
Five fish floated like feathers,  
Six snakes slithered way,  
Seven sheep sat in the sun,  
Eight apes ate eight apples,  
Nine naughty nurses nibbled nachos,  
Ten tigers terrified tiny Tim.



## Roman Day 13.3.07

Year 3 Stover boys and girls became Romans for the day on Tuesday, 13th March. They tried out their Latin, prepared and ate snacks from Roman recipes, banqueted on delicious Roman fare and watched as their clay figure heads were fired in a Roman style dug out kiln. They also enjoyed participating in pretend games that would have taken place in the Colosseum. They had a fantastic day travelling back in time.

## Our Trip to Roman Bath

We went to Bath on the 20th March. We travelled there by coach, it was quite fun. We ate a lot of food and read some books on the way. When we got off, we were put into groups of six. Alex, Will, Austin Kaman, Lucy W and I were in Mr Futrell's group.

First, we went to the Education Centre and dressed up as Romans. We looked at the drains from the baths and played a guessing game in which we had to decide if the artefacts were real or copies.

We then went to lunch in a Tudor Hall.

Next, we looked around the baths with audio phones, which gave us information about the things we were looking at. We saw the main bath and some other baths. Some were empty and some were full of water. We also saw stone carving, jewellery and a few tools.

After all this, we all went to the shop to buy some candy sticks and souvenirs. At the end of our visit, we went back on the coach and some of us ate one candy stick!

Back at school we were picked up by our parents.

*By Ruth Pelly*



## The Mysterious Box

I will put in the box  
The clear blue waterfall  
And the sharp prickle  
Of a pinecone  
I will put in the box  
The soft wool of a scarf  
And the bounce of a  
Baby kangaroo  
I will put in the box  
The brightness of the silver  
Moon and the violet  
Of the sun rise and  
Beauties of a colourful Rainbow

My box is made of  
Plastic and is  
Decorated with sequins  
And gold and silver  
Pens!  
I will bury my box in  
The garden so no one  
Will ever find it  
And my secrets will  
Be safe for ever

*By Constance Longrigg*





**STOVER U9 FOOTBALL TEAM**

Stover U9 football team had a superb season this year. The team did not concede a goal in their first six fixtures and remained unbeaten throughout the season in league fixtures. They were beaten twice in short tournament games but finished with an overall record of: **PLAYED 14 WON 11 DRAWN 1 LOST 2**

There was great team spirit within the group of players. As the team continued with their winning run the side became full of confidence. Many of the away trips were very exciting. It was interesting exploring other schools and meeting their players.

The tournaments were particularly exciting. The games were much shorter than normal so we had to play a more attacking game. We came within a whisker of winning the Mount House tournament losing out only on goal difference.

“Mr Appleby was a very inspiring and enthusiastic coach, and helped us a great deal with team shape and individual skills”.

There were strong contributions from many players, Tom Scadding was the outstanding player scoring a hat trick in the game against St Peters. Austin Sample and Alfie Roddan stepped up from year 3 and coped well in the A team.

The following players represented the team; Tom Scadding (captain), Thomas Rook (gk), Harrison Milstead, James Baker,

Tom Edgington, Jack Herbert, Cody Hobbs, Richard Warwick, George Scott, together with Austin Sample and Alfie Roddan from year 3.

## RESULTS

Stover 14-0 Trinity

### Tournament at Mount House:

Stover 1-0 St Michaels  
Stover 1-0 Mount House  
Stover 1-0 St Peters  
Stover 0-0 Kelly College

Exeter School 0-1 Stover

St Peters 2-4 Stover

### Tournament at Exeter School:

St Peters 1-2 Stover  
Blundells 1-0 Stover  
Plymouth College 0-1 Stover  
Exeter School 2-0 Stover  
Plymouth 0-1 Stover

Stover 2-1 St Johns

Plymouth College 0-4 Stover

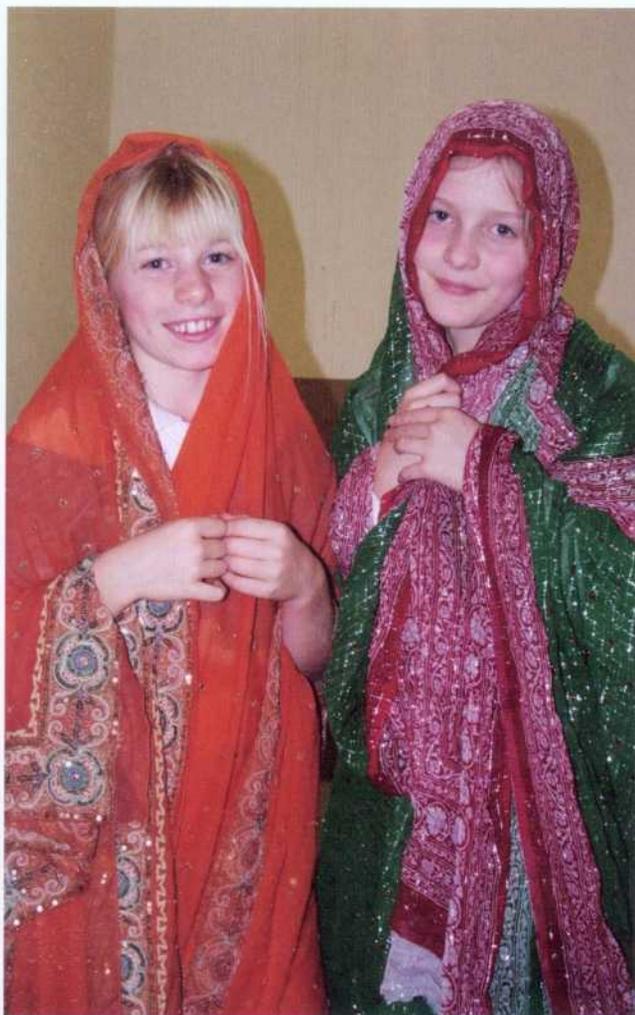
We hope we will be equally successful next year!

*By Harrison Milstead*

## Our Trip to Princess Theatre

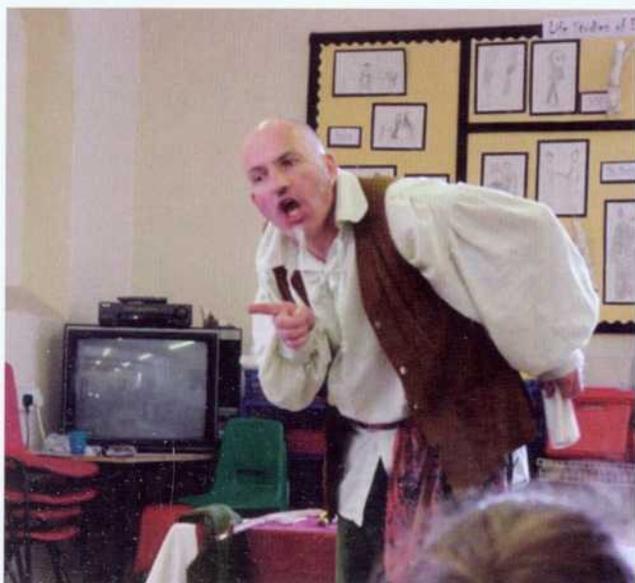
We left Stover School at about 9:15 am to get to the Princess Theatre to watch Danny, Champion of the World. It was for a school trip. Danny, Champion of the World, was based on the book by Roald Dahl. It took approximately 30 minutes to get there. All of year 5 boys and year 5 girls went. It was excellent. George bought some binoculars to get a better view, but they were only for rent. There were lots of different schools there. I got a seat near the middle, so I had a good view. My favourite bit was when Danny was driving in the car to the wood because it was too far to walk. Afterwards, we had some packed lunches on the pier. It was a very good play. It was a very good trip and I enjoyed it very much.

*By Timmy Simpson*



Our spring term topic on India allowed us to experience a day of Indian life, during which the children were given the opportunity to wear Indian traditional dress. The girls modelled the clothing during an Indian assembly presented by the Year 5 girls.

The Year 5 children enjoyed a visit from a genuine Tudor time traveller! Going back through time, Mr. Pyke talked the children through his life, sharing tales of beheadings and disease, from Henry Tudor to Queen Elizabeth.



On 5th February, the Year 5 boys arranged a cake sale to raise money for the NSPCC. Organised by Ben Bigg, all the pupils and teachers enjoyed the delicious cakes and biscuits very much! They raised a grand total of £53.10 for this very worthy cause.

# junior boarding

It has been another lively year in Mansion House, where the age groups range from 9 to 16 years old. There are always extra flexi boarders staying in the week, and occasionally at the weekend, so there is never an opportunity for boredom.

Saturday is traditionally a day for activities and excursions and we began the year with an autumn cookery session. Most of the girls chose to make apple, plum and biscuit recipes but when they saw the Sheaf of Wheat being made, they all wanted to lend a hand and it was soon ready for the oven.

This term wouldn't be the same without our Halloween party which is organised by the senior girls. Stephany Yuen won the 'Miss Halloween' competition with her lovely costume.

At Christmas we said a fond farewell to Edwina Bone and Laura Agnew, our gap students who were like big sisters to all our boarders. On the last Sunday before the end of term the weekend kitchen staff made us a wonderful Christmas dinner and we invited a few friends, which made the evening very special.

During the Lent term we visited Paignton Zoo, Cribbs Causeway and the Ice Skating rink at Plymouth Pavilions. Sian Wood is an excellent Ice skater and she patiently showed us how to skate backwards. It is quite difficult when you can't master the art of going forwards! We also had a relaxing day making cosmetics and aromatherapy oils with Mrs Bennett.

Each Sunday we enjoy a service in Chamber Hall then the girls have free time or they play various sports. If the students require anything for a school trip in the week, they are taken to Trago Mills or the Willows to buy what they need.

Finally the Summer time arrived and we were able to do some fine weather activities. The Devon Show was as popular as ever and we also enjoyed a trip to Dartmouth on a beautiful day travelling on the steam train. We also went to the Donkey sanctuary at Sidmouth and afterwards spent a couple of hours looking around the shops. The year ends with a party on the terraces and we are already planning some great trips for next year.

Mrs. G. Fletcher



## Life in Boarding

When we came to boarding three years ago we wondered whether boarding was going to be like "Harry Potter." Or maybe like an Enid Blyton book, but we quickly learnt that it wasn't going to be anything like these imaginations of ours.

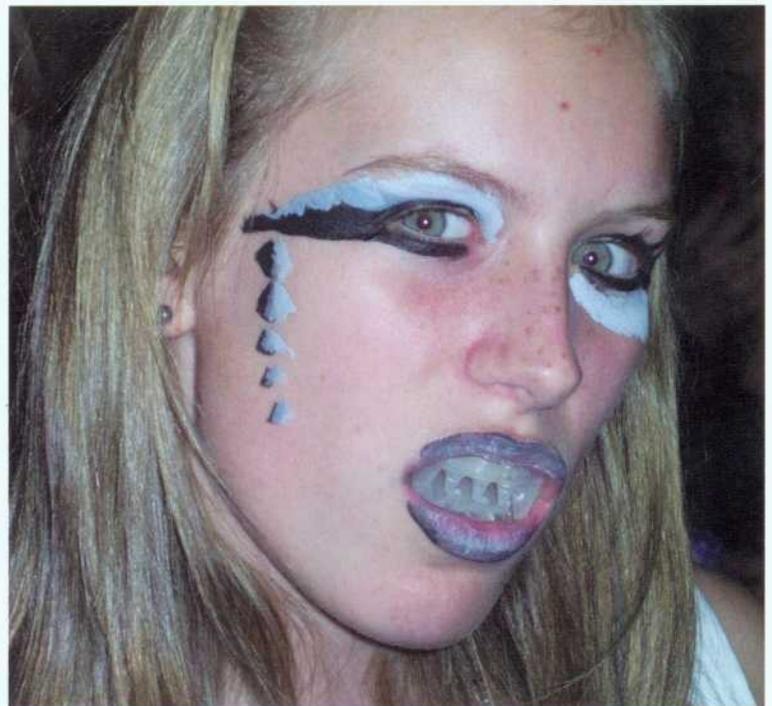
At first we got homesick; most people were crying and couldn't sleep. Then we soon overcame that problem. When we were in Haytor Dorm we spent quite a lot of time messing around and playing. There was plenty of time to do these because as a year 7 we didn't get much homework. Sometimes we can do exciting things like decorating our dorms for Christmas, getting ice-creams in summer and going swimming.

Every so often something unusual happens, one night, quite a while ago it started to rain heavily, the window panes were rattling and we could tell there was going to be a big storm. That night, we were all wide awake sat on a girl's bed. We were really worried that the school would catch fire. It was at that moment, the fire bell went off, meaning that we had to climb out the window and run down the fire exit stairs. We were really frightened. It was a night-mare!

Although we get more homework now we are in year 9, we still enjoy boarding by going on the weekend trips to local places of interest and by doing activities such as craft, guides and sewing.

Boarding at Stover is nothing like Harry Potter and Enid Blyton books, but it is still very enjoyable!

*By Kitty Ho and Lydia Butler*



## Boarding Life

When we first started boarding it was really scary but after a few days it was fun and we made loads of friends. After we had our tea we do activities like beadwork, sports and sewing – these are not compulsory but they are fun!



After school has finished and clubs are over, at 5pm we do prep for one hour, (we have to admit it's not the most amazing thing!)

This year there are two Australian gap students called Jess and Edwina. They help you with prep and loads of other things. They are really funny and we don't want them to go at the end of the year!

We have two boarding house mistresses, Mrs Lea and Mrs Fletcher they are really nice as well, at night they let us have hot chocolate, biscuits and squash.

*By Corrina Crusham*



# senior boarding

As ever we have had a busy year in the Senior Boarding House. In September we welcomed many new girls and some of the Junior Boarders to our "family" and they did not take long to settle in!

We have been on many exciting trips this year including Paignton Zoo, Horse riding up in the middle of the moor, Ice-Skating and swimming in Teignmouth Lido, as well as the ever popular shopping trips to Exeter, Plymouth and a bit further afield to Cribbs Causeway and Atlantic Village.

It has been wonderful to see the wider role that many of the boarders play within the school: singing in concerts, acting in plays and fundraising for charity. Although looking back, trying to complete the fun run as a giant centipede was perhaps not the best idea – I think we managed two laps of the track before collapsing!

It is also very pleasing to me that so many of the current year 12s have just become School Prefects. They put in a lot of hard work as our school

day does not finish until 11 o'clock at night.

At Christmas we said a sad farewell to our two Australian gap assistants, Laura Agnew and Edwina Bone and thanked them heartily for all the hard work they put in over the year. However, in darkest January we welcomed two very able replacements in Jess Wright and Edwina Hay. Their hard work and popularity with the boarders is second to none.

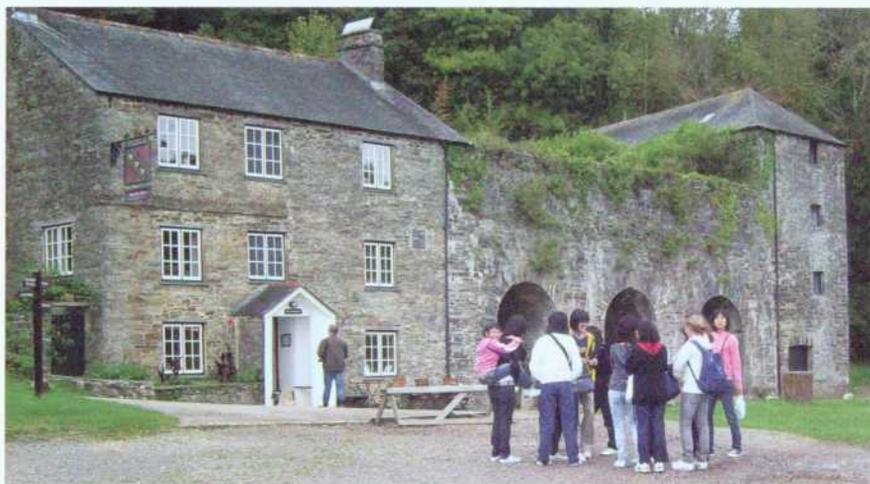
*Kensa Broadhurst*  
Senior Boarding Housemistress



# senior boarding



# senior boarding



# mary house report

## goodbye to gavin dunbar

I can hardly believe that time has gone so quickly. Yet the fact remains that retirement has now arrived and I must say good bye to Stover.

Nineteen years ago I arrived to teach Art here and it has been such fun. At that time the Art rooms were in the old hay loft right at the top of Clock House and the store room was one of the groom's little bedrooms! Having come from north London the view of Dartmoor and Haytor took my breath away. It was only in 2001 that we moved into the new Millennium building and four years ago that Photography and Media studies replaced the Computer suite above.

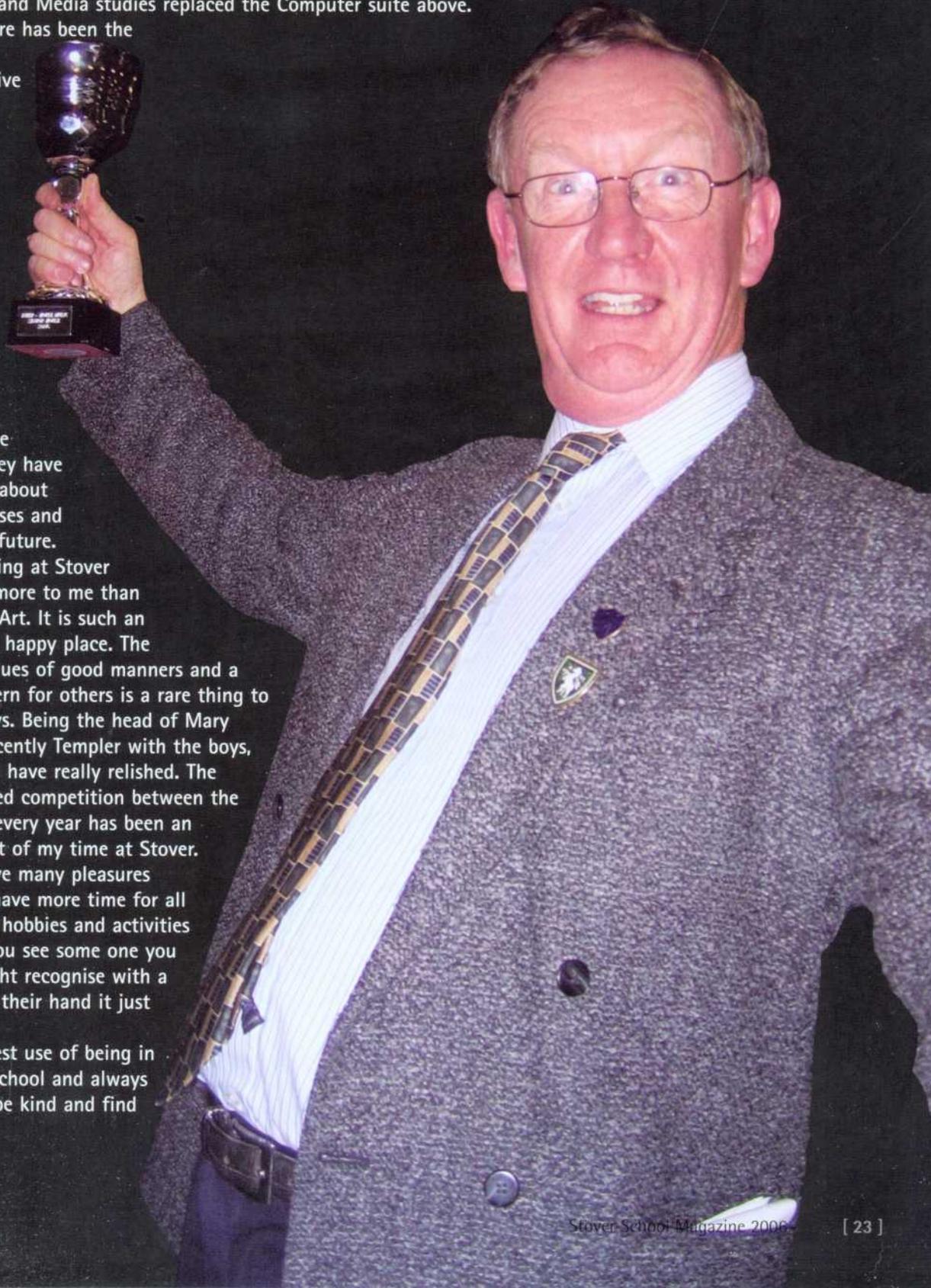
My time here has been the happiest and most productive of my long teaching career. I have many fond memories of the girls I have taught and the wonderful things they produced. It has always been a great pleasure to see them after they have left and hear about their Art courses and plans for the future.

