

# Aspire

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# Dates for the Diary

## DATES

### Autumn Term 2009

Wednesday 9th December  
Friday 11th December

Thursday 17th December

### Spring Term 2010

Monday 4th January

Tuesday 12th January  
Friday 5th February  
Tuesday 9th February  
Friday 12th February

Monday 22nd February

Friday 26th February  
Tuesday 2nd March  
Friday 12th March  
Friday 19th March  
Thursday 1st April

### Summer Term 2010

Tuesday 20th April

Monday 3rd May

Friday 28th May

Monday 7th June

Tuesday 8th June

Friday 11th June

Tuesday 22nd June

Friday 25th June

Wednesday 30th June

Friday 2nd July

Tuesday 6th July

Friday 16th July

Friday 23rd July

Christmas Carol Concert

Year 9 Full Report Issued

Rag Day

**School closes for Christmas Holiday**

Year 10 Interim Report Issued

**School re-opens at 8.35am**

Year 11 Mock Exams begin

Sixth Form Fair

Year 9 Interim Report Issued

Year 9 Parents Evening

**School closes for Half Term**

Year 11 Full Report Issued

**School re-opens at 8.35am**

Year 7 Interim Report Issued

Year 7 Parents Evening

Year 8 Full Report Issued

Year 13 Interim Report Issued

**School closes for Easter Holiday**

Year 10 Interim Report Issued

Year 12 Full Report Issued

**School re-opens at 8.35am**

Year 10 Parents Evening

**Bank Holiday – School Closed**

**School closes for Half Term**

**School re-opens at 8.35am**

Year 5 Taster Day

Year 8 Interim Report Issued

Year 8 Parents Evening

Year 9 Interim Report Issued

Year 10 Full Report Issued

Year 6 Induction Day

Sports Day

Sports Awards Evening

Charity Day

**School closes for Summer Holiday**

Year 7 Full Report Issued



SPORTS COLLEGES



International School Award  
2008-2010



SPORT ENGLAND  
SPORTSMAN GUILD



Healthy School

Shaftesbury School presents

## The Spirit of Christmas

An evening of  
music, readings and  
drama presented  
by the students of  
Shaftesbury School



7.00pm

Wednesday 9th December

St Peter's Church, High  
Street, Shaftesbury

All Welcome

# Letter from the Head

With the Christmas season almost upon us and with all of the seasonal events that involves, it is hard to believe that this Autumn Term has almost drawn to a close.

As our editions of 'Aspire' report, it has been a period of intense activity. We held a very busy and interactive Open Evening for our prospective students currently in the primary schools in Year 6. This term, groups of students have visited the World War One battlefields in Belgium. On a lighter note other students have visited the Novello Theatre, London, to see a production of 'An Inspector Calls', the National Theatre for a production of 'Mother Courage', London again to admire Lenny Henry in 'Othello', and Gifted and Talented students watched an alternative production entitled 'Romeo and Juliet Unzipped' at Salisbury Playhouse.

Arguably one of the most impressive evenings this half term was our very own Poetry Please event. With pupils from primary schools also entering the event, our students across the age range participated in an evening of poetry recital, superbly supported with musical interludes. The judges awarded Daniel Hayden with the overall award for performance. Seth Jordan won the Y7 award, Kevin Hudson the Y8 award, Frances Bathurst and Kate Coulson the Seniors award, and George Ridgway, Tim Hardiman and Sam Rutter the William Barnes Trophy.

Also during the course of this half term year 12 students have applied for a place on next year's trip to Rwanda. This was a challenging process for students, and the quality of applications was impressive. Having written their letter of application and with a lesson plan featuring as part of it, having faced an interview with myself, Mr. Brickell, Chair of Governors, and Mr. Kelly of Msaada, the opportunity was offered to Izzy Orton, Lucy Hull, Nathan Coburn, Keiha Dhruv, Yasmin Bastable and Alex Harris.

Still on the Rwanda theme, it was a privilege and pleasure to welcome Odette Kayirere to Shaftesbury School. Odette has achieved so much in supporting



the victims of the genocide, and it was a source of considerable inspiration to have Odette with us to share her work personally with a number of our students.

Another major event this term was our Enterprise Challenge Week. Students have been engaged across the curriculum in a range of activities to develop their knowledge and understanding of Enterprise and to promote their own future economic well being. Additionally they have held a Business Breakfast and put together creative and sustainable Business Plans. It

was a pleasure to welcome to School Mr Lionel Boyle, Businessman, Parent and loyal supporter of the School. He made awards to students in a number of categories and left the students with a challenging thought that, by working together, the students had undertaken schemes which potentially could realise multi-million pound outcomes.

There is plenty of other activity currently being undertaken. Our £3 million capital development project at our Boarding facility in Barton Hill is now proceeding with builders now on site and everything on target for completion in October 2010. At school plans for the re-configuration of the former Leisure Centre are progressing well. It should be completed in time for the introduction of the new Sport and Active Leisure Diploma, one of two Diplomas to be offered at Shaftesbury School for all 14-19 students in North Dorset. An information evening about the new Diplomas was attended by a large number of parents at the beginning of December.

And so, with all of the seasonal events still to take place, we edge towards the close of a very busy term. All that remains now is to wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas.....and to remind our Year 11 students especially of the need for rigorous revision ahead of their mock exams if they are to realise their potential next Summer!

*D. J. Booth*

## CHRISTMAS CABARET

TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2009 7.30pm The Main Hall

Christmas Cabaret is Shaftesbury School's very own Christmas sketch show! It is a showcase of talent featuring Music, Dance and Drama. With a cast of around 75 students from year 7 right through to year 13, this show promises to be an absolute Christmas "Cracker!"

Tickets are £3.00 each, with £1.00 from each ticket going towards the worthwhile charity, The Msaada Project. Tickets will be available from the School Reception from 1st December 2009.

This show is for one night only so early booking is recommended!

# House News

This last half term has been a really busy time for us. It began with the first of the interhouse competitions - football. We saw high participation rates with 75% of students donning their kit and representing their houses. Well done to all of you! Of course, Mr Humphreys has been unbearable ever since as Owens House ruled supreme this year.

Our House and Sports Captains will soon be looking extra smart around the school in their new jackets. These jackets are awarded to these students in recognition of their achievements and hopefully will encourage you all to aspire to taking on these roles within the house system in the future.

