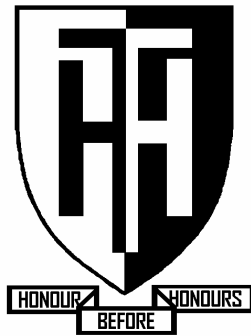


TALBOT HEATH



Annual Report to Parents

September 2007 - August 2008

Talbot Heath School

Rothesay Road Bournemouth Dorset BH4 9NJ

Examination Percentage Passes

GCE A LEVEL

Grades

A	36%
B	34%
C	19%
D	9%
E	1%

Pass: 100%

AS LEVEL

Grades

A	56%
B	23%
C	18%
D	3%
E	0%

Pass: 100%

GCSE

Grades

A*	33%
A	36%
B	22%
C	9%

Pass A - C: 100%

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Governors' Annual Report to Parents

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MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Chairman:	Mr Simon Tong	Nominated by the Bishop of Salisbury
	Dr T Battcock	Foundation Governor
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	Miss Sally Dennison	Foundation Governor
	Mr G Exon	Nominated by the Bishop of Winchester
	Mr Roderick Kennedy	Foundation Governor
	Mrs Christine Norman	Foundation Governor
	Prof G Slater	Foundation Governor
	Mr G Smith	Foundation Governor
	Mr D Townend	Foundation Governor
	Mrs Sandy Trapnell	Foundation Governor

Short biographies of the serving members of the Governing Body can be found in the Appendix at the end of the report.

From the Chairman:

It is with great pleasure and pride that we look back on another excellent year for Talbot Heath. At Speech Day in September we celebrated the success of our recently departed Upper Sixth formers, so many of whom returned to receive our congratulations, as well as our GCSE successes and our many achievements in sport, music and in other aspects of life in a well-rounded school.

Speech Day also gave us the opportunity to offer our sincere thanks to all our staff who work so hard to bring about these achievements; and especially to Christine Dipple whose leadership of the school continues to be an outstanding feature of Talbot Heath, and a major factor in its continuing success.

We are living in very turbulent and uncertain times, and the future direction of the western economies remains unclear. At Talbot Heath we count ourselves fortunate that our founders secured the school on a very firm basis, and that we as its custodians recognise and value that, and are clear about our duties to parents, staff and students alike in preserving and maintaining our inheritance.

But our founders also were mindful of other fundamentals: the importance of educational development in its widest sense, and the place of Christian principles in respecting ourselves, one another, and the world in which we grow up and live. These are the reasons why our students are nurtured to become healthy and responsible citizens of a world which recognises higher responsibilities, and why Talbot Heath is so widely respected as a school in our local communities.

Speech Day ended with a cello recital from Natalie Klein, ex-student and world-class musician, who had returned to present the awards. Nothing could have illustrated more eloquently the strengths of Talbot Heath in bringing out the absolute best in its students: we were truly privileged to hear her play.

We look forward to another year of lively response to the challenges!

Simon Tong
Chairman

Headmistress' Report to Parents on the Year 2007-2008

At this year's Speech Day ceremony it gave me particular pleasure to welcome Natalie Clein as our speaker. Natalie started playing the cello at the age of six and studied with, among others, Anna Shuttleworth, coincidentally another TH "old girl". Natalie first came to the world's attention in 1994 when, at the age of 16, she won both the British and the Eurovision Young Musician of the Year competitions. She made her concerto debut at the BBC Proms in August 1997 and won a Classical Brit award for best young performer in 2005. Natalie is rapidly gaining an international reputation as an artist of exceptional musicality and integrity and we were fortunate that she found time in an extremely busy schedule to join us and indeed to play for us.

Good schools are places where young people can enjoy a range of educational experiences and opportunities which provide the foundations upon which successful, fulfilling lives are built. Good teachers are those who inspire young people to dream and who help transform those dreams into reality.

All aspects of the extra-curricular life of Talbot Heath are highly valued and music has always been important. The BSO/TH partnership, set up in 2005, continues to expand and thrive. Activities organised by Mr Hill, Miss Williams and Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra's Animateur, Andy Baker, enable our students to participate in a series of practical musical workshops with professional musicians as well as benefiting pupils in local schools who attend such events as our annual "Gifted and Talented" workshop. The partnership has also developed an international dimension in the form of an intensive three-day music course in Bournemouth's twin town of Lucerne. Talbot Heath is therefore maintaining its reputation as a centre of musical excellence and, in partnership with the BSO, is able to make a significant contribution to the wider educational community.

Our long-standing links with another prestigious organisation, West Hants, led to the setting up of our Tennis Academy. The Academy is now entering its second year and the joint venture is enabling girls to benefit from a tailor-made programme which includes intensive tennis coaching, as well as the effective teaching and outstanding pastoral care enjoyed by all students at Talbot Heath.

I use "outstanding" to describe our pastoral and boarding care advisedly: this is the judgment given by Ofsted inspectors who visited the school in February. The inspectors' judgments represent a tribute to my colleagues who ensure that the best interests of your daughters underpin all they do. The full Ofsted report can be viewed on our website.

I move now to public examination results: at A, AS level and GCSE there was a 100% pass rate. At A level there were 74% of grades at A and B; 79% at AS level and 69% at A* and A at GCSE. As we all know however, a school's public examination results do not reflect the full extent of the educational experience enjoyed by its students. Last year Talbot Heath girls participated in a wide range of visits and activities which served to enrich their education in the fullest sense of the term. Not only do we run a comprehensive programme of visits at home and abroad, we also welcome visitors to the school on a regular basis.

I should also like to draw attention to outstanding sporting successes achieved by both individuals and teams in the field of sport. Melissa Courtney, Grace Howie, Joanne Freeman and Kim Rowles all represented their country in international competition, while our tennis, badminton and biathle teams all competed at national level.

I should like to thank the Parent Staff Society for their hard work in masterminding a successful and enjoyable Christmas Fair, the proceeds of which went not only towards a new school minibus, but also towards supporting College St Emmanuel, Hanika. To my own thanks I therefore add those of the students and staff of our link school in Rwanda.

Thanks to funding from the British Council the Headmaster of College St Emmanuel, Pastor Athanase, was able to visit Talbot Heath in May. At a memorable and slightly different School Birthday ceremony, we re-signed the Partnership Agreement in the presence of the Bishop of Winchester and the Bishop of Shyogwe diocese, Rwanda. For Pastor Athanase, visiting his link school in the UK was the realisation of a dream and he thoroughly enjoyed interaction with students and colleagues during his stay. I know that talking with him about life in Rwanda caused many of us at Talbot Heath to re-evaluate the standard of living and educational opportunities we take for granted. These represent unattainable dreams to members of the school community in Hanika and it is therefore important that we in the west take advantage of our opportunities and work to realise our dreams.

The British Council also funded my return visit to Rwanda in August. After a trip to realise one of my personal dreams, that of seeing the gorillas in the mist, I spent time working with the teachers and students of College St Emmanuel in three of the areas Pastor Athanase looked at during his stay here: education about Human Rights, HIV-Aids and sustainable development.

This last area fits in well with a new initiative here at Talbot Heath, which registered as an Eco School last September. The Government wants every school to be a sustainable school by 2020 and Eco-Schools is an international award scheme that guides schools on their sustainable journey.

In the past 12 months our team of Eco Reps, elected from each tutor group, has conducted a detailed review of key areas of the school environment, using its findings to develop Talbot Heath's own specific Eco Code. This was delivered to the school community through a form assembly and is now displayed in all teaching and administration areas, to be followed by all staff and pupils. These steps enabled us to achieve Bronze Award status at the end of last term and we aim to develop our green credentials further through collaboration with the Eco Club of our link school in Rwanda. Strengthening this relationship through an environmental perspective will present excellent opportunities to share best practice ideas, as well as a forum for pupils from both countries to examine each other's perceptions of the main environmental challenges facing the world today and how to address them. Our aim is to achieve the fully accredited International Schools Award as part of our Silver Status this year.

Talbot Heath's motto: "Honour before Honours" encapsulates the importance of individuals striving for personal success and fulfillment. Yet the school also promotes a strong sense of community and it is within this supportive school family that girls develop the self-belief which will enable them to transform schoolgirl dreams into adult reality.

**Christine Dipple
Headmistress**

Staff Changes

Senior School

Mr Robinson has recently taken early retirement after 23 years at Talbot Heath. His responsibilities have included Head of Chemistry, Head of Sixth Form, Examinations Officer, Head of Science, Director of Studies and Deputy Head. Unfazed by prevailing fashion Richard, with his fine intellect, always found practical effective solutions to meet the school's needs whether in computerising our reporting system or in designing a practical space for the teaching of Science. Our well planned Science Centre, opened in 1999, represents a lasting tribute to him. He will be greatly missed and we wish him a long and happy retirement with his wife who, since her own retirement two years ago, has been much in demand to accompany school visits abroad.

It will come as no surprise that Mr Robinson's responsibilities have been distributed among several colleagues. Miss Nash is now Deputy Head of the whole school. Mrs Hooton has the responsibilities of Director of Studies, while Dr Orchard will be writing the school's timetable, managing the pupil database and ensuring that your daughter's reports reach you on time. Miss Barrett takes on the role of Public Examinations Officer.