However being at Stover has been far more to me than just teaching Art. It is such an enjoyable and happy place. The traditional values of good manners and a genuine concern for others is a rare thing to find these days. Being the head of Mary house and, recently Templer with the boys, is something I have really relished. The good humoured competition between the three houses every year has been an important part of my time at Stover.

Life will have many pleasures ahead. I will have more time for all the variety of hobbies and activities I love. So if you see some one you think you might recognise with a fishing rod in their hand it just might be me.

Make the best use of being in such a great school and always remember to be kind and find happiness

*Mr Dunbar*



# victoria/courtenay house report

Well what can I say- it makes me out of breathe just thinking about how much we have achieved this year in Victoria/Courtenay House diving into a whole range of house events including Sports day, Phyllis Dence, Cross Country, Netball, Football, Rugby and many more.

Let's start at the very beginning, May 25th 2006- aka Sports Day. The scene was idyllic- the sun was shining high in the sky and an army of girls and boys varying in ages from 10-16 eagerly ran out onto the sports field in their purple coloured shorts. I really was so proud to watch all the girls and boys participate in any event they were told to do and not moan or complaining about it. Of course we had our familiar stars for both sexes. On the boys front, James Avery stole the show running what must have been about 5 events, winning many medals for himself and valuable points for the House. We had similar success with the girls with great performances from Victoria Stark, Harriet Foale, Lydia Martin, Holly Sames and many more. Yes we did win, but it was very much a team effort from all concerned. I have come to learn over the years that success in all House Events only comes from everyone getting stuck in- it is very much a hands on approach that so defines this brilliant House.

So, we came to September and the start of a new academic year with various new faces being invited into the House for both the boys and girls. Academic success was very prominent throughout the year with lots of our boys and girls working extremely hard and scoring very highly in both the achievements and effort sides of the grade system. Although unfortunately we did not do enough to win the House Cup throughout the year, we had some super performances from Bethany Mudge, Katie Roberts, Sophia Hems, Nicole Foulkes, Lorna Pillar, Alicia Johnson and Imogen Middleton all gaining very high amounts of housepoints and achieving very high grades. We had similar success with the boys with Alec Reade, Finn Johnson and Jamie Coyne Stacey also all achieving very highly.

The Spring Term was equally busy seeing our eager young beavers run, sing and work hard in the classroom. The highlight of the term would have to be the Phyllis Dence concert when the boys and girls participate in various workshops during the day and then perform in the evening concert. The House Song competition is always a highly anticipated part of the



evening and this year was no different. The theme was Abba and Vicky/Courtenay House had been given Mamma Mia to sing. Unfortunately WE WERE ROBBED in every sense of the phrase.

We had the best song, 3 part harmony all the way through and incidentally the best conductor ever- thank you Mrs Middleton and we lost because we didn't have actions! Despite the fact that Mrs Middleton and I pointed out it was in fact an Inter House Music competition, it was too late, the damage was already done- Mary held the cup. After the drama of that evening we did have a fairly successful rest of the term. We won various other cups such as the Cross Country and Tag Rugby. Again the support for the competitors from their friends was invaluable and gratefully received.

Courtenay House also encountered various successes throughout the term with the boys winning the Football and Rugby cups. Although there are still not many boys in the House (merely 14), they are a great asset and have all helped greatly in winning various House events this year- my sincere thanks go to all 14 of them!

The House Charity this year was Childline and was promoted by are very own Mrs Machin. Mrs Machin decided to jump out of a aeroplane from 10,000 feet to raise money for the charity- a very daring stunt, I'd think we'd all agree. The House was successful in raising £337.45 by sponsoring Mrs Machine. This was a great effort all round, but particular to Mrs Machin - WELL DONE YOU!

We have now come into the final term of this year and have already had success by winning Sports day for the 2nd year in a row- it seems we are a force to reckoned with out on the sports field and hopefully we will have similar success next year- Come on guys go for the Hat- trick!

Although my time at Stover is coming to an end and incidentally being your House Captain, I would just like to take this opportunity to say a few very important thank you to certain people. Firstly to Miss Evans, for being a great House Leader and guiding me this year when I was rather unsure with what to do with the House. You have been a total inspiration and have helped my greatly through the year with your expert guidance. Secondly, to Natalie Less for being a brilliant deputy to me, helping me with all sorts of tasks from writing out house sheets to organising House assemblies- It really would have been very difficult without you! Lastly and most importantly to every single member of Vicky/Courtenay House.

You have all made my time being your House Captain a truly enjoyable experience and I wish every single one of you continued success in the future. I am now handing over to Catherine Love who I am sure will be a great House Captain and I wish her all the best for the forthcoming year.

Just remember we are the Best House so GO VICKY/COURTENAY!

by Jessica Wass

# elizabeth-seymour house report

And so yet another year in the life of the ever growing Elizabeth-Seymour House has drawn to an end, and what a year it has been! Despite not retaining all of the cups in our trophy cabinet, we have definitely had a rather fun filled year.

This year has brought some outstanding house point totals. The top awards have gone to Sunneva Coyne-Stacey, Olivia Morton and Samuel Wyatt-Haines. Other people who have done well include Amy Trapnell, Thomas Williams, Camilla Laing-Taite, Samuel Wright and Katherine Allen. Unfortunately we did accumulate a lot of minus house points, however there seemed to be a determination to make up for the losses, and in both the winter and spring terms we were less than a housepoint away from winning. However, the summer term brought reward to all of those who have been working so diligently over the past year; we won the housepoint cup!

In the Autumn term Elizabeth House girls came second in the hockey, and the Seymour House boys came second in the rugby. We also came second in the cross country overall. There were individual commendable performances from Hannah Larner, Samuel Wyatt-Haines, Thomas Simmons, Tom Williams and Sam Wright.

The spring term welcomed the annual Interhouse Music Competition. This year the theme was Abba songs, and we sang "SOS". Despite not having a history of

success in the competition, there was still utmost determination to win. Flo, Amy and I choreographed an active routine for the chorus, involving rapid arm movements. After a hard day of rehearsals, the actual performance was a delight to watch (and I watched it all as I had to stand up the front pretending I knew how to conduct!) Unfortunately we did not win but the judge was extremely impressed with our actions! The end of the term brought a lot of wet weather and so the netball was cancelled. However, the football went ahead and Seymour came second in both age groups. In the mixed tag rugby Elizabeth-Seymour came second, however our year 9 team did win their competition.

The summer term brought us our Charity Week. This year we decided to raise money for the Children's Hospice South West. Each year group organised their own fundraising event. The year 6 girls hosted a range of fun fair games which involved a strong determination to fight the ever arriving rain! The year 6 and 7 boys, and year 7 girls ran a number of cake sales which raised a huge amount of money. There were some delicious looking cakes and the area around the water fountain was absolutely packed! The year 8 boys organised a penalty shoot out, and the year 8 girls enjoyed a thoroughly disgusting box game which involved, coins, baked beans, spaghetti and

jelly! Other games involved "Pin the Tail on the Donkey", music quiz and an ice cream sale. The whole house donated gifts for our table top sale. I would like to give special thanks to Mr Dunbar for his surprise gift for the table, and to Alex Wilson whose sales skills were magnificent! In total we raised £309 which we gave to a fundraiser from the Children's Hospice when she was in to give an assembly.

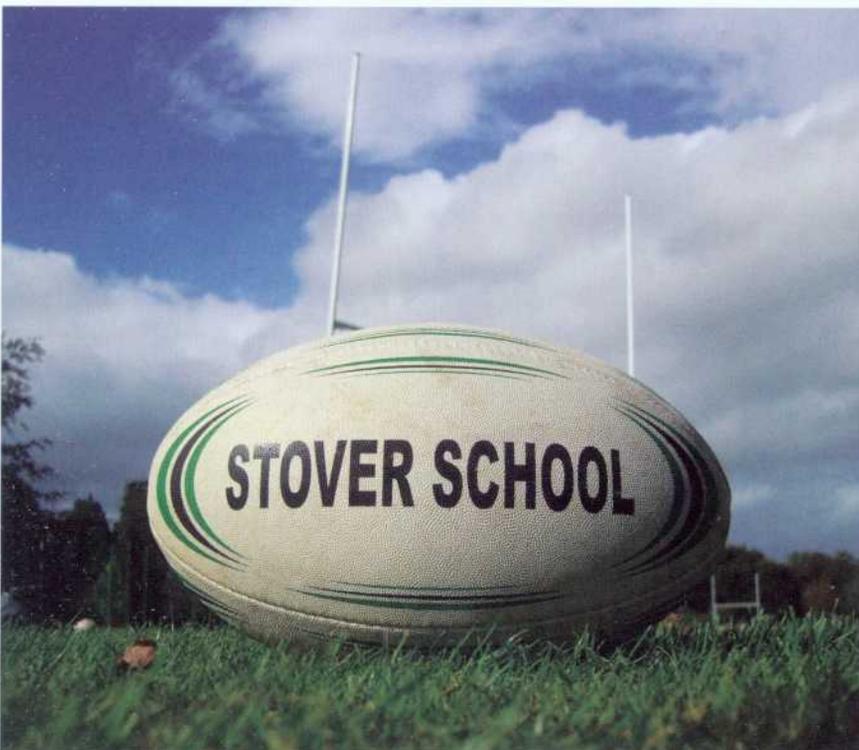
During the summer term we had Sports Day. This year did not return the cup, however we had an excellent day including wins from the year 8 boys relay team, the year 9 girls relay, Georgia West, Harriet Sansom and many others. Later in the term the boys interhouse cricket competition. The year 6 team came first, and the combined year 7 and 8 team came second, and there were good performances from Harry Brookes, Alex Wilson, Tom Simmons and William Whittit. The girls came first in the rounders competition so well done!

So well done to everyone, but I would like to finish with a couple of individual thank yous. Firstly to Flo who has been a super deputy house captain. I know the boys have been glad for her help throughout the year with collecting in the housepoints, and the whole house were grateful for her vitality during the inter-house music competition. Secondly, and most importantly, to Mrs Jorgenson. Without her I do not think we would have reached such a dominant position in the house competitions. I remember when she made her move to Elizabeth, from Mary, after Mrs Cockell left, and everyone was slightly dubious as to whether a leopard could really change its spots. But she proved to us that it really can be done and we have been thankful to her ever since.

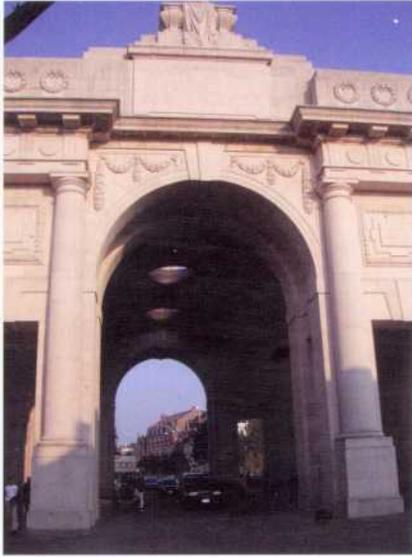
And so yet again we are in the position where we have attracted yet another Mary house member of staff over to our house (note, attracted Mr Dunbar, not stolen!). I wish you every success Ms Absalom and hope to hear of Elizabeth-Seymour success in the years to come. Also, best of luck to Jess who I am sure will keep the house in good working order.

To finish I would just like to say thank you to all of my house for giving me such a fun filled year. I have truly loved being House Captain, and just because I am no longer "officially" house captain, does not mean I ever want us to stop being the best house!

*Emma Wyatt-Haines*  
Head of Elizabeth-Seymour House



# history/english trip to flanders



*Ninety years since the Battle of the Somme...yet still the spirit of this place calls to the youngsters of the twenty first century, urging them to come and see, and learn, and begin to understand what happened here so many years ago...and in doing so, understand more of the world we live in today.*



This was my third trip across (or rather, under!) the Channel to Flanders, in the company of fellow Great War fans Paul Barter and Nicole Winston. This time we also swept along new volunteers Peta Absalom, Kerrie Gardiner and Viv Elce – oh, and not to mention about forty five students conscripts from Battalions 9, 10 and 11, with Chloe Collins from Sixth Form Company. Arriving in the Salient at 1400hours, we immediately set about planning our campaign from our base in Ypres. Fortunately we were not called upon to defend the town from German invasion. HQ was fully aware, though, of some troops going AWOL in pursuit of Belgian chocolate.



First stop on our action packed itinerary: the condemned cells and execution post in Poperinghe. I wished I had brought my Year 8 boys, with whom I was reading "Private Peaceful"; the sight of that post and the stories of young lads executed for supposed cowardice brought the first lump to my throat. The "Stover Pals conscripts" soon cottoned on to the purpose of our trip: a pilgrimage of remembrance and reflection upon man's inhumanity to man, interspersed with stories of



heroism, endurance and sometimes unbearable poignancy.

Sunday saw us up bright and early and off to Essex Farm field dressing station, where Col John Macrae wrote In Flanders Fields. Then off to see Sanctuary Wood. Equipped with a wonderful selection of colourful wellies, we tramped through the trenches, gazed in wonder upon the still visible crater holes, shattered tree trunks and coils of rusty barbed wire, then forced ourselves into pitch black tunnels to get some sort of idea of what life must have been like for the soldiers. Amidst the fun and laughter in the autumn sunlight came a barrage of thoughtful questions from young minds. Yes, the learning had begun. Later in the day, we entered a most realistic "dug out" at the Passchendaele Museum and in the evening stood in respectful silence at the impressive Menin Gate ceremony, listening to the last post and hearing those famous words "at the going down of the sun, we will remember them", our necks craning to read the names of over 57,000 missing.

On Monday, we travelled down to the Somme in the company of a most delightful Belgian guide, Noel, who addressed us as "Dear Friends". He was clearly pleased to be in the company of such a well behaved and interested school party. His expert historical knowledge allowed those far off days to come alive. We peered nervously into the terrifying depths of the Lochnagar Crater, easily able to imagine how the land had exploded into the sky on that hot Saturday morning of July 1st 1916. Our grasp of that terrible day was deepened by a walk around the preserved battlefield of Beaumont Hamel, where the grim reality of No Man's Land became clear to all.

For me, the most extraordinary part of the day was when Noel stopped the coach in a nondescript lay-by, led us

# history/english trip to flanders

along a little path, up some steps and towards a stone memorial, and a small cemetery. Suddenly, I knew exactly why he had brought us here. This was the spot where the 8th and 9th Battalion of the Devonshire regiment had fought and died on July 1st. The chaplain had buried the dead in the trench they had died defending. "The Devonshires held this trench, the Devonshires hold it still". The hairs on the back of my neck stood up as I found Private Carpenter of Doddiscombsleigh (my village) Private Dyer of Trusham and other soldier lads from the Teign Valley, Newton Abbot and Torquay. Many of the girls were stunned to find boys from addresses in South Devon in a corner of a foreign field.

Another memorable moment for me was reading aloud *Dulce et Decorum Est* at the very spot of the first gas attack in 1915. The Stover conscripts stood in silence for several seconds afterwards, gazing warily across the now friendly looking farmland, visualising the cloud of green gas that had once swept towards this crossroads.

Some students had their own personal pilgrimages: Olivia Moreton found her great-great grandfather in Tyne Cot cemetery, where Claire Kirkman also found a close relative. At the great Thiepval Monument to the missing of the Somme, we paid our respects to a certain Major Claud Ignacius Ryan, close relative of Claire Ryan, Head Girl a couple of years ago. I found my grandfather's first cousin; Chloe left a message for the Salford Pals, Arabella found a relative and many other girls were simply very moved to find their own surname recorded. "So where are all these men buried?" asked a Year 9, in awe of the 77,000 names she could see.

"Nearby," I answered gently, "under your feet; wherever you look, for as far as you can look." Quietly, she sat for a while on her own.

Madame Winston put in a special request to visit Notre Dame de L'Orette, the site of a fierce battle and now a memorial to the French. We were so glad that we stopped by this extraordinary place: crosses stretched away in serene elegance, as far as the eye could see, and in the beautiful Romanesque basilica the cobalt blue and gold mosaic of Jesus Christ gazed into our eyes with the message *Pax Hominiibus*. "Gosh, Mrs M,"



exclaimed Chloe Flain," those are the words we sang in choir, aren't they?" – time for a quick Latin lesson, which meant something. The French certainly do things differently; we were ushered into the silent, dignified ossuary where the bones of several thousand French soldiers lie. Straight ahead lay an arresting but disturbing sight: black coffins on full view, containing the bodies of soldiers who had fought for France, whatever their ethnic origin. A small wooden box rested on the edge. "Qu'est ce que c'est?" I asked curiously of the elderly French soldier on duty, only to be told that it contained the ashes of French Jews, from the Holocaust.

Never let it be said that school trips are merely "fun days out": we learnt more about our fellow human beings in those three days than in any term of lessons.

*Jan Middleton*  
Head of English

## Un Voyage en Belgique

Nous sommes partis de l'école à quatre heures pendant la nuit. Il faisait froid. Le voyage était très long. Nous avons voyagé en car jusqu'à Folkstone, puis nous sommes allés dans le tunnel sous la Manche avec le train.

En Belgique nous sommes allés aux musées et nous avons visité beaucoup de cimetières de la guerre. Nous sommes restés dans un petit hôtel près de la 'Menin Gate'. J'ai partagé une chambre avec mes copines, Hannah, Gemma, Ginny, Beth, Lucy et Chloe. Nous avons appris, beaucoup d'histoire mais aussi nous nous sommes très bien amusés. Nous avons fait du shopping et nous avons mangé beaucoup de chocolat ! Le dernier soir, nous avons mangé le repas au restaurant, c'était très bien. Quand je suis arrivée chez moi, j'étais très fatiguée !