Currently Sanderson are still topping the Housepoint League table. Extra effort from Redgrave students has seen them taking first place for the last few weeks. They are slowly starting to challenge the lead. House points are being awarded on a weekly basis to those students who are wearing their uniform correctly and getting their planners signed. Parents and Guardians: please make sure that you are checking the planner regularly for important information and sign it to help students to receive praise and rewards.

Our first ever Head of House tea party was a great success. The treats provided were swiftly hoovered up (Mr Humphreys didn't even get a look in). This half term will see the next party being arranged for those students who have the best attendance or have shown the most improved attendance for this academic year. Tutor groups that as a whole have shown excellent achievement have been rewarded with a small prize and a certificate that is now hopefully proudly displayed on their notice board. Well done to S5, O7, R6 and T6.

Mentoring is currently taking place for all year nine students with their group tutors; this is the first step in the process of choosing their options next year. They will be receiving more information over the next few months and we hope to see many of you at the Options Evenings.

Of course we are now looking forward to Christmas which always brings plenty of excitement with House assemblies and reward activities for the top students. We will see the return of the inflatable games which the top students in each House will be invited to attend. As many of you will already know this is great fun.

As the winter weather sets in it is easy to become tired and lose focus but hopefully there will be plenty of fun and excitement to keep everyone on their toes.



## INTERHOUSE FOOTBALL

### THE RESULTS

<b>YEAR 7:</b>	Girls: 1st Thompson; 2nd Redgrave; 3rd Sanderson; 4th Owens Boys: 1st Thompson; 2nd Redgrave; 3rd Owens; 4th Sanderson
<b>YEAR 8:</b>	Girls: 1st Thompson; 2nd Sanderson; 3rd Owens; 4th Redgrave Boys: 1st Owens; 2nd Sanderson; 3rd Redgrave; 4th Thompson
<b>YEAR 9:</b>	Girls: 1st Owens; 2nd Thompson; 3rd Sanderson; 4th Redgrave Boys: 1st Sanderson; 2nd Redgrave; 3rd Owens; 4th Thompson
<b>YEAR 10:</b>	Girls: 1st Redgrave; 2nd Owens; 3rd Sanderson; 4th Thompson Boys: 1st Owens; 2nd Sanderson; 3rd Thompson; 4th Redgrave
<b>YEAR 11:</b>	Girls: 1st Redgrave; 2nd Owens; 3rd Sanderson; 4th Thompson Boys: 1st Redgrave; 2nd Sanderson; 3rd Thompson; 4th Owens
<b>SENIOR:</b>	Girls: 1st Thompson; 2nd Owens Boys: 1st Sanderson; 2nd Owens; 3rd Redgrave; 4th Thompson



# Interhouse Football



Year 9



Sixth Form



Year 10

My first experience of Inter-house was fantastic. It was a tall order as we went for 100% attendance in every age group and the result was pretty impressive.

To see all the houses lock horns for the first of the competitions was quite a sight. Owens, under new management had been whipped into a frenzy and were ready for battle. Sanderson were confident, Thompson were firing on all thrusters and Redgrave were gunning for all who stood in their way.

The football competitions were brilliant, with every house playing in the right spirit and fully enjoying the occasion. Seeing so many students playing for the house despite ability and performance was excellent, just what Inter-house is all about.

I am already looking forward to the next one and hope that Owens can triumph once again!

Mr Humphreys  
(er... Head of Owens House - Ed)



Year 8



Year 7

## The Wave of Prayer

The Wave of Prayer was a project that started on the Isles of Scilly and finished with the Archbishop of Canterbury being presented with a book containing all the prayers to mark the start of Advent.

### How it worked

The 'Wave of Prayer' entered the Diocese on 17th November in Poole at the National RE Advisers Conference at the Sandbanks Hotel. There, a prayer written by pupils at Pinhoe School in Exeter was read out and The Rev Jan Ainswoth, General Secretary of the National Society, added her blessing. This was then emailed onto the first school starting the wave in our Diocese: The Lady St Mary First School in Wareham. The wave then flowed back and forth across the diocese until 20th November when it ended at St Mary's Primary School Boughton Gifford who will email on to a school in Diocese of Bath and Wells.

### The Prayers

Shaftesbury School received our prayer from Sutton Veny Primary School. Our prayer was written here in school on the theme of Hopes and Dreams by the CU@1 Christian Union members. Our prayer, and the prayer we received, are reproduced below. They will be printed off for inclusion in the book to be presented to the Archbishop's office.

Mrs J Linsley & Mr Jackson  
Religious Education Department

Lord, we all have our hopes and dreams,  
Something for us to hold onto, something to push us on.  
But sometimes, they are crushed,  
And sometimes, we don't even know what our hopes and dreams are.  
Help us to find them. Lord, help us to discover ourselves.  
And when all seems lost, and it seems that all doors are closed,  
Show us that they are only shut and not locked.  
Give us the wings we need to soar to our hopes and dreams,  
And show us that they're not as hard to reach  
As we think they are.  
We ask this in the Lord's name.

Amen

*Written by the CU@1 team*

Dear Lord,

We send you this prayer and pass on our blessings,  
We hope for peace throughout the earth,  
We wish everyone happiness as they grow up,  
We send our love to the world, our families and friends  
We dream that everyone has enough to eat  
We pray that those who have died live happily in heaven  
We would love for everyone to protect the earth and all living things,  
We believe everyone should feel safe and be proud of themselves  
We thank your school and you Lord for listening to our prayer

Amen

*Written by the children of Sutton Veny CE Primary School*

## I want to speak to God Please

Earlier this year our students contributed some prayers to a Salisbury Diocese children's book of prayers for the year of the child 2009. Many of the prayers can be seen on the diocese website at [www.saled.org](http://www.saled.org)

The prayers have now been compiled into a book and we have ordered a copy for the school library and one each for the students (pictured here with Mr Jackson), Sonia Parsons and Jack Charlton, both of Year 8, whose prayers were chosen for inclusion. If any parents or students would like to purchase a copy of the book please contact Mrs Linsley, Head of RE for details. Well done to the students who contributed.



## GLOBAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK 2009

Global Entrepreneurship Week was first launched in 2004 and has grown year on year ever since, with 70 countries now taking part. In Shaftesbury School we have had an even bigger range of fantastic events going on this year right across the whole School.