Mrs Short left Talbot Heath this summer to move to France. During her three years as Head of German, her keen enthusiasm for her subject translated itself into both effective teaching and the organisation of regular school visits to Germany. We wish her well; her place has now been taken by Mrs Carter.

Mrs Camp resigned as Head of PE in April, following her maternity leave. Her place has been taken by Miss Hardy who was herself a pupil at Talbot Heath. Mrs Camp has returned to teach part time this term.

Mrs Boyington began her maternity leave in last autumn term and will return in October. Her teaching commitment has been covered by Mrs Weir who has also taught English as an additional language.

Mrs Baker started her maternity leave in January and will return early in 2009. Mrs Price has been acting as Head of the Humanities Faculty in her absence while Mrs Phillips has covered her teaching commitment.

The weekend housemistress Mrs Sturley left Talbot Heath in the autumn term last year. Mrs Cullen has taken over her responsibility for the boarding community.

Junior School

Once again we had very few staff changes in the Junior School. Mrs Banks, one of our long serving teaching assistants, took early retirement at the end of the school year and we have appointed Mrs Muggleton to take over as Kindergarten teacher when Mrs Clarke departs on maternity leave.

Junior School Report for 2007-2008

In our school production of *Alice: A Musical Fantasy* the final words were as follows:

I hope the day will never come,
When truth, is all we seek,
For joy and freedom you will find,
When life and dreams, the two you bind.
Through my child's eyes, a truth I see,
Reflected in her dreams,
Please do not destroy
Her worlds of fantasy.
Leave room, leave room for dreams to play,
Find time, my child, to seek.
Leave room, leave room for dreams to find
New worlds in fantasy.

I think those words give us some clear guidance about what a good education should aim for. Truth and fact, knowledge and understanding are, of course, vitally important, but we want to kindle children's imagination, help them develop dreams and goals and to believe that, with the right attitude, anything is possible. In an age where so much is driven by technology, where all too often their imagination can be dulled by the multi-media experiences they are exposed to on a daily basis, it is doubly important to encourage imaginative play, creativity, investigation, discovery and the pursuit of dreams. Children have these attributes nurtured when they have diverse opportunities, different experiences and the chance to work collaboratively in an environment where they feel secure.

We pride ourselves on offering many diverse opportunities in addition to the regular curriculum, and this year has been no exception. During the course of the year we have organised several special days for children.

Two new events were a Poetry Slam day for Years 4-6 and a Mathematical Day for Years 3-6. Both were a great success, giving the children unique learning opportunities and a lot of enjoyment. Other special days have included another Cultural Awareness day throughout the school. We are conscious of living in a global community and we need to ensure children are aware of cultural diversity and are respectful of traditions other than their own. Junior Department girls spent a day studying a different culture, with Year 3 studying France, Year 4 Japan, Year 5 Rwanda and Year 6 Native American Indians and Aborigines. In the Pre-Prep Department the children focused on the celebrations of Chinese New Year. These are very valuable events, adding depth and diversity to the education we offer here at Talbot Heath.

World Book Day was another great celebration. The whole Junior School dressed up and engaged in special literary activities and in the Junior Department this was themed to coincide with our school production of *Alice in Wonderland*. Even the lunch was themed, with Jabberwocky's Surprise and Queen and King of Hearts tarts.

Whilst on an 'Alice' theme, I must praise all the children for their performance in *Alice: A Musical Fantasy*. The play was cast at the end of the previous Summer Term and rehearsals started in September. It seems an awfully long time to prepare for a play, but the professional performances warranted the lengthy preparations. A huge cast of 120 took part and, once again, it fostered a very positive feeling between the older and younger children and a real sense of being part of a school family. It was an absolute privilege to work with the children and a joy to see the performances each and every one of them gave.

There were other 'productions' during the year. The Pre-Prep Department staged a wonderful nativity, causing numerous 'misty' eyes amongst the audience. Considering they were all aged seven or under, they performed with professionalism and enthusiasm that was a treat to

watch. The Junior carol service was a musical nativity with every class singing a part of the story and was also a very moving production.

Both Year 6 classes learnt the songs from the abridged version of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* and performed to the Junior Department. The Junior School Choir spent much of the year learning eco-friendly songs, and sang some to a delighted audience at the Senior Spring Concert in March. This culminated in an excellent and energetic lunchtime concert of *The Bumblesnouts Save the World*, a mini-musical about strange little creatures from outer space teaching us that we are destroying our planet. Combined Year 4 classes gave a lively performance of Debbie Campbell's *Minibeast Madness* to parents and friends and Year 1 classes performed a ten-minute musical called *Happy Hat Land*. All members of Years 3-6 took part in a series of music workshops run by the Music Department with the BSO Education Department. This gave the children an introduction to Indian music through composition and performance activities led by a professional tabla (Indian drums) player, Andy Baker from the BSO and our own music staff.

We were very pleased to receive our bronze Eco Schools award this term and, like everyone, we are very aware of our carbon footprint and mindful of the need to ensure we minimise our damage to the environment.

Our Junior Department charities week was a great success. Each class ran an activity and the children chose the charities they wished to support, raising a grand total of £450.

Our major charity event this year was to raise money (and awareness) for the two Junior Schools that staff visited in Rwanda. Mrs Dipple has now signed a formal partnership with the Senior School visited on the trip and, although we have no formal partnership, we do want to strengthen the links with the primary schools Mrs Richards spent time with last summer. The Juniors took part in sponsored activities during the Autumn Term, raising over £4000 to be shared between the two Junior Schools, for our counterparts in Rwanda. It was wonderful to welcome Pastor Athanase into the Junior School during his visit in May and he took a very memorable assembly. Mrs Richards taught her class a Rwandan dance and Pastor Athanase taught the whole Junior Department a beautiful Rwandan hymn of praise.

We also raised over £350 for Julia's House, the local children's hospice, through the sale of individually designed Christmas cards.

Towards the end of the Summer Term we celebrated the third annual Junior School fair. Thanks to the Year Group Co-ordinators it was a splendid event, much enjoyed by everyone, which raised almost £5000 for a new bladder scanner for the paediatric unit in Southampton Hospital. I would like to thank the Year Group Co-ordinators for all their help and support over the past year. It can be a pretty thankless task and many have served over their two years, but volunteers to give them a respite don't always rush forwards. Their contribution to school life is invaluable and I am very grateful to them all. Some very valued members are leaving their post this year and will be greatly missed.

Our Summer outings this year were to Weald and Downland Open Air Museum and to Leeson House. At Leeson House the children were taught about teddy bears and the environment in a fun-filled day packed with sound learning objectives. The Junior Department enjoyed tramping around a huge site filled with authentic buildings from so many different periods of history. The Foundation Stage children stayed in school for their summer term fun activity day. We welcomed the Open Theatre company who gave superb performances, there was the annual teddy bears' picnic and an afternoon filled with fun practical activities.

Year 6 girls enjoyed their residential trip to the Isle of Wight at the end of the Spring Term – a wonderful way to finish a term beset with entrance examinations. Next year we plan to venture further afield and a residential trip to France for the girls at the top end of Junior School has been organised for Spring 2009.

Other outings this year have included some regular visits such as to the synagogue, the costume museum, New Barn Field Centre, Hooke Court, Lulworth Cove, the Oceanarium and Streetwise Safety Centre.

Our Living History Day focused on Romans this year and once again the school ground echoed to the sound of children being 'drilled' in Latin by 'genuine' Roman soldiers, with a Roman encampment set up on the lawns. These historical days subsume the children in the given period and they learn so much. The opportunity to handle artefacts and see things first hand is invaluable and it is another opportunity for the children to work in mixed age groups.

We enrich the curriculum in all sorts of ways, through countless clubs and activities, during the school day and after school. Many of these are sports themed, but a whole range of clubs last year covered subjects such as: strategic games, scrapbooking, animation, clay and, most popular of all, ballroom dancing.

Junior School pupils continue to be enthusiastic about their sport with a good percentage of them participating in the extra curricular activities offered. In the first two terms hockey and netball clubs were attended regularly. The Year 5/6 netball team developed well as a squad and came 5th in the annual Bournemouth High 5 competition. Mini tennis on a Wednesday evening continues to be popular, as are the early morning sessions on Fridays for Years 1 and 2. An increased number of pupils attend football lessons for Pre-Prep. We have seen an excellent performance from Year 6 at this year's Step Athletics competition, and we are proud of the team who came joint first in the competition.

It isn't possible to cover everything the Juniors have done over and above their curriculum work. I perceive that our real strength is in offering the children such a diversity of experiences, the chances to develop new skills, to build on those that they have already developed and to aspire to new heights, whether they are at the very first level of their school career or at the end of their Junior School experience. The individual is recognised and nurtured and creativity, imagination and the pursuit of dreams is encouraged. The school continues to be a vibrant and – I believe more importantly – a happy environment in which your children grow and flourish and their successes are celebrated.

Karen Leahy
Head of Junior School

Charity Fundraising Report (Senior School)

September 2007 - August 2008

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year.

My report begins with the summer term 2007 since U3 traditionally have their charity week in June. U3 supported Cancer Research (£133.85), Tenovus (£194.27) and Farm Africa (£105). The most popular 'activities' were 'eating' and 'drinking hot chocolate!' The girls also devoured £185.75 worth of ice-creams on Sports Day in July, which was donated to our link school in Rwanda.