*Charlotte Newman*  
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# ski trip to serre chevalier, march 2007



## A silly hat

We left Stover at 3am! Early I know but we had a great week ahead, so it did not matter too much. We got Serre Chevalier at about 1.00 pm and had our boots and skis fitted.

Early next morning we were woken early with a knock on the door from Miss Evans. We got the cable car up the mountain and soon started skiing. Thirteen of us were in the top group and seven in the bottom. As you properly guessed a lot of people fell over including me, Mr Barter and Miss Evans! That lunchtime, quite a few people decided to move down a group. In the afternoon the top group hurtled down a black run; it was very scary!!!

It snowed a lot on the second night so there was a lot of powder snow. I am not used to snow like that and I went 'head over heels'; luckily Miss Evans picked up the pieces. The next couple of day followed pretty much the same pattern; Mr Barter fell in a river and I dropped my poles off a chair lift.

Mr Barter started a thing where the person that did the silliest thing had to wear the silly hat. I had to wear it for dropping my pole off the chair lift, Claire Kirkman had to wear it because she stopped the entire lift system. Lydia Martin won the hat for being the best improver.

At the end of the week, we all wanted to go home and see are families apart from Millie who want to stay and ski forever!! I think we would all agree that it was a brilliant holiday and I would definitely want to go again.

*Claire Harvey (Year 7)*



## First trip

I went on the Stover ski trip to Serre Chevalier. Although I was the youngest, and the only boy, I was placed in the advanced skiers group as I have been skiing before. We had lots of fun throughout the week with fantastic ski instructors. After our supper each evening, our rep, Cassie, organised activities for us. These included sledging, bar games, a quiz and a disco. This was the first time I travelled on holiday without my parents and I enjoyed it very much. Thank you, Mr Barter, Miss Evans and Miss Broadhurst for organising such a fantastic trip.

*Tom Simmons (Year 6)*

## Jumps and moguls

On the 23rd March 2007 everybody going on the ski trip met at school. It was 3 o' clock in the morning and we were about to catch a bus to Bristol Airport. Everybody, apart from me, was half asleep! We arrived at the airport, had a

look around some shops and then caught the plane to Chambéry. Once there, we had a long wait to catch the coach to our resort, but it was worth it!

The coach took us through mountains topped with snow and everybody was taking photos. After a long coach ride we finally reached the resort. The town was bustling with shops and arcades and we had every chance to explore. Each night we enjoyed a different activity that the reps organised for us. One of the activities was 'bum boarding', this is where you sit on a bum board and go flying down a small slope. It was great fun and we were able to have a snowball fight with the teachers, the kids won of course.

The skiing was great and both groups had excellent ski instructors. We would ski from 9.15am to 12.15, go back to the hotel, have some lunch and then ski till 4.00pm. The second night we were there it snowed and snowed. The next day it was like being in the middle of a cloud and you were just surrounded by white. As the week progressed we did harder things. By the end of the week we were skiing black runs, moguls, (a slope filled with bumps) and even jumps! On the last day we were assessed for our ability and received medals ranging from beginners to gold.

Out of all the things we did, I think everyone enjoyed the skiing most. The thrill of flying down a slope and whizzing over jumps and through trees was priceless. Everybody enjoyed it so much and had an adrenaline filled, fun, fantastic holiday!

*Millie Laing-Tait (Year 8)*

## Stover Junior Mathematicians Excelled

The academic year 2006-07 was an exciting year in Mathematics. Many pupils were stretched in the UKMT Mathematical Challenges at all levels, junior, intermediate and senior. These competitions are now a permanent fixture in the Stover calendar. It was especially exciting to see so many of the very young contestants achieve gold, silver or bronze certificates. Congratulations to all winners!

### Certificate Winners

#### Senior Mathematical Challenge (Years 12-13)

Silver Natalia Brzuskiwicz (also best in school)  
Bronze Kelly Lui

#### Intermediate Mathematical Challenge (Years 9-10)

Silver Bethan Lockett (also best in school)  
Alicia Johnson  
Hannah Reddaway  
Bronze Roseanna McNally  
Charlotte Newman  
Ali Wingrove  
Kelly Drummond  
Gemma Hicks  
Clare Kirkman  
Grace Blower

#### Junior Mathematical Challenge (Years 7-8)

Gold Lorna Pillar (also best in school)  
Oliver Redaway  
Silver Sophie Nadeau  
Harriet Rogers  
James Avery  
Alec Reade  
Sunneva Coyne-Stacey  
Bronze Nicole Foulkes  
Sian Wood  
Charlotte Simmons  
Finn Johnson  
Bonnie Whittingham  
David Bickley  
Carys Flain  
Bill Jeffery  
Alex Wilson  
Chloe Atkins  
Tara Simonsen

## UKMT Team Mathematical Challenge

Some pupils from years 7, 8 and 9 rose to a new challenge for Stover Mathematicians. They were preparing for the UKMT Team Mathematical Challenge during their free time, learning to work as a team to solve various problems.

The team to go to the competition had to consist of four students with a maximum of two students from Year 9 and the rest from Year 8 or 7. It proved very hard to decide who should be in the final team as everyone who attended our meetings on Monday lunchtime had unique skills to offer.

We reduced the number to five girls three weeks before the competition.

Lorna Pillar, Sian Wood, Sophie Nadeau, Hannah Reddaway and Alicia Johnson then carried on gelling together and practising the four events that were part of the actual competition. It was lovely to see all their enthusiasm, outstanding mathematical ability and enjoyment during these sessions. We could only take

four girls and, as they were all equally good, we had to draw lots. Sadly Lorna lost and could not come with us to Plymouth.

The team was very successful; even the organisers of the event acknowledged them as very talented newcomers. I am sure even the girls were surprised at how well they did in the nerve-wrecking Head to Head round. The girls were challenged to find the next number in a sequence, standing in a semicircle mixed alternately with another team. They could not communicate with one another and had to work out the pattern on the spot.

## The UKMT Team Mathematical Challenge

By Sian Wood, Sophie Nadeau, Alicia Johnson and Hannah Reddaway

On the 25th April, Sian Wood, Sophie Nadeau, Alicia Johnson and Hannah Reddaway attended the annual UKMT (United Kingdom Mathematics Trust) Team Challenge competition at the College of St Mark and St John, Plymouth.

The first round was the Group Challenge which we found quite easy. The second round was the Head to Head; in this you lined up and had to try and spot number patterns and say the next number in the sequence. After lunch we had the penultimate challenge: this was the Cross number. It works like a crossword but you use digits instead of letters. The final challenge was the Relay Competition, in which our team was split up into pairs and we 'walked briskly' (in other words we ran) to tell the teacher our answers.

Our team came 7th out of 19 schools, which we are proud of because, although we did not come first, we did not come last!

## Message from all the Mathematics teachers at Stover

Well done to all of you who took part in any of the competitions this year! We are looking forward to seeing your brainpower develop even further next year!

## Year 6 Maths Competition

Year 6 have done lots of hard work in their Maths lessons this year but we ended the year with a competition to see who could make a fun-filled Mathematical game.

Most girls made board games and even made the dice and the counters but one group made a game with cards which was very fast to play. They all thought of interesting names for their games, like Matherama, and produced posters to market them. The construction of the games was of a very high quality and in the last lesson of term the class enjoyed playing each others games and eating the chocolate given as prizes. Overall Mrs Elce was very impressed with their quiet determination to succeed and their organisation skills.

### Winners:

**OVERALL Winners:** Kate Massey and Melissa Rogers

**Prize for the most imaginative game:**  
Ellie Wilson and Holly Sames

**Prize for the most well constructed game:** Chloe Davies

**Prize for the game with the best Maths:**  
Charlotte Killick and Amy Trapnell

# rugby

## Under 13 Rugby Report 2006

As is becoming the norm, we started the rugby season with bone hard ground and weather that would have suited a game of beach cricket. And so our season began, as it would have done all over the country, with boys, eager to show off their new rugby boots, returning to the changing room to put on a pair of trainers with the beginnings of a rosy blister on the soles of their feet. But our boys are made of strong stuff and that didn't deter them from pre-season training.

It was evident from the start that the team would comprise of experience and skill coupled with naivety and enthusiasm. The challenge would be to try and get them all to gel into one cohesive unit.

Alex Carter played, for the most part, at full back. Fairly new to rugby, he acquitted himself very well, developing a strong defensive game and an accurate, powerful pass which gave him a chance to play in the fly-half position by the end of the season. Our two wingers, Jackir Ali and Tom Larnar each possessed different skills. Tom was a very balanced runner and a good ball player, but he needed a little room in order to "get going." Defensively, Tom was a little suspect but he did improve over the season as his confidence developed. Jackir, on the other hand, tackled anything that moved; he didn't have a classic technique but it was certainly effective. In attack, Jackir preferred broken play and he would "pop up" in the most bizarre places to make his scything runs.

For the most part, our centre partnership comprised of Josh Robinson and Alec Reade. Alec was a wholehearted player who was totally committed. In attack, his strong running enabled him to break the initial tackle, however, his passing, at times, would let him down. Defensively, Alec was solid and although unconventional, he would usually bring his man down. Josh, perhaps, was the most natural runner in the squad but didn't always seem to reach top gear. It was only towards the end of the season that he really realised his capabilities.

Jamie Coyne-Stacey played at fly-half. Not his natural position but we required his abilities there. A truly ferocious tackler, as many an opponent found out; he possessed such great technique that he invariably came up with the ball. In attack, he was no less aggressive and he scored, or set up many of our tries. Modest and quietly spoken he led by example and I would like to thank him for his excellent captaincy throughout the season.

We didn't have a natural scrum-half but we needed someone who understood the game. James Avery did a good job in that

position. Although his pass was sometimes a little suspect he worked hard and improved. One thing that James didn't lack was determination and he toiled tirelessly in defence and attack.

On the whole, our forwards lacked experience with only George Wood having played for many years. He enjoyed the close armed combat that forwards endure and was an excellent mauler of the ball.

Flanked either side of him at prop were Callum Meek and Joe Byng. Both were strong in the set piece and their technical skills developed as the season progressed. We focused on open running rugby and we wanted our forwards to be mobile and good ball handlers. Joe and Callum, although lacking a little bit of fitness, really did improve in this area.

Our second row comprised of Harry Brooks and Sam Wright. Harry's handling game was excellent; he provided the link pass on many an occasion to set our runners away. This is often overlooked and the glory goes to those who score, so it is important that he gets a mention here. Sam had bags of potential; he was strong and fast and enjoyed the physical aspect of the game. However, his running often lacked direction and all too often he would loose the ball in contact. Nevertheless, his desire and application could not be faulted; he is certainly one for the future.

Those who also played valuable roles in the squad were Finn Johnson, Oliver Reddaway, Tom Simmons and Rory Johnson. Their presence provided competition for places and backup when needed and my thanks go to them.

My thanks should also go to Paul Stevens and Dave Biddiscome for preparing such excellent pitches to enable the boys to play fast open rugby. The pitches are the envy of many a visiting team.

## RESULTS

	Played	6	Won	4	Lost	2
Stover School	37	v	Knowles Hill	20		
St. Peter's	35	v	Stover School	12		
Stover School	0	v	St. Michael's	75		
Stover School	26	v	Bramdean	5		
Stover School	15	v	Exeter Cathedral	7		
Paignton College	20	v	Stover School	24		

*Simon Griffin*





# activities days

Activities Day, Thursday 28th June – a day of fun yet educational activities. After an entertaining performance by a magician, each year went off to their activities, which included: journalism, international cookery, drama, painting and forensic science.

## There's always a story...

Year 6 girls spent the morning creating the 'Stover Times'. Their task was to create a newspaper to report on the activities in process around the school. Each girl was allocated a job such as: Editor, sub editor, photographer and reporter. They were given a briefing as to what their job involved. Photographers and reporters were sent around the school to find out what was going on and to take photos. Meanwhile, the editors were left in the ICT room to design the cover, write the reports and proof read.



## Who done it???

Upon entering the science lab, you would find the year 7 girls busily at work trying to solve a mystery. There had been a theft at Inkworth Manor, and the girls were to investigate who took the necklace. They did this by doing a series of tests which involved testing for non-metal substances and doing chromatography.

"It was a bit complicated but also fun" commented Flossy.

There was a prize at the end of the day for the best detective won by Charlotte Holyoak, Jess Goodman, Katie Allen, Claire Harvey and Lucy Morris.

## Ready, Steady, Cook!

Split into two groups, the year 8 girls had a morning of international cookery. One group tried out various German foods including sausage, black bread with nutella, cheese and herring.

In the meantime, the other group were having a Mexican morning! They cooked three Mexican dishes and each pair had a different recipe. When they had finished, the overall result was a fine spread of nachos with guacamole, fajitas with tomato salsa and spicy Mexican hot chocolate. At the end of the session, all food was shared out and eaten with gusto.



## The Matchgirls

The year 9 girls and all the boys came together in the Jubilee Hall for a morning of drama. They began with warm ups and starter games to get used to working with different people (boys worked with girls) and working as a team. Later in the day, they worked on the musical 'The Matchgirls' and learnt how to do a cockney accent!

## Room 11 filled with rubbish!

Five girls in year 10 built a scarecrow made of recycled rubbish. This was in preparation for a 'School Recycled Scarecrow Contest' run by Woodlands Adventure Park. The idea of the project was to make students more aware of recycling. The scarecrow had to be over 1 metre high and entirely made from recycled products. The prize for the best scarecrow was £100 to go towards the winner's school funds.



## Mural Painting

Year 10 were given the task to produce murals to go around the school. These are going to be hung on the buildings in the paintings. They used acrylic paints which were then varnished... They had to make connections with the work of cubist artist Lyonel Feininger whose paintings of buildings are very distinctive. He always uses geometric lines; in fact it is very unusual to see rounded or organic lines in his work. He often overlaps and repeats shapes creating an 'echoing' effect. Feininger's use of colour is very unique. He sticks to simple colour schemes and divides shapes and sections with a gradation of tone.

Charlotte Newman explained "it's a nice break from work at the end of term. It is something different as I haven't done art for a year; however trying to connect with the artist is quite difficult because I like to draw what I see."

They continued into the afternoon to complete their paintings.

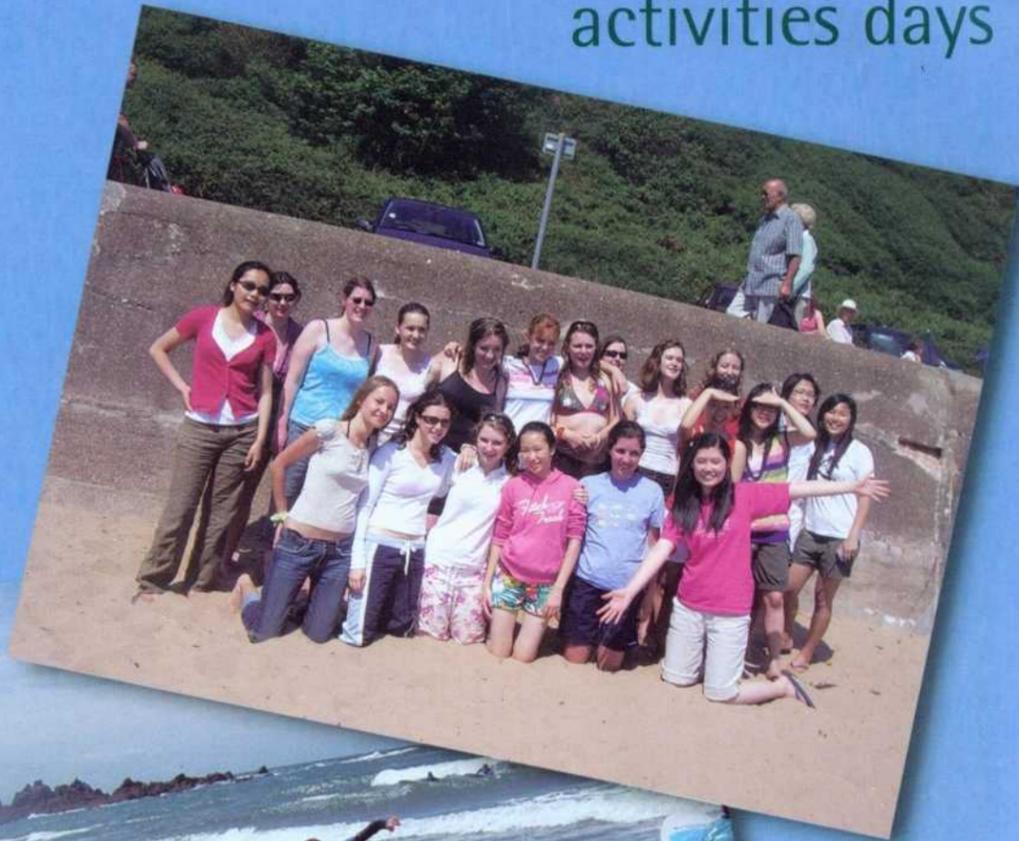
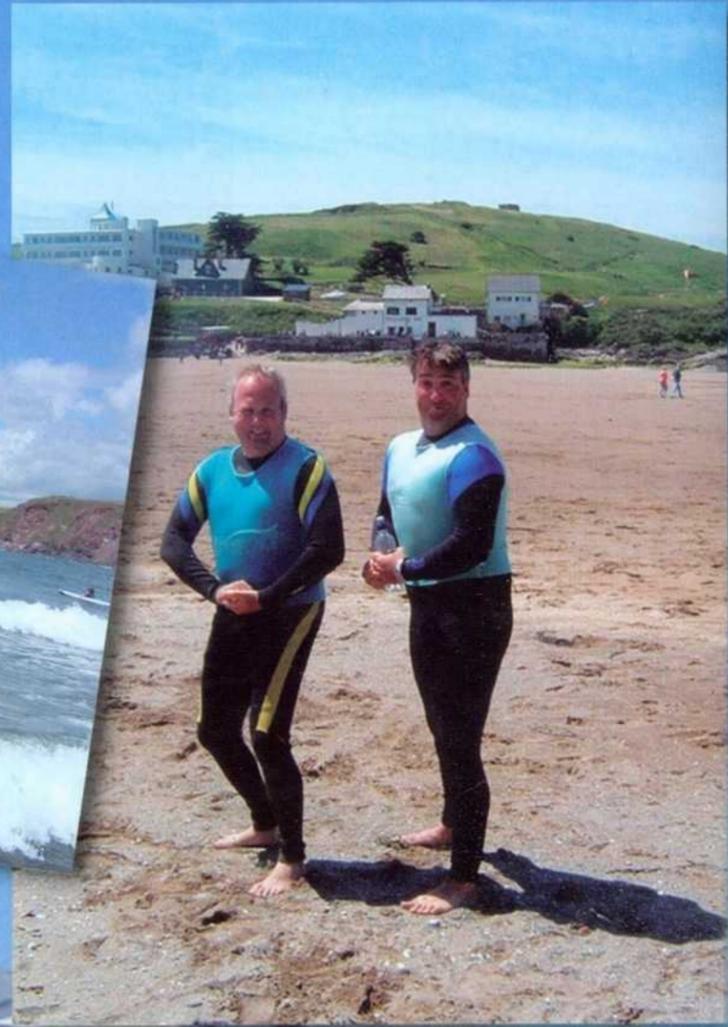
## The Afternoon...

