



IB Students host Christmas Dinner for Senior Citizens

Year 12 IB students, with the assistance of canteen manager, Carol Whittall have been busy organising Kingshurst CTC's inaugural Christmas Dinner for senior citizens. For some, Christmas was a period of isolation and the dinner was an opportunity to generate some festive cheer for them in our College. The event was a huge success.



The drive, initiative and interpersonal skills of the students has enabled them to organise a year 7 disco and non-uniform day to generate funds for the Dinner before turning their attention to the logistics of the event itself.

The event included tea and mince pies, a performance of Christmas Carols by the Music department, a three-course

dinner and bingo. CAS students were ably supported by Year 12 AVCE Travel & Tourism students ensured the highest standards of customer services while Clive Adams chauffeured those that needed assistance. Roz Trudgon heightened the stakes in the fiercely contested bingo and drew the raffle while our resident Santa, Hosey Dav-

oudian, was able to ensure all went home with a present.

The canteen staff, Carol Whittall, Pat Causer, Laura Taylor and Gail Lane gave up their own time and worked tirelessly to complete a monumental shift, having served the entire college beforehand! All had a great time and it is hoped that this will become a regular feature on the college

calendar.

IB students completed many hours of services for their CAS and learned a great deal from the event. We now plan to provide more assistance to senior citizens in the community throughout the year.

Lee Fletcher

Message from Ann Jones - This has been another busy, action packed term as this edition of Inside Out shows. Congratulations to all students who have taken part in the countless events and activities over the past term. Tremendous thanks goes to all those involved in raising over £3000 for Comic Relief and, in particular, to Mrs Lawson and her team for making the day such a success. Next month sees the start of the examination season for students in years 9, 11 and 13. We send them all our very best wishes as they begin their revision. Let's hope they have 100% recall during the examination period!

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IB students complete 150 hours of Creative Active Service (CAS) as part of their International Baccalaureate Diploma. Here we highlight some excellent achievements that are indicative of the ingenuity, work ethic and altruistic nature of our students.



Kirsty Clarke skydives for charity

I took part in a 10,000 foot skydive on 29th August 2003, for the Beacon Centre for the Blind. I raised £451.21 for the charity, to help enable them to continue to offer their services to several thousand local blind and partially sighted people.

It was an amazing experience, which I thoroughly enjoyed, and I would recommend it to anybody who is not afraid of heights!

By Kirsty Clarke

Journey of a Lifetime



As I am a big Middlesbrough fan, I travel up to every home game. I usually travel in the car, but for this season's first match I decided to do the 230 mile trip on my bike in order to raise money for the genetic disorder Cystic Fibrosis. I set off on Tuesday 19 August from St Andrews and arrived

at the Riverside Stadium on Sunday 24 August just in time for a lap of honour around the pitch. I was joined by Callum Finnegan, year 8 (a Cystic Fibrosis sufferer), at the start and end of the ride. We both met the whole Middlesbrough team and Arsene Wenger. It was a long and tough journey

to get there but in the end it was worth it. As well as the ride other events were put together including a raffle for a signed Birmingham City away shirt. In total we managed to raise £2600 for cystic Fibrosis.

By Ryan Davey

Oxford Charity Walk

Kerriane Parker, Carl Warom and Simon Probert organised and completed a sponsored walk from Coventry to Oxford in August 2003. The route was 79 miles in length and lasted five days.

The walk took us through picturesque areas such as Bedworth, Rugby, Napton, Banbury, Kidlington and finally Oxford, despite seeing only canals and fields. The route was 79 miles in length, spanning the whole of the Coventry and Oxford canals and lasted five days. The weather during the walk

was glorious and we had brilliant sunshine and warm temperatures every day.

The money raised was split between two charities: UNICEF, the United Nations' Children's Fund, and The Multiple Sclerosis Society. Approximately £500 has been raised, which we are hoping to have collected



fully and sent off by Christmas.

Despite having aching and sore feet, shoulders and backs at the end, we enjoyed

the walk and are proud of ourselves for raising the money for charity.

