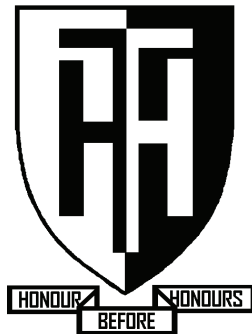


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Rothesay Road Bournemouth Dorset BH4 9NJ

Examination Percentage Passes 2009

ADVANCED LEVEL RESULTS

Grade A	54%
Grade B and above	82%
Grade C and above	99%
Pass Rate	100%

AS LEVEL RESULTS

Grade A	43%
Grade B and above	75%
Grade C and above	90%
Pass Rate	99%

GCSE RESULTS

Grade A*	37%
Grade A and above	72%
Grade B and above	95%
Grade C and above	99.8%

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MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

Chairman:	Mr Simon Tong	Nominated by the Bishop of Salisbury
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	Prof Gillian Slater	Foundation Governor
	Mr Glyn Smith	Foundation Governor
	Mrs Sally Thomas	Foundation Governor
	Mr David Townend	Foundation Governor
	Mrs Sandie 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.

Headmistress' Report to Parents on the Year 2008-2009

Our speaker at this year's Speech Day ceremony was Jo Norman, who left Talbot Heath to read Modern Languages at Cambridge. She is now Assistant Curator at the V&A Museum, where earlier this year she was responsible for the fascinating exhibition "Baroque Style in the Age of Magnificence". A career in a museum for the visual arts was not an obvious career path for Jo, but life is full of unexpected opportunities which can lead to interesting destinations. In today's uncertain world, young people are increasingly likely to embark upon portfolio careers. The acquisition of transferable skills and the willingness to be flexible are vital ingredients for success in the employment market.

I am delighted to report that we have been re-designated as a school holding the prestigious Investor in Careers Award. This kite mark is not lightly given and is only awarded for a 3 year period. The positive outcome of our recent reassessment confirms that we are continuing to review and improve our Careers programme at Talbot Heath. I should like to thank those parents who took time to fill in the questionnaire sent out last summer; as a result of your comments, Mrs Habgood has produced a booklet detailing the Information, Advice and Guidance offered to successive year groups, which I hope will be informative and helpful. Other new and successful ventures were the two Enterprise Days which Upper 4 and Lower 5 enjoyed last term. The girls had to come up with an original business idea – a product or a service – identify its unique selling points, select marketing and promotional methods, calculate the profit they would hope to make in one year and prepare a presentation. The girls had a variety of innovative ideas including interchangeable frames for glasses to match an outfit, and the eventual winner was a software product for choosing a new hair style. Older students demonstrating similarly enterprising flair were among a group representing Dorset in the South West Area finals of the Young Enterprise Competition in June where they won the award for the most innovative product.

I should like to thank Mrs Habgood and all form tutors for all they do to ensure the high quality of the Careers programme at the school and to express my gratitude to the school's Board of Governors who give their time to support this and many other aspects of school life.

Academic success has been enjoyed by those students who sat public examinations in the summer. At GCSE there was a 99.9% pass rate, with 71% of grades at A and A*, and at A level a 100% pass rate with 52% of grades at A and a further 27% at B. These results, which compare favourably with the local grammar schools, are a testament to the hard work of students and teachers alike and public examination success should also be seen in the context of the other successes achieved by Talbot Heath students during the past year.

Talbot Heath girls have also put in some outstanding sporting performances this year both in teams and individually. Talbot Heath was placed first in the U15 team category in the National Biathlon finals. The U13 tennis team won the National Tennis Finals in Bolton in December despite being beset by injury prior to the weekend. Our 13 and Under badminton team also reached the National Team Finals in Nottingham and came second by the smallest of margins bringing home silver medals. As dodgeball and surfing have been added to the sporting programme, who knows what successes may be reported in future years.

The variety of curriculum enrichment activities that have taken place this year include many field trips and other educational visits which were organised and accompanied by my colleagues, often in their own time. A group of senior art students, led by Mrs Stevens, visited Prague and, despite new legislation which renders traditional exchange visits impossible, Miss Silvester succeeded in taking a group of girls to visit our link school in France.