The afternoon commenced with the girls in years 6, 7 and 8 competing in house rounders. All the girls played to the best of their ability and were entertaining to watch, with their competitive nature clearly outlining their loyalty towards their house.

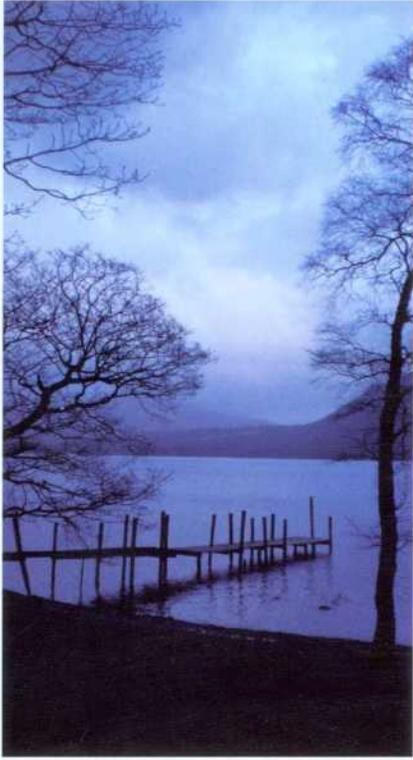
The year 7 and 8 boys partook in the house cricket, again showing a clear determination to win. The year 6 boys had a friendly game of tennis for a bit of end of term fun.

The year 9 girls enjoyed an afternoon filled with army related exercises. It began with the girls lining up, military style, and bellowing as loud as they possibly could! They were then split into groups and each did one of the three activities. These activities test your logic and brain work, your physical ability and your ability to work as a team.





# english - thought provoking poems



## Wolves

Wild spirits in the night  
Howling  
Remembering days long gone  
Memories as old as the woods they live in  
Woods dark and dangerous  
As the soul of the wolves  
As they stalk in silence and purposefulness  
Deer break through the undergrowth  
Rabbits go down the nearest hole  
Animals in stables shiver in fright  
When the shadows of night approach  
Hunting time  
Feeding time  
When the killers of the night come out  
No animal is safe until morning comes  
The wolves return to their den  
Their young await eagerly their return  
Hungry they are  
Their whining arouses the protectiveness of the adults  
Small and helpless now  
Feared hunters soon  
Their howling tells of longing  
They're longing for the hunt  
For now they dream of future days and nights  
While the wind, so cold, blows outside  
Herald of the winter's coming  
Soon the sun will darken  
Birds stop singing  
Flowers dry up and leaves fall down

The woods grows quiet  
Only the wolves patrol the silent woods  
Weeding out the weak and leaving the strong  
Angels of mercy for the dying  
But even winter's cold grasp can't last forever  
Soon a change in temperature thaws the cold  
The warmth revives the plants  
A new year begins  
The wolves aren't worried  
They've seen it all before  
The young are easy prey now  
Meals for the new pups born at winter's height  
The older yearlings already have left the security of the den  
Young hunters now  
They fight with tooth and claw  
For a place in the pack  
A chance to share in the kill  
The animals shiver  
New killers stalk the woods and meadows  
Their strength and skill untested yet  
By life's hardships  
In the darkness of the night  
Their songs mirror the adults' songs  
Telling what they are  
Wolves  
The wild spirits of the night

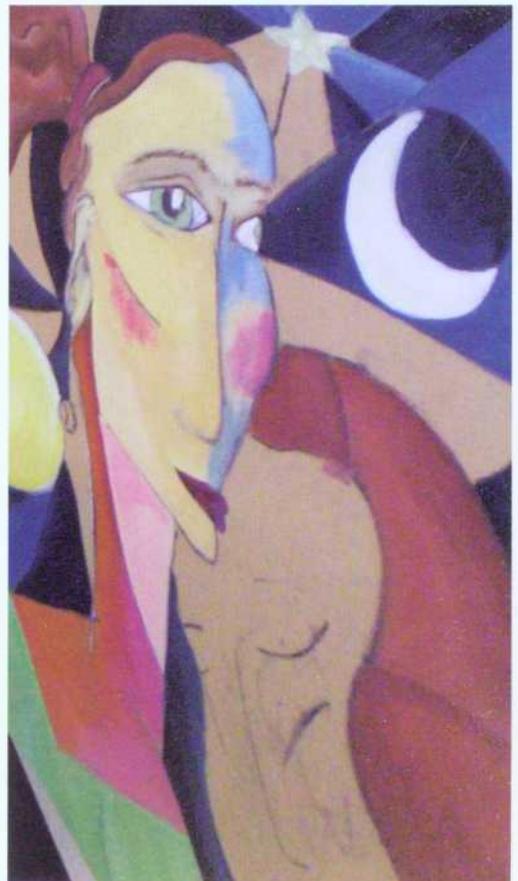
*Eva Tedit, Year 12*

## Confession

Would the girl you were  
Like the woman you are:  
Confusing conclusion unfurled  
From the past?  
Two contrasts twirl, dancing delicate arts.  
Both true when they argue,  
(deliciously smart),  
Evolving fast, incomplete from the start,  
The persons you've been, the  
Mismatched parts,  
Contradicting opinions from  
Things you have seen, nodding  
But disregarding the words that  
You speak.  
The colours you turn,  
The anger you leak when  
Coming to terms with being unique.  
Lost inside time  
But, bending it hurts like  
Memories triggered by smelling  
His shirt.  
Different levels and corners of  
You, darker ones flirting with  
Those more subdued.  
Awful lusts shadow angelic moods.  
Misplaced trusts linger; promise excused.  
Girl entangled, grown up, bruised,  
Like everyone else whose  
Awakening's rude.  
Hindsight's blunt, you've  
Nothing to loose,  
Except yourself  
And the future you choose.

You're upfront but you're  
Covering clues which prove  
To the world you're a  
Question mark too.  
You'll be less of a  
Person if you don't achieve.  
Kid yourself otherwise, still  
You'll lose sleep.  
Put off the milestones marking  
Relief,  
Cast under this spell  
Til ambition is eased.  
Young, you're stylish, smart  
But lazy.  
Days fly past and life  
Spins crazy.  
Merry-go-round, your stars are  
Fading.  
They were lights which spelt you  
Name in.  
Respect was all that you demanded.  
Mismatched parts will now start  
Laughing.  
Paved her way to self destruction,  
Half your life's spent  
At this junction.  
Curl up, hide, you  
Won't go far if the  
Girl you were  
Hates the woman  
You are.

*Hannah Chisholm, Year 11*



Now then, what to do this year for the senior school production? These were the thoughts running through my head as, with the dog, I meandered down a quiet, primrose-bedecked Devon lane in the Teign Valley one balmy afternoon in the Easter holidays. So many plays have small casts, or the performing rights fees are extortionate. It's really hard to find something that will suit all age groups and be fun for parents and friends to come and watch. Nothing came to mind immediately, so I found myself wondering if I could write something instead; years ago ( BC .. ie Before Children) I had written quite a few plays but the creative muse had dried up of late! However, I decided to set myself a challenge: to write one pantomime style play over the summer.

I've always loved Robin Hood, especially the swash-buckling old Errol Flynn films and have happy memories of watching Richard Greene on black and white TV as a child. The 1991 Prince of Thieves version is still a firm favourite and the BBC was just about to bring out yet another series for family viewing. It suddenly occurred to me that Count Dracula might enjoy a few days in Sherwood Forest, especially if he had run out of maidens in Transylvania - and so the two stories fused and I became surgically attached to the computer over the summer of 2006! In fact, it was quite spooky how well the two legends slotted into each other, although I will admit to the Merry Men being stuck in the North Tower for at least two weeks while I fathomed how to rescue them! Luckily, when I came back from Austria I had the answer. The only way I can describe the style is Monty Python meets Basil Fawlty meets Kevin Costner meets Catherine Tate meets Ready Steady Cook. If you came to watch you will know exactly what I mean.

With the script written, we embarked upon auditions and then rehearsals on Sunday afternoons and Monday nights. Many of our experienced senior actors from Oh What a Lovely War had moved on to university and new schools, but as usual there were plenty of younger ones eager to have their talents recognised, or take on a more demanding role having gained confidence last year. We would have loved the boys to have joined in but it was difficult to persuade them - maybe next year, lads? We're certainly looking forward to the not so distant future when we can have truly "joint" productions.

Lucy Saad ( Year 10), cast as Dracula's henchman, Igor, set a fine example,



## robin hood: the one with dracula!

coming to her first rehearsal with her words learnt and already cavorting about the stage in character, with a humpback ( school rucksack!), an extraordinarily bad hair-day and an atrociously wonderful Transylvanian accent. Those still mumbling into their scripts suddenly realised that you can't act until you put your book down! In performance she stole the show! Her sister Yasmin (Year 13) decided that the Head Girl should definitely be in on the fun and together with Emily Ettridge joined in with huge enthusiasm. In fact, Emily made such a grand King Richard that I was soon addressing her as "Sire" in most A level English lessons. At the other end of the age range we had Emily Clegg from Year 6 and several young Year 7s making friends with all the older girls and proving to be a stout soldiers and Merry Men! Our stalwarts from Year 9 were a great help, turning up to virtually all rehearsals. Everyone seemed happy with her part, with Claire Kirkman being such a good sport to transform herself into Friar Tuck. Millie Simpson was a lovely, flustered Sir Guy, tied up and finally deposited in the castle privy ( sorry about that, Millie...) and Fabianne Rogers played Donna, a medieval maiden who helped to carry him there.

Year 11 provided some very important parts and with the experience of several

school productions behind them stepped out with panache: Emily Sames as a suitably dashing Robin, Jenna Brittan a feisty, foot -stomping Maid Marian, Victoria Jarrad a fiendishly charming Dracula, Imogen Middleton a shockingly loud and "in your face" Tracey de Chav and Robyn Thompson a tuneful Blondel, belting out Holding Out for a Hero as if her life depended on it.

Chloe Collins ( Year 12) created a calculating, cloak swirling Sheriff and Annabel Dodson wa a beautifully composed and terribly English butler. The chatelaine of Nottingham Castle was Verity Carrington-Wood ( Year 10) and Chloe Fairbothor ( year 8) acted her socks off as north country Phoebe, making eyes at Friar Tuck. Our comedy team comprised Lydia Martin ( Year 9), Flo Ellis ( Year 12) and Holly Allen ( Year 7) who were fortunate to be the Merry Men selected as Brides of Dracula . At one point they were girls playing boys playing girls .....a sort of inverted Shakespearian gender-bender! Camilla Laing-Tate and Ellie Hendy also provided some lovely comic timing as an Saxon peasants.

The pace the cast achieved in performance was wonderful. Songs and dances rolled along, Merry Men dashed to and fro, Dracula swept in and out, Sir George ( Ginny Faulkner) clanked up and own, delivering meaningful if incomprehensible philosophies about bats and thankfully the audiences laughed.. and laughed .. and laughed. It's lovely that all the cast can relive their performances on DVD. Who knows, maybe in years to come someone might feature on "Before They Were Famous"?

Thanks are due to many: to Miss Bennett and Year 6 for all the lovely shields bearing heraldic devices which brought colour to our set; to Tony Etheridge for making the spectacular Dracula coffin ( available to hire!) and to Mr Dunbar for "tarting it up"; to Mr Barter and his trusty laptop, projecting the ecocative images researched by Hannah Gower; to Mrs de Montjoie for all the moving images and sound bites of famous Robin Hoods; to Mr Lea and Mrs Rainsford at the piano and of course to my co-producer Peta Absalom who listens so kindly and speaks so wisely!

By the time you read this we shall we engrossed in rehearsals for our 2007 production but as yet I'm not sure what that will be. But it's April outside, the dog wants a walk and you never know what may happen between now and then .....



## Exchange

Moscow. City of betrayal, ambition and suspicion. Of faceless, grey apartment blocks silhouetted like scrapped battleships against a depressed sky. Where characterless official buildings line the pot-holed roads like old men's faces and the foul smells of stale cigarette smoke, mouldy cabbage and empty vodka bottles linger down treacherous alley ways. Moscow. City of half remembered history: the doomed Tsars, the Kremlin stronghold and forgotten religion; all swept away by the Revolution and replaced by the oppressive Communist regime now, in 1964, holding Mother Russia by the throat.

Robert Baillie shivered in the intense cold of a Moscow winter; his lips burned with the deathly chill as the icy wind sliced through the deserted park. His knees were rubbed raw from being dragged mercilessly over the concrete pathways that snaked from the KGB Headquarters to this anonymous part of the city. Blindfolded, he could smell the sour body odour of his two trench-coat clad captors and, behind that, the fresh scent of recently fallen snow from the ominous iron grey clouds. Faint sounds of dogs howling reached his now frostbitten ears along with the closer, heavier breathing behind him that reminded him only too well why he was here. Although his mind was nearly paralysed by the cold, Baillie clung to an inner strength - the belief that MI6 would not abandon him in his hour of need. The waiting seemed interminable. His heart thumped. His stomach contracted. Baillie's mind peeled back the layers of memory.....

" Он внутри здесь! Не убейте его! Он worth живое чем мертво!" The harsh Russian commands hammered through the door to the cipher room. Baillie's head whipped round. He realised he was trapped. There was no escape. He was indeed worth more alive than dead; the capture of a high ranking British agent would greatly please the KGB Generals. They could use him as a pawn in the complicated chess game that was the Cold War. Baillie knew he had only seconds before the door came crashing down; he snatched his lighter from his pocket, flicked the flame and watched as his months work of collecting vital military information crumpled and then smouldered. Now they were in the room. Punches from every angle slammed into his body, darkness fell and he could taste the thick, salty tang of his own blood.....

"They will never come for you, spy. They've already forgotten you," spat KGB agent Vladimir with pure venom. He was a broad man with hair like straw, brittle from his years as Chief Executioner in stale, coffin-like interrogation rooms. Baillie was well aware of this and the first seeds of doubt were planted in his mind. Had MI6 really renounced him? Was he taking his last breaths? He had no idea why he was being made to kneel in this hell, with the cold barrel of a gun rammed against his sore, aching, bloody back. Was he here to die? He recalled the days back at HQ in Vauxhall Cross, London, being brought the news that another colleague of his from the coveted eighth floor would not be returning from East Germany or the USSR. No. He was the best agent MI6 had. They would come - his guardian angels.....

"What do they know? What did you tell them?" A beast of a man named Colonel Boris whacked Baillie's face with his brown, studded belt, the tarnished brass buckle drawing blood from Baillie's already tender cheek.

"BLOODY HELL!" Baillie screamed as Colonel Boris took the scorching cigarette from his cruel, thin mouth and screwed the butt into the joint behind Baillie's knee. A searing pain coursed through his body. "I cannot answer that question," he hissed through gritted teeth, just like he had been trained. He was not going to give in. He must not give in.

"If that is the game you're going to play, Ingleski spy, then my Comrades will make sure they win." Colonel Boris spun around to face Vladimir, his right-hand man, nodded curtly, and stalked out of the dimly lit interrogation room that still bore the signs and smell of previous victims: blood had stained the hard, grey floor with deep red smears and the stench of sweat, smoke and blood hung in the air. Baillie shut out the pain. He was resolved - he must never give in, no matter what these "men" did. Vladimir appeared into Baillie's line of sight, ice, cigarettes and a knife in hand...

Baillie was faintly aware of the sound of shuffling feet to his right, heavy and slow. The gun moved slightly as Vladimir turned to his other captor and barked, "What is it? Go and see!" Baillie listened intently as the other, a panther-like man with quick eyes and strong legs, named Kirill, slunk off. He could hear the soft crunching of footsteps on snow.

"Do not worry, Comrade, it's just some drunk, pissed out of his head. Look at him; he can't even see where he's going."



"Good. It seems like those Godforsaken English have followed our instructions." Vladimir thrust his mouth right up close to Baillie's turned head. "Do not move when you have been told not to!" he fumed. "You are fortunate that your so called Secret Service have our most loyal man in their filthy grasp. If not, I would have made sure you were dead the moment we caught you."

Baillie felt bitter. Because he had been caught, MI6 would have to use the one trump card up their sleeves to get him back. He would rather have died than let his sworn enemies gain an advantage. He wished he had had the time back in the cipher room to take his standard issue cyanide pill but that had been removed from his cigarette case back at the KGB Headquarters.

Baillie had lost track of time long ago but he knew he had been kneeling in the same position for over an hour. He had lost all the feeling in his burnt and bruised legs. The knife cuts on his back and chest ached and stung as new snow floated down from the heavy, gorged clouds and landed on his torn, tattered clothes and soaked his skin. He thought back to his life in dreary England. The place he called home. Would it have changed in his four month absence? He had no family; his wife and daughter had been mercilessly murdered in their beds by the vengeful gunmen of the KGB five years ago; his daughter would have been four in a month. Anger rose inside him. He had not forgotten nor would he ever forget. The event had hardened him, made him cold – the perfect

spy, MI6 had thought. But, he reflected, his hatred for these Russian swine had clouded his vision this time. He had not wanted to rest until, he felt, justice could be served.....

"You spent six years with the SAS, Corporal Baillie, is that correct?"

"Yes, sir."

"And you have an excellent service record. Your chief commander recommended you personally, I understand. Interesting. You are fluent in German and Russian, from living in said countries at various times in your childhood and have passable French and are a Communications expert."

"Yes, sir." A twenty-eight year old Robert Baillie was seated opposite the man in charge of all the operations undertaken by the renowned British Secret Intelligence Service. Baillie had always wanted to have the dangerous life of a spy. It was in his blood, ran through his veins. His father had been the British diplomat to Russia and East Germany, taking his small family wherever he went. Baillie now had his chance to prove himself and follow in his father's footsteps and go even further. Except, he knew, he would not be taking his wife and two year old daughter. He looked at the broad, middle aged man in front of him, with his furrowed brow and the lines of stress that made him look a decade older than he really was: the man known as "C" in the Service.

"Congratulations, Corporal Baillie. Welcome to the MI6....."

Kirill had lost interest in the rambling drunk and focused his attention on the rigid figure of the Ingleski spy in front of him. Vladimir, however, had never let him out of sight and was watching him like a hawk out of the corner of his eye. Alarm bells in his head were ringing but he did not know why. Just at this moment the drunk veered off the snow bank and onto the pathway and reached into his pocket. Baillie could feel Vladimir tense as the gun shifted on his back. The drunk brought out a hand pistol, now suddenly very sober.

"He's got a gun!" Vladimir roared. Now he knew what had been wrong – no man, even in Russia, was drunk at five in the morning. That man had looked professional, dangerous.

"He's one of them!" Kirill cried.