Once again the tutors and girls have shown great empathy towards others by supporting local, national and global charities of their own choice. These choices are sometimes dictated by personal circumstances within the tutor group. In October 2007 I gave a detailed charity presentation to the Headmistress and Governors of the school.

Amnesty International

An Amnesty group has been introduced in the Sixth Form as a response to a visiting speaker from Amnesty last year when the girls were in U5. Initially L6 have taken responsibility, hosting meetings, presenting information in Assemblies and cake selling. We look forward to this expanding next year.

Charities supported during the academic year 2007-2008

A collection of clothing and household goods throughout the summer holidays was once again donated to the Bournemouth Women's Refuge in September. This was subsequently followed by the distribution of the Harvest Festival goods in October.

The popular Christmas Shoebox Appeal (gifts for children in Eastern Europe) was once more a whole school activity in November. (approximately 56 boxes were donated).

Royal British Legion, Poppy Appeal.

Cancer Research	£133.85
Children in Need	£133
Farm Africa	£105
Friends of Chernobyl's Children	£84.57
Gomel Aid	£84.57
Guide Dogs for the Blind	£285.66
Jeans for Genes	£331.55
Jigsaw Appeal/Bournemouth Hospital	£84.42
Julia's House	£82.66
NSPCC	£335.11
Salterns Playscheme	£176.39
Tenovus	£194.27
The Honey-pot Charity	£347.06
Wear it Pink/Breast Cancer	£86.10

Once again, THANK YOU.

Rwanda – College St. Emmanuel

Mrs Dipple and Mrs Smart made a successful visit to our link school in Rwanda in August 2007 taking with them a collection of pencil cases filled with equipment. Links have been further strengthened through 'email' pen friends both amongst the girls and staff. We have been most fortunate to be able to welcome Pastor Athanase, Headteacher of College St Emmanuel, (30 April -16 May 2008). His visit coincided with Talbot Heath's School Birthday celebrations and the signing and rededication of the partnership agreement with the Bishop of

Winchester and Bishop Jered of Shyogwe Diocese in attendance. A presentation of gifts and letters during assembly on 16 May marked the end of Pastor Athanase's visit along with a hearty performance by the whole school of a Rwandan song.

Support for Rwanda is broken down as follows:-

Lower 4 Sponsorship	£241.86
Mufti Day	£318.90
Lower 4 Charity Week	£241.86
Senior Carol Service Collection	£204.51
Pancake Sales	£14
Confirmation Service Collection	£92.13
L5 Biscuits and Cakes Sale	£217.95
Friendship Chain of Coins	£300
Sports Day (2007)	£185.75

(I have not included any monies from the Junior School or PSS)

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

**Miss King
Charity Co-ordinator**

Faculty Reports 2006-2007

CAREERS

Careers Convention - October 2007

Bournemouth School for Girls hosted a Careers Convention for students from Bournemouth School for Girls, Bournemouth School and Talbot Heath. More than 40 local and national employers and universities were represented, giving the Year 9 and above students the opportunity to explore a large range of different career areas.

Upper 4 Careers Day - April 2008

This day was organised and run by John Allen, Matthew Allen and Patrick Allen (INPUT), Shelia Thomsom (CITB) and Sylva Starke (Dorset Construction Curriculum Centre).

The girls were required to design and build a model of a new Stadium for Bournemouth, which could be for any sporting or musical event or a multi-purpose stadium. At the end of the day each group gave a three-minute presentation in which they had to "sell" their design and bid for funding. Each girl then voted for the design which she thought should receive the funding and be built.

Lower 5 (Year 10) Enterprise afternoon - July 2008

At the end of the summer term Mr Harvey Taylor, a local businessman, led an afternoon session on "Enterprise", and the girls were asked to carry out a "problem solving" exercise based on a business situation. This was followed by an interactive session on what they had learnt.

Work Experience

During the year, girls in Year 11 and the Sixth Form participated in a variety of work experience or work shadowing. This enabled them to experience the work place and to discover more about their possible career choices.

Interview Skills

Girls in Year 11 had a talk from the local *Connexions* organisation about how to prepare for a job interview. This was done prior to their interviews for work experience.

Mrs Habgood

ENGLISH AND THEATRE STUDIES

It has been another lively year for the English and Theatre Studies Faculty. We enjoyed assisting the Music Department with their excellent production of *Guys and Dolls* in the autumn term, taking on responsibility for stage management, lighting and props.

This year, as in the last seven years, the department has organised a "Readathon" event which encourages students at KS3 to read widely as well as give money to charity. Mrs Adlam kindly oversaw the organisation of reading and donations as Mrs Boyington, who usually manages the event, is on maternity leave. We are pleased to have raised £685.10.

Competitive public speaking continues to be successful with one team at KS3 and one at KS4. The teams competed in the national Rotary *Youth Speaks* competition at area level, achieving second and third prize at intermediate level.

Carnegie Shadowing continues to be very popular, encouraging students to read widely as well as to share their opinions with girls from other year groups. The students' enthusiasm and good level of critical thinking was again made evident in the animated weekly discussions.

Mr Butcher ran a popular writing group in the autumn term in order to encourage future Carnegie winners!

The English and Theatre Studies faculty consider it important to encourage students to visit the theatre in order to broaden their cultural experience. This year, several trips have been organised:

6th Form *A Midsummer Night's Dream* - Poole
Dr Faustus - London
The Good Woman of Szechuan - London
The Good Woman of Szechuan (workshop) - Shaftesbury
Touched - Salisbury
The Importance of Being Ernest - Poole
Chawton House - for English Literature AS students
Brechtian and Stanislavskian Drama Workshop

Upper 3: Globe Theatre

Drama Festival

The annual Drama Festival provided more opportunities for students to perform in front of an audience – the winners of each year performed to parents at a Drama Festival evening. The event also encourages students to work effectively in small groups, devising routines or scripts and preparing their own make-up and costumes.

Drama Club

The faculty runs a weekly drama club which is open to all year groups.

Mrs Magrath

HUMANITIES

Geography

This year, Upper 3 geographers visited a 'honeypot site' in the New Forest to see how it is managed to minimise environmental damage, as part of their new unit on Tourism and National Parks. The girls then very much enjoyed a 'hands-on' visit to Longdown Dairy Farm.

Girls commence their GCSE geography study in U4 through their study of Plate Tectonics and visited the Natural History Museum's *Earth* exhibition as an introduction to this topic. This visit was combined with a PSE trip to the Victoria & Albert Museum.

Fieldwork continues to be an essential and enjoyable part of geography GCSE and Lower 5 students undertook two fieldwork days in preparation for embarking upon their individual studies in Upper 5. Coastal field studies were carried out at Swanage in October and an urban land use investigation undertaken in Southampton in the Summer Term. Upper 5 geographers collected individual data on a variety of themes and at a range of location within the local area.

The Sixth Form attended their residential fieldwork course again this year, spending a very informative and enjoyable week at Nettlecombe Court Field Studies Centre in Somerset. This course covered aspects of both the physical and human geography syllabus and students collected data for their individual environmental investigations.

Mrs Cox

Eco-Schools

The Government in England wants every school to be a sustainable school by 2020. The Department for Children, Schools and Families launched their *Sustainable Schools Framework* in 2006 when the Secretary of State for Education, the Rt Hon Alan Johnson MP,

set out challenging long-term aspirations for schools to mainstream learning about sustainable development issues and sustainable practices into everyday school life.

Eco-Schools is an international award programme that guides schools on their sustainable journey, providing a framework to help embed these principles into the heart of school life and in September 2007, Talbot Heath became a registered Eco-School. By following the programme, Talbot Heath can become a more stimulating place in which to learn, whilst reducing the environmental impact of the whole school on the community.

The scheme is rooted in a genuine desire to help children become more effective citizens by encouraging them to take responsibility for the future of their own environment. It is not about environmental excellence, it is about schools starting to look at how they impact upon the environment and how this is decided upon and can be managed.

The programme is one of five environmental education programmes run internationally by the Foundation for Environmental Education and currently operates in 40 countries around the world, linking more than 40,000 schools – from the UK to France, from Morocco to South Africa. Once registered for the programme, schools follow a simple seven-step process which helps them to address a variety of environmental themes, ranging from litter and waste to healthy living and biodiversity.

Pupils are the driving force behind Eco-Schools: they lead the eco-committee and help carry out an audit to assess their school's environmental performance. Through consultation with the rest of the school and the wider community, it is the pupils that decide which environmental themes they want to address and how they will do it. Schools work towards gaining one of three awards: Bronze, Silver and the prestigious Green Flag award, which symbolises excellence in the field of environmental activity.

It is now easy for Eco-Schools across the world to get in touch and explore ways of working together on environmental issues and Talbot Heath aims to take full advantage of this through further collaboration with the Eco Club of our link school in Rwanda. Strengthening this relationship through an environmental perspective will present excellent opportunities to share best practice ideas, as well as a forum for pupils from both countries to examine each other's perceptions of the main environmental challenges facing the world today and how to address them. It is our aim to achieve the fully accredited International Schools Award as part of our Silver status this year before embarking upon the challenges of attaining Green Flag status in the future.