As far as the pupils are concerned, I should imagine that the highlight of their year was the snow which fell in early February, disrupting lessons and more importantly for many, perhaps, the Drama festival. Notifying parents of the school's closure and ensuring the safety of all children was a major operation and a task which confirmed to us that our plans to install

a new Information Management System were timely. From September, therefore, we have installed iSAMS, a new system which should enable us to create virtual learning environments and substantially improve communication between school and parents through parent and pupil portals.

The success of Talbot Heath owes much to the effective collaboration between all three “stakeholders”: parents, pupils and the school. I am most grateful to the members of the Parent Staff Society committee who facilitate dialogue with the parent body and who support me and my colleagues in the work we do for your daughters. The Vice Chairman, Mrs Sue Girling and the Secretary, Mrs Gail Pilling, step down this year and I should like to record my personal thanks to them for their energy and commitment over the years.

One of the events sponsored by the PSS last year was the memorable visit of Mashirika, the Rwandan dance troupe, sponsored by the Aegis Trust. In a performance entitled *Africa's Hope* they told the story of the Rwandan Genocide in 1994 and its aftermath through dance, drumming and drama. After the performance our students took part in drum, drama and dance workshops as well as question and answer sessions exploring the causes of bigotry and hatred which can lead genocide.

Two Sixth formers, Nerissa Chesterfield and Michelle Lai, had the opportunity to reflect on the horrors of another genocide when they visited Auschwitz-Birkenau Concentration Camp with a group of sixth form students from Dorset, sponsored by the Holocaust Educational Trust. They shared their experiences with the school in a powerful assembly which translated the scale of the holocaust into the personal tragedy of one family separated by anti-semitism in Nazi Germany.

Young people are often given a negative press, but here at Talbot Heath we have good reason to be proud of our students. Their awareness of the needs of others prompts fundraising in the annual year group charity weeks, and a group of sixth formers have set up an Amnesty International group in school to highlight injustice and human rights abuses around the world.

It was students too who organised and performed in a most successful fundraising concert in April. The proceeds (some £1400) were divided between the Children's Youth Orchestra and our link school, College St Emmanuel in Rwanda, where the money is being spent on mosquito nets. A previous donation to the school has been used to install piped water onto the school campus, something which has transformed the lives of the school community. The demonstrable concern of our students for the quality of life of their peers in Rwanda was a factor in enabling us to achieve the Eco-Schools Silver Award.

Closer to home we, as a school, are very pleased to be involved as a partner in the transformation of Bishop of Winchester's school into one of the new flagship Academies. The Diocese and University of Winchester, together with Bournemouth School and Bournemouth School for Girls, are sponsoring the Academy which is scheduled to open in September 2010. Bournemouth and Poole College is another partner in the process.

Our engagement with other educational institutions at home and abroad forms an integral part of our work to promote of Community Cohesion in the global society in which we now live.

Talbot Heath is a school where tradition and change exist side by side. That said, much of school life in 2009 would seem very strange to the original pupils of the then Bournemouth High School in 1886. The girls who moved up to the new buildings of Talbot Heath just over 70 years ago, however, would recognise much, not only in today's school, but also in the uncertainty of the world around them. In 1939 those young women were facing not a global financial crisis but a global conflict: the Second World War. Like our pupils today, they did not know what sort of world would await them when they left school to begin their adult lives.

Then as now, Talbot Heath provided an education that offered more than qualifications: it sought to instill in its pupils the sense of enduring values and self belief that give courage to

face whatever the future holds. It is this *education for life* which is the enduring strength of our school and the hallmark of “Talbot Heathens” in every generation.

**Christine Dipple
Headmistress**

Staff Changes

Senior School

There are a number of teaching staff changes to report this year. Mrs Cox, who started her maternity leave in October, decided not to return to work after the birth of her daughter, Megan. Her legacy to Talbot Heath is the thriving Eco Society which she set up; we wish her well for the future.

Mr Dwyer, who covered Mrs Cox’s absence, impressed us with accounts of his adventurous expeditions in remote corners of the globe. With Mrs Bichard and Mrs Jones, he worked to ensure the continuing impetus of our Eco-schools projects. I am most grateful to both Mrs Cox and Mr Dwyer for their contribution to the Geography department at Talbot Heath.