Baillie felt the gun move off his back. Vladimir fired. The gun cracked. Once. Twice. A third time. The man from MI6, the pretend drunk, flew backwards as the three bullets rammed hard into his chest. He slumped to the floor. Dead. Blood seeped onto the hard concrete like spilt milk. The snow turned crimson as the pool reached the bank. Radio static crackled from the walkie-talkie in his pocket. Silence. Vladimir turned to Baillie's tense, terrified body. He walked slowly to look at Baillie's blindfolded head. "Your people have betrayed you. We said two people. Two from each side and they couldn't even follow that simple instruction." Baillie could feel the hot, sticky breath on his frozen face. "And you know what that means: Smiert spionam." Vladimir took one step back, raised his arm and emptied the chamber. Death to spies.

*Imogen Middleton, 115*

# hms raleigh day

On the 19th of June the PE GCSE group consisting of Emily Gore, Lauren Embury, Nikita Higgingson, Vicky Stark, Amy Jones, Pacaya Pound, Georgia Pearce, Jorja Soper, Hannah Gower and Bethan Lockett ventured to Cornwall to go on a jam packed day of activities at HMS Raleigh. We were challenged to do a variety of tasks including building and racing a go cart, participating in an obstacle course, blind trail and a Royal Navy Challenge in order to improve our communication skills within a team.

Through wind, sun and rain, we completed each of the tasks. Each one tested us on our determination, being able to take up the challenge, as well as our mental and physical strength. Even though we were lacking in points



throughout the day our spirits remained high with smiles on our faces. The most memorable event had to be the obstacle course where we lifted team members over a seven foot wall, jumped over water filled ditches. Moreover, we then had to crawl commando style up a slope, with the constant drone of the soldier's demands.

The day gave us lots of interesting information about possible career routes within the forces and an insight into the Navy and Army. Regardless of the weather HMS Raleigh will remain an enjoyable, fun, and informative experience we will never forget.

The Year 10 GCSE Set plus  
*Hannah Gower*



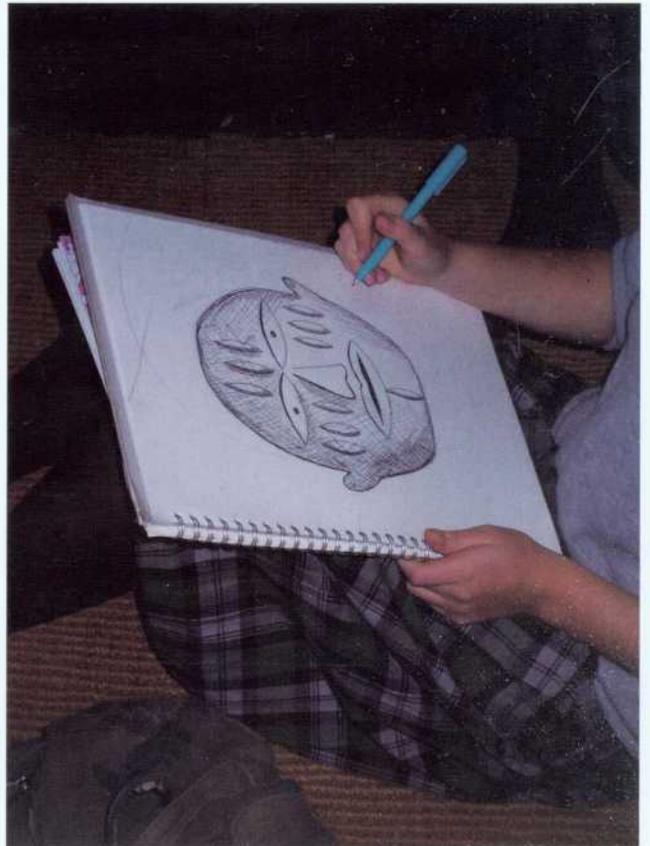
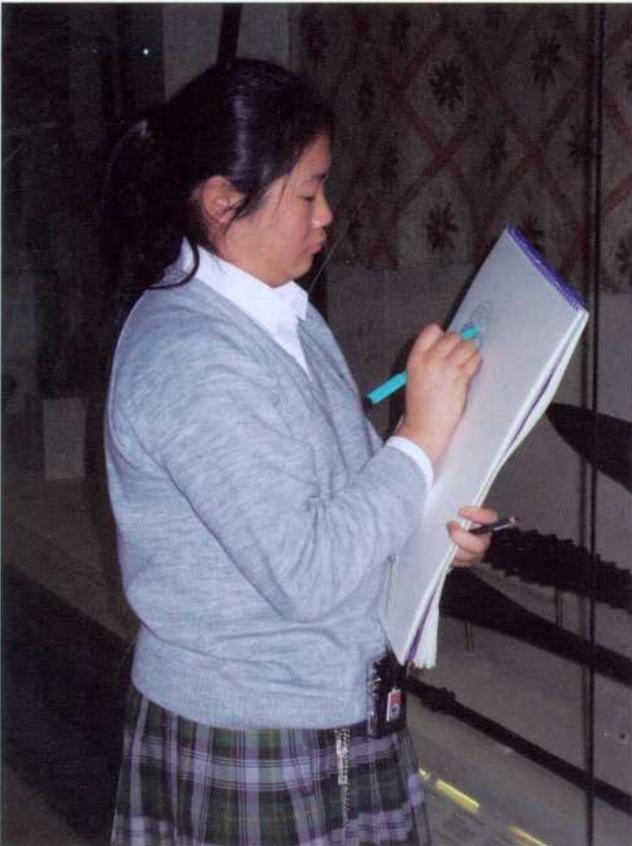
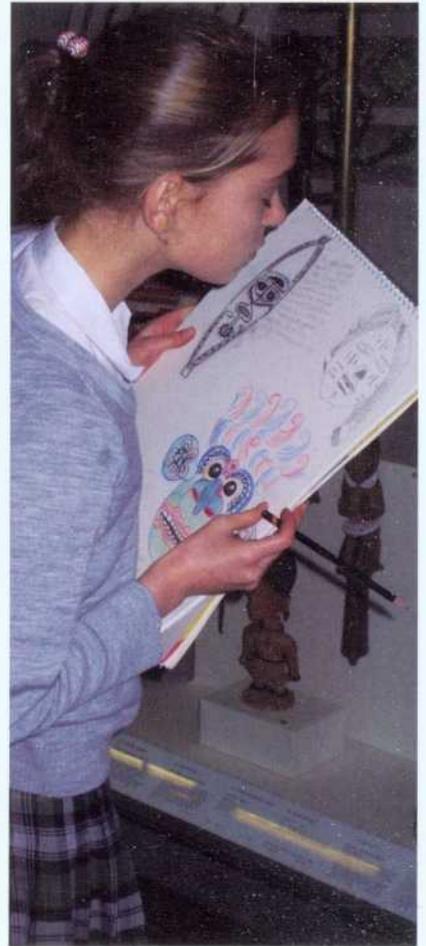
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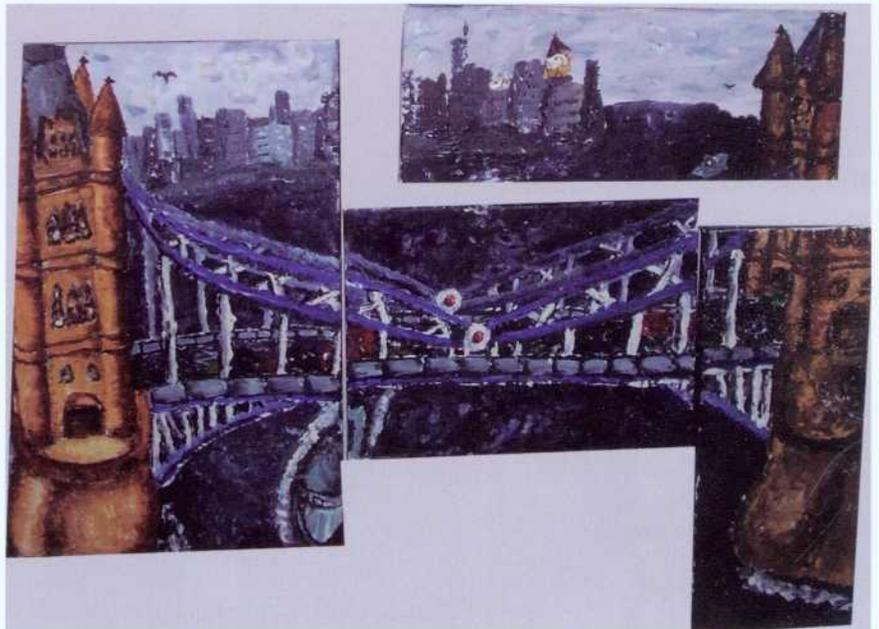
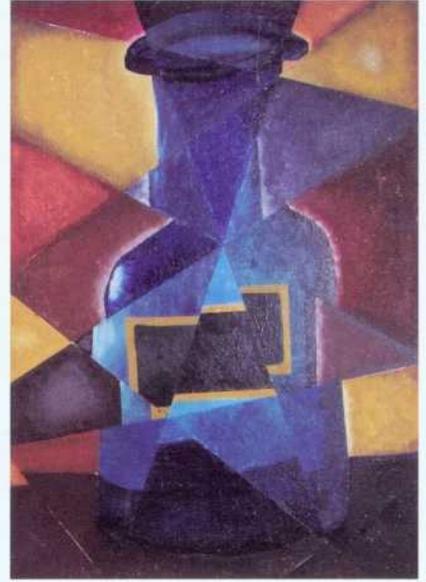
# art

On the 1st of November the Art Department took all the GCSE year ten and eleven students to the Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Art Gallery, in Exeter. The Museum boasts one of the best exhibits of world cultures artefacts and non-western art in the country. The collection includes some fantastic African masks, textiles and artefacts from all over the world. Students produced lots of observational drawings, which are essential for their GCSE Art course. This was an excellent opportunity for them to experience art, first hand and the students have produced some fantastic work inspired by it.

*Miss C Bennett*



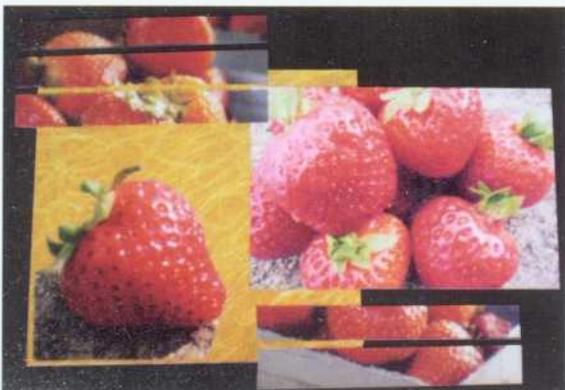
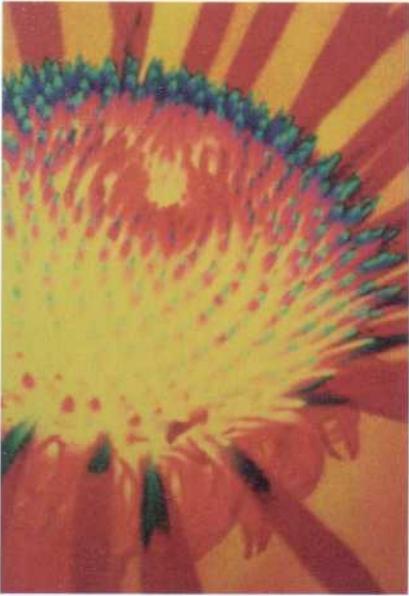




## Well done girls!

Year eleven put on an impressive exhibition this year and produced some lovely work for their final exam.

# photography



# music

During the Autumn term, a number of pupils took part in different concerts both in and out of school. Some of our A Level and GCSE musicians had their compositions discussed in the Composers Workshop held at Stover on September 28th. This was organised by the Two Moors Festival and we were pleased to be able to host one of their events at the school. We held a lunchtime Informal Concert on October 13th in Chamber Hall. The soloists were Emily Simpson, Phyllis Ho, Camilla Laing-Tate, Sophia Hems, Ada Yiu and Catherine Gower; and ensemble pieces were performed by the Junior Strings and the Flute Group. On October 17th the GCSE and A level music students took part in a concert trip to Dulverton to hear the finalist's recital of the Two Moors Festival.

Both Senior School choirs sang at Speech Day on October 18th, the Senior Choir sang an arrangement of Bridge over Troubled Waters and the Chamber Choir sang a medley of Disney themes followed by Rutter's I will sing with the Spirit. The orchestra performed the March from Scipio by Handel and accompanied the singing of the school hymn.

On November 8th pupils from the school entertained the Newton Abbot branch of Arthritis Care at their monthly meeting. The performers were Evette Slinger, Phoebe Thompson, Ada Yiu, Katie Roberts, Jessica Wass, Imogen Holmes, Emily Simpson, Kiri Chiu, Phyllis Ho, Sophia Hems and January Roberts. The school hosted the annual Cancer Research Charity Evening on December 8th. The Senior Vocal Group sang a number of



carols and vocal solos, Ada Yiu and Kiri Chui played Debussy's En Bateau for piano duet, and Siobhan Mullins played a movement from the Flute Sonata in A minor by Schubert. Other soloists included Alexandra Doble (saxophone) and Florence Beasley (trumpet).

In the last week of term we were invited to take part in a social evening given by the Kingsteignton Rotary Club where the flute group played a number of pieces and led the carol singing, and solos were performed by Phoebe Thompson, Evette Slinger, Camilla Laing-Tate, Sophia Hems, Amy Ward, Charlotte Newman, Josephine Bradford, Catherine Allen, Stephanie Trapnell and Charlotte Simmons.

Term ended with our Carol Service in

Exeter Cathedral which proved the culmination of a lot of work by all our choirs, the orchestra and jazz band. We were very pleased that some of our peripatetic staff were able to come and take part in what was a very special occasion. We heard a number of items from all three choirs (the Senior Vocal ensemble, the Main Choir and the Preparatory school choir), the orchestra played Fantasia on Greensleeves by Vaughan Williams and the Jazz Band had their first formal outing playing Sunny and Hark the Herald Angels Swing!. The cathedral was a fantastic setting for the service and the wonderful sound of the combined choirs, orchestra and organ for the congregational carols was incredibly uplifting.



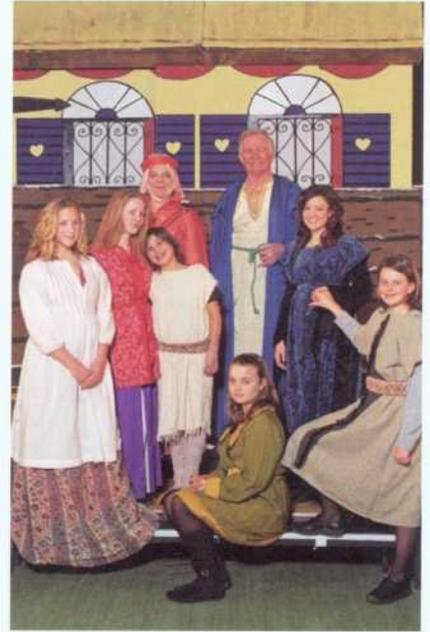
The Spring Term was dominated by two large events. Our annual Performing Arts Festival in memory of Phyllis Dence was held towards the end of term, but the first half of the term was dominated by preparations for our Production of Britten's *Noye's Fludde* which we staged on February 14th and 15th in the Jubilee Hall. This was our first main venture with New Devon Opera, a professional opera company based in Newton Abbot. NDO's director John Greenfield directed the drama whilst Mr Lea was in charge of the music. The opera was written by Britten for a small group of adult performers supported by a student orchestra, young soloists taking the parts of Noah's sons and their wives, and a large cast of masked animals. We were very grateful to Miss Bennett and Mr Dunbar who co-ordinated the mask making, and Mr Dunbar's acting ability taking the role of 'The voice of God'. Most of our peripatetic music staff helped in the orchestra and our own school orchestra worked very hard on the expertly written orchestral parts for strings, recorders, trumpets and percussion. Special mention needs to be made of Kitty Ho who played the suspended mugs imitating the sound of the falling raindrops. The pupil soloists were fantastic and really caught the Spirit of Britten's writing. Ham was played by Holly Allen, Sem by Lydia Martin, Jaffett by Harriet Rogers, Mrs Ham by Emily Simpson, Mrs Sem by Camilla Laing-Tate and Mrs Jaffett by Catherine Gower. Mrs Noye's Gossips were played with incredible character by pupils from year nine who supported NDO professional Carolyn Harries in the role of Mrs Noye, and the role of Mr Noye was taken by Terry Thomas. The handbell group 'Estuary Bells'

from Teignmouth joined us for the final section of the work. We had tremendous support from drama teachers Ms Absalom, Mrs Jorgensen and Mrs Simmons in rehearsals and backstage during the performance.

It was a fantastic achievement for all those taking part and a great success for Stover in its first venture into a full scale operatic production and the packed audience on both nights enjoyed a very powerful performance.

*Mr. Lea*

The summer term continued to be very busy. On Tuesday 1st May we held a Soloist Recital at St Laurence Hall, Ashburton. This was a lovely venue for a recital and featured a large number of our music students from year five upwards who played and sang a variety of solo pieces. It also gave an excellent opportunity for our



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# phyllis dence day

## Strictly Come Dancing, Acting and Singing!

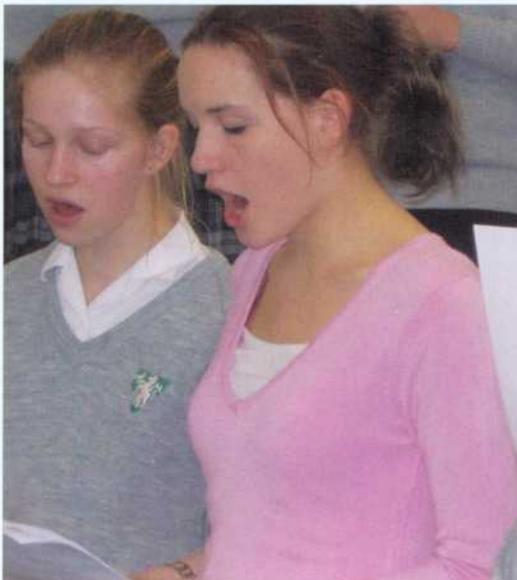
### *Express yourself at the Phyllis Dence Day and Concert*

Our second Phyllis Dence expressive arts day and concert took place on Thursday, 8 March with even more excitement and adventure than last year. The catchy lyrics of the Abba house songs 'Money, Money, Money', 'S.O.S' and 'Mama Mia' (not to mention the whole school song 'Dancing Queen') were ringing from House Assembly locations on the previous Tuesday, with tension rising dramatically at 8.30am Thursday morning, especially in the staff room!