Mrs Cox

History

Year 7 visited Beaulieu for a monastic day in which they had hands-on activities in calligraphy and felting and learned about the lives of medieval monks. Afterwards, they produced displays on what they had learned. This visit takes place in exam week and so provides some stress-free relief for them.

Year 8 visited Hampton Court, including the guided tour of the kitchens, and used this as the basis for a piece of individual work.

Year 9 visited Portsmouth Historic Dockyard in April 2008, which included a tour of *HMS Victory* and the Naval Museum. They also attended a workshop on the slave trade which ties in with our work on the British Empire. They then produced a piece of work on themes associated with the naval material.

Year 10 GCSE students attended a morning performance of *The Trial of Hitler* which is produced by an examiner and includes advice on exam technique.

Miss Shaw

Economics

The school ethos is to foster mutual respect and understanding. Economics contributes to this on both inter-personal and wider levels. Pupils are encouraged to respect the points of view of others, and to discuss topical issues of economic and social importance from an impartial but informed viewpoint.

For many pupils, Economics at A level is their first introduction to the 'real' world. It opens their eyes to social and moral problems, as well as the need to balance equity with efficiency. Pupils learn that the world has to change, or the rich will get richer and the poor will get poorer; that the people in less developed economies will continue to suffer and be exploited; that the ever-increasing demand for the car will lead to congestion and pollution from which we will never recover. Pupils start to understand what governments can do for us, that firms can have other objectives than the maximisation of profits, and that as individuals we can all contribute to a better world in the future by acknowledging the importance of mutual respect and understanding.

Mrs Hosking

Personal and Social Education

All year groups have had outside speakers to enhance their programme. In conjunction with ICT, after a talk arranged for Year 7 students through Childnet, we discussed *Personal Safety on the Internet*. We reinforced awareness of the potential dangers of chat rooms and their misuse, which can result in bullying amongst young people. In particular, students were alerted about the need to keep personal data private for their own protection.

Our local Police Community Liaison Officer gave valuable tips on Personal Safety in everyday activities and, in a later talk, senior interns from the Anglo-European College of Chiropractic advised Year 7 students about ways to protect their backs by the careful packing and carrying of school bags.

As part of the Healthy Living module a Community dietitian led a session for Year 8 students. She discussed the importance of a healthy diet and highlighted aspects of *Body Image*, especially the influence of celebrities. Another visiting speaker advised on *Looking after Your Emotional Health*. Students were fascinated by special glasses brought along by one of our Substance Abuse speakers, which simulate the distortion of vision which alcohol causes.

Year 9 study Children's Rights and we are now paying particular attention to the children in Rwanda. Some of the students at our partner school, St Emmanuel College, have to act as parents to their siblings, whilst others have to cope with the effects of HIV/Aids within their family group.

The awareness of current abuses of Human Rights was raised by a talk on *Darfur: the First Genocide of the 21st Century*, delivered to Year 9-13 students by a speaker from the Aegis Trust.

As usual the Sexual Health Morning for Year 10 was very informative. Later in the year, teams of local magistrates discussed the Magistracy System and its role in Criminal Justice. The Year 10 classes competed in a sentencing exercise, with the winning teams visiting the Magistrates Courts in session. They were also able to experience, if they wished, being locked in a cell and a prison transportation vehicle.

GCSE entrants had help with Stress Management given by visiting speakers, including a practical *Tai Chi* session to help equip them for the challenge of public examinations.

The PSS kindly sponsored the visit of Jonnie Leach as part of our Substance Abuse Programme. He gave a hard-hitting personal testimony about the devastating effects that drugs had wrought in his life.

In conjunction with the Geography department, PSRE organised a visit to the Victoria & Albert Museum as part of Year 9 Citizenship studies.

We were delighted to welcome Pastor Athanase, the Head of our partner school, to a number of PSRE lessons during his visit. He chatted to the girls about the topics being studied and similar activities in his own school. Many students and teachers contributed to the Chain of Coins for Rwanda and donated postcards of places they had visited so that we could compile two scrapbooks for the students of St Emmanuel College, to give an insight into the landscape, life and customs of Great Britain.

Mrs Price

Religious Studies

Our School Chaplain, Canon Christopher Rutledge, led a session for Upper 3 about Confirmation and the Holy Communion Service as well as answering questions along the lines of *An Interview with the Chaplain*.

To complement the module on Christianity and how it deals with the question of suffering in the world, Liz from the Samaritans discussed suffering in this context with Lower 4.

Upper 4 had a Combined PSRE visit to the V&A Museum, London. Lower 5 GCSE groups participated in a debate about the sanctity of life with Liz from the Samaritans. Lower 5 whole year group participated in a Buddhism talk with meditation exercises led by Ms Scott.

The senior school, in particular Upper 5, welcomed visitors from our link school in Rwanda for a discussion session about Christianity and social conditions in Rwanda.

Rev Warren MacDonald led a discussion session about Medical Ethics, in particular issues surrounding transplant surgery within Christianity, alongside a range of ethical theories (Natural Law, etc) for the AS Religious Studies students.

Lower 6 and Upper 6 RS students attended the annual Religious Ethics Conference with renowned philosopher Peter Vardy in London.

Upper 5 whole year group welcomed Mrs Joshi to do Hindu yoga/calming exercises and Ms Scott to do *Tai Chi*, a package designed to reduce the stress associated with exams.

Miss King

Sixth Form Extension Programme

The programme started for the Lower Sixth with a visit to London for a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament including a question and answer session with a Member of Parliament, followed by sightseeing river cruise to the Thames Barrier and Greenwich.

Later in September they enjoyed and benefited from a Study Skills session with David Keeling of *Independent Thinking* and he further enhanced the learning skills of Upper Sixth at their request.

Warren Macdonald led discussions about current medical ethical issues with each year group and also prepared prospective medical students for interview.

In October we welcomed representatives from the Council for Arab-British Understanding and also from The Friends of Israel; both gave their own perspective on the Israeli-Palestine conflict.

A considerable number of Lower Sixth students applied to join up as Millennium Volunteers after a talk about their many enterprise schemes and activities.

In November Jonnie Leach, a guest speaker for Years 10-13, moved the audience with his personal testimonial about his introduction to drugs and the resulting devastation of his life. We were most grateful to the PSS for sponsoring this event. In his annual talk about *The Pub and Club Scene in Bournemouth*, Marc Smith alerted girls to potential dangers, so that they can have a good time without putting themselves at risk.

A new speaker this year was Colin Goodsell from the AA, who gave young and potential drivers good advice about safe driving skills. He demonstrated how to carry out a basic engine check and students participated in changing a tyre.

Jonathan Bower from the Aegis Trust outlined the critical situation in Darfur and the factors which have led to it. Unfortunately it seems that climate change may exacerbate the problems in this region.

Mrs Hosking gave a comprehensive outline of *Personal Taxation, Insurance and Saving*. This is always a most informative session, highly acclaimed in inspections. With the American Presidential Elections in view, Miss Shaw discussed the candidates and the voting system which will select a new president. Students commented that her talk made the whole procedure much clearer.

The listening skills of students are always enhanced by the session taken by Liz of the Samaritans. On Life Skills Day girls also learned about aromatherapy and how to give a head, neck and shoulder massage. They had sessions about *Managing on a Loan, Living Healthily on a Limited Budget, Coping with Stress, Well Woman Issues* and *How to Stay Safe in a new Environment*. The aim of all these speakers is to equip our students for the transition to University.

The students have greeted all our visitors with courtesy and interest; their horizons have been widened and their awareness raised, with thoughtful questions being discussed. Hopefully, all of these speakers have contributed to the extension of the girls' knowledge, contemplation and understanding of topics and issues beyond their academic subject choices.

Mrs Price

MATHEMATICS

During last year, a total of 115 girls entered the National Mathematical Challenges.

Twenty-six pupils entered the Junior Level, for Year 8 pupils, with four girls: Stephanie Potten, Fiona Ribbons, Emma Crickmore and Jasmine Ayres achieving Gold awards, whilst another seven gained Silver awards and nine took Bronze. 65 pupils were entered for the Intermediate Level, for Years 10 and 11, with Christy Lee achieving Gold, seven pupils achieving Silver and seventeen achieving Bronze. At Senior Level, for Lower 6 and Upper 6, twenty-four pupils were entered, with Ellen Wong achieving Gold, Cecilia Cheung taking Silver and Jayne Read the Bronze award.

All the pupils who entered should be congratulated on their success in these demanding tests.

Mrs Hooton

MODERN LANGUAGES

Unfortunately we were unable to run our usual exchange programme with Collège Jean Bosco and Bournemouth School as the UK law now requires us to run CRB checks on host families to ensure their suitability to receive French children in their homes. Failure to have these checks carried out would invalidate our insurance, so reluctantly we and BS abandoned the Exchange this year. Our French colleagues find it hard to comprehend the reasons for what they perceive excessive control. We are hoping to continue our links by arranging for pupils to stay in a hotel or hostel and spending time in school at home in the evenings and at

the weekends with our “penpals”. This will enable our students to have first hand experience of French language and culture as well.