By Simon Probert

Presentation Evening

The first Kingshurst KS3 and 4 Presentation Evening on October 8th was a huge success on all counts. Over two hundred parents attended along with a number of ex members of staff as well as current staff and governors. Roz Trudgon acted as MC for the evening, during which over 150 students had their efforts and achievements recognised in all subject areas.

The College band, ably led by Ms Helen Grady provided the music for the evening, setting the celebratory tone that continued throughout.

The evening was introduced by Roz Trudgon, followed by a welcome speech by the principal, Ann Jones, who expressed her delight at being given the opportunity to so publicly recognise the achievements of students in KS 3 and 4

Dr. Barrie Reece was invited back as guest speaker for the evening, a role he carried out with typical charisma and vigour. He delivered a short speech on the importance of making the most of life's opportunities before going on to present the prizes. Prizes were awarded for both effort and achievement in each subject as well as playing an outstanding role in form groups. In addition Assistant Principals presented individual prizes for outstanding contribution to a particular year group and Ann Jones presented the Principal's Prize for outstanding contribution to college life to Rebecca Scarrot from 8 Payne and Georgina

Perry from 11 Harris.

Dr. Reece made sure that every student was addressed individually as they were presented with their prize, the individual approach being something that he felt very strongly about, having seen Neil Kinnock (MEP) do something very similar on a previous occasion.

At the end of the evening a special vote of thanks was given to Dr Reece by Chiko Wade, Yr 13 Student Union President.

The whole tone of the evening was very friendly, as remarked upon by several parents afterwards, not the stiff, formal atmosphere that can sometimes be found on such occasions. It was felt that it was important that the tone of the event represented the friendly staff student relationship that is so much part of the ethos at Kingshurst.

This was a fantastic evening, and a much overdue opportunity to publicly recognise the achievements and efforts of our students in the presence of their peers and families.



The Kingshurst Presentation Evening has now become a permanent fixture in the CTC calendar and has provided students with something to aim

for in addition to exam success.

By Roz Trudgon

Georgina Perry receives the highest accolade, The Principal's Award

When I received the letter that told me I had won an award at the first ever Key stage three and four presentation evening, I was delighted. I didn't know what subject it was for, so it made it more of a surprise on the night when my name was called out to collect the award for achievement in Art. I watched my friends go and collect their certificates, and then my name was called again. I was

extremely pleased about this, as it turned out I had won the Form Tutor award. When all of the subject prizes were given, the assistant principal's award was given out to each year. One of my friends won this, which I was really pleased about. Then, the final prize of the night was due. The principal's award. I listened as Miss Jones gave a lovely speech about the recipient of the award, and realised everyone

was turning round and looking at me. I was shaking my head in disagreement, but then Miss Jones said my name. I had won the Principal's award. I was so proud of all the awards I had been given, but in particular, that one. It turned out to be a very successful evening for everyone, thoroughly enjoyable and memorable for all.

Parents' Consultative Council

Mr. M James (Year 7), Mrs. W Beal (Year 7) and Mrs E Bowkett (Year 9) have been appointed to the Parents' Consultative Council.

If you would like to contact the representatives please do so Karen Ward, Office Manager.

The Art & Design courses at the CTC give students the chance to put forward their innovative design ideas through a diversity of courses.

BTEC Fashion Students Help Behind the Scenes

On Monday the 8th and Tuesday the 9th of December, the fashion students represented the college, working backstage at the Clotheshow Live 2003. Having already experienced the hectic rush and seeing how much work the staff had put in it was time to see the show as an audience member.

After the hosts got the crowd ready by encouraging audience participation games, to which the crowd responded with enthusiasm, the lights dimmed, and the show was ready to begin. The models, sporting space-age silver wear and moody pouts began to walk up and down the catwalk to the soundtrack of Close Encounters. This was swiftly followed by an urban street wear dance routine inspired by the American love for basketball.

The show lasted approximately 45 minutes, with other scenes including a retro 60's dance routine with hideously yet purposely clashing colours; a high street catwalk scene, with the models strutting their stuff to "Money, success, fame, glamour", the clothes representing all these words and to finish, a loud in your face "Posh Punk" scene, where Gucci inspired clothing meets bad attitudes and headbanging!