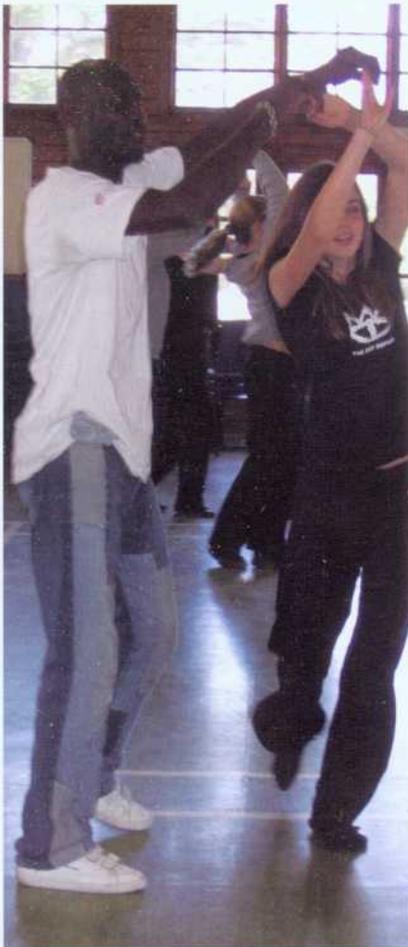
What a whirl of a day... the unique timetabling kept pupils and staff on the go for more than twelve hours, but it was more than worth it for the satisfaction, fun and achievement gained. Successful workshops from last year were repeated – improvised drama with Jane Berry, scripted drama with Jan Middleton, percussion with Martin Holland, choir with Rachel Marsh (last year's Head Girl who is now following a BA in Music at the Welsh College of Music) – and new guest facilitators all the way from Gloucester, Nigel and Annette, dancer/choreographers of salsa and jazz dance, as well as a musical theatre workshop with songs from 'West Side Story' by John Greenfield of New Devon Opera.

I think we need to introduce intravenous drips of saline solution next year as the energy expended by everyone was phenomenal! Re-fuelled after lunch (our grateful thanks to all the kitchen staff who sweated over hot stoves providing sustenance for the troops all day), flagging folk picked up and inspired by each other rose to new heights in their second workshop of the day. Finally, after seating arrangements were sorted in Jubilee Hall and a final House song practice completed with synchronised arm lifts and head nods, we collapsed at dinner with gallons of water before the big last push.

With plenty of nerves and adrenaline flowing, the programme began to a full house of parents, governors, teachers, friends and relations. The enchanting soprano and alto voices of our exemplary singing students, past and present, Rachel Marsh and Jess Wass, were followed by our rising stars, Robyn Thompson and Phyllis Ho. Then came the workshop presentations and a delightful variety of music, drama and dance. The performance space seemed to shrink as the fifty salsa dancers entered but then miraculously proceeded to give us a full blooded Salsa routine. The Street Jazz dancers had just the right attitude and sense of freedom and rhythm in their piece and used the



# phyllis dence day



space creatively. Creasing with laughter, we were superbly entertained by the stereotypes developed through physical theatre and improvisation to create a montage of scenes and characters, employees of a hoover factory. More drama, with the sensitively humorous scripted adaptation of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' where the Mechanicals' WAGs debate their lot in love and life; a bit of gender bending, such as Shakespeare has never seen before, from Finn Johnson and Joe Byng, staunchly supported by Abi Greaves, Sian Wood and Lauren Thompson. The newly formed choir sang like angels under the tremendous direction and nurturing style of Rachel and special mention must go to Robert Arrow, the only boy in the group. His confidence and stage presence were admired by all. The girls in the 'West Side Story' group had a very hard task and rose to a real challenge to learn the music, words and dance for not just one big show number, but two other solos. And they did so well and amazed us with their outstanding application of memory and co-ordination.

Of course, the event would not be complete without the House Song Competition. Mary House won by a whisker for their all round quality song and movement performance of 'Money, Money, Money'. The Mary House Sixth Formers did themselves proud, drilling their movements into House members in the Reception area of the Mansion House, stamping in the right places and making the CD player jump half the track earlier in the day.

The most marvellous aspect of this sort of school day is the process - the mixing of year groups, boys and girls together, 'having a go', team work and sharing of ideas and expertise, trying something new - rather than the end product, the performance itself. Pupils worked so creatively and enthusiastically during the day and showed a great deal of discipline, courage and flair in performance. What more could we expect? Thank you all for making it such a great experience. Congratulations and be thinking of what you'd like to try next year. Anybody for circus skills or belly dancing?

*Peta Absalom*

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GCSE and 'A' level music students to perform their examination pieces to a receptive audience of friends and parents. The recital concluded with a series of solos from Music scholar Jessica Wass who has achieved a great deal in her final year at Stover. As well as taking Music at A level she has achieved two grade 8 examinations in flute and singing. We wish her well in her gap year travels and for her planned course in Music Education training.

Continuing our links with New Devon Opera, over the bank holiday weekend Saturday 6th May to Monday 8th May, Stover was host to their international Opera competition. This event had been a long time in planning and was led by international opera singer José Cura who took time out from his Covent Garden schedule to select and work with 14 young opera students and present a workshop and gala concert at Stover over the weekend. The local interest in the project was excellent and, according to The Times arts supplement, Stover was the top Opera venue in the country that weekend.

The following week, a number of Stover pupils took part in the Torbay Competitive

Festival held at the Palace Theatre, Paignton. We had entries in a number of classes from solo piano and singing to string ensembles and the choirs. The Main school choir won their class competing against four other local schools, and the newly formed Cantabile Chamber Choir won a cup in their class.

On Monday May 21st we held our Summer Concert in the Jubilee Hall. This concert featured the Orchestra playing Handel's Air and Bourée from the Water Music, The Sicilienne by Fauré and Money, Money, Money from their Abba Medley. The String Group played the March from Flavius by Handel.

The Flute Group led by wind teacher Mr Leaford played two dances and the Jazz Band played a swing arrangement of It Had to be You. The choir, busy preparing for their trip to Disneyland Paris sang the programme of pieces they were preparing for the concert in France including an arrangement of the folk song O Waly, Waly and a medley of Songs from the Sound of Music.

Under Mrs Farleigh's direction, the choir has grown to over fifty members this year

and has increased its repertoire. Since January they had worked towards their trip to Disneyland Paris during the last weekend of the Summer term. The weekend involved travelling to Paris by coach, two days having fun at the Disney resort, a visit to the Bastille Opera House in Paris and a short concert on the stage at Disney. This was a super culmination to the year's work and showed the dedication and support our pupils who are involved in Music have to the work of the department and to their own studies.

I am continually grateful for their support, the help of our sixteen peripatetic staff who give so much to the school, and to our parents and supporters who turn out to listen to concerts and give encouragement to our young performers. I am pleased that increasing numbers of our pupils are taking up instruments, and are able to take part in performance opportunities both in and out of school. I hope they will inspire more to pursue musical ambition and broaden their musical experience at Stover.

# stover school choir paris trip

In the early hours of Friday 29th June the school choir headed off to France in order to perform at the Disney Land Paris Resort on Sunday 30th June.

After a very long journey we arrived at our hotel in time for supper and enjoyed an evening settling in.

On Saturday morning we headed off to Paris for the most magnificent tour of the New Paris Opera House. Beginning our tour on one of the many balconies we were told all about the history of the Opera House and learnt that we were sitting in the largest Opera House in the world. We were then shown 'back stage' and we were all stunned by what lay behind the curtains. Vast areas containing staging, props and equipment seemed to go on forever, each the size of a sports hall!

After our tour we traveled by coach to the Disney Resort where we spent the rest of the day having fun.

The weather was good and we spent our evenings at the hotel playing rounders and football in the sunshine!

On Sunday we traveled back to the resort to enjoy the Disney experience once more and perform in the concert theatre at 6.30pm.

The choir sang magnificently and won a standing ovation from their audience!

When asked what the highlight of their Disney experience was, members of the trip wrote: 'Wow what a fun trip! I really wish we had done it when I was in year 7, not my final year!

Apart from breaking by thumb trying to catch a very badly hit ball by Miss Bulford, it was a wonderful experience. Special thanks to Mr. Lea for organizing the trip and preparing us for it and to Mrs. Brown for her accompanying.'

'We had a great time in the park, shopping and going on the rides! Space Mountain: Mission 2 was voted the best, followed by Indiana Jones. It was also really nice to get to know some of the younger / older pupils. Going backstage at Disney land was great, and hearing our choir being announced on the loudspeaker was pretty good too! It was awesome to perform in a different



country, and hear the audience when we had finished!

'I loved going on the Thunder mountain ride. I was sitting between Katie Allen and Miss Bulford and I was the one who screamed the most!

'Going on a ride with Miss Evans and hearing her shout 'I don't like this!' was really funny!'

All in the entire trip to Disney was a huge success and we all returned hoping it could become a Stover School annual event!



We are pleased that Stover is now host to the Devon branch of the European Piano Teacher's Association (EPTA) who meet in Chamber Hall twice a term on a Saturday afternoon. As well as being open to piano students from Stover, we are supported by a number of local piano teachers and students who attend a variety of meetings including recitals, lectures, 'hands-on' workshops and pupil concerts. The

meetings are organised by one of our piano teachers Anne Brown and we have been pleased to welcome many professional musicians to speak and play.

Madoka Maxwell who led a master class for young pianists and one the performers taking part was one of our 'A' level students Ada Yiu. Nadia Larsson from London held a 'hands on' seminar on music for piano ensembles. Keith Lewis gave a

lecture on the music of the composer Alkan, and Jeffrey Pratley gave a talk to teachers looking at the new syllabus for Associated Board piano examinations. All the speakers have enjoyed their visits to Stover and the warm welcome they have received here. This has been especially so since we have had the Steinway grand piano overhauled, and it is playing and sounding so well.

## epta meetings

# religious education

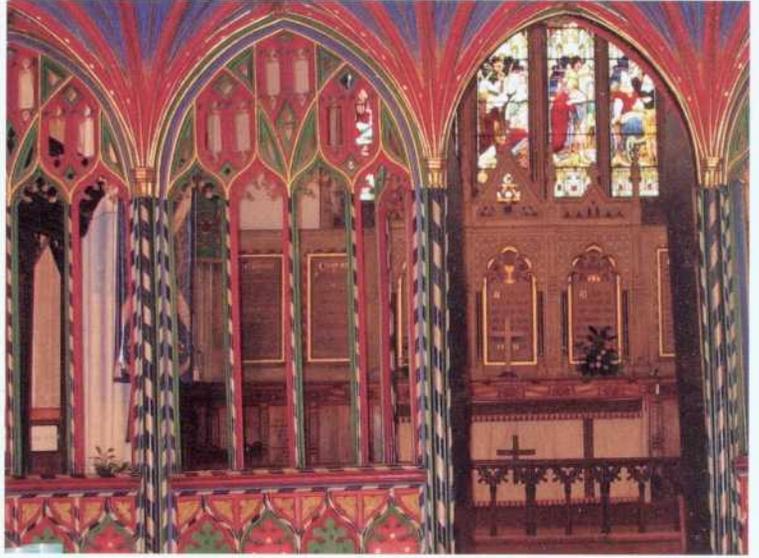
## Year 7 trip to explore the Churches of the Culm Valley

As part of the year 7 course studying 'Christian Worship', the whole year group visited a selection of churches in the Culm Valley. The purpose of the trip was to understand and experience the way in which church buildings tell us a great deal about the variety and diversity of Christian worship. We visited several churches, all of which told a different story about the way in which Christians worship. Particular high points of the day was viewing a baptistry, where believers are totally immersed and the splendid interior of St Andrew's church, with its colourful rood screen and famous Golgotha carving. Mr. Brown gave a fearsome rendition from the Old Testament in the Methodist Chapel and there was a warm welcome at St Mary's church in Willand where squash and flapjacks were very well received.

On Monday 12th February 2007, as part of Stover School year 7 Religious Studies we visited the churches of the Culm valley. The valley is situated around the river Culm, in Mid Devon. The churches we visited were St Andrew's Church, Cullompton, Cullompton Baptist and Methodist Churches, The Hebron Evangelical Church and St Mary's Church, Willand.

The first church we visited was St Andrew's, in Cullompton. It is really old and dates back to 1430. People worship in this building every Sunday. It is a very beautiful building; it has lovely stained glass windows. The Rood Screen runs right across the church in the most beautiful colours. The most interesting thing I saw was the Golgotha, it had two pieces of Oak and had rocks and skulls carved into it. The roof of the church is known as a Wagon roof and it runs the entire length of the building and contains lots of beautiful colors.

By Alex Snell 7SJG



The Cullompton Methodist Church is just off the main street and it is over 200 years old. Probably the most famous thing that has happened at Cullompton Methodist Church is that John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement preached on the site of the church several times in 1764.

By Anna Newman 7PAA

Each of the churches we visited were Christian and worship God but in lots of different ways. Some of the churches are full of Christian decorations like stained glass windows, pews and fonts and some were plain preferring to worship God in a simple way. In the Hebron Evangelical Church they believe you should focus on God and not the building so this is why they worship God in a building that looks like a small house built in an ordinary way. It does not have an altar, stained glass windows or even a vicar! They do not have a font but they have a pool where people are immersed for baptism.

By Lizzie Michael 7CB





## Confirmations in Exeter Cathedral

On April 7th at the magnificent Easter Vigil, nine candidates from Stover School were confirmed by the Bishop of Exeter. Having spent all term preparing for the occasion there was a terrific sense of excitement (and nervousness) as we gathered in the Cathedral on Easter Eve. The candidates were supported by friends, family and representatives from both the staff and governing body. Rev Anna presented the candidate to the Bishop by name and each made their promises and took their first Holy Communion along with 15 others from the Exeter Diocese, in what was a joyous occasion, centered on the message of Easter and the hope it brings. We look forward to developing this valuable link with the Cathedral as future Stover Pupils take up the annual opportunity to be prepared for confirmation through school.



# geography



Looking back at past Geography reports it seems that they always start with how busy the year has been and this year has certainly been no exception, as the Department has run even more field trips. Rivers, coasts, moors, cities, industrial areas ....we have been there with pens and clipboards! Summer Term trips have had the theme "wet,wet,wet", but earlier field trips have had good weather and we were particularly fortunate when we visited South Wales, where our only problem was finding enough water in the river to measure the velocity.

Year 6 enjoyed an early introduction to fieldwork at Stover when we visited the River Bovey at Parke, Bovey Tracey. The late September sun was shining as the pupils gained a good understanding of river processes and meanders. Sketches were annotated and notes written, so that back in class detailed reports could be produced.

Year 7 Boys and Girls have had three field trips this year, starting with our annual visit to Stover Country Park in early October. Despite grey and drizzly conditions both groups listened attentively to a guided walk and talk by one of the rangers based in the Park. We saw all the different ecosystems and learned about the problems of management of the varying threats. Non-native rhododendrons are clearly a force to be reckoned with!

The next outing for Year 7 was to Chagford in January and fortunately the weather was kind – warm and sunny. Land use maps were completed and evidence gathered about services and tourist facilities and attractions. The main question to be answered was "Is Chagford a town or a village?" and opinions were divided. In the end it was decided that Chagford is a town with the atmosphere of a village.

When we arrived in Chagford, we took notes at the minibus then had lunch. We walked to the Market House in the centre of Chagford and split up into three groups. Each of us had some worksheets. We had to fill in the names of the houses in Chagford. There were five tasks to complete on the sheets. I found evidence that tourists visit Chagford. When each group had completed the necessary tasks, we met back at the Market House. We had ten minutes until we had to leave, so we were allowed to go into the shops! By Lewis Jeffery, Year 7SG.

On Tuesday, 30th January Year 7 Boys left the grounds of Stover and went to the settlement of Chagford. The weather was mild and sunny. When we got there we ate lunch in the park. We split into groups and recorded the shops around the Market Square and dated some buildings. Because we were so well behaved we were

allowed to go around the town in our groups. We asked the people of Chagford and they said that Chagford was a town.

By *Thomas Williams, Year 7SG*

Having been so lucky with the weather in January it was disappointing to set out on our Year 7 trips to Haytor in May in persistent rain! However all pupils have made the most of our trips and packed lunches in the minibus have become a feature of summer fieldtrips this year. The willingness of all pupils to listen and learn, even in inclement conditions, has been truly excellent and write ups have been as detailed as ever. Miss Evans was moved to write a special report of one of our ventures up to Dartmoor.

Year 8 had to wait until the end of the Summer Term for their trip to a farm. This year we decided to visit two different farms. The Year 8 Girls visited Aishe Barton Farm at Silverton near Exeter in late June and were treated to a fascinating talk and guided walk by the farmer, Mr Andrew Baker. Despite threatening skies we remained dry. Mr Baker runs his farm on an environmentally sound basis and we spotted a skylark, a pheasant and an orchid in the habitat field. We learned ways of improving soil quality and minimising use of chemicals in farming. At the end of our tour we saw the pond where wagons were washed and sheep were dipped in the past.

The Year 8 Boys had a shorter journey to Culver Combe Farm in Chudleigh Knighton. We set off from Stover in torrential rain, but were determined to make the most of the visit. Mrs Rooth made the group very welcome and started off her talk by showing us a video clip of a recent Springwatch programme. Then we walked through the barns to see some swallow chicks and parents working hard to feed them. Once the rain had eased off we were able to set off across the fields. We saw a mother duck with her ducklings on the lake and spotted a toad and a large dragonfly in addition to a variety of butterflies. The farm is a member of the Countryside Stewardship Scheme and the motto is "Farming and wildlife hand-in-hand". We learned about the damage that grey squirrels can do to trees and saw evidence of squirrel activity in the woodland area. Not all wildlife is welcome!

Both Mr Baker and Mrs Rooth were delighted to share their expertise and knowledge and all pupils are to be congratulated on their enthusiasm and for asking relevant and interesting questions.

Year 9 had to wait until the Summer Term for their visit to Heathfield Industrial Estate. The skies were grey, but the rain held off until we returned to school. We

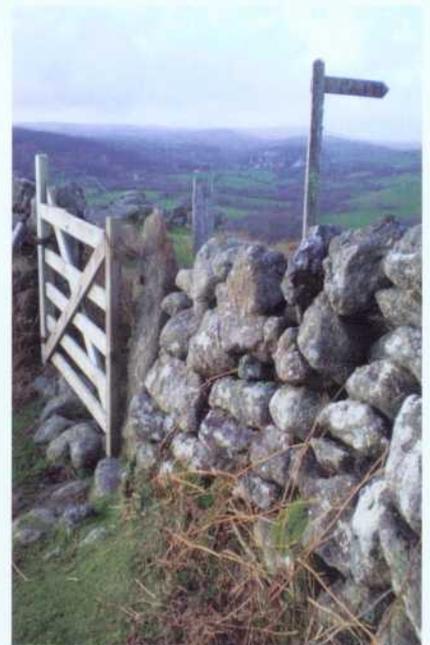


considered all the reasons why Heathfield was a successful location for an industrial estate and walked around a route making assessments of environmental quality and noting down names and types of businesses. It was pleasing to mark some excellent exam answers on Heathfield!

In addition to all of the trips undertaken the Department has also linked with the Home Economics Department in running the annual Coastal Cakes Competition and in March we welcomed the Royal Geographical Society for their annual lecture. This year the topic was China and whether it was really changing, which sparked off some lively debate.

As always I would like to thank all the staff who have accompanied trips so willingly including Mrs Elce, Mr Griffin, Miss Gardner, Miss Evans, Mrs Decamville, Ms Absalom, Mrs Kensington, and Mrs Winston.