Unfortunately insufficient student interest meant that plans to take a group of sixth formers to Cherbourg for work experience had to be shelved and a lack of interest in a proposed German/Music trip to Vienna meant that this trip too was cancelled.

Enjoyable visits abroad did however happen with the Upper and Lower 5s having great fun in Parc Asterix in the autumn, and the Upper 4s enjoying their stay in Paris in June. A group of 25 Upper 4, Lower 5 and Upper 5 Spanish students visited Barcelona in the spring and enjoyed seeing all the sights, including Gaudi's Sagrada Familia church and the Barcelona FC stadium.

Sixth Form students visited Winchester to watch an excellent performance of an A level Spanish text.

Miss Silvester

MUSIC, CREATIVE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

Music

The busy extra-curricular life of the Music department has continued with its programme of 18 activities ranging from the Main Orchestra and Choir through to smaller instrumental and vocal ensembles. All these activities are training grounds for our young musicians, providing invaluable experience of ensemble music making. They also contribute to the programme of regular concerts and events throughout the year.

Pupils of all ages have participated in the regular monthly Informal Concerts and this year, in addition to the usual range of Christmas Carol Services and Nativity plays, we produced *Guys & Dolls* which was given a matinee and two evening performances.

Our link with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Education Department has continued to thrive. A workshop on Indian music has been presented to all Junior School pupils and pupils in Year 8.

In February we hosted a *Gifted & Talented* music workshop for selected children from local state schools. Some of our own GCSE students assisted with this presentation.

In March this year Mr Hill, Miss Williams and Andy Baker (BSO Community Musician) travelled to Lucerne to deliver a series of workshops to pupils at the Four Forest Bilingual School.

The Spring Concert gave pupils from across the entire age range of the school the chance to perform in a varied programme of solos and ensembles. The standard was extremely high and £300 was raised towards the purchase of a performance synthesizer for use with the Concert Band, Orchestra, etc.

At this year's School Birthday the choir performed *The Heavenly Aeroplane* by Rutter, in honour of Pastor Athanase's visit from our link school in Rwanda.

The Junior School Choir performed an ecological musical, *The Bumblesnouts Save the World*, to parents and friends at the end of the summer term. Similarly Year 4 members performed Debbie Campbell's *Minibeast Madness* and Year 6 members performed the songs from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* to the rest of Junior School.

Finally, members of Year 1 presented two performances of *Happy Hat-Land* (a mini-musical by Nikki Davies about sharing), one to parents and friends, the other to the members of both Reception classes.

Mr Hill

Art

The academic year 2007/08 began with a trip for GCSE and A Level students to the Hayward and Tate Britain Galleries to view the *Modern Life* exhibition and the *Turner Prize Retrospective*. *Modern Life* inspired girls to complete a variety of very unusual projects in both Fine Art and Graphics centring on issues such as street crime, anorexia, identity and consumerism.

Mrs Stevens ran two evening classes in the autumn and spring terms. *A Drawing Experience* offered Year 10-13 students the opportunity to explore alternative methods of drawing, and in the spring there was an intensive course in darkroom Photography.

The internationally renowned designer Ben Trill offered us another opportunity to take part in the *DAMSET Project* to promote AIDS awareness; girls from Years 9-13 enthusiastically created their own tiles, which were displayed for a month in the Lighthouse, Poole.

Miss Coates has set up a Junior Art Club which meets on Wednesday lunchtimes, and focuses on the development of skills and development towards digital results.

Exam results were extremely good this year, and both GCSE and A Level Moderators were very impressed with the variety and standard of work that we, as a small department, are able to offer – to the extent that the A Level Moderator asked to borrow our Scheme of Work!

The Year ended for GCSE students with a trip to the Arts Institute at Bournemouth to view the Degree Shows.

Plans for 2008/9

GCSE students will be spending time at the Russell Cotes Museum this term in order to start their final piece of coursework. AS Level students will visit St Stephen's Church in Bournemouth as part of their drawing course, with an exhibition of this work going on show in the church later this year. It is hoped that an etching by a Sixth Former will be used for this year's school Christmas card.

Evening classes in alternative drawing methods and darkroom photography will take place again during the autumn and spring terms, and two Sixth Formers are running a cartooning workshop during the Autumn Term.

Prague is the destination for this year's Art Trip. An exciting itinerary has been planned, and students from Years 10-12 should return home with plenty of inspiration for their Art and Photography work.

Mrs Stevens

Information Communication Technology

In addition to the timetabled ICT lessons provided to all pupils up to Upper 4 (Year 9) and the GCSE courses in Lower and Upper 5, we provide further enhancement to the subject via the use of outside speakers. This year these have included a presentation from *Childnet* about internet safety and cyber-bullying for all pupils from Upper 3 to Lower 5.

Lunchtime use of the computer room is encouraged. This is where pupils can come for help with their work to be done on the computer for other subjects, as well as technical queries they may have about devices and machines at home. Pupils also use this time to work in study groups towards any remaining modules of the ECDL that they need to cover, including the Extra module (E). The computer rooms are regularly full at lunchtimes and school boarders use them after school for their work and contact with home via email.

This year pupils have continued to send emails to their friends in our link school in Rwanda. This has had a good take up and is appreciated immensely by those in Rwanda. Since the

visit by Pastor Athanase there has been some further encouragement for staff to be more involved in communicating with Rwandan staff in similar subject areas.

As a department we are always open to suggestions and invitations to competitions where ICT can be used. We are looking forward to an exciting academic year in 2008/09.

Mrs Bichard

Business Studies

Business Studies GCSE is taught in Lower 5 and Upper 5. This year we have enriched our curriculum with input from outside speakers on *Motivation in the Workplace* from The John Lewis Partnership (contribution from Head of Personnel at Waitrose, Parkstone) and also from JP Morgan Chase (HR department). These have enabled pupils to gain an insight into the types of schemes businesses have in place to encourage, motivate and retain their workforce.

During the visit of Pastor Athanase we studied business ethics in relation to production in other countries, including Rwanda. Pastor Athanase was able to contribute to these lessons with his own experiences. We also viewed selections from the BBC documentary on fair trade.

We always try to keep up to date with the business world and all lessons touch on experiences from the world outside the classroom; often newspaper articles are used as case studies in lessons.

The department is moving forward all the time and welcomes any ideas and contributions from the business world where they are appropriate to our GCSE syllabus.

Mrs Bichard

Design Technology – Food

This year's Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Relief was another great success, raising a total of £320. Cakes were made and sold by the pupils. Year 6 parents contributed to the raffle and stayed after their coffee to watch the start of their daughters' lesson.

At the Harvest Festival service, an attractive centrepiece to the display of gifts was the harvest loaf made by the girls.

Mrs Patterson

Design Technology – Textiles

The Textiles Department continues to support the many drama productions held each year. The girls are encouraged to try out their skills and, with guidance, produce their costumes for the play. We are also able to advise and facilitate the Sixth Form girls on the clothes needed for their Theatre Studies exams.

Mrs Irvine

SCIENCE

Following the examination period, students in Upper 3 to Upper 4 undertook some project work. The Upper 3 and Lower 4 investigated the biology of snails and sea monkeys (brine shrimp).

Some Lower 5 students took part in the pilot scheme of the Biology Olympiad, with one of our pupils attaining silver medal level. The Olympiad will be repeated next year, and we plan to submit students again to participate.

A level Biologists undertook fieldwork activities at Hengistbury Head and Kimmeridge.

During Easter some Lower 5 students attended a one-day Science conference at Southampton University on the theme of oceans and climate change (this was in conjunction with the Geography department).

Mr Gibson

SPORT

Sport continues to go from strength to strength at Talbot Heath. This year we have had local, county, regional, national and international success in many different competitions.

In addition to the dedication and success in our extensive programme of activities offered at school, many individuals have performed magnificently outside school and we are immensely proud of everyone involved in all areas of physical education at every level.

We must start by congratulating Melissa Courtney for her most notable and wonderful achievement of being presented with the Female Young Sportswoman of the Year award at the 2007 Active Sports Dorset Awards. The reasons for this award will soon become evident!

International honours have been achieved by Melissa and Grace Howie in Biathlon when they represented GB in the 2007 World Championships. Melissa won the overall event in her age group and both girls qualified for the 2008 World Championship. In swimming, Kimberley Rowles made her debut for Great Britain.

These are excellent achievements and many long hours of training have ensured the success of these girls.

Girls from Talbot Heath have competed in numerous National finals this year in athletics, biathlon, cross-country, sailing, swimming, tennis and for the first time badminton.

Performances and achievements from girls at a local and county level have also been outstanding. With the breadth of talent in our Junior School the team won the overall STEP athletics trophy. Robyn Charles must be congratulated as she has broken two STEP records that have stood for over 10 years, in the sprint and high jump. She was also part of the Talbot Heath relay team that set a new record in the 4 x 100m relay.

The mini tennis on a Wednesday evening continues to be popular, as are the early morning sessions on Fridays for Years 1 and 2 and this enthusiasm and practice is certainly paying dividends in success for the children. The number of pupils attending football lessons for Pre-prep has increased.

It all looks very positive for a new generation of potential sport stars! We are so fortunate at Talbot Heath to have a wealth of talent in many areas of sport. The girls' continued commitment, along with that of their parents, has to be commended and we look forward to even greater success.