Mrs Gregson left Talbot Heath in July after 12 years’ association with the school, during which she has supported students with specific learning difficulties and taught Latin and Classical Civilisation. Mrs Gregson’s calm manner and genuine care for her pupils have been greatly appreciated by generations of girls, and we wish her every happiness in her forthcoming marriage.

Mrs Price retired in July: during her 23 years at the school she taught History, Geography and RS to GCSE and, for the last ten years, coordinated our PSRE programme. The speakers contributing to the programme have been many and varied: teenage mums, reformed drug dealers and addicts, journalists and politicians. The successive inspection judgments of Outstanding, given to this section of the school curriculum, owe much to Mrs Price’s energy, dedication and awareness of the challenges faced by young women in today’s society.

Another person who has made a significant contribution to the outstanding quality of pastoral care in the school is Canon Christopher Rutledge, our Chaplain since 2004. Christopher’s genuine interest in and concern for all members of the school community has been greatly appreciated. He has shared in our joys and comforted us in our sorrows, providing the support and guidance all individuals and communities need in their daily lives. For the Boarders, watching *Hollyoaks* or “*Holyoaks*” as it has been renamed in honour of Canon Rutledge, will never be the same in future. We wish Christopher the long and happy retirement he rightly deserves.

Junior School

We have a very low turnover of staff at Talbot Heath, a testament to the happy environment. We do have a few goodbyes to say though. Mrs Clark, who took maternity leave in September, gave birth to gorgeous twin boys in November and has decided not to return to work whilst her sons are so young. I am delighted that Miss Smith, who has taken Kindergarten during her absence, will be remaining with us next year.

Mrs Richards started her maternity leave in June and her classes are being taken by Mrs Robert. Mrs Waller, who has been with us since 1991 when the Pre-Preparatory Department was opened, has decided to take early retirement. She has been a very valued colleague and a much loved and respected teacher and we will all miss her.

Junior School Report for 2008-2009

It is difficult to encapsulate a whole year in the Junior School, so this is just a flavour of what the Juniors have been up to. Obviously the parts of school life that make interesting reading are all the enrichment activities that make a school so vibrant: talking about more routine literacy and numeracy doesn't make for such an interesting article. However, you can rest assured that the children and staff crammed in all the things you are going to read about in addition to their regular school work, which is, of course, of key importance.

The school continues to be a vibrant place where happy children thrive and develop. We are grateful for such a strong governing body who ensure that, even in challenging times like these, when the country as a whole has experienced so many difficulties, our school remains in a very strong position. Inevitably, when the local education scene has undergone many changes, some of them very sudden, parents have had questions about the security and longevity of Talbot Heath. It is therefore with great pleasure that we are able to reassure everyone that the school has a very strong foundation and we are well equipped to meet the needs of all the pupils in our care. The school continues to go from strength to strength, constantly developing and taking on new initiatives to enhance the education offered.

A school is nothing without the people within it. The pupils remain a delight to teach and bring so much enthusiasm, energy and commitment; they have all achieved so much in so many ways during the past year. The staff continue to be a very committed team, giving so much to the life of the school in so many ways above and beyond their classroom teaching.

This year the Junior School pupils wore their new uniforms for the first time. It looked very different to see everyone in red and navy instead of just navy, but the girls liked their new uniform and we have received so much positive feedback from people, both in and out of school.

Outings and trips continue to be regular features of our school calendar. This year successful trips were made to Streetwise Safety Centre, Hooke Court to share in a celebration of a Tudor Christmas, The Russell Coates and Red House Museums to support Victorian history work, the Bournemouth orthodox Synagogue and the Costume Museum. Foundation Stage pupils enjoyed a very exciting activity day, the Key Stage 1 children visited Longdown Dairy Farm and the Junior Department spent a day exploring Marwell.

For the first time ever we took Junior School pupils abroad to France. We have taken Year 6 pupils to Kingswood on the Isle of Wight for several years, but this year Madam Anderson, a Senior School French specialist who teaches our Junior pupils, arranged a trip to the Kingswood centre in Normandy. It was an incredibly successful trip much enjoyed by everyone and really did enrich their curriculum studies, as well as fostering independence as they travelled further afield without their parents.

A school year is always punctuated with annual events. This year the children again celebrated wonderfully diverse and rich world cultures with special events and activities. As ever we are grateful to Mr Chu for making our celebration of Chinese New Year and studies about China such a rich experience. In the Junior Department activities based around specific cultures took place during our cultural awareness day.