Thirty nine students from Business Studies took part in a national 'Make your Mark Challenge' event with a theme of 'Let local inspiration lead you to a cool creation'. Their brief was to create a unique product or service, research competitors, produce a cash flow forecast and produce a short presentation. Local entrepreneurs Mr Boyle from L A Marketing and Design and Mr O'Donnell from Jump Communications came to judge the teams, together with Mr Hayes, Director of Sixth Form and Ms Cheasley, Head of Business Studies. The winning team was Cobbley Cottage by Chloe Gill, Tilly Moore and Chloe Ozzard. Joint second place were the Gold Hill Delivery Service by George Forsyth, Alistair Robertson, Samuel Rutter and Harvey Lau, together with Shaftesbury Photography by Imogen Clyde-Smith and Lauren Lever. Runners up were Creative Waste by Heliana Carrera Torres, Natasha Orr, Katie Taylor-Hawkins and Alice Weeks. Congratulations to them all!



*Chloe Ozzard, Tilly Moore and Chloe Gill receive their winning certificates from Mr Boyle*

The students really enjoyed the day and we had comments ranging from - "loved working as a team", "enjoyed developing ideas into a real product" and "enjoyed making the presentation".

The Business Studies/Economics Sixth Form students enjoyed a Business Breakfast at Barton Hill, which included a veritable feast of a breakfast (much enjoyed by all!), as well as businessmen and women from global companies presenting on manufacturing in China, operating in a global marketplace, social care and law.

Other events included Dragons Den role play and 'Chocolate, What's in it?' activities in the Maths Department, and an Enterprise Investigation for Year 8 students - researching England's first colony, in History. Modern Foreign Languages ran Talent 'r' Us and Creepy Crawlies, with a special mention to Year 7 pupils Bobbie Temple, Abbie Riddell and Jagoda Dziedzic for their excellent work. Students from Citizenship held an Anti-Bullying Week - 'Stay safe in Cyberspace'. PE designed the new school PE gloves and then researched companies to make them. ICT students took part in a Junior Apprentice Challenge - see the report later in this issue - where they had to design and produce a 40 second advertisement. Catering created a special menu - 'Comfort food for the soul'. Music students are composing and performing 'Santa comes to town' which will be shown later in the year.

Finally, Alice Jackson won the 'Who is your most inspiring entrepreneur?' competition, with Tyra Banks of Top Model being her choice. Her prize was a Hue HD Webcam. Danilo Schulz came second with Richard Reed of Innocent Smoothie. Well done to both of you!

Ms Cheasley  
Head of Business Studies/Enterprise Co-ordinator

### Diplomas Update

It was fantastic to see such a great level of interest and enthusiasm shown by Year 9 students and parents at the information evening, held on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Preparations are continuing apace for the launch of our two exciting new Diplomas in September - Hospitality, and Sport & Active Leisure. It is a big decision to take, if you think you might want to study one of these courses next year. You must be keen and committed, because if you decide to apply, you will be up against many other students from this school and other schools, and not everybody will be successful.

We also gave out information about our vocational Practical Learning courses at the same time. Year 9 Work-Related Learning lessons have been dedicated to giving further information, and Group Tutors are giving advice in private Mentoring sessions. Taster Days and interviews are being arranged for January, both for these courses, and the Diplomas.

For those who are unsuccessful in gaining a place, and those who do not wish to follow a Diploma or Practical Learning course, the Key Stage 4 options process will get properly underway in February.

Mr Williams

### SPORTS LEADERS RUN AN AWESOME BADMINTON FESTIVAL !!!

The Year 11 Sports Leaders group ran a really successful Badminton Festival for local Primary Schools on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Forty two students came along on the night from a range of Primary Schools. The Sports Leaders had completed their BISI Badminton training and were raring to go. The festival took place after school and involved young aspiring badminton players in small games and activities. It was a really fun event and the feedback was great.

On the night there were 10 team captains and station hosts also. The team captains were; Finn James, Charlotte Collins, Taylor Godden, Andy Turner, Alizee Saily, Tom Marshall, Jason Beal, Jack Green, Bobby Stopps and Tim Newman-Beaumont. Each team captain had a team of keen badminton players they led around 10 stations, collecting points at each station.



The rest of the group were involved in hosting activities at their stations and did a great job.

The event was a huge success and bodes well for future ventures which will include a climbing competition and some work in Yewstock school.

Well done to the Sports Leaders Group

Mr More



### Gifted in PE, Talented in Sport

After a successful first year the G&T PE program has undergone some changes this year. As per Youth Sport Trust directions, pupils on the list are now classified as either "Gifted in PE" or "Talented in Sport". The lists have already been created and are on display on the main G&T board in the PE area.

This year I am also looking to support these two different groups according to their needs. The "Talented" group will get talks about routes through PE and potential jobs whilst the "Gifted" group will get specialised mentoring and specific training based on their sport. Both groups will be expected to participate in sessions after school to improve their fitness levels and take part in team cross country events and athletics in the summer.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the pupils who have successfully gained entry onto the Gifted and Talented lists in PE. The most recent being Frances Stanton "Gifted in PE" and Daniel Saunders "Talented in Sport" (Cricket).

Keep up the good work and remember to tell me about any sporting achievements inside or outside of school!!

Mr Waters

# PE News

## NETBALL NEWS

### Year 8

Well done to the Year 8 Netball team who despite being faced with poor weather conditions and cancelled matches are still showing outstanding commitment to the team by turning up to every training session.

We have arranged matches for the Year 8s on the following dates:

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November V Sturminster (away)

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December V Sturminster (home)

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December V Blandford (home)

Miss Rogers

### Year 9

The year nine netball girls have gone from strength to strength since starting in September. The girls have been dedicated to their training sessions on Wednesdays. As a team, the regular training is having a positive impact on their games.

We suffered a minor false start against Gillingham in September, but the girls have more than redeemed themselves since then. At the Under 14 tournament at St Marys we pursued our independent rivals and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the plate, narrowly missing out on taking home the silverware by one goal!

Since then the girls have been unstoppable, leaving local teams such as Blandford quivering in their path. I have seen a real improvement in the quality of the girls' netball and they are an absolute joy to coach.

Keep working hard girls and you never know, there may be more muffins...

Miss Dunn



*The formidable Year 9s!*

## Girls Football

The U16 girls Football team have managed to get through to the semi-finals of the County Cup, without actually playing a game! Their last quarter final game against Corfe Hills was cancelled due to a lack of players. The team will now play Lytchett Minster for their next game in order to move through as finalists!

Well done girls!

Miss George

### Year 10 & 11

The girls have continued through the term with training, despite the blustery weather. The rain has meant that many Netball matches have had to be cancelled and the girls have had little match practice this half of the term. The teams were glorious over Blandford on 19<sup>th</sup> November, accompanied by Miss Rogers - winning both of their matches. Netball training and matches will continue after Christmas and we are hoping for the weather to work more in our favour.