Miss Hardy

Librarian's Report

Another busy year has passed with over 1,000 new books, CDs and DVDs being added to the Library Catalogue. This new stock has come not only from the Library budget, but the commission earned during two book fairs held in the year. We have a growing range of DVDs that are relevant to the English curriculum and they are proving very popular with the girls in supporting their English and Drama studies.

At the start of the academic year the Library joined the national reading scheme for all Year 7's called 'Booked up'. This scheme promotes reading across the country by distributing a free book of the pupil's choice, chosen from a bright and colourful catalogue. The response was enthusiastic amongst both girls and staff and is set to continue in 2008 with another excellent range of books to choose from.

The Library was involved quite closely with the English Department's group to shadow the Carnegie/Kate Greenaway Book Awards. This 8 week event led to the girls voting on who they thought should win, and needless to say, there was much debate about their choices.

At the end of the academic year the Library and English department created new reading lists divided into Key Stages 3 and 4, together with a Sixth Form list. The new academic year has only just begun but these book choices are already proving popular both as a means of reading for pleasure and in extending the girl's reading and writing abilities.

The Library has been sending financial support to the Mbabzi School Library in Malawi for the past four years. This year was no exception as we were able to send over £300 to continue the improvement and development of the School Library. This donation was raised through the two book fairs held in the Library this year, together with profit from the sale of Fair Trade goods during Fair Trade fortnight.

Another new initiative has been to coordinate the recycling of old text books and educational equipment in the school and send them to a charity called *Read Book Project* (based and run by volunteers in Southampton University). A large vanload of books and old sports equipment was taken from the school to Southampton in June 2008, where they will be sorted, sent and redistributed to pupils in Africa, primarily Tanzania, Kenya and Uganda.

The Library continues to be very popular during breaks and lunch times with girls wishing to study, read and research. Most notable this year have been the many occasions that impromptu book discussions have 'broken out', leading to several pupils now exploring the possibility of starting an 'Occasional Book Club'. Watch this space!

Examination Results and Achievements

Destinations of Leavers

E Attfield	University of Bristol (Animal Behaviour and Welfare)
I Brickman	Bournemouth Arts Institute (Foundation Art and Design)
S Brown	Bath Spa University (Primary Education)
V Chu	University of Leicester (Medical Genetics)
H Clayton	University of Plymouth (Human Biosciences)
A Corsi	University of Surrey (Business Management)
H Eddleston	London Metropolitan University (Advertising, Marketing and PR)
C Fidler	GAP YEAR
J Fung	University of Hong Kong (Psychology)
C Gilbert	(2009) University of Southampton (Nursing)
N Hall	Liverpool John Moores University (Forensic Science and Criminal Justice)
C Hourihan	University of the West of England (Equine Sports Science)
H Jenkins	University of Manchester (Medicine)
S Latimer-Sayer	GAP YEAR
M Lee	GAP YEAR
L Llewellyn	University of the Arts, London (Fashion Management)
J McGinn	University of Birmingham (Classical Civilisation)
E Middleton	University of Manchester (Psychology)
E Miller	University of Birmingham (Classical Literature and Civilisation)
G Rawson	University of Surrey (Law)
E Rowley	University of Manchester (Fashion and Textile Retailing)
S Sansome	Champneys (CIDESCO Diploma in Beauty Therapy)
E Smith	Belmont University, Nashville (Business Marketing)
S Stuart-Clark	University of Bournemouth (Multi-Media Journalism)
H Turner	Royal Holloway, London (Classical Studies and Drama)
S White	University of Surrey (Law)
M Wingfield	University of Southampton (Psychology)
E Wong	University of Hong Kong (Business Administration)
J Wood	St Anne's College, Oxford (Classics and English)
S Woodman	University of Portsmouth (Architecture)

School Awards

Advanced Level Awards	J Fung, H Jenkins, M Lee, J Wood
The Austin-Smith Awards	H Clayton, J Wood
The Hardy Awards	H Jenkins, S Woodman
The Mabel Fletcher Award	C Gilbert
The Shona Baker Award	E Miller
The Ruth Sykes Award	S Farrell, A Jones

General Certificate of Education: Leavers 2008 – Advanced Level Passes

* Indicates Grade A (*AS Level in Italics*)

E Attfield	Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, <i>Physics</i>
I Brickman	Art, <i>Biology, Chemistry</i> , English, <i>Physics</i>
S Brown	English, <i>Economics</i> , Geography, Theatre Studies*
V Chu	Biology, Chemistry*, Chinese*, <i>Economics</i> , Mathematics*
H Clayton	Biology, Chemistry, <i>French</i> , Mathematics
A Corsi	Economics, <i>French</i> , Mathematics, Religious Studies
H Eddleston	<i>Biology</i> , English, Religious Studies, Theatre Studies
C Fidler	Art, <i>Biology</i> , English, Geography
J Fung	Art*, <i>Biology*</i> , <i>Chemistry*</i> , Chinese*, Mathematics*
C Gilbert	Art, English, Theatre Studies
N Hall	Biology, English, Theatre Studies*, <i>Physics</i>
C Hourihan	<i>Biology, Chemistry</i> , Classical Civilisation, English
H Jenkins	Biology*, Chemistry*, French*, Mathematics*
S Latimer-Sayer	Art, Classical Civilisation, <i>Economics</i>
M Lee	Biology*, Chemistry*, <i>French</i> , <i>Further Mathematics*</i> , Mathematics*, <i>Physics*</i>
L Llewellyn	English, <i>French*</i> , Religious Studies, Theatre Studies
J McGinn	Classical Civilisation*, <i>Economics</i> , English, Theatre Studies*
E Middleton	Art*, English, Geography*, <i>Mathematics</i>
E Miller	Classical Civilisation, English, Theatre Studies
G Rawson	<i>Biology</i> , English, Religious Studies, Theatre Studies*
E Rowley	Art*, English, Economics, <i>Geography</i>
S Sansome	English, Geography, Theatre Studies
E Smith	English, Geography, Theatre Studies
S Stuart-Clark	Art, English*, <i>Geography</i> , Theatre Studies
H Turner	Classical Civilisation*, English, Theatre Studies*
S White	Biology, <i>Chemistry</i> , Geography*, Religious Studies
M Wingfield	Biology, <i>Chemistry</i> , English*, Religious Studies*
E Wong	Chinese*, Economics, Further Mathematics*, Mathematics*, Physics
J Wood	English*, French*, German*, Latin*
S Woodman	Art, English*, <i>French</i> , Physics

General Certificate of Secondary Education 2008

(Number indicates subjects at Grade C or above)

K Andrews	(9)	I Battcock	(9)	L Bennett	(9)	A Beveridge	(9)
K Bintcliffe	(9)	R Black	(9)	E Bleach	(9)	E Bolden	(9)
A Bramwell-Reeks	(9)	B Brickman	(9)	R Champion	(9)	K Chapman	(9)
H Cheaney	(9)	L Collier	(9)	C Crotty	(9)	L Darley	(9)
E Deacon-Elliott	(9)	R Durrant-Blake	(9)	Y Farzaneh-Rezvani	(9)	L Filsoof	(9)
H Forsyth	(9)	J Freeman	(9)	C Girling	(9)	B-M Greenwood	(8)
R Hemmings	(8)	I Hickman	(9)	C Hicks	(9)	C Hill	(9)
T Hudson	(9)	L James	(9)	A Jenkins	(9)	L Katwala	(9)
E Keene	(9)	M Lai	(9)	A Leedham	(8)	C Lee	(9)
R Lines	(9)	H Marsh	(9)	P Mashinkila	(9)	C Mclaughlin	(9)
K Mcleod	(8)	G Mitchell	(9)	P Moayedi	(9)	R Morrison	(9)
C Nelson	(9)	A Oakley	(9)	J Oliver	(9)	F Penny	(9)
C Potter	(8)	R Richards	(9)	D Rowan	(9)	K Rowles	(7)
C Schuster Bruce	(9)	J Soltani	(9)	J Thompson	(9)	E Tidbury	(9)
L Ting	(9)	E Torrens	(9)	G Turner	(9)	E Vallis	(9)
M Vaughan-Johncey	(9)	C Waugh-Baker	(9)	B Wingfield	(9)	S Wiswould	(9)
K Young	(9)						

33% A* grades, 36% A grades, 22% B grades, 9% C grades

Young Enterprise

Talbot Heath participated in several Young Enterprise companies during the year. Scintilla won the Innovation Award. The final examination was taken by 6 candidates:

Distinction - K Mcleod

Credit - G Akin-Smith, S Dixon, L-J Stokes, H Tombs, Q Wong.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Awards

The following have completed their Bronze award: I Battcock, A Beveridge, K Bintcliffe, E Bolden, L Collier, H Forsyth, C Girling, R Hemmings, C Hill, T Hudson, A Jenkins, M Lai, P Mashinkila, L Ting, G Turner and S Wiswould.

Information, Communication and Technology

55 girls completed the International Computer Driving Licence. The following girls passed the extra module to achieve the equivalent of a B at GCSE: L Bibby, E Bridgman, H Climie, N Collins, F Hillard, L Kong, K Mason, K Place, G Rothwell, J Tattum.