Most of the nine scenes

the show offered had a solid theme, and the music and clothing helped mark this. However, a few scenes drifted, leaving the audience feeling confused, as the music, models, and clothing were all sending out different messages, though this small downfall was overshadowed by the perfect choreography and obvious hard work.

By Rikky Smith



Recycling Inkjet Cartridges for Charity

In April 2004 a new hearing test will be carried out on all new born babies. This is a huge advance, because you can not see deafness and deaf people look no different to other people it tends to be the forgotten affliction. However the deaf person can feel very isolated and unwanted. You can help raise money for the Royal National Institute for the Deaf in order to continue these medical advances by bringing in your empty inkjet cartridges to Marguerite Palmer for recycling. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile charity.

Class of 1996 Reunion Party

Most reunion parties take place many years after leaving school. It is measure of how much students enjoy their time at Kingshurst that the class of 96 sought to stage a reunion so soon. With the help of Alan Jackson, they were able to realise their ambition. Here Alan Jackson discusses the occasion.

The year 11 groups that left college in 1996 asked college if it would help stage a reunion party. The grand event took place on 14th November 2003 in the illustrious surroundings of the college hall. Tracking people down wasn't the easiest of affairs, but thanks to the Internet and



friendsreunited.co.uk and our own version of the website on www.kingshurst.ac.uk we managed to contact the bulk of ex-students (Alumni).

In the end we managed to get nearly half of all of those students back for a night of

nostalgia. We also saw the return of several staff who were here in 1996 including Furkhh Aslam, Dave Leach, Alistair McMillan and Lisa Fraser. A hastily put together tour of the college allowed some of the 23yr olds to

track down all their old hiding places when they found themselves in trouble. As a member of staff it was shocking to see how much people have changed over the years, even more shocking to see how little some people had changed.

This reunion party has now sparked off similar events for different year groups. The 25th June may see a party for our first ever year 11 group who finished in 1993. We have a few months to track them down including the old staff. If you can help then please don't hesitate to contact us at alumni@kingshurst.ac.uk

Art Students Showcase their Work

The ten students who completed the Double Award AVCE in Art and Design showed their masterpieces and final designs in a stunning end of year show.

The private view was well attended by friends, family and staff who came to share a glass of wine and muse over the achievements of our talented artists. Many visitors commented on the confidence of the students to work with so many diverse areas, including video, animation, photography, print, painting and ceramics. The show reflected the specialisms of

the students, who are going on to do degrees in Graphics, Photography, Theatre Design and Animation. The combination of these skills gave a slick design edge to many of the boards, whilst large-scale figurative paintings were also a dominant feature. We look forward to watching our students progress in their chosen careers and wish them every success. **By Helen Laishley**



Rotem Cohen



Daniel Sweeney

Students help Junior School Pupils develop Art Skills

Year 10 students completed work experience at Kingshurst infant school. Sarah Anderson, Sheetal Sharma, Kayleigh Norman, Kelly Ward, Gopalle Vadgama and Latoyah Lebert all took part.

During the two-week work placement Students produced a commemorative quilt using artwork produced by nursery, reception, and year 1 pupils. The quilt is intended as a gift to the head teacher Miss Furniss, who is retiring this year. Also included in the quilt is artwork that the students produced using digital technology.

By Victoria Elwell



A Week in the Lives of CTC Musicians

On Friday 5th December 2003, we headed towards Birmingham City Centre, fresh faced, rosy cheeked and wide-eyed, as part of our annual pilgrimage to St. Philip's Cathedral in anticipation of what was sure to be an exciting concert rehearsal, filled with the musical delights of the BTEC music students, dancers, College Choir, College Band, Vocal Ensemble and the newly-formed String Quartet.

It was a cold December day, and the cathedral heating did little to abate the shivers running down the spines of the Year 7's, for which it was all a new experience. The rehearsal, as much a part of the CTC music department's tradition as the actual service, was a tangle of leads, drum kits and singing as Miss Grady, Mr Cowlshaw and Mr Rushbury did not stop to pause for breath. After successfully running through the service, we boarded the coach exhausted, but full of Christmas cheer.