Our celebrations for World Book Day and National Poetry Day are also much enjoyed by the whole Junior School. Both days are a chance to share literature and the children enjoy dressing up as characters from favourite stories, and sharing their favourite books and poems with their class. This year the children all heard the teachers' favourite poems as well, during assembly on National Poetry day, and they were very diverse, from the short and witty to the classics and longer narrative poems. Staff entertained children in a different way on Red Nose Day when, in response to the large amount of loose change collected, they all told the children some of the corniest jokes during assembly.

Christmas events are always special at school. The Pre-Prep nativity was as moving as ever, with many new carols and songs being used this year. The Junior Carols service was beautiful and had that real 'lump in the throat' moment at the end when they sang a song about being brothers across the world, with children in so many different national dress costumes. This year we invited members of Dorset Institute for the Blind to our dress rehearsal for the carol service and they thoroughly enjoyed the experience and it is one we hope to repeat next year.

Another new event this year, which we will be repeating, was our Shakespearean workshop for the girls in Year 5. The girls staged their own, tongue in cheek, version of Romeo and Juliet which gave them a really good insight into how plays entertained people at the time. Mrs Rook has spoken at length to the couple involved in the company and the plan is that they will run a literary week next year with every class in school having a session with them.

Still on an English theme, our annual speaking and listening events continue to be very successful. This year we took part in the new BBC competition 'Off By Heart' with children from Years 3–6 having the chance to learn one of the poems and perform in front of their class. The class teachers judged them and then a panel of teachers listened to the finalists from each class before selecting one girl to represent us in the Southern Regional heats in Bath. Anita Niaraki did an outstanding job on behalf of the whole school and although she did not manage to get through to the fiercely contested final we were all very proud of her. Our own speaking and listening annual event took place in the summer term and was a great success, proving yet again how confident and competent all our pupils are.

Music activities continued to be dynamic and exciting as well. The Junior School Choir took a leading role in the Christmas concert given by the Wessex Centre for Young Musicians at The Lighthouse in Poole. Such was their success that they were invited to send some Year 6 singers to take part in their next concert 'All the World's a Stage' in July. It is really good that our young singers are regarded so highly! The choir also took part in the music department's Spring Concert, singing items alongside senior choirs and ensembles.

Years 1 and 2 performed two junior musicals *Happy Hat Land* and *Billy No Buzz* to the rest of the Pre-Prep Department. We firmly believe singing is a very valuable skill, not just from a musical point of view, but also for encouraging social interaction and co-operation at an early age. At the end of the summer term all Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils participated in a series of interactive music workshops given by Mr Hill with Andy Baker of the BSO Education Department. These were great fun for the children, giving them the opportunity to experience music based on the Indonesian culture through listening activities and practical exploration.

A number of Junior School pupils have participated in the regular series of monthly Informal Concerts organised by the Music Department. Several of our pupils are involved in the String Groups run in the music school each week, where they have the chance to build their skills in a group music-making activity rather than in lonely isolation!

Music of a different kind was heard echoing around the campus at the end of June when we held our first leavers' disco for girls in Year 6. It was very much enjoyed by everyone and I am sure it will become a regular feature of our school calendar.

Another exciting event took part in October when we hosted a Mad Science Day and children spent a day with visiting scientists exploring all manner of things including riding a hover board, building robots and making rockets, which were then launched.

Our support of charities continues and we have had a very productive year this year, raising money for the NSPCC, Dorset Institute for the Blind, Children in Need, Comic Relief and Jeans for Genes. In supporting these events we have raised over £5,500 and we owe thanks to all of the children and parents for supporting us.

In addition, we held our most successful Junior School Summer Fair and raised over £5,500 for Julia's House, the local children's hospice. The fair was an outstanding success thanks to every parent and child and, apart from the stunning amount of money raised, it engenders

such a positive family atmosphere throughout the school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents for their support but especially the Year Group Coordinators who all worked so hard.

Junior School children have had a busy year on the pitch, court, track and in the water! All age groups have played fixtures against different schools in various sports, including Year 3 for the first time. Hockey and netball continue to be the main sports in the Autumn and Spring terms and the PE department have been very impressed with the dedication, enthusiasm and commitment from a majority of the children attending practices. It is important for children to attend after school practices if they wish to be considered to play in matches as teams are able to work together and learn important positions and tactics. All matches played this year have been great experience and a good learning curve.