Senior Mathematics Challenge

Gold: E Wong

Silver: C Cheung

Bronze: 1 award

Intermediate Mathematics Challenge

Gold: C Lee

Silver: E Bolden, C Girling, A Jenkins, S Hon, A Le Rossignol, L Tam, A Yeoman

Bronze: 17 awards

Junior Mathematics Challenge

Gold: J Ayres, E Crickmore, S Potten, F Ribbons

Silver: K Birnie, P Broadbent, N Curry, E Pugh, L Small, A Stuart, C Wass

Bronze: 9 awards

Gold level represents the top 6% of entries.

Music

Effort and Achievement in Music (Years 7-9)

L Small

Performer of the Year

H McCall Davies

The Mary Simmonds Cup (all round contribution)

A Jenkins

The Stravinsky Composition Cup

A Le Rossignol

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

Cello

Grade 8 - Dist. H McCall Davies

Clarinet

Grade 6 - Merit E Hughes

Grade 6 - Merit R Jarmolkiewicz

Alto Saxophone

Grade 6 - Pass C Schuster-Bruce

Treble/Descant Recorder

Grade 7 - Pass L Dann

Pianoforte

Grade 8 - Merit A Jenkins

Grade 7 - Dist. A Le Rossignol

Grade 7 - Merit Q Wong

Grade 7 - Pass E Hughes

Grade 7 - Pass L Kong

Grade 6 - Pass L Darley

Violin

Grade 8 - Pass C Cheung

Grade 7 - Pass M Lee

Flute

Grade 6 - Merit E Bolden

Results of other examinations: Distinction - 6, Merit - 21, Pass - 16.

The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art

Acting

Gold Medal Solo:
Merit - E Smith

Silver Medal Solo:
Merit - V Chu
Pass - H Turner

Silver Medal Duologue:
Dist. - A Khalil
Dist. - N Chesterfield
Merit - C Schuster-Bruce
Merit - B-M Greenwood

Bronze Medal Solo:
Dist. - T-J Kaz
Dist. - M Stuart
Merit - M Lai

Bronze Medal Duologue:
Dist. - I Battcock
Merit - J Bradshaw
Merit - K Chapman
Merit - L Tillings
Merit - S Williams
Pass - C Baker

Speaking of Verse & Prose

Gold Medal
Dist. - G Pilling

Silver Medal
Dist. - L Tillings
Merit - M Lee
Merit - H Turner

Bronze Medal
Dist. - E Deacon-Elliott

Results of other examinations: Distinction - 39, Merit - 32, Pass - 4

Bournemouth Music Competitions Festival, June 2008

H McCall Davies was declared an exceptional instrumentalist and was nominated to take part in the Minns Young Musician of the Year Recital Competition which she went on to win.

T Hannam-Daniels won the Junior Speech and Drama Championships and was also presented with Donald Willoughby Award for the most outstanding competitor in the overall (Junior and Senior) Speech and Drama Section of the Festival.

First Places were achieved by:

H McCall Davies in the Strings Grade 7 and above, and the Strings Advanced Solo recital
L Dann in the Recorder Duet Advanced class
M Stuart in the Poetry 16/Under class
A le Rossignol in the Poetry 15/Under class
T Hannam-Daniels in the Poetry 15/Under, Shakespeare Solo 13/Under, Prose Speaking from Memory 13/Under and Dramatic Scene 15/Under classes
A Stuart in the Poetry 13/Under class
T Hannam-Daniels and A Stuart in the Duologue 13/Under class
L Small in the Vocal 13/Under class
I Atkinson in the Vocal 10-12 class, the Woodwind Solo Grades 3 & 4 and the Recorder Solo grades 5 & 6.

Second places were achieved by:

L Dann in the Advanced Recorder class
L Small in the Book at Bedtime 17/Under class
D Andrews in the Solo 16/Under class and the Party Piece 16/Under class
M Stuart in the Party Piece 16/Under class
A Yeoman in the Poetry 15/Under class
L O'Dowd in the Vocal 10-12 class
A Stuart in the Dramatic 13/Under class
E Hockey and I Atkinson in the Duet 13/Under class
L Bracken and J Phillips in the Duologue 13/Under class.

Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing

RADA Advanced Foundation Tap and Modern - N Chesterfield

ISTD Intermediate Tap and Modern - A Jones

S Farrell currently dances with the Central School of Ballet.

Sport

International Honours

- Biathle** - M Courtney and G Howie represented Great Britain in the 2007 World Championships in Monaco, and M Courtney won the overall event in her age group. They have both qualified for the 2008 World Championships in South Africa, having won their respective age groups in the European and National Championships.
- Cross Country** - M Courtney represented England in the Schools Home International Competition in Edinburgh, contributing to the success of the team who won the competition.
- Sailing** - J Freeman represented Great Britain in the Cadet team at the World Championships in Holland and was placed 2nd. She also won the Flanders Youth Regatta.
- Swimming** - K Rowles, a member of the Welsh Youth Squad, made her Great Britain debut in the Queensland Open State Championships in Australia achieving 4th places in the 15yrs 400m Individual Medley and 800m Freestyle.

National Honours

- Athletics** - M Courtney and G Howie represented Dorset in the English Schools National Finals and they both achieved National Standard in the National AAA Championships. M Courtney won the Bronze medal in the Intermediate 1500m at the English Schools Finals, and she also represented the South West in the UK School Games.
- Badminton** - The Junior squad consisting of L Aung, L Battersby, P Broadbent, S Parkes and S Potten were placed 3rd in the National Schools Team Championships, having qualified as winners of the Dorset Schools and South West Competitions. L Aung, P Broadbent and S Parkes competed in Nationally Rated Tournaments at Silver level in their respective age groups.
- Biathlon** - The Year 8 team consisting of S Haysom, G Howie and I Huntingdon won the Gold medal in the National Schools Championships. G Howie and S Haysom were placed 1st and 3rd respectively.
M Courtney won the Gold medal in the Year 10 age group at the National Schools Biathlon and was 2nd in the Under 17 girls at the National age groups championships.
G Howie was placed 3rd in the 13/14 Years National Biathlon Championships.
- Cross Country** - G Howie won a silver medal in the National Championships and also qualified for the English Schools Championships.
- Sailing** - A Yeoman qualified for the National Squad.
G Akin-Smith competed in the RS200 National Championships.
- Swimming** - F Hardie qualified for the National Youth Championships in the 50m Freestyle and the 100m Freestyle Relay.
C Rowan was a member of the Bournemouth Dolphins Freestyle Relay team who won a silver medal at the South West Championships and qualified for the National Championships. She also qualified for the 100m Freestyle event.
- Tennis** - The first team consisting of J Awford, N Chesterfield, E Gordon, E Mitchell and E Smith qualified for the National Finals of the Aberdare Cup and were runners up in the Plate Competition.

Area/County/Regional Honours

At the 2007 Active Sports Dorset Awards M Courtney was presented with the Female Young Sports-woman of the Year.

- Athletics** - In the Bournemouth Schools Town Sports,
First places were achieved by:
C Rowan Year 7 - 100m I Davis Year 8/9 - 75m Hurdles
S Sadeh Year 7 - 70m Hurdles G Howie Year 8/9 - 800m
Second places were achieved by:
R Bibby Year 7 - High Jump

D Andrews Year 8/9 - 100m
S Haysom Year 8/9 - 1500m
A Tordorf-Gibson Year 8/9 - 200m
The Year 8/9 Relay team consisting of D Andrews, P Broadbent, G Howie, and A Tordorf-Gibson.

In the Dorset Schools Championships, First places were achieved by:
J Oliver, G Howie, A Tordorf-Gibson.

The following athletes were selected to represent Dorset in the South West Schools Championships: M Courtney, J Oliver, G Howie. M Courtney won the Intermediate 800m and G Howie was placed 3rd in the Junior 1500m.

In the Dorset AAA Championships M Courtney came 1st in the Intermediate 3000m, 1500m and 800m; G Howie was 1st in Junior 1500m and 2nd in 800m.

Badminton - In the Dorset Schools Tournament S Parkes won the Under 15 Doubles and P Broadbent the Under 13 Doubles, with their respective partners. P Broadbent was runner up in the Under 13 singles.

L Aung won the Under 12 Dorset Singles and Doubles Tournament.

L Battersby and S Parkes played in the Dorset Under 15 team in the County Team Challenge and won the South West Competition. L Aung and P Broadbent playing with the Under 13 team were runners up.

Biathlon - In the South West Biathlon Championships M Courtney was 1st, G Howie 2nd and S Haysom 3rd in their respective age groups.

Cross Country - In the Bournemouth Schools Championship the Under 15 team came 1st and the Under 13 team 2nd.

Individual 1st Places were achieved by A Vaughan-Johncey in the Under 13 race, G Howie in the Junior Girls race and M Courtney in the Intermediate Girls race. 2nd places were achieved by R Smythe in the Under 13 and S Haysom in the Junior Girls race.

The following were selected to represent Bournemouth in the Dorset Schools Championship: M Courtney, S Haysom, G Howie, I Huntington, C Rowan, R Smythe, G Stalley and A Vaughan-Johncey.

M Courtney and G Howie both won the Dorset Schools Championship in their respective age groups and S Haysom was runner up. M Courtney won the South West Schools Championship.