Keep your eyes on the PE notice boards in the girls changing rooms and by the Techno Gym for fixture dates and team sheets.

**Yr 10 Vs Blandford:** Won 15-7

**Yr 11 Vs Blandford:** Won 12-3

Miss George



*The Year 11 team*

## Sports Leaders

Huge congratulations to all the Year 10 Sport Leaders who helped out at the Tag Rugby festival. They were described by the Schools Sports Partnership Officer as "Outstanding students who demonstrated natural talent for leading". The festival originally had to be cancelled due to bad weather but this did not faze the leaders. When it was re-arranged they were all ready to help and raring to go!!

They have been asked to help at another two cluster primary school festivals, the Athletics Festival in December and the Volleyball Festival in June.

Hopefully they will be able to match their outstanding behaviour and leadership qualities in the next festivals.

Well done Sport Leaders

Miss Rogers

## Year 7 Rugby

When coming into a new school it can always be a bit of a struggle - there are lots of new names and faces to remember, new activities being run and a new environment which is always quite challenging. And that's just for the staff, let alone the new year 7 students!

After a shaky start to the new season, which saw only seven boys turn up to training and a hard defeat by Gryphon School which was basically Sherborne under 12's, the squad has gone from strength to strength. Turnout to training is much improved, which has led to a better understanding of the game. As a result of this we were only narrowly beaten by Blandford in the next match.

On the return fixture to Blandford, Shaftesbury found themselves against the odds at a not well supported, very dark and very wet Milldown Road. Despite all the elements being against them, the boys fought on and produced a well deserved victory.

With players now making regular training sessions and starting to play some entertaining rugby I am very proud to have taken the squad on and hope that this is the start of a high-quality group of lads. Well done to the following point scorers: Ryan Cundick, Owen Emmett-Bowden, Matthew Welch and Joel Xuereb.

Special thanks go to Mr. Harvey for helping assist the players during training and fixtures and Mr. Waters for some top quality refereeing in our home matches. Let's keep going from strength to strength. (Don't forget to turn up to training boys).

Mr Reynolds

## Surfing Trip to Woolacombe, North Devon

Shaftesbury School embarked on the first ever GCSE and A level surfing trip to Woolacombe, North Devon. Eight surfers - Francis Stanton, Keiha Dhruv, Finn James, Eric Bryce, Sam Harris, George Ridgway, Joshua Blundell and Ollie Coombes - made the journey west only to be met with gale force winds and rain.

This didn't dampen spirits even though surfing on the Saturday felt like swimming against the tide.

After a night of guitar jamming and Mr More's awesome pasta cooking, the sun came out, the surf got classic and everyone got their fill of waves.

Special mention to George Ridgway for learning to surf on this weekend and finding yet another thing that he is naturally good at!

Mr More

## Sports Fixtures

This Autumn has seen a hard start for Shaftesbury School's boys sports teams. Under 14's and 16's rugby has been plagued with injuries and seen many schools pulling out of fixtures at short notice.

The under 19's are starting to find their feet within the Dorset Schools under 19's football league with four hard games being played. These resulted in two defeats away against Corfe Hills and Ferndown and two home draws against Oakmead and Twynham, which was stolen back from 2 nil down at half time with a Lewis Coombes penalty and a Simon Fellows header which secured vital points.

With the new term on the horizon, Football Club will be starting in January so hopefully this will see football grow from strength to strength in all age groups as many fixtures are planned.

This term the Basketball club has seen a good turnout at training sessions - they boys have entered the Dorset Schools League, for which an additional training day has been added. Sadly the under 19's have had a hard start to their season in the league with narrow defeats against both Budmouth College and Weymouth College. However there are still loads of points to be earned in the New Year.

Mr Reynolds



## FREE KIT FOR SCHOOL!!!

If you or any member of your family are readers of the Daily Mail or Mail on Sunday, could you please start collecting the mastheads - the newspaper title at the top of the front page - and bring them in to the PE Department?

If we collect 1,000 mastheads, we can get a Gilbert training kit worth £300, comprising 12 training balls, 50 training cones with a metal carrier, 10 training bibs and a ball bag. For 2,000 mastheads, we can get all that PLUS six Gilbert Dimension match balls, one ball pressure gauge, six water bottles and carrier, a coach's laptop bag and a team kit bag.

So start collecting NOW!!!

# POETRY PLEASE 2009

The following review of this year's Poetry Please was received from the William Barnes Society:

This event took place on the evening of November 12th. It was a wild, wet and windy night, but even so, some 200 children, parents and teachers assembled in the school's splendid Hall...and nearly filled it.

It was an altogether excellent evening. In the course of just under two hours some 50 children recited or read poetry that they had chosen themselves - no doubt after due consideration, at least in most cases, of their teachers' suggestions. We heard work by Shakespeare, Rupert Brooke, Hilaire Belloc, T S Eliot, Betjeman and Anon, as well as by William Barnes; but many of the poets represented were altogether less distinguished. In a few cases, they were the youthful performers themselves.



The emphasis was on performance, entertainment and enjoyment, with dressing up being almost *de rigueur*, rather than on the artistic merits, if any, of one's selected poem. Probably as a consequence, the students displayed truly remarkable confidence and courage in mounting the stage and in engaging the attention of such a large audience, especially as the majority of the competitors were only in Years 6 or 7 - that is to say, they were either in their final year at a feeder primary school or in their first term at Shaftesbury. The participation of the older pupils was somewhat inhibited this year by the demands of their examiners and by a school trip to Belgium starting early the following morning.

Although only three poems were entered in to the Barnes section of the event, each was given a dramatic production, and altogether no fewer than seven senior students were involved on stage. After enjoyable presentations of "Fireside Chairs" (from John Welch and Lucy Gill) and "A lot of maidens a-runnen the yields" (thank you Luke Gibson and Tim Godfrey-Twiss) we came to what turned out to be the winner - a brilliantly comic production on the part of George Ridgway, Tim Hardiman and Sam Rutter, very worthy recipients of the Society's trophy, of "The waggon a-stooded". Their stagecraft included a surprise entrance from the back of the Hall, and a lot of boisterous knockabout business, involving both a wheelbarrow, standing in for the waggon, and a spade (or was it a speade or even a shovel?). With all that natural exuberance on tap, and give the length and difficulty of the piece, it was probably an artistic advantage that George, Tim and Sam were able to read their lines, rather than having to struggle to learn and remember them. I was left with the reflection that it takes the involvement of the young, helped and encouraged by skilled teachers, to bring out in full the rustic Dorset humour to be found in Barnes's work.