The Year 6 netball team came 2nd in the Bournemouth Junior Schools league, which is a great achievement. They finished 3rd in the Bournemouth High Five tournament with the Year 5 team taking 5th place. The Year 6 hockey team competed in the Year 6 Area tournament and the Year 4 team travelled to Sandroyd School to play in a hockey tournament.

In tennis, girls continue to take part in individual and team tournaments throughout the year with great success. 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 Reception have been invited for the Summer Term.

Miss Hardy had the opportunity to invite Years 5 and 6 to try some Street Surfing and Rocketball. The teachers said they had never taught such well-behaved children and were very impressed with the girls' behaviour and attitude: they listened well and learnt skills that take others much longer to learn. In addition Year 5 have had the chance to attend two beach days, taking part in beach football, beach rugby, volleyball, water safety and surfing. They had a marvellous time, and Year 6 had a fabulous time in Poole Park at Rockley Watersports doing sailing, bell-boating and kayaking. We are all grateful for the exciting events Miss Hardy has organised for the children this year.

As you can see, it has been a packed year and Talbot Heath is anything but stagnant. We try and make the TH experience new, diverse and exciting for all the children in our care whilst ensuring that academic standards remain high and, more importantly, that the children are happy and confident.

Karen Leahy
Head of Junior School

Charity Fundraising Report (Senior School)

September 2008 - August 2009

My report includes the summer term 2008 since U3 traditionally have their charity week in June (which falls outside my previous report). This year, 2008-2009, has again seen tutor groups showing an awareness of the wider picture in supporting both local and worldwide charities. Once more it has been a great team effort with staff supporting their tutor groups. Some of the most popular activities have once again involved a lot of eating, and also challenging staff to 'sporting matches', for example 'Dodgeball'. Great fun was had by all!

Amnesty International

An Amnesty group which was introduced in the Sixth Form 2007-2008 (as a response to a visiting speaker) has continued to flourish with the same team of girls (now in U6). They hosted meetings, presented information in Assemblies and sold cakes/'Bring and Buy Sale'.

I understand that a new team is in place for the next academic year (2009-2010), so we look forward to this expanding further. Sum raised: £328.93

Charities supported during the academic year 2008-2009

A collection of clothing and household goods throughout the summer holidays was once again donated to the Bournemouth Women's Refuge in September 2008. This was subsequently followed by the distribution of the Harvest Festival goods in October 2008.

The popular Christmas Shoebox Appeal (gifts for children in Eastern Europe) was once more a whole school activity in November 2008 (36 boxes were donated).

The Royal British Legion, Poppy Appeal was once again organised by the Sixth Form, who distributed collection boxes around the tutor groups. In November 2008 a 'Wear it Pink' party on behalf of the Breast Cancer Campaign was hosted in the Sixth Form Common Room, raising £97.01. The Archbishops' Zimbabwe Appeal was chosen and supported by Talbot Heath Christian Union, raising £51.54.

Royal British Legion, Poppy Appeal.

British Red Cross	£122.04
Burmese Relief Fund.....	£101.39
Cancer Research UK	£120.15
Children in Need	£454.88
Comic Relief.....	£191.84
Downs Syndrome Association	£190.33
Help For Heroes	£134.34
Jeans for Genes	£353.14
Julia's House	£121.75
Macmillan Cancer Relief	£250.90
Make A Wish Foundation	£77.13
Meningitis Trust	£71.15
National Children's Orchestra (from Charity Concert)	£500.00
Poole Hospital Children's Ward	£58.79
Poole Hospital NHS Trust	£264.71
Round Table Children's Wish	£133.79
Water Aid	£58.78
World Vision UK	£502.52

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

Rwanda – College St. Emmanuel – partner school

Links continue to be strengthened through email contacts with students and staff from both schools. This year the focus has been to raise money for practical areas of instant help, with the purchase of mosquito nets for the students' dormitories and the provision of equipment to bring piped water into the school premises for the first time.