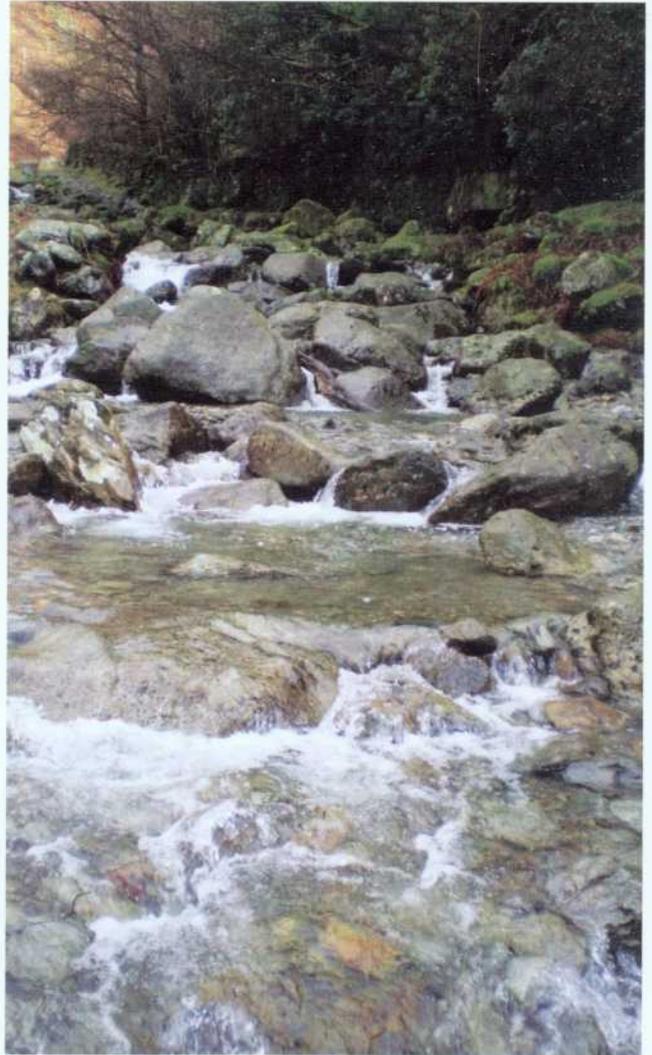
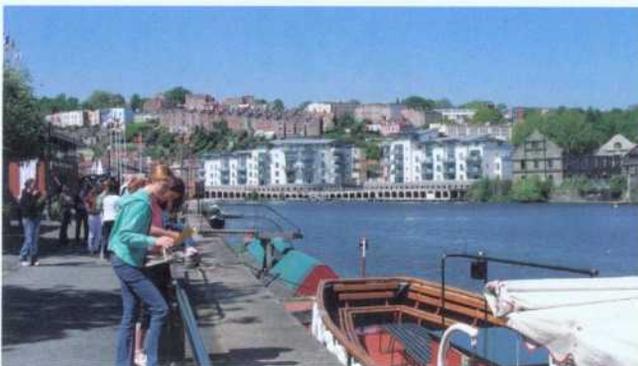
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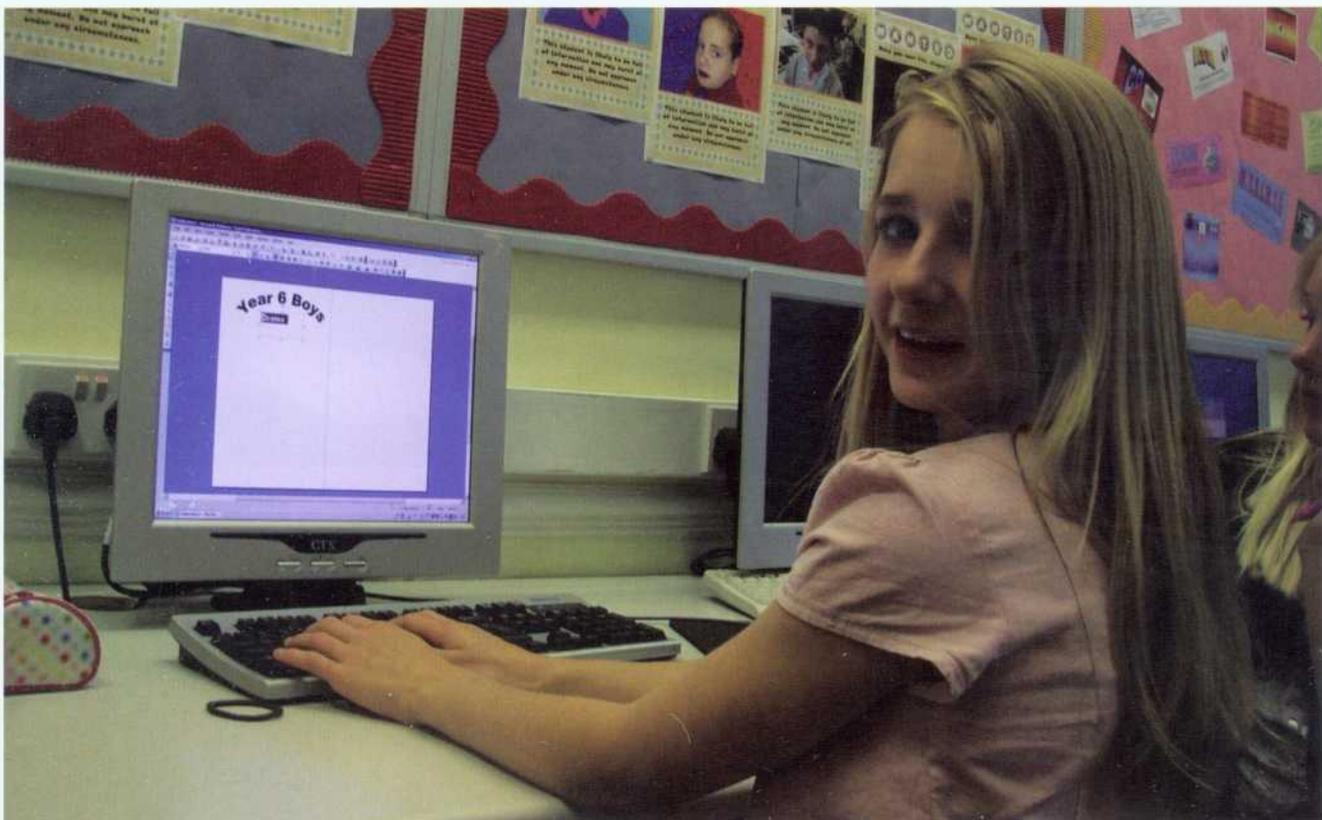
# geography

The Geography Department's major trip this year was the Year 10 annual visit to South Wales. This year we had our largest group of 34 GCSE Geography students for many years and we set off with wellies and rubber gloves on Wednesday, 2nd May. We managed to get away from Stover on time at 8.30 am and were nicely in time for our first appointment at Cribbs Causeway on the northern edge of Bristol. No – this was not an opportunity for indulging in a spot of shopping, but a chance to gather information about our first case study of an out of town shopping centre. So, having surveyed the types of shops in the Mall we gathered down in the Management Offices for a lecture by the Centre Manager. This proved to be very interesting and informative with lots of facts and figures about Cribbs Causeway. Then, back on the coach for a short journey alongside the River Avon into the centre of Bristol. We parked near the SS Great Britain and, after a break for lunch, walked along Harbourside noting down how the area had been regenerated. Back on the coach we drove northwards through Ashley, Horfield and Bradley Stoke and finally Aztec West Business Park to see how urban land use changes from the centre to the edge of the city. Once out of Bristol we settled down for a scenic drive across the Severn Bridge to Abergavenny. The centre staff at Ty'r Morwydd were waiting with their usual warm welcome and after supper we were prepared for the next day's work by Kerry, a teacher at the centre. Thursday was, fortunately, equally warm and sunny as we set off to collect data about pollution levels along the Afon Ebbw Fawr, the river that flows through Ebbw Vale. All groups soon became experts at identifying different invertebrates swimming around in the white trays. The contrast between the three sites was marked and the "polluted site" in the centre of Ebbw Vale was very clearly polluted this year. Back at the centre we collated and discussed our results – I'm looking forward to reading the completed Individual Studies in due course. On Friday we visited Blaenavon, a former coal mining and iron making town which has now been designated as a World Heritage Site and since 2003, a Book Town. The cooler and greyer weather helped to give the impression that, despite all the efforts at regeneration, Blaenavon remains a desolate place which may never recover from the impact of industrial change. In the afternoon came the final highlight of the trip with our visit to Big Pit Mining Museum. Hard hats and lights were worn and we descended in an original cage to the coal seams, which had been worked until 1980. Once again the South Wales experience was enjoyed by all pupils and staff and I would like to thank Mrs Elce and Miss Gardner for accompanying the group.

Year 12 Geography involves a lot of fieldwork as the topics include rivers, coasts and rural and urban issues. In the Autumn Term we spent an afternoon investigating the River Bovey, starting at its source up on Dartmoor and seeing how it changed as it flowed downstream. In late November we visited Dawlish Warren to look at how this part of the coastline is managed. Within a short distance rip rap, gabions, sea walls and sand dune stabilisation can be seen. This part of the coast is under threat



from natural and human impact, so is an excellent place to study. In the Spring Term we spent a day on and around Dartmoor studying rural issues. Moretonhampstead and Buckland Monachorum are our case studies of changing settlements and we saw new housing estates, closed post offices, rural business parks and discussed controversial planning issues. A walk round the Higher Moorland Centre in Princetown provided information about past and present land use on Dartmoor and how the moor is being managed at the moment. Urban studies would not be complete without seeing how city centres are fighting back against out of town developments, and we spent a morning in Plymouth seeing what was happening at the edge of the city and then investigating changes in the CBD. The new Drake Circus shopping mall has had an obvious impact on the centre of Plymouth and we noticed that around the centre a lot of shops had closed. Waterfront regeneration is also a key part of Plymouth's plans for the future, so we visited the Barbican to see how this part of Plymouth had been improved. The final trip for Year 12 was right at the end of the Summer Term when we visited The University of Plymouth for the Geography Sixth Form Conference. This provided a chance for students to see their Chief Examiner who gave the keynote address on "How to Succeed in A Level Geography: moving on to A2". Then we joined two workshops on Population Issues and Climate Change which are topics to be studied in Year 13. Current students were on hand during the day to give advice on life at university. It was certainly a very worthwhile day as an opportunity to experience lectures in university surroundings is invaluable.



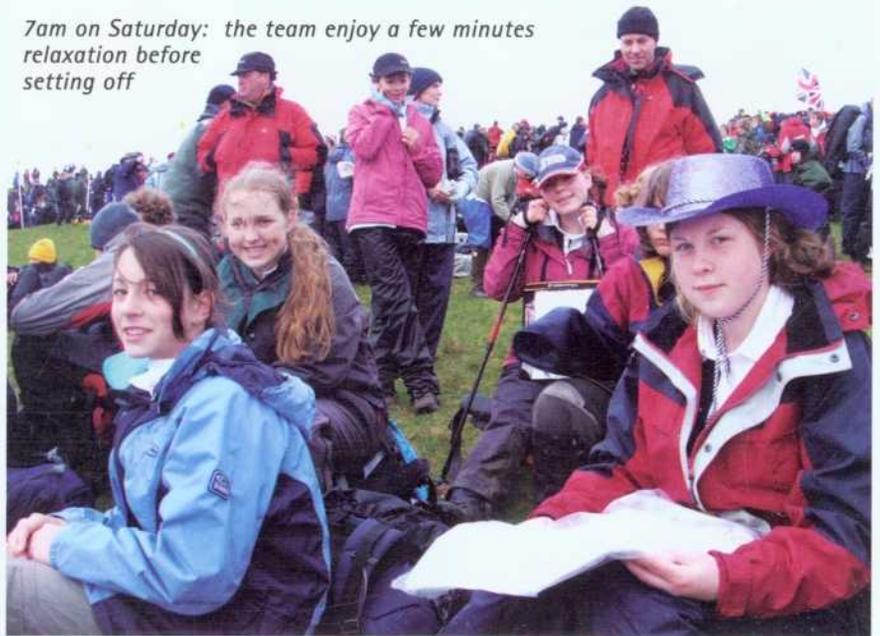
# the ten tors



*The team settle down to prepare their food and plan their route in detail*

Thanks to the weather, Ten Tors this year didn't quite go as smoothly as we had planned and the team were disappointed not to get flown out by helicopter. However, the girls can be very proud of their efforts. They clearly earned their medals and all the hard work they did during training was worthwhile. On the Saturday evening of the Ten Tors weekend when the weather forecast for Sunday was confirmed, the expedition was formally suspended and subsequently cancelled after the organisers came to the conclusion that they could not guarantee the safety of the participants. The reason given was water levels on the rivers which made crossings dangerous at best, if not impossible. Like many of the team managers we did wonder whether they were erring on the side of caution but the reality of the situation on Sunday proved that rivers were a problem. We heard of teams being supervised by the Dartmoor Rescue Group who were wading through rivers on ropes in chest-high water. The decision was the right one, although many of the walkers were disappointed that they had to stop. However, it was patently clear from the times and positions on their route card how well the Stover girls had done. They can be proud of their efforts – Mr Brown, Mrs Head and Mrs Barter definitely were. 2007 was certainly an interesting year for Ten Tors: let's hope that 2008 offers kinder weather as there are new challenges waiting for Stover pupils on the Moor.

*7am on Saturday: the team enjoy a few minutes relaxation before setting off*



## THE TEAM:

Sophie Scott-Smith (Captain)  
 Hannah Gower (Navigator)  
 Jessica Briggs  
 Ania Glowik  
 Lauren Embury  
 Vicky Stark  
 Beth Lockett (Reserve)

## THE TORS:

Watn Tor  
 Sittaford Tor  
 Rough Tor  
 Beardown Tors  
 Great Mis Tor  
 South Hessary Tor  
 Black Tor  
 Staple Tor  
 Lynch Tor  
 Hare Tor

# the duke of edinburgh awards

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is a voluntary non-competitive programme of practical, cultural and adventurous activities designed to support the personal and social development of young people. It offers an individual challenge and encourages young people to undertake exciting, constructive and enjoyable activities in their free time. The Award operates at three levels, Bronze (14 plus years), Silver (15 plus years) and Gold (16 plus years). There are four Sections at each level. These are:

- SERVICE** – Aimed at helping others in the community
- SKILLS** – Covering almost any hobby, skill or interest
- PHYSICAL RECREATION** – Sport, dance and fitness
- EXPEDITIONS** – Training for, planning and completing a journey (on foot at Stover)



During the academic year from September 2006 we have had pupils participating in the award at all three levels with over 20 girls receiving the Bronze and Silver Award at the Teignbridge Awards presentation held at Forde House in December. Twelve of these have continued the award to Silver level. Three girls, Chloe

Collins, Annabel Dodson and Charlotte Dorrington are working towards Gold qualification and completed Gold expeditions in the Isle of Man and the Peak District during the summer holidays. 2007 was also notable as we marked the 50th anniversary of the award by planting a tree in the school grounds. My wife and I were also privileged to be invited to Buckingham Palace as guests of His Royal Highness, Prince Philip at a garden party held to mark the 50 years.

As we enter the next academic year, we now have over 50 pupils participating in the award which goes from strength to strength. This would not have been possible without the tremendous support of Friends of Stover who kindly donated £500 enabling us to purchase new camping equipment.

*Paul Barter*



# sixth form london trip

This trip took place on 27th and 28th June, and included years 11, 12 and 13.

## Members of Years 11, 12 and 13 Hit London!

London... Its name oozes grandeur, insinuates majestic stately homes and engrossing museums. Also known as "The Green City", it's home to the Royal Family, Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, Madame Tussauds, The London Eye, the West End and of course, Mr Baillie's favourite, Chinatown. Not forgetting Stover's very own Yr 11-13s, who ventured out into the great unknown of its many bustling streets in June.

On arrival, we were let loose with cash and pin numbers at the ready to explore the depths of Oxford and Regent St. and their many hundreds of high street shops and landmark stores. Home to the legendary Selfridges and some of the city's oldest and most famous shops, it was particularly the year 11's that had no problem in making themselves at home. The Yr 11 group did manage lose Charlie and Jenny in Britain's largest Topshop for half an hour and kept travelling up and down the four floors in search of them. "SALE" signs became magnets; we just had to look inside... (It's a girl thing that boys just wouldn't understand). Three hours later armed with shopping bags to the full, we made our way back to the coach in a torrential downpour. As we frantically looked around to see who had an umbrella, (or who was at least clever enough to buy one) the thought of frizzy hair encouraged us to make a mad dash for the coach in Hanover Sq.

With tired feet and aching arms, the rain had dampened our clothes but not our spirits. Passing through many impressive shopping districts such as Bond Street, flooded with elegant and expensive shop fronts and many designer labels, we envied the plush looking women and their made of money men that walked out of the doors in subservience to them.

The Hard Rock café was our next destination before reaching the theatre. Standing on Old Park Lane (which I thought only existed in Monopoly!) its ubiquitous Rock 'n' Roll music and sensibility has attracted customers since 1971. Now it's a London classic. With what seemed like many variations of Burger, Chips and Ice cream on the menu, there was no room for dieting!



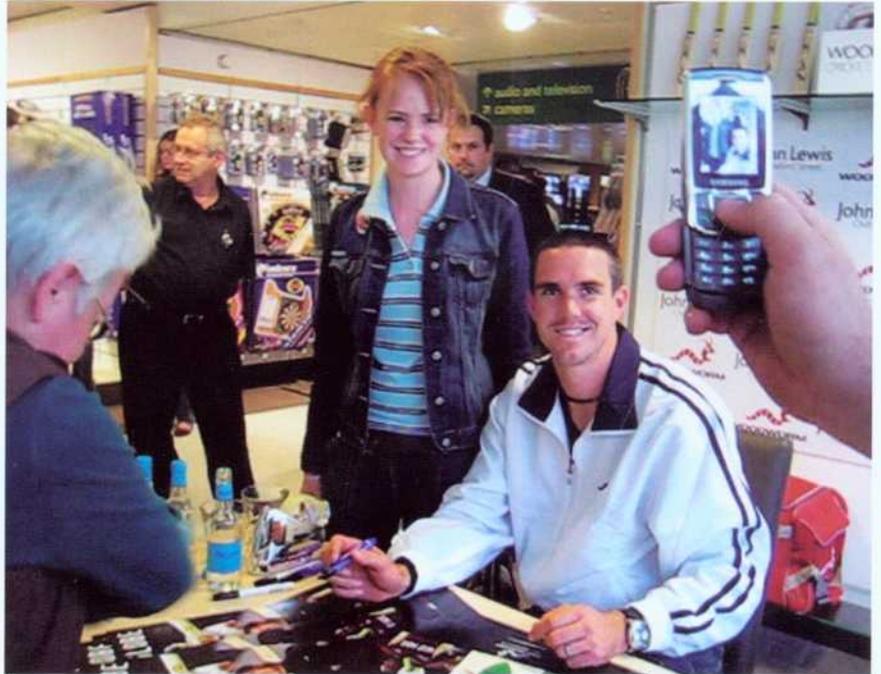
# sixth form london trip

The Hard Rock museum and 'Vault' also posed great interest. It still houses Jimi Hendrix's 'Flying V' Gibson and John Lennon's hand amended lyrics to 'Imagine' and 'Instant Karma. There was even one of Elvis Presley's many costume jackets!