*Daniel Hayden's winning performance*

The overall winner of the evening's event was Daniel Hayden, aged 11, in his first term at Shaftesbury, who gave us a very lively rendering of "Batman's Exercise Video". Congratulations! Congratulations also to the winners of each year group - Seth Jordan in Year 7, Kevin Hudson in Year 8, and Frances Bathurst and Kate Coulson in the Senior section. Special mention must also go to Isabella Vincent-Moscrop of St Andrews School, who also won the Year 6 Own Poem category with her poem "When I went to the Seaside".

The fun nature of the occasion was enhanced by the smooth organisation, and by technical wizardry. As also happened last year, and following the example of the radio programme, two self-possessed senior pupils hosted the evening, and amusingly framed their continuity announcements in home-made reggae-type doggerel. The background for the competitors on the stage was a large and colourful moving picture, presumably produced by back-projection. While the judges were considering their decisions, the audience was entertained by some very competent musicians, including a single, who were equipped, it would seem, with top-of-the range synthesisers. Their music proved to be extremely agreeable, even to us fogies. In summary, Shaftesbury School did us all proud.

The school's 2010 Poetry Please is likely to be on Thursday 11th November. Perhaps the William Barnes Society should book a minibus.

Christopher Heath  
William Barnes Society

INTRODUCING...

## The Cover Supervisors

In any school, a teacher can be absent during term time for further subject/curriculum development, educational trips and possibly from sickness. To enable continuity for both pupils, staff and parents, Shaftesbury School has an excellent provision for these situations and employs an experienced team of three Cover Supervisors - Sam Leiber-Young, Phil Redding and Rebecca Dean. I am Karen Willetts, the Cover Manager and I head up the team and also act as a fourth cover supervisor.



The main benefits of having cover supervisors permanently at the school are that the team are fully aware of school procedures and are known by the pupils and staff. There is therefore minimal disruption to pupils and teaching staff. The role of the cover supervisor is to supervise the class and offer pupils on-going support in their learning activities for the short term or unforeseen absence of their normal teacher. The teacher will set appropriate work in accordance with the school policy which will be continuation work of a topic or revision worksheets.

All the team have high expectations of the pupils, have the skills to safely manage classroom activities, and use a range of strategies to deal with classroom and individual behavioural needs. They liaise with the subject teachers, heads of department, heads of house and the RAD team to ensure that pupils needs are met. It is a busy and varied role as they could be supervising classes in a range of subjects across year groups on any one day as well as taking registration and tutor time.

In the case of longer term absence, fully vetted supply teachers will be used. Feedback and observations for each supply teacher are carried out to ensure that they meet the high expectations of the teaching requirements in the school.

If you require any further information, or if you are or you know of a teacher who would like to be considered for supply work at the school, please contact me via the School Reception to discuss further.

Mrs K Willetts

## THE MAN FROM THE COUNCIL

'The Man from the Council' was presented to Year 8 and supported by Dorset Council Recycling officer Mrs Juniper. It was important that the students thought that this was going to be a lecture - very boring! - all about recycling and how important it is. Two men in dark suits took to the stage and the laughter did not stop until they left an hour later. There were 3 basic messages: RECYCLE, REUSE AND COMPOST. Luke Kelleher also very bravely took to the stage to help reinforce these messages.

Mr Holloway was a very amusing actor and whilst his antics made us all laugh it was clear from student evaluations later that they had all taken on board the information about SUSTAINABILITY.

"I learnt how easy it is to recycle, reuse and compost!" Michael Rimmer

"It was a clever performance because as we were listening to the lecture we were also watching Mr Holloway. It was fun" Evangeline Twyford

"I learnt that if you recycle the whole world will be a happier and healthier place" Charlotte Hall



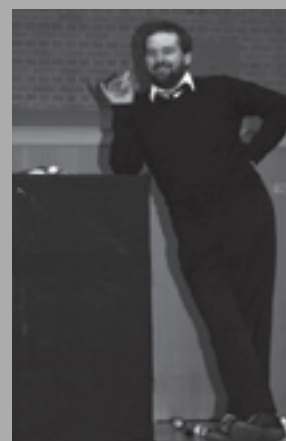
"I learnt that you should recycle old clothes and bottles and reuse bags." Harriet Heasman

"It was about saving the earth and how simple it is to solve this problem" Miles Hodgson

"It was very clever how one took it seriously and the other (Mr Holloway) didn't at all and that kept us interested" Andrew Bryant

"I learnt that we waste an awful lot" Amber Dewe

"I am now going to try and use our compost bin much more often" Megan Ozzard



Mr Holloway

# Year 9 Belgium Trip

We left Shaftesbury School at about 1am. The journey to Belgium took about 7 hours, sitting in the bus which wasn't comfortable, full of enthusiastic and noisy Year 9 kids.

During the journey we were watching films. One of them, 'My Boy Jack' was really interesting. It was about the First World War.

The trip was really exciting. I didn't sleep for about 30 hours but I think that it was good experience and worth it. We arrived at Ypres at about 10am. One thing which was really impressive was the town, and the buildings were ancient and antique.

After Ypres we went to the Flanders Fields Museum. In my opinion the museum was really impressive and interesting; there was a lot of information about First World War. The museum was quite different to others I have seen in my life - it was really interesting and fascinating because of all of those things on the wall and in the floor. There were some rooms where we could sit and watch the film about First World War, and watching the film I felt that I was there with those people. We were also given a card with the name of person who was involved in the First World War on it, and we could put it into a machine and on the screen come up the history of that person's life.

After that we went to see the Menin Gate. It is a memorial to the missing and killed in Ypres during the First World War. We were able to check if our surname was on the wall, and there was also a book with 54,896 surnames of the people who were killed or missing between 1914-1918. I wasn't able to find my surname, but lots of kids from Year 9 found theirs. One of the girl from Year 9 found about 25 people with her surname, which was quite impressive.

Then we went to a chocolate shop. There were lots of sweets and even more different types of chocolates.

Later we went to Tyne Cot Cemetery. Here there were a lot of graves of the people who died between 1914 and 1918.

## The Chocolate Shop

The shop was like a small child's dream. It was small but filled to the roof with sugary delights. Every wall was covered with marshmallows, flying saucers, massive lollipops, and of course chocolates, lots of chocolates. Everyone left the shop with carrier bags full of chocolates and sweets.

Mr Smith told us not to eat any of it until we were back at home so our parents could look after the hyper kids. Everyone ignored him of course, and we had a loud journey home.