Support for Rwanda by Senior School girls is partly broken down as follows:-

U4 Spoonbenders	£5.00
Confirmation Service Collection	£101.85
U5P Cake sale	£101.35
Cake Sale (general)	£208.64
Other events were supported by Parents, Staff and Girls.	
Total raised for Rwanda	£1,712.54

Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Miss King
Charity Co-ordinator

Curriculum Enhancement: Subject and Faculty Reports 2008-2009

CAREERS

Careers Convention - October 2008

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

Upper 4 Careers Day - April 2009: "The Pitch"

Upper 4 (Year 9) spent the day developing a business idea which they had to pitch to "The Dragons" at the end of the day. Sessions were run by Roy Pomfroy from Somerset EBP and the "Dragons" were two local business people and two members of staff. The girls had to devise an original product or a service, identify its unique selling points, select suitable methods of marketing and promotion, calculate how much profit they would hope to make in one year, and finally prepare a presentation. Pupils came up with a variety of innovative ideas including interchangeable frames for glasses to match an outfit and the eventual winner: a software product for choosing a new hair style.

Lower 5 (Year 10) Enterprise Day - July 2009: "Going for Profit"

The day was run by John Crew from Somerset Education Business Partnership and two Business Advisers supported by two members of staff. The girls were divided into groups, each of which had to bid for a site, in a fictitious European town, for a fast food pizza restaurant and then had to "run" it for a year. The groups were judged on both their marketing material and how much profit they made.

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.

Young Enterprise

Twelve girls in Lower 6 (Year 12) participated in the Young Enterprise programme. This involved them working with pupils from other local schools to set up and run a company. Although they had advice from volunteers from local businesses they had to make decisions about what products to sell and how to market them, as well as balancing the books!

Mrs Habgood

ENGLISH AND THEATRE STUDIES

The English and Theatre Studies Faculty consider it important to provide curriculum enrichment for all students and offer a wide range of activities.

This year, as in the last seven years, Mrs Boyington has organised a "Readathon" event which encourages students at KS3 to read widely as well as give money to charity. We raised £666.00.

Competitive public speaking has become increasingly successful. Talbot Heath currently has two teams at KS3 and KS4. The teams competed in the national Rotary Youth Speaks

competition in the area round, achieving second prize at senior level 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 lively weekly lunchtime discussions.

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

- 6th Form *The Merchant of Venice* – Poole
- Edward Gant's Amazing Feat of Loneliness* – Southampton
- A Humble Boy* – Poole
- Chawton House Visit – Jane Austen Centre
- Romeo and Juliet* – Talbot Heath (Workshop led by Michael Attenborough)
- L5 & U5 *Blood Brothers* - Southampton
- U3 Globe Theatre Trip: *As You Like It*

Drama Festival and school play

This year, the faculty presented a Shakespearean Revue: *The Play's the Thing!* and girls from key stages 3, 4 and 5 participated. Staff and students also gave up their time to assist with make-up, props and scenery. Others assisted with lighting and even stage management.

In the lower school, 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

Mrs Adlam runs a weekly drama club which is open to all year groups.

Poetry Group

Miss Burt runs a KS3 poetry group held at lunchtimes.

Mrs Magrath

HUMANITIES

Geography

The Lower Sixth once again braved icy conditions in March at their residential field course at Nettlecombe Court on Exmoor. The course provided both detailed fieldwork techniques and in depth case study material for the new AS module 'Geographical Investigations', which focuses on the methods of research, data collection and interpretation. Local sites visited as part of the fieldwork included Porlock beach and Minehead.

At GCSE, fieldwork in our local area provides examples and a means of preparation for the selection of topics important for the students' own individual studies leading to their examination coursework. To this aim our students enjoyed a day exploring part of the Jurassic coast walking from Studland to Old Harry Rocks and then on to Swanage Bay. The girls successfully completed the tasks of collecting primary data on the beach and carried out some field sketching, as well as observing examples of the methods used to protect this

vulnerable coastline. Later in the year as part of their ongoing study of urban environments, the students were able to enhance their knowledge by conducting an urban transect across Southampton's central area. This activity again contributed to their choices for their personal coursework.

At Key Stage 3 our Year 9 students enjoyed a day in South Kensington visiting the Earth Galleries of the Natural History Museum. Their completion of a question booklet provided an informative introduction to the GCSE topic 'Restless Earth'.