We arrived at the Cambridge Theatre in London's glittering West End modelling the wet look... Yet again the good old British weather had served us well. As if! Wiping away the droplets that dripped down our faces, mascara stains rolling; we looked as though we had been hauled through the lakes at Stover Country Park in all directions! Of course this was a look only Stover girls could pull off. Chicago was a winning performance set in the 1920's twilight world of Chicago. (Who would have guessed?) Full to the brim with stunning musical performances, dazzling lights and first class acting, this most stylish of all the West End musicals made our night and sent us to sleep singing "Razzle Dazzle", but I'm sure poor old "Mr Cellophane" was our favourite by far... he and his cool gloves got the sympathy vote!

An early morning start left us awake and smiling for the next day ahead, despite the lumpy beds. Having recharged our batteries with orange juice and rice crispies, we were well on the way to the Tate Modern, one of the largest museums of modern and contemporary art in the world. Well, they'd like to think it was art at least. We passed mixed reviews over the piles of bricks and the room of what seemed like wicker rugs We couldn't help but laugh when a friend said, "My dad has created that look outside our house so many times over the past few years and not received a single penny! On the other hand we haven't had the nerve to call it 'minimalist, conceptual art conveying the constructivism of ideas about objects'. People would think we were nuts!" I thought that just about sums that one up.

A brief trip to Covent Garden gave us another ideal place for a lunchtime shop, packed with many speciality stores and the Covent Garden Market. We sat down for lunch to one side of a street with M&S sandwiches and Percy Pigs... Mmmm! But these weren't any ordinary sweets; these were sugar filled with E-numbers and artificial colouring,



Natalie meets sporting star Kevin Petersen in John Lewis

hyperactive behaviour stimulating M&S gummy sweets. Lovely! Apart from the odd attack from a neighbouring pigeon wanting some of our free E-numbers, it was a surprisingly quiet lunch.

It must have been around two o'clock by the time we reached the Science Museum. Situated in South Kensington, the National Museum of Science and Industry is a major tourist attraction in London. It holds an interesting collection of early locomotives, the world's first jet engine and many other interactive exhibits for all ages. We particularly enjoyed the more childish ones which included fairground mirrors (always a classic) and ball pools of little polystyrene balls which you could throw at one another and got stuck between your teeth (if you 'accidentally' had a few thrown your way which happened to land in your mouth -most unfortunate!), although we never did work out why that was science...

The highlight of the trip would have to be the phrase: "With all due respect could we please stop the coach"... looking like a rocket about to burst into flame our Dartline Coach had become poorly on the voyage home. The smell of burning rubber and the excessive smoke pouring from the rear gave the slight impression something wasn't quite right, that and travelling down the hard

shoulder at 30miles per hour in fear of stalling for the seventh time. We thought we were going to die, whether it be from carbon monoxide poisoning or explosion. Our little year 11 lives flashed before our eyes, the driver just laughed. We were being serious!

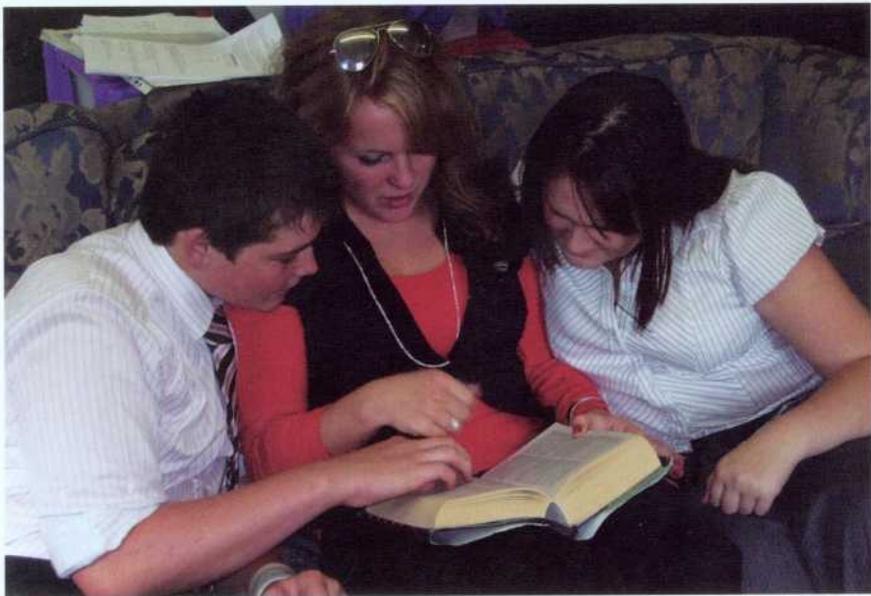
We pulled into a service station somewhere- we didn't even know where we were. When they realised the first aid kit wasn't going to help our dear old coach a new one finally arrived three hours later with much relief! It was a good job the services had a toddlers play area to keep us all occupied. 'Miles the Moto Mouse' and colouring crayons became our new obsession as year 11's produced better artwork than that of the Tate Modern. After a good old horror movie, which naturally wasn't in the least bit scary, we arrived back at Stover some hours later.

Thank you to Mrs Richards, Mr Baillie and Madame Winston who organised and accompanied us on the trip, and for preventing us from getting lost whilst in London (apart from the half hour lost in Topshop). We all had a fantastic time and learnt a lot, besides where to shop in Oxford St. <cough cough>

So thank you!!!

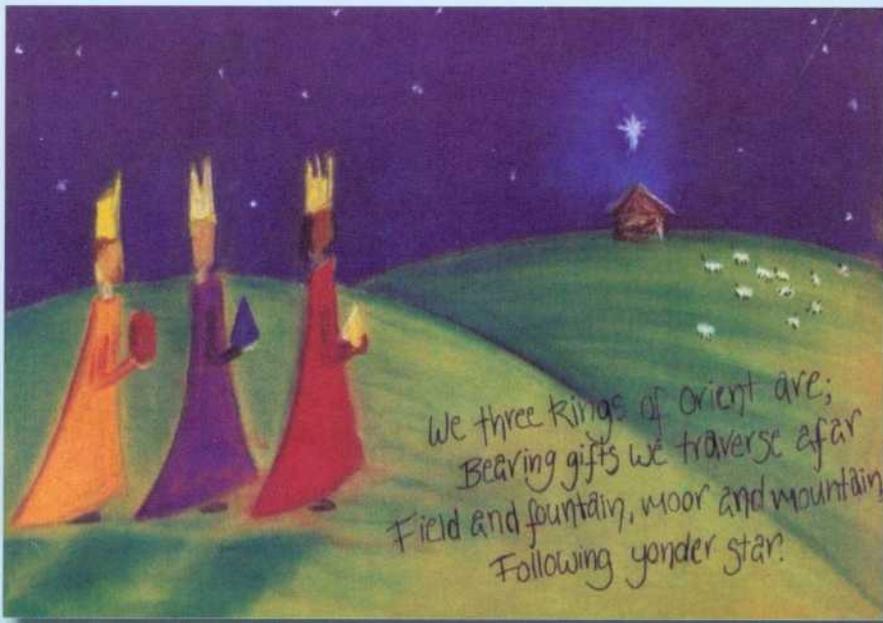
Charlie and Imi xxx

# sixth form





# Christmas Card Competition



Laura Harwood's winning design from Christmas 2006

**Have you entered this year?**

Entries for Christmas 2007 will be judged by Miss Bennett, Mr Wightman and Laura Harwood.

**Missed the competition this year?**

All designs for 2008 need to be submitted by October half term 2008 to Miss Bennett or Mr Wightman.



# year 7 memories of the year

This term was my first term in the Rounder's Team. We have only played two matches and we won one and lost the other, but the only reason we lost the first match was because of our teamwork. On the second match we played much better as a team and didn't fall out because of our differences. Our team still needs to improve but in the end we learnt to put aside our differences and played as a team.

I came from Coombeshead Community College to Stover for a taster day. I was a bit nervous when I first arrived, but two girls came to collect me called Katie and Ella. They looked after me. I started to enjoy my day. I went to Katie's lessons with her. At break we went on to the Terraces and met up with some boys. I saw a couple of people I knew who went to my Primary School and live close to me.  
Becky Adam, visitor FPAB

Some of my friends and I do a tramp lining after school club with our coach, Fiona, from 4-5pm.

When you have got to a certain stage and you are doing well in class Fiona will select you for her squad which practises from 5-6pm. Our squad and club are called Higher Energy and at weekends we go to competitions, representing Higher Energy. Also, in our school holidays, Fiona holds a three day trampolining course in Jubilee Hall.  
Jemima Rogers FPAB

I've really enjoyed my guitar lessons this year. I started guitar a couple of months ago without any experience at all. When I looked at people who played an instrument really well it made me feel a little silly but that wasn't going to stop me. If anything, it made me more determined and as my lessons go by, I'm learning more and more and I'm getting better all the time. It's great playing an instrument you really love!

What I have most enjoyed in the school year is being with my friends. It's great to see them every day.

This year I went on the school ski trip. It was really good fun because some of my friends went but I also learnt about other people from school. Sometimes we went out into the shopping centres to buy souvenirs for our family and friends. We had a few fallouts on the ski trip but it was only because we were tired.

There were two ski instructors. They were both really nice, but Sandrine was the nicest. The one thing that was not so nice was falling over! I really enjoyed the ski trip; the snow was amazing.

Sophie Murch FPAB

Judo is a Stover School club that goes on for an hour every Thursday and it's great fun!

At the moment not many people are doing it. So we're looking for some people who would like to join us. I've been doing it since I was in Year 6 and I've done it ever since. Now I am a Yellow Belt; I can fight properly.

When you start, you start with a white belt, then move up to red belt, then yellow belt, green belt, brown belt and then finally, black belt. Black belt is the highest belt you can go.

Ray is the teacher of the Judo Club and he is a Black Belt!

Amy Ward FPAB

Now I can play chords, songs, small tunes - a lot more than I could!

So if you want to play an instrument, any instrument at all that you love very much, don't be discouraged about how good the others are compared to you, be determined! You can only get better after all.

Katie Mudge FPAB

This year I have enjoyed doing the opera concert 'Noye's Fludde'. The production was made up of music and acting. I was in the percussion section of the orchestra. The music in this show I enjoyed playing, even though classical opera isn't exactly Van Halen (which is what I usually go for)!

It was also a good experience to play in an orchestra in front of quite a lot of people. The only bad thing about 'Noye's Fludde' was spending a lot of time just rehearsing, but it was well worth it in

Ann Newman FPAB

There's not much I enjoyed this year because it was just not a good year for me. For example, I don't like learning. Well, I'm okay at doing the work ('I'll vouch for that!' Ed) When I've just learnt it, but when it comes to tests, I'm actually quite bad! I got 47% in a test.

One of the things that wasn't so bad this year is the fact I won a medal on Sports Day for the relay which actually was a team effort (but just as valuable as a medal for individual performance' Ed)

On Friday, 11 May, students from Cantabile and Chamber Choir visited Paignton's Palace Theatre to complete in the Torbay Music Festival.

In the class for our main choir (Chamber) we came first against fidgety Girls Grammar, expressionless Studely and enthusiastic Churston. We won with our two songs 'O Waly Waly' and 'Sound of Music' Medley. By the time we had finished, we had obviously scared our opponents and stunned the adjudicator. She told us that our "songs were very tuneful and promising, but maybe work a little more on the quiet side of the song". She was completely justified. We had become so enthused at doing so well that we couldn't tone the volume down!

Holly Allen FPAB

# stover school staff list

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

- Mr R Barlow DL FRICS (Chairman)
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Mr G H Bush CB

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### Clerk to the Governors

Mr S J Drabble BSc

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## PRINCIPAL

Mrs S Bradley\* BSc Portsmouth CBiol MIBiol

### Deputy Head

Mrs K Veal BEd Worcester

## SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM

Mrs S Bradley*	BSc Portsmouth CBiol MIBiol	Headmistress, Biology
Mrs K Veal	BEd Worcester	Deputy Head, Head of Home Economics
Mrs J Fairbrother*	BA Exeter MEd Bristol CAPS Ed Bristol, FMSC Ed Bristol	Head of SPS
Mrs C Coyle	BEd London MA Michigan, Educational Leadership Michigan	Deputy Head SPS
Mrs A de Montjoie*	BA Leeds MA Kings London	Assistant Head Pastoral, Head of Sixth Form, Head of Media Studies
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Mrs C Coyle	BEd Kingston MA Michigan	Chair of Middle Management Team, Deputy Head SPS
Mr C Baillie*	BSc Keele	Senior Sixth Form Tutor, Head of Psychology, Teacher of Science
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Mr S Griffin	BEd Cheltenham Et Farnborough	Senior Tutor Boys

## Teaching Staff

Ms P Absalom*	BA Exeter	Teacher of English and Drama, LAMDA
Mrs M Ayela*	DEUG Anglais, Licence ES	Teacher of Spanish
Mr P Barter*	BA Exeter	Head of History, Careers Co-ordinator
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Miss C Bulford*	BEd in PE with English, Marj, Plymouth	Teacher of PE
Mrs A Butler	BSc Home Economics Newcastle	Teacher of Home Economics
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### Teachers and Assistants

Mr M Appleby*	DipEd BEd Bristol	Class Teacher Year 4 Boys
Mr M Ayer*	BSc (Ed) Vermont	Class Teacher Year 5 Girls
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Mrs S Holmes*	BA East Anglia	Class Teacher Year 3 Girls
Mrs C Middleton*	BA Westminster MA Exeter	Teacher of French
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Mrs S F Stoddart*	BA Cert Ed Rachel McMillan College	Head of Nursery
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Mrs I McIntosh	NNEB	Nursery Leader
Mrs L Sharrock	NVQ3	Nursery Assistant

### Visiting Staff

Mr M Allnatt		Double bass
Mrs J Baldwin		Keyboard and piano
Mrs A Brown		Piano
Miss L Cross		Recorder and piano
Mrs S Farleigh		Voice
Miss C Hayek		Violin and viola
Miss M Hiley		Percussion/drum kit
Mr P Hill		Guitar
Mr M Holland		Brass
Mr P Hurst		Piano
Mr E Kingdom		Drum kit
Mrs E McMahon		Piano
Ms A O'Donovan		Flute, clarinet and piano
Mr B Sage		Saxophone
Mrs H Wills		Cello and piano
Miss J Berry	BA Brunel Drama and English MA Central School of Speech & Drama	Speech and Drama
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Mrs F Martin		Preparatory School Secretary

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Mrs B Lea		Assistant Housemistress
Miss C Bennett		Assistant Housemistress
Miss Laura Agnew	Gap Student	
Miss Edwina Bone	Gap Student	

## Medical Team

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Miss S L Edworthy	RGN RM (Diploma)	School Nurse
Miss M Leslie-Ellis	SEN SNR	Assistant Nurse, Assistant Housemistress

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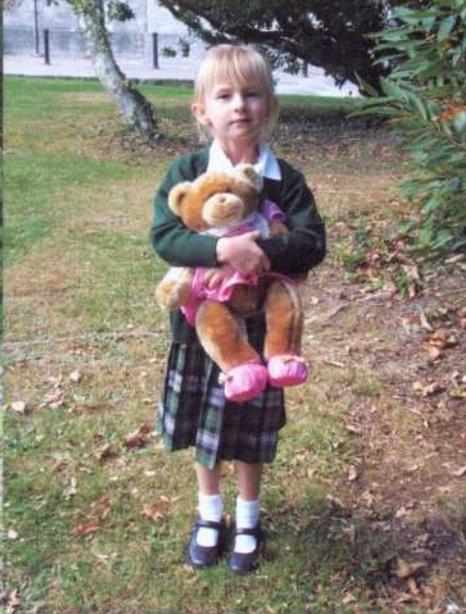
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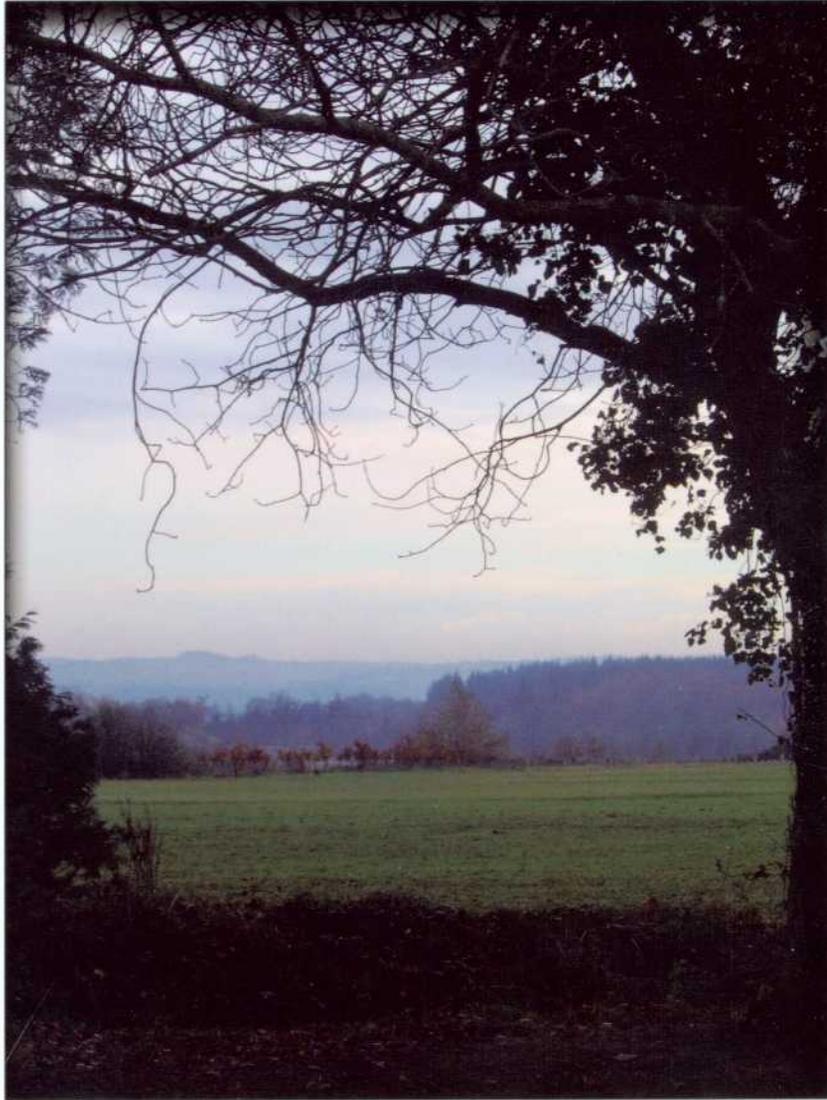
Mr P Milward	MHCIMA	Catering Manager
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Mr T Chant		Assistant Maintenance + Security
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