### The journey home

On the way home, apart from being hyper, we watched a film, but Mr Langford wouldn't put it on until we left the port of Dover. The film was Titanic! Lots of people fell asleep on each other - Annie Ring fell asleep on me and I didn't get any sleep for eleven hours! Frances Horn and Elinor Wing went to sleep awkwardly. It looked very painful!

By Amber Carter and Elinor Wing

## The Cemetery

Belgium was an interesting experience; one of those experiences had taken place at the Cemetery.

I hadn't realised how many people had died in the war. The number of graves was astonishing. Each and every gravestone had their own personal message to symbolize what they stood for... It's only fair that we dedicate our time to remember them.

By Joe Bell and Tim Godfrey-Twiss

Overall the whole trip took about 22 hours, but it was really good experience and I will always remember it. I am really grateful to Mr Langford for giving me opportunity to go with Year 9 to Belgium.

Iwona Kostrzewa



# Writers' Corner

This half term in Writers' club we've been working on ballads.

## What is a ballad?

- A narrative poem or song that usually contains a refrain
- It will follow a set pattern in rhyme and metre
- It tells a story, often linked to folklore and legends
- A modern ballad may draw on a contemporary theme but still use a traditional structure
- Ballads bring their characters, settings and stories alive through the use of figurative language
- Famous narrative poems are *The Highwayman* by Alfred Noyes and *The Lady of Shallot* by Alfred Lord Tennyson

## What will we do with our ballads?

- We are hoping to publish them in a small illustrated anthology

Here is a taste of our work in progress...

## The Devil's Daughter

Into the trees I followed him with a quickening pace,  
The blue moon shining on his pained looking face.  
The woods were shadowed on this October night,  
As I listened to my steps echo,  
Steps echo, steps echo.  
And I raced on forward in the gloomy light.

I came to a stop on the dry autumn leaves,  
Glancing at his cramped hands coming from his sleeves.  
A small snarl growing on his pained looking face,  
And a glare entering his beady black eyes,  
The dark truth behind black eyes.  
A secret hidden behind a much changed face.

He'd dragged me out of town with a smirk on his mouth,  
He told me to follow and began heading south.  
It wasn't just him there was something there,  
I wasn't shivering from cold of the night but fear,  
He was creating nothing but fear.  
And cold sweat dripped off the tips of my hair.

My heart missed a beat as I realised it all,  
I ran back north trying not to trip or to fall.  
It was all just a trick to bring me here,  
I was foolish enough to fall for his heart,  
Fall again, for his heart,  
All I wanted was to know he's near.

My heart was in half as his transformation began,  
The terror ran through me as fast as I ran.  
It had to be me, I knew from the start,  
I fled so fast as darkness fell,  
The nightmare began as darkness fell.  
Only this secret could tear us apart.

Petrina Harris 9T6

## An extract from the narrative poem 'Life'

An echo in the ear of man  
A question forever asked, like to your ear a knife  
Never an answer foretold.  
What is life?

Is it a fantasy? A dream perhaps?  
Is it an illusion that cannot be solved?  
Although I could be more, a blessing from above?  
The answer is a story that has never been told...

...It is the bewitching elegance of a summer's day  
The indescribable emotions of a clear sapphire sky  
The vibrantly tipsy care freeness of the golden sun's rays  
The feel of fresh cut grass embracing your cheek

In turn it is the stench of crime,  
The deathly linger of drugs  
The foul odour of treason  
The intoxicating embrace of petty thugs

The waves, so gentle and peaceful nestling a boat  
Then into a furious trance of rage,  
A tinkling flatness  
Turned to a violent picture on your page

The great mountain alike the sea,  
A seemingly harmless giant of rock and stone  
Channelling all its rage into one immense eruption  
Destroying forest and our way of life, he then is alone.

Luke Kelleher 8T5

# Writers' Corner

SMILE (!)

S.V. IS AS WE SHORTEN  
A MAN WHO ISN'T SMALL.  
S.V. IS MORE, TALENTED,  
GOOD-HEARTED AND QUITE TALL.

HE USED TO BE A PAINTER  
SINCE WHEN HE WAS A CHILD,  
THE PAINTING MADE HIM TRAVEL,  
THE JOURNEYS MADE HIM WILD...

Lou Frankenstein 120

## The English Department's



Trees are hands,  
Their branches are fingers,  
In spring and summer they wear leafy gloves  
But in winter they take them off, to catch clouds

*Connor Doyle 7R3*

## MY MAGIC BOX

I will put in my box

The sorrow sound of a slain dragon  
The hiss of a dying snake  
The smell of freshly baked brownies  
The howl of a dinosaur with toothache

I will put in the box

A small piece off a flying saucer  
A bite of the tastiest carrot from the midnight garden  
The taste from the reddest apple from the oldest tree

I will put in the box

The shine from a stolen star,  
The blade from a broken samurai  
The roar of a mouse with no tail

I will put in my box

A box made of shining steel made by a lost blacksmith  
Diamonds forged in the mines of Africa  
And gold from the crown jewels.

*Rufus Langton Gilks - 70*

## 7N's Whole Class Poem

This is a true example of what a whole class poem can be.

The class had been discussing what makes a poem work. They decided that a poem was a picture in words.

The image of Neil Armstrong was then put on the board and they responded to it in words with this vivid series of dramatic images...

Mr Davies



## Spaceman by 7N

It always makes me worried  
When I can't see someone's eyes  
A white shining object, gleaming in the shadow  
of the Sun  
A ghostly mirror for a face  
Circular-headed like a football  
One small step for man,  
Wearing a futuristic battle suit, pure like snow,  
A giant marshmallow with limbs  
The spaceman is plump and about to sink,  
A little bit toasted  
Looks like a present all square and large  
Looks like he has a jetpack on his back  
He's from the USA  
An American flag on his arm  
A man standing on breadcrumbs  
Looks like he's got a goldfish bowl for a head  
The most awesome fishbowl in the world  
Littler men as small as the Borrowers  
Jumping about in his helmet  
Body stiff as a statue  
Frozen stone  
A slowly moving robotic figure, a mime artist  
Doing a Moonwalk  
I was going to say a Man in the Mirror  
Confusing buttons and switches stuck to his  
spacesuit  
Gloves, suits, boots and helmets cover his pink  
skin  
Breathing the air of space...  
Taking all the oxygen out of it....