Even on Saturdays there's no rest for the College's musicians, who instead chose to kindly volunteer their services to St Mary and St Margaret's annual Christmas Fair. Playing a wide variety of seasonal tunes to the local community whilst they were busy purchasing seasonal treats and raffle tickets. Some students found time between sets to



visit Santa's Grotto!

On the 8th and 9th December 2003, the members of Senior Band all piled into the minibus and braced themselves for a bumpy ride (Miss Grady was driving!). We were heading for the Baker Street Day Care Centre, Bordesley Green. After parking successfully we were greeted by the manager. After setting up we were provided with biscuits and drinks.

On the evening of the 8th December 2003 Rachael Alderman (10 Nixon) managed to squeeze another concert with the Warwickshire Youth Orchestra into her busy schedule. The concert held in Stratford-Upon-Avon's Civic Hall was a musical extravaganza and went down well with the appreciative audience.

On the 9th December we returned to the Baker Street Day Care Centre only to discover that we had left our music at College. Miss Grady

and Miss Beckham sped back to College to retrieve the folders whilst Mr Cowlshaw entertained the residents with some Christmas favourites. Once the teachers and music had returned the performance began. The residents were a very friendly and appreciative audience who frequently joined the band in song, before we were allowed to leave we had to perform an encore (White Christmas). After completing our second successful performance the manager of the centre presented us with two large boxes of chocolates and a card as a token of their appreciation.

On the evening of the 10th December 2003 we returned to St Philip's cathedral for our annual carol service. Having slaved tirelessly over the proverbial stove of the treble clef, we felt a heady mixture of exhaustion and adrenaline, ready not only to perform, but also to entertain. The service

ran from 7:45 until around 9:00pm, containing a unique performance from the staff choir, featuring Miss Jones's booming accent ringing around the cloisters, punctuated liberally by the soprano tones of one Mrs Kemp. The programme had no weak links whatsoever and this can only be accredited to the hard work of Mr Rushbury, Miss Grady and Mr Cowlshaw, and of course the other teachers, Miss Beckham, Miss Tyerman, Mrs Parker, Mr Kimber, Miss Fowler and Miss Pearce, without whom band would be a whole lot quieter! The congregation left not only uplifted, but in a reflective mood after the Rev. David Morphy's thought provoking address.

It's now the 11th December 2003 and almost a week since we wrote our first entry in the CTC musical diary. The pace of the week has not relented and this afternoon members of the College Choir will rehearse for their outdoor performance in Brindley-place. They'll need to wrap up warm to keep out the cold December air, but hopefully the enthusiasm of their singing will keep them warm and encourage passers-by to give generously to 'The Gift Tree Appeal'.

Contributions by Rachael Alderman, Jack Clemson, Hannah Jeffs, Clare Johnson and Megan Thornton.

Land Rover Competition Winner

During August the Land Rover reporter news paper ran a competition which Stephen grant (7 Saxton) and his dad John who woks at Land Rov-

er entered. It was a competition to win the prize of a brand new Discovery for a weekend they had to photograph a cardboard cutout of a Discov-

ery that showed the spirit of adventure of Land Rovers. The wining photo showed Stephen's cut out crossing a lake on a raft. Stephen and

his dad drove to North Wales in their prize in October and hiked up the snow-covered mount Snowdon.



Holland Trip 2003

The trip was organised by PE teachers, Lee Parfitt and Carla Tranter. It was the first sporting tour abroad by the college since Lee Parfitt toured with the CTC as a student himself.

Here, Jasmine Scott (9 Grady) describes her week in Holland during October half term.

79 students and 8 teachers travelled to Valkenburg, Holland to compete in a variety of sports against British and Dutch opposition.

After a long 13hr journey, we finally arrived at our hotel. We got settled in and ate our freshly prepared 3 course meals. For the rest of our first day we relaxed and looked forward to our days ahead.