As part of their unit on Tourism and National Parks, U3 geographers were able to apply their knowledge about the conflicts and management of sensitive areas by studying a 'honeypot' site in the New Forest. This was followed by a very enjoyable 'hands-on' afternoon at Longdown Activity farm.

Mrs Sheppard

Eco-Schools

This last academic year saw the school achieve the Silver Eco-Schools Award. This was as a result of the hard work and commitment of a large team of Eco reps from all year groups led by Mr Dwyer, Mrs Jones and Mrs Bichard.

After initial planning meetings in the Autumn term groups of willing sixth formers were put in charge of other year groups to complete small projects to fulfil the criteria set for us. These projects included creating a herb garden outside the library, which has to be planted and maintained during the year, and building and painting bird boxes and bird feeders to put in the woods for our natural habitat of birds. Maintaining (and emptying) our recycling bins and also keeping our Rwandan friends up to date with what we were doing with emails, letters and photographs, as part of this award also included work towards the International Schools Award. We were very pleased when, at the end of term, we realised that our work had paid off and the school was awarded the Silver Eco-Schools Award.

We now have a lot of hard work in front of us to maintain this and to prepare for the Green Flag Award – the top Eco-Schools qualification.

Mrs Bichard

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 2009, 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 a number of outside speakers to enhance their programme. At the beginning of the autumn term Mr Dwyer gave a fascinating talk to all year groups about Expedition 180 Degrees in which he was involved before joining Talbot Heath. A later speaker for Years 9 upwards was Jake Meyer, who at the age of 21 became the youngest Briton to conquer Everest and who has since broken the world record for climbing the highest mountain in every state in the Continental USA. Both speakers encouraged aspiration and the setting of personal challenges.

Significantly, in this period of heightened interest in monetary matters, Years 7 to 11 had talks about managing Personal Finance. Students were alerted about safeguarding personal data.

Our local Police Community Liaison Officer gave valuable tips on Personal Safety in everyday activities to Year 7 and also led an extra session for girls travelling to school by train. 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. A later talk was 'Looking after Your Emotional Health'.

Each year group revisits the issues of Substance Abuse. Students in Year 8 were fascinated by special glasses brought along by one of the speakers, which simulate the distortion of vision which alcohol causes. Year 9 had a workshop about Alcohol and Risk and Year 11 had a thought provoking talk about the short and long term effects of Cannabis.

The Sexual Health Morning for Year 10 was very informative and, following the introduction of the immunisation against cervical cancer, Year 11 had an explanatory talk about the programme. Year 10 also discussed expectations of relationships and marriage in a workshop led by Explore. Later in the year, teams of local magistrates discussed the Magistracy System and its role in Criminal Justice and Year 10 classes competed in a sentencing exercise. The winning teams visited the Magistrates Courts in session and were also able to experience, if they wished, being locked in a cell and a prison transport 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.

In conjunction with the Geography department, PSRE organised a visit to the Victoria & Albert Museum as part of Year 9 Citizenship studies. As part of our 'Children's Rights' module we were pleased to welcome a speaker from Anti-Slavery International who gave news about current issues of Child Labour and Trafficking.

The whole school was fortunate to experience the amazing performance of Mashirika, a theatre/dance group who tell the story of the Rwandan genocide in a moving and dramatic way. Their drumming, singing and dancing were spectacular, and the Music/Drumming and Dance Workshops led by the cast were attended by a large number of students. This event highlighted the suffering which has been experienced by families of the students at our partner school, St Emmanuel College, but also the current spirit of reconciliation. It was a very special occasion and we were most grateful for the support of the PSS in this venture.

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.

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.

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

Canon Christopher Rutledge led a discussion about Religion and Science for the AS Religious Studies students.

The Religious Studies department would particularly like to express their gratitude to Canon Rutledge for his support and wish him a happy retirement.

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.

A new initiative this year was a talk about IBM's 'Futures Programme' which alerted students to the possibilities of recruitment and sponsorship for Gap Year activities. In October 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.

Miss Shaw discussed the candidates and the voting system which will select a new American president; this fired the students with interest to follow the final stages of the election.

All students in the Sixth Form were moved by the performance of *Africa's Hope* by the Rwandan theatre group Mashirika. It portrayed the current reconciliation in the country after the horrors of genocide. Afterwards the girls had the opportunity to question the cast and their candid answers promoted better understanding of Rwanda today; this brought to life the experience of students at our partner school, Saint Emmanuel College.