## CHARITY SKYDIVE TO HELP THE ARMY

My name is Josh Willcox and I am a student in Year 13. Myself and fellow students John Welch (also year 13) and Amy Sheppard (an ex student) are planning to do a Charity Skydive to support the Army Benevolent Fund in 2010.

The Army Benevolent Fund is by far one of the most broadest charities I have ever come across. It supports many needs, including helping the widows of ex-soldiers, injured soldiers, and soldiers' families.

In addition to the skydive, we shall also be hosting events including bingo, car washes, balls etc to raise the maximum amount of money for the Army Benevolent Fund.

However, this will be nigh on impossible without the help of supporters such as yourselves. We are asking that you follow our progress (which will be documented in Aspire and also the local press including the Western Gazette), and attend our events (details to follow), and sponsor us for our skydive.



This would mean a lot to us, and members of the Army Benevolent Fund. If you have any further questions, or would like to sponsor us, please don't hesitate

to email me on [joshwillcox1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:joshwillcox1@hotmail.co.uk).

Thanks for reading this.

Josh Willcox

## CONNEXIONS



I am Toni May, the Connexions Personal Adviser at Shaftesbury School. My background is in Careers Advice and guidance and I am trained to offer individual support to students in school from Year 9 to 13. I have over 20 years experience in North Dorset and work closely with the Connexions team and staff at school to keep up to date with local opportunities in employment, training and education.

This term is nearly over and year 11 students will take study leave from May 2010. To ensure your daughter or son is making an informed decision on the vast range of post 16 options, please encourage them to arrange a meeting with me (forms available in the library). You are more than welcome to come and see me in school, either as part of your son or daughter's meeting, or on another day if you wish. I am also happy to discuss general options with you on the phone if

this is easier for you so, please do get in touch.

Students: if you would like to see me, complete the form in the Library and put it in the post box. If you give your mobile number, I can text you with the time and date of our meeting. You will also get a note via your tutor. I work in school on Thursdays and Fridays, so if you are unavailable on either day, let me know.

## WINTER EMERGENCIES

It is the policy of Dorset County Council that schools should operate wherever possible, provided that staff and pupil are not exposed to unacceptable conditions of any kind at school, or on their way to and from school.

In the event of very bad weather causing closure of the school, the following apply:

1. The school will post a notice on the home page of the website [www.shaftesburyschool.com](http://www.shaftesburyschool.com) by 7.15am if the school is to be closed for the day.
2. Emergency information will be broadcast on 2CR FM (102.3FM), Midwest Radio (96.6 and 97.4FM), Wessex FM (96 & 97.2FM) and Spire FM (102FM).
3. The radio stations will broadcast closure details every 20-30 minutes before normal school hours. Please keep listening on these wavelengths in the event of bad weather.
4. Please do not telephone the school for information. We need our lines free for emergency accidents, food supplies and transport arrangements for students.
5. Please do not telephone the radio stations or Dorset County Council since this will also jam their lines.
6. Students within walking distance should make every effort to get in on time when the school is open.
7. In the event of bad weather, be prepared for students to return home early.
8. Please ensure that our records with regard to details of daytime contact numbers are updated as a result of changes of address or parent employment.

**PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION FOR REFERENCE IN BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS**

## The Junior Apprentice Challenge

It's that time of year again.....when Mrs Hunter steps into the shoes of Sir Alan Sugar....except, she is not as old, not as rich, and has more hair!

Junior Apprentice Challenge is one of the highlights of Enterprise Week and is always a task enjoyed by the students and gives them an opportunity to really display their talents and skills.

Monday morning at 8.40am, the challenge was set:

**To create a TV advert for a men's or women's fragrance'..... in just 3 hours!**

The students organise themselves into groups, brainstorm ideas, come up with names for the fragrance, plan their advert, film it, complete the voiceovers, choose music and edit it. This is all done by the students, without any help from Mrs Hunter who is there to provide technical support and provide equipment on request, such as video recorders, digi cameras, voice recorders etc.

This year the names of the fragrances were Dark Passion, Velvet Touch, Odour of Reflection, Loxuri Royale, Smex and Jelo.

As well as displaying creativity and technical skill, the groups showed other skills such as team work and collaboration, risk taking, time management, planning and meeting objectives. They had just 3 hours to complete their advertisement, and the films were then shown to a panel of judges, consisting of business associates, staff and sixth formers.

After much discussion, it was decided that the winning group was 'Jelo'. They won for the comedy factor of it and taking a perfume advert to the extreme, the timing, and the choice of music. In this group were, Luke, Elliot, Josh and Oliver - all in year 10 Dig Apps group. Well done for their sheer brilliance in making many laugh! Runners up were Velvet touch, for the use of graphics and music, and Dark Passion for the originality and an 'off the wall' style advert.

All of the groups produced work to be proud of. The standard was very high and all students should be commended for producing work that could be up there with the candidates of 'The Apprentice'

The winning team member each won a Hue Webcam and a copy of the final Junior Apprentice Challenge on DVD. The runners up each received an Enterprise Week pen and badge, a copy of the Junior Apprentice Challenge on DVD, and a big tube of chocolates.

Well done to everyone for taking part.....and be prepared if you're in year 9, as you will be involved in this next year...and the standards are high!

All advertisements can be accessed via the school intranet.....please take time to view and enjoy.

Sarah Hunter  
AKA - Alana Sugar

## Yet another enterprise challenge....

Five classes of year 9 students took part in a team-building enterprise challenge in ICT. They were set a task to design a new iPod and then pitch the marketing ideas.

Students had the full range of ICT tools and facilities at their disposal and came up with some very creative solutions including posters, radio adverts, TV adverts and even a song! Teams of five were pitched against each other to find class winners, who then went through to a head-to-head decision-making process where the two teachers of the classes argued over whose was better.

Students enjoyed the experience and said that sticking to the brief was the biggest challenge, whilst coming up with the creative solutions was the most fun.

Mr Bond

## GOOD LUCK

to all the Year 10 Health and Social Care students who have started their extended work experience placements.

Jane Belfield  
Teacher of Health and Social Care



# Sixth Form News

The selection process for the 2010 Rwanda Trip has now taken place. We had some excellent applications and tough decisions to make. Thanks to all those students who applied. We now have our "Rwanda 6" - congratulations to Lucy Hull, Yasmin Bastable, Alex Harris, Nathan Cobern, Izzy Orton and Keiha Dhruv. Brief comments from them on their initial feelings at being selected are shown here.

We recently had a visit from Odette Kayirere in school. Odette is a survivor of the genocide, who now runs a charity in Rwanda caring for and supporting other families whose lives were devastated by the events. She spoke with some Year 11 and Sixth Form students, and the moving accounts of two of our Year 11 students, Erin Dawe Lane and Frances Bathurst are reproduced below.

