

Report for the Senior Department:

This has been an exciting year in which much has been achieved, both within the classroom and in a wide variety of extra-curricular activity.

Last summer's academic results got the year off to a pleasing start:

At A level:

Top performers were Connor Gilder from Newton Abbot, with four A grades at A2 with two additional AS subjects on top and Pogen Ho and Leon Wong, each with four A grades and a B at A2.

Connor was especially pleased to score 100% in two of his physics modules. This is a very rare feat but, this year, lightning struck twice - Will Hatch, a UK boarder, also getting 100% in two out of three modules for A2 PE.

Every one of the university applicants gained places on their chosen courses.

Excellent GCSE results followed.

Top performer was Alex Turner who obtained 14 GCSEs at A* and A grade, closely followed by Harriet Myles with 12 A*/A grades.

Senio Campos de Souza was best performing boy with 10 at A*/A to add to add to an A level in Portuguese.

90% of our UK pupils got at least 5 A-C grades, including English and Maths, which is almost 20% above the UK independent school average and way above national averages.

Aside from exams, all departments have done their best to bring their subjects to life

In the Spring term the Science Department launched a newsletter, with articles and contributions from students and staff as well as quizzes, competitions and links to a number of National Science initiatives.

Most recently a number of students from Years 5, 6 and 7 took part in a Science curriculum day on the theme of evolution, culminating in a biological sing-along.

The Life Skills department continues to develop its curriculum.

As well as the now infamous virtual babies, The politics and democracy unit allowed the students the opportunity to discuss the nature of democracy.

This unit included a visit from our local Member of Parliament, Mr Richard Younger Ross. He attended the school on our 'Super Heroes Day' and therefore was greeted by Mrs Angus dressed as 'Kung Fu Panda' and Mrs Bryant as Superwoman.

The PHSME course has seen the introduction of the Giving Nations projects in years 7, 8 and 9.

The project aims to boost learning about charities, social enterprises and individual giving.

Year 7 took part in a sponsored skipping challenge to raise awareness of the work of the British Heart Foundation.

Year 8 students developed their independence and chose their own charities to support. Their fundraising event was a great success despite the wet weather.

In Year 9 the students carried out a week's social enterprise project run by the Business and PHSME departments. During this week they chose a charity or social enterprise that they wished to support; worked as a team; placed bids for budgets and demonstrated how they would recoup the funds and raise money for their chosen charity.

It has also been an extremely exciting year in the Drama department

In our newly introduced LAMDA classes, all pupils achieved a Distinction or Merit at Grades 5 and 6.

We have visited performance venues such as Powderham Castle and the exciting Plymouth Theatre Royal and TR2 to see how they work and had three theatre trips to watch performances.

In March Trinity School's A level Performing Arts students- "The Attic Theatre Company" and the Key Stage 3 Drama group performed at the One Act play festival at The Carlton theatre.

Both performances were received well and welcomed many positive comments from the *adjudicator* and we were thrilled to find out after the performance that Christopher Lambourne had been awarded the "Best Actor" prize for his role as Spike the Burglar in the play "Nobody Sleeps".

The art department once again hosted the South West region ISA art competition. We achieved a first place and second place in the three dimensional category with two second places in the Fine Art category.

The year has also seen many trips to art galleries and museums.

The Economics + Business Studies Department has had an active year:

A Visit to Riverford farm looking at marketing and a visit to the University at Bristol for lectures on the current position of the global economy were highlights.

The department is also celebrating winning Good Schools Guide awards for the best A level performance in the country, both in 2007 and 2008, an exceptionally impressive achievement.

Such an achievement is not without equal, however, This has been another proud year for **the English department** who have also been awarded The Good Schools Guide award for the best A level results in 2007, to add to the award they won in 2006.

Not only have pupils achieved. Mrs Teece, the Head of Department is to be congratulated on being awarded her doctorate after many years of hard work.

Other particularly memorable moments during 2008/09 have included the trips to The Lake District and to see "Measure for Measure" at The Theatre Royal Plymouth, "Far from the Madding Crowd" at The Northcott, Exeter, and, with the Drama department to see "Romeo and Juliet", an outdoor production at Cockington Court.

The Geography department has conducted field studies in many locations in Devon and along the Jurassic Coast, a video of their work on Chesil Beach now being available on Youtube.

The History Department ran a very successful trip to the Normandy Battlefields in October. Two of our sixth form were also very lucky to be selected to go on an educational trip to Auschwitz. We also ran our annual year 7 trip to Buckfast Abbey and Totnes Castle. The students were able to take part in an English Heritage workshop in which they re-enacted the Norman invasion of Totnes.