Two Talbot Heath Old Girls have contributed to the Extension Programme this year: Dr Kirsty Smith talked about 'The use of animals in Scientific Research'. In addition, she and Dr Lauren Bradbury discussed careers in Science and Medicine respectively.

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.

Mrs Hosking gave a comprehensive outline of Personal Taxation, Insurance and Saving: this is always a most informative session, highly acclaimed in inspections.

Two unusual sessions were a talk about 'Kafka's interest in and use of image and photography' by Carolin Duttlinger, a tutor at Wadham College, Oxford and The Pace Team recalling their Cross Cultural Mission work in Nicaragua, Tanzania and Ibiza.

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

In the final session of the year Neil Parish, MEP for the South West of England and Gibraltar, discussed the difficulties and benefits of an enlarged European Union incorporating a very diverse group of countries.

The students have greeted all our visitors with courtesy and interest. Their horizons have been widened and their awareness raised. Thoughtful questions have been discussed. Hopefully, all 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 111 girls entered the National Mathematical Challenges.

Thirty-four pupils entered the Junior Level, for Year 8 pupils, with two girls, Rhiana Bibby and Helena Roberts achieving Gold awards, whilst another five gained Silver awards and 11 gained Bronze. Fifty-three pupils were entered for the Intermediate Level, for Years 10 and 11, with six girls, Sophie Farrell, Lucia Kong, Katrina Bruce, Lyanne Bibby, Fiona Ribbons and Stephanie Potten achieving Gold awards, 14 gaining Silver and a further 15 winning Bronze. At the Senior Level, for the Lower 6 and Upper 6, 24 pupils were entered, with Cecilia Cheung winning Gold, one pupil taking Silver and four achieving Bronze.

All the pupils who entered should be congratulated on their success in these demanding tests, particularly Lucia Kong and Katrina Bruce who achieved sufficiently high marks to be entered in the UK Pink Kangaroo, in which Lucia scored a merit, and Fiona Ribbons and

Stephanie Potten who achieved sufficiently high marks to be entered in the UK Grey Kangaroo.

Pupils in years 7 and 8 also completed various mathematical challenges brought to the school by the "World of Maths". The challenges are varied and allow the pupils to apply their mathematical skills and knowledge to solve the challenging problems.

Mrs Hooton

MODERN LANGUAGES

Once again difficulties caused by the legal requirement to have CRB checks prevented us from organising our traditional exchange. We did however renew our contact with the Collège Jean Bosco and arranged for our parties to stay locally and engage with a number of joint activities: lessons in school and fun activities in the evening. Our French colleagues were very pleased that we persevered. It was pleasing that we managed to offer some cultural and linguistic benefit to our students who had a very enjoyable stay.

It was not possible to arrange visits to Germany or Spain this year. Sixth form girls were put in touch with Halsbury Travel who organize work experience abroad and were very enthusiastic on their return. Sixth Form students also travelled to London for conferences in all three languages and attended various performances of German and Spanish plays or films (sometimes in conjunction with the Theatre Studies staff).

In 2009-2010, there will be another Parc Asterix trip, the French exchange will be re-instated and we hope to organise trips to Malaga for the Spanish students and a short trip to France (and the Puy du Fou) for Upper 3. Sixth formers will also be visiting the European Parliament in Brussels.

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 the usual range of Christmas Carol Services and Nativity plays.

Our link with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Education Department has continued to thrive. A set of workshops was presented to all pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 by Andy Baker (BSO Community Musician) and our string quartet joined with a professional Dance Band Trio in performing for senior citizens at a Tea Dance which was held in the main school hall and presented jointly by the TH Music Dept and The BSO Education Dept.

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 was much appreciated by a capacity audience.

Three students organised a charity concert in school in April, raising a total of just over £1400 in aid of College St Emmanuel, Rwanda, and the National Children's Orchestra.

The Junior Choir was invited to take part in the Wessex Young Musicians Christmas Concert at the Lighthouse where they performed with the Wessex Youth Orchestra to an audience of over a thousand. Some Year 6 girls were then invited back to sing with the orchestra in the Wessex Summer Concert, also at the Lighthouse.

Finally, members of Year 1 and 2 presented performances of the mini musicals *Happy Hat-Land* and *