The Year 7/8 combined team consisting of G Howie, S Haysom, E Taylor and I Davis won the Leweston School Invitation Cross Country Relay Event.

G Howie and S Haysom were 1st and 2nd respectively; M Courtney was 1st in the Year 9 and above event and all three girls broke the course records.

Fencing - J Hookey won a Bronze Medal in the Hampshire Ladies Competition.

Gymnastics - I Davis won the Dorset Tumbling Competition and achieved a Bronze Medal in the South West Regional Competition.

Hockey - The Under 13 team consisting of L Bracken, P Broadbent, E Crader, F Holleyoak, R Owers, S Potten, L Small, R Smythe, A Vaughan-Johncey, S Webb and K Winderam won the Dorset Schools 11 a side Tournament.

The following players were selected for Dorset teams: E Deacon-Elliott, M Khalil, J Oliver and V Rasbridge. M Khalil played in goal for the Dorset Under 14 team who won the West of England Tournament.

Netball - The Under 16 squad consisting of A Beveridge, K Chapman, E Deacon-Elliott, H Forsyth, C Girling, R Lines, J Oliver and E Tidbury were runners up the Bournemouth Schools Rally.

The Under 15 squad consisting of F Bailey, F Crompton, K Fraser, J Hookey, A Koumoudos, H McCall, A Morley, C Sidwick & R Tilling were runners up in both the Dorset Schools County Tournament and the Bournemouth Schools Rally.

The Under 14 squad consisting of D Andrews, S Ingram-Johnson, F Hillard, M Khalil, L Macfarlane, O Osmond, F Owen and V Rasbridge won the Bournemouth Schools Knockout Competition and also won the Dorset Schools Finals Tournament.

D Andrews, S Ingram-Johnson, M Khalil and V Rasbridge were selected for the West of England Talent Development Programme.

The Under 13 squad consisting of P Broadbent, T Hannam-Daniels, I Hillard, A Inglis, M Jones, A Mann and S Moon won the Bournemouth Schools Rally.

The Under 12 squad consisting of H Barr, A Bridgman, S Buckle, J Gwynne, S Musker, R Owers, C Rowan, R Smythe, L Wills and K Winderam won the Bournemouth Schools Rally and the plate section of the Bournemouth Schools Knockout.

Rounders - The Year 7 team consisting of H Barr, A Chipangura, J Gwynne, S Farhang, B Lees, L O'Dowd, R Owers, K Small, R Smythe, L Wills and A Vaughan-Johncey won the Moyles Court Invitation Tournament.

The Year 9 team consisting of D Andrews, L Battersby, E Heygate-Browne, S Ingram-Johnson, M Khalil, A Mann, L MacFarlene, C Meaden, O Osmund, F Owen and S Parkes won the Moyles Court Invitation Tournament.

Squash - J Leadbetter won the Dorset Closed 13/Under Tournament and was runner up in the 17/Under Plate. L Small was runner up in the 13/Under Tournament.

Swimming - F Hardie won a bronze medal in the Dorset County Championships and has also been selected to represent Dorset Schools in the Regional Championship.

The Junior team consisting of D Andrews, R Bolden, F Hardie and S Haysom came 2nd in both the Medley and Freestyle Relays at the Dorset Schools Competition.

Tennis - J Awford and E Gordon won the Under 19 Dorset Schools Pairs Competition. E Taylor and A Woosley won the Under 14 Dorset Schools Pairs Competition.

The Year 7/8 team consisting of A Stuart, E Taylor, A Woosley and M Worden won the Dorset Schools League and the Year 9/10 team consisting of K Fraser, K Mason, C Meaden and T Hutchinson were runners up.

A Stuart won both the singles and the doubles in the 14/Under and the 16/Under Dorset Closed Tournament.

E Taylor won the Under 14 doubles and was runner up in the singles in the Hampshire Closed Tournament.

A Woosley won the Dorset Open 14/Under singles and mixed doubles, the Sussex Open 14/Under doubles and she was runner up in the singles.

M Worden won the 12/Under doubles in the Sussex Closed Tournament and was runner up in the 12/Under singles in the Sussex Open.

Talbot Heath - Governors' Biographies

SIMON TONG MA FRSA (Chairman) attended Cambridge University and worked in schools in Leicester, Essex and Suffolk before becoming Head of a large comprehensive school in Braintree. He was Head of Queen Elizabeth's School in Wimborne for 14 years before taking up the post of Director of Education for Salisbury Diocese. Since retiring from this post, he now works as a School Improvement Partner with a number of schools in the South West.

Simon has been an OfSTED inspector and an accredited trainer for Hay Management. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. He is a Lay Canon of Salisbury Cathedral, a Bishop's Representative for the selection of candidates for ordination into Anglican ministry, and is Lay Chair of his village Parochial Church Council. He was recently elected to East Dorset District Council for his home ward in rural Dorset.

Simon lives near Wimborne with his wife Rosemary (JP) who was Assistant Director of Children's Services for Southampton unitary authority. He has three children and four grandchildren.

TIM BATTCOCK was born in Hertfordshire in 1957 and qualified in Liverpool in 1981. He worked in the northwest for seven years before moving to Leicester as a senior registrar, doing research into dementia and developing an interest in education. He has worked as a Consultant Physician at Poole Hospital since 1991, and from 2001 has been responsible for the education of all junior doctors there. Since moving to Dorset he has increased his interest into medical education at the hospital, regional and national level. His interests are entertainment, entertaining and competition. Tim is the governor with responsibility for Safeguarding Children. He also interested in Talbot Heath's Eco-School status.

MORAG DAY was born and educated in Scotland before training as a nurse in London. Her nursing career was mostly spent in the operating theatre but for the last ten years she was a practice nurse. Ill health forced an early retirement from nursing but she now volunteers one morning per week at the Dorset Cancer Centre in Poole Hospital. Her daughter was educated at Talbot Heath from 1992 till 2003.

SALLY THOMAS (née DENNISON) LLB attended Talbot Heath School between 1973 and 1984. She graduated from Exeter University after studying law. Sally studied for her Law Society Finals at Bristol. She returned to Bournemouth in 1988 and joined a local firm of solicitors. She was admitted as a solicitor in 1990, later joining Dixon & Templeton, solicitors in Fordingbridge. Sally is the governor with responsibility for Careers.

GRAHAM EXON DMS moved to Bournemouth in 1992 as Area Manager of Abbey National to manage the branch operations along the south coast. He is now Chairman of the Bournemouth Churches Housing Association and is a director of Hyped BCHA Ltd and Sequal Solutions Ltd. He has been a governor in schools in Bournemouth for a number of years and is a governor representative on the Bournemouth Schools' Forum. He is also Director of Music for the parish of St John with St Michael, Bournemouth, and is nominated to the governing Body by the Bishop of Winchester. His daughter was educated at Talbot Heath.

RODERICK KENNEDY is an international opera singer. He began his career at The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden where he has appeared in over 500 performances. He was educated at Bournemouth School and studied music and singing at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London. His background is in Marketing and Public Relations. He is Chairman of the Winter Gardens Charitable Trust and Artistic Director of Dorset Opera, which through its "Opera-in-Education" project brings the joys of opera to children in schools around the county. He has five children including triplets; his youngest daughter is in the Senior School.

CHRISTINE NORMAN was Public Relations Manager for a large housing charity for nine years with a particular responsibility for organising annual conferences and major fundraising banquets and is now a legal assistant/secretary in her husband's private legal practice. Her daughter was educated at Talbot Heath and during that time she became very involved in the Parent Staff Society, retiring as Deputy Chairman in 2000.

GILLIAN SLATER MSc MA DPhil FRSA DL retired in September 2005 after nearly 11 years as Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive of Bournemouth University. She spent many years before that working as a mathematician at various universities. She holds a BA, MSc, MA and DPhil in Mathematics from the University of Oxford. Currently she is a member of the Dorset and Somerset Strategic Health Authority and has the honour of being a Deputy Lieutenant of Dorset.

GLYN SMITH MA FCA has a degree in French and Russian from Cambridge University. After qualifying as a chartered accountant, he spent 19 years with Barclays Bank in various senior financial roles, before becoming Group Finance Director of Portman Building Society from 1999 until his retirement in 2006. He has a number of other business interests and is on the Board of Bournemouth University. He is married with two grown-up children.

DAVID TOWNEND BSc (Hons) is an experienced entrepreneur. He was born in London and brought up in Bath. Since moving to Bournemouth in 1983, he has supported a number of businesses and driven them to achieve significant growth. His background is in IT and he has extensive experience in the aviation, energy and Internet sectors. His youngest daughter is in the Senior School and he currently has a number of local business interests.

SANDY TRAPNELL SRN was educated at Sherborne School for Girls. She trained as a nurse in London, a career that led to four years in Australia with the Flying Doctor Service, followed by work at a missionary hospital in Papua New Guinea. On her return to England in 1977, Sandy held Ward Sister posts in Reading, Chertsey, and St George's Hospital London. She moved to Bournemouth in 1987 as a Ward sister for 15 years in Vascular Surgery at Bournemouth Hospital, until retirement in 2001. Sandy is married to John Trapnell, retired Consultant Surgeon at Bournemouth Hospital.