The following two days were very hectic and very tiring for both students and teachers. We were told the night before that breakfast would be at 7:45 which meant we had to be up really early which is a nightmare for people like me! We ate our breakfast and made our way to training with professional



■ A youthful looking Mr Parfitt, captain of the College side in 1989

coaches, which lasted about an hour and a half. Later on in the afternoon all the teams had a competitive match. The venue for our hockey match was 1hr away, after we played our match we were all very tired and worn out. After a 60min hockey match we couldn't sleep at all because

we were kept wide awake by Miss Tranter who was at the front on the mike singing " why do you build me up" (yeah I know!)

After training on Thursday, we all travelled to Maastricht shopping centre. We were all given plenty of time to wander around and shop, but

best of all we got to have a McDonalds. In the afternoon all the teams had a tournament against other touring British schools. All the teams played well but the boys football team deserve special praise for finishing second in their tournament. Later on in the evening there was a presentation evening and a disco. Every one got dressed up and had fun, and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. On Friday we had an all day excursion to Fantasia Land Theme Park where we got time to go on different rides, buy different things and eat loads of food.

I speak for myself and probably everyone who came on this trip that we had a great time and would love to go again. I must say on behalf of everyone who took the time out to take us to Holland a big thank you for a great time.

Sporting Participation Soars

Richard Jones assesses an excellent term where sport continues to enrich the education on offer at Kingshurst. Hundreds of students have benefited from participating in regular sporting activity both within College and against other schools and colleges.

It is very pleasing to note that girls' sport is flourishing. In the past girls' football teams have enjoyed great success but it is particularly good to see hockey, netball and cross-country teams performing well at both district and regional levels. The Year 8, 9 and 10 netball teams have realistic opportunities to win their respective District leagues having consistently beaten strong netball schools, most notably, Arden School in Knowle. This success is just reward to the time and energy displayed by the female sporting staff. Football continues to develop and the Under 16 team has reached the final of the West Midlands Cup and in so doing qualified to represent the County in the national stages of the competition. This proved a fabulous experience for the boys, particularly as

they played their semi-final at Birmingham City's Training Academy.

Trampolining continues to flourish under Karen Styles. Despite their relative inexperience three students have qualified for the National Finals to take place in Barry, South Wales in February. This is an exceptional achievement and testimony to the coaching skills and commitment of Karen Styles, herself a former National trampolining champion.

Basketball teams have enjoyed mixed results. The Year 10 team is doing well and playing some fine attacking basketball under the leadership of joint coaches, John Bowers and Paul Harris. The assistance of non-PE staff such as Paul, an English specialist, as well as Clare McTague, Nichola Lawson and Marguerite Palmer with

the girls' teams is particularly welcomed. The Year 9 team players, despite losing all matches played thus far, deserve credit for maintaining their efforts and for playing with such determination and drive.

Boys' Football is thriving. Two former students, David Arrowsmith and Scott Cormell have represented Birmingham City Reserves and Aston Villa Reserves respectively and their achievements have definitely acted as a spur to all the young footballers at the College. There are high hopes for the Year 7 team. They recently won the North Solihull 5-a-side tournament and remain unbeaten in all competitions. The Year 8 team have also won all of the matches played thus far and five members of this successful team represent the District team. David Wood in

Year 10 has signed for Derby County F.C. and will train with the club for one day a week next year. The Year 11 and Post 16 teams have also won all matches played and by reaching the final of the West Midlands Cup will now move on to the National section, being one of only 64 schools and colleges still left in the competition nationwide.

Inter-form competition is also progressing extremely well thanks to the Kingshurst Achievement Award. Every Friday there are up to one hundred students to be seen representing their tutor groups in a highly energetic manner. The last competition, Year 10 Netball, attracted 130 young girls on to the new netball courts. KAA Organisers, Lee Parfitt, Emma Bundy and Clare McTague were delighted with the response.



We hope you enjoyed this issue of Inside Out. As staff, we feel it is very important to recognise our students achievements in order to help motivate them further. Occasionally, we are left in the dark about their achievements and they may not have received the publicity they deserve. If this has been the case I would love to hear from you and work towards highlighting their achievement in college and in the local media. I can be contacted on lee.fletcher@kingshurst.ac.uk or 0121 329 8300. Finally, I'd like to thank James Howell and Matt Timmins for their technical assistance and parents, teachers and students who contributed ideas and stories. Merry Christmas, Lee Fletcher, Editor.