*I was a little apprehensive about meeting Odette; I was not sure how I would cope with the stories and the truly heart-breaking reality of the genocide in Rwanda. I have always felt very emotional at the extreme hardship suffered by those living in Rwanda and have never understood the effects of the complex political and tribal disputes that caused the tragic death of over a million innocent people.*

*I think it is difficult for us to imagine the traumatic and scaring memories that thousands of people have to live with everyday, as mothers, as fathers, as teachers and as children. Hearing Odette's horrific experiences made me feel incredibly lucky to live in such a safe and secure environment, something that we as a nation take for granted. As Odette spoke, we fell instantly silent, and sat in complete awe of her courage, bravery and unfaltering determination in the face of adversity. She herself was a victim of the terrible violence - and a survivor. Leaving her home through fear, herself her husband and her six children fled from their village, forced to keep moving, in the hope of finding some form of shelter, perhaps a bush, anything that would hide them from the ever watchful Hutus. With her two month old baby strapped to her back and her other children forced to walk long distances without food or water, "blisters burned with every step" she told us. Tragically, her husband was murdered. It is impossible to image the strength and valour needed to deal with such a difficult situation. Fearing everyday that she may lose someone else, that maybe she may not be there to look after her children, but despite this she managed to continue caring and protecting her children, even when, more than ever, she needed comfort and support, to help her grieve for her husband. She is a real hero. It was impossible to hold back the tears; even for the boys. We were all welling up, moved by such a heart-breaking tale. It was an honour to meet such an inspirational woman, who has dedicated her life to the charities Avega and Msaada, who are always giving and helping to support other people.*

*As a school we are supporting the astounding charity Msaada and we are helping to make a difference to the lives of millions of people, but we need to do more. Msaada offers a way for Rwandans to rebuild their lives. Of course nothing can repair the damage caused by death, although Msaada can offer counsel for these people, relieving financial pressure to allow time for grieving. There are a variety of different programs to help people get back on their feet, to provide a stable and secure income and most importantly the gift of an education. Children are given the chance to improve their lives, learn a trade, a life skill, something that is invaluable. They are allowed to be children once more, to escape, to learn and laugh something that every child deserves. We have already begun to help some children and they will need continued support throughout their education. The money raised through our sponsored silence will help make a massive difference to a lot of lives!*

**Erin Dawe Lane 1106**

"Of all the things I'm expecting to look forward to from the visit I am most excited about meeting the children of the school out there who (I have been told) are extremely upbeat and positive. I am also looking forward to learning more about the genocide from the families out there.

We were also lucky enough to meet Odette who we will be staying with in Rwanda who really started off this truly life-changing experience".

**Keiha Dhruv**

"Earlier on this year I was given the fantastic opportunity through the charity organisation Msaada to join the Rwanda team. This involves going out to Rwanda with five other students from year 12 to experience the Rwandan culture, to teach at a Rwandan school, to go on safari and to visit the church where the genocide took place. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I am very much looking forward to it".

**Nathan Cobern**

# Sixth Form News



*The 2010 group:*

*l-r: Keiha, Yasmin, Izzy, Lucy, Alex and Nathan*

“Mr Hayes described our reactions as ‘the best X-Factor reaction we’ve had so far!’ when he told us the fantastic news that the six of us – Izzy Orton, Keiha Dhruv, Alex Harris, Yazzy Bastable, Nathan Cobern and myself had been chosen to go to Rwanda. I’m really looking forward to the trip and it will be a fantastic opportunity to meet many new people!”

Lucy Hull

“The process of getting selected for Rwanda was a stressful one....the application letter was tricky and the interview was very intense, but now I have been chosen I am even happier than I thought I would be. It could possibly be one of the greatest things I’ve done. I can’t wait to go and experience something so special”.

Alex Harris

## Meeting with Odette Kayirere

Mr Hayes introduced the session and told us a bit about the work of Msaada and what a difference our school is making. After that we were introduced to Odette Kayirere. She was nothing like I had expected. Instead of being met by a shy, shaken woman, I was greeted by the most wonderful, inspiring individual. Odette started her talk by telling us her story of the genocide. Having her husband taken away and never seeing him again, with one child on her back and seven other young girls, she didn’t give up. One day she lost one of her daughters and she just kept praying and looking. When she finally found her, Odette couldn’t even speak because she was so thirsty and tired. How she managed to make it that far I do not know but I do know that she deserves to be remembered forever as a hero for her will and want to survive. Her voice never broke when speaking but you could tell that the events had made a lasting impact on her. She wasn’t angry but loving for life and the future. This was the most humbling aspect of the session - she had learnt to forgive and move on.

I couldn’t take my eyes off Odette. She was so absorbing, like it was just me and her in the room. And then when she had finished her story of the event, she went on to stun us all. She is now a leader of a large charity in Rwanda and is reshaping the country so the same thing doesn’t happen again. On top of this she has adopted 8 more children! I really don’t think I can ever do her justice. She blew me away and I was so humbled. When I left, I had a new outlook on life. I am now as eager as before to make something out of life and I am definitely applying to be part of the next Rwanda trip.

Frances Bathurst 11S1

“When the chance for year 12 students to go came up, I wrote a letter to Mr Booth explaining that I would love to be selected. I got through to the interview and was then chosen as one of the six people visiting Rwanda.

I am so excited about visiting the schools and living the Rwandan life for 10 days. It will be such a life changing experience and I’m so grateful that Mr Hayes has let me go!”

Yasmin Bastable

“After a long and scary selection process I am lucky enough to have the amazing opportunity of going to Rwanda along with five of my best friends! I think this will be a fantastic experience and I hope to play a small part in trying to help to improve the lives of many people in Rwanda”.

Izzy Orton



*Alex, Lucy, Nathan and Izzy with Odette Kayirere*



## Rag Day 2009

### Friday 11th December

This year we are raising money for MSAADA and the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance. It will be a mufti day so please donate £1 and bring along some extra money to take part in the activities during the day.

All of the sixth form and lots of staff will be in fancy dress doing all sorts of things to raise money. Last year we raised over £3000 so let's all try and beat it this year.

Activities during the day will include the Weakest Link, kissograms, a cake sale and 'fun activities' at lunchtime - including leg waxing, eating competitions and karaoke.

Please get involved and support these worthy causes. Students will be raising money in the town during the day, so please tell everyone that you know to look out for our red buckets!



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