ICT has seen further steps forward. We have upgraded our facilities with 56 new workstations and installed greatly increased capacity for our broadband connection.

In May, we also held an information evening about internet safety for parents which included the gift of a cyber dictionary for everyone who attended which was gratefully created for us by the Senior Department students.

It has been a busy and stimulating year for the Mathematics Department.

The school took part in the Number Day organised by the NSPCC in support of Childline in December and we organised our own Maths Day involving pupils from Yrs 5,6, and 7

Each year we enter a number of our more able mathematicians for the UK Mathematical Challenge at either Junior, Intermediate or Senior level. This year we were awarded 3 Gold, 14 Silver and 31 Bronze Certificates. The Best in School Certificates went to Jessica Holding (Junior), Matthew Lunn (Intermediate) and Xieyang Zhao (Senior). Jessica Holding is the first Year 7 pupil in Trinity School to achieve a Gold Certificate.

Highlights for the MFL department include:

1. "Compagnie tête à tête" entertaining all students from KS3 & 4 in the autumn. The play was entirely in French with constant use of mimes, acrobatic skills and juggling.
2. Our famous one day Christmas Market trip to Lille in December with children from KS3 right across to 6th Form.

TRINITY SCHOOL CCF has continued to grow and prosper with a huge number of activities

- 1 HMS ALBION hosted 8 cadets and O/C RN Section and Contingent Commander on passage from Devonport to Liverpool.
- 2 At the National CCF RN Regatta in September in Portsmouth, Emma Bascombe and Alex Turner were awarded the Seamanship trophy for their Bosun dinghy sailing.
- 3 At Tregantle Ranges in Cornwall, 9 cadets participated in the Cadet Skill at Arms (CADSAAM) competition.
- 4 We held a Field Day in October at HMS RALEIGH, Cornwall and Tregantle Fort with a visit by a Sea King helicopter from our Parent Establishment 849 NAS, RNAS CULDROSE.
- 5 Before the Trafalgar Service at Exeter Cathedral on 19 October, 22 RN cadets marched with the ship's company of HMS EXETER and a RM band through the city centre.
- 6 46 cadets from both sections undertook a 15 km trek over Dartmoor from Okehampton Army Camp– Exercise Moorland Dragon - at the end of November in temperatures of minus 3 degrees.
- 7 The day after autumn term ended 13 cadets and 4 officers visited HMS ALBION in dry dock at Devonport and toured her sister ship HMS BULWARK.
- 8 26 cadets of both sections went on a 36 hour exercise to Scraesdon Fort in Cornwall practising section battle drills and ambushes.
- 9 At Longmoor Army Camp, 25 cadets Army cadets and 4 officers took part in the Annual Camp organised by 145(S) Brigade. Trinity team won the obstacle course and came second in the shooting component of the march and shoot competition.

Ten Tors also saw us continue our record of success.

Our 35 mile team of Emily Wolstenholme, Holly Wilce, Zoe Fischer, Cameron Ashton, Bibsy Stapleton, and Fabian Gilson completed 21 miles on Saturday reaching their 7th Tor by 8.00 in the evening. After a good early start but suffering from sore feet and the heat they finished at 15.40 on Sunday as a complete team.

Achievements in sport have been many and varied Highlights include:

Sam Foulser has been invited to GB elite judo training in Bath and captains the Devon U16 judo team.

Anne Reischmann and Bethany Camp. represented Devon in the All English School Cross Country Championships at Loughborough. Anne went on to become ISA national cross country champion.

Tom Smith is U14 South West ISA champion in cross country.

In athletics:

Tammy Dean came 4th in the ISA National 200m and 5th in the ISA National 100m

Christain Edbrooke came 3rd in the ISA national shotput

Alfie Chan came 4th in ISA national long jump

Our tennis players have continued to excel.

Alex Bond, James Attwood, SAM Kenshole and Becky Jones have all won ISA championships.

Marco Armbruster, George Locke Alex Bond and Matt Jones are U13 Devon team champions

In basketball:

Flic Mansbridge has been selected for England U16 Girls development squad.

Our U18 boys team were winners of the South Devon Basketball league and our U16 team came second in their league.

Jasmine Hodge has been chosen for the Devon U15 team

Our U14 netball team are ISA south west champions

Our U16 Rugby 7s team reached the semi-final of the plate competition in the National ISA 7's Tournament.

As I hope you can see from this report, It has been a very active and highly successful year with achievements right the way across the School. My congratulations to you all on your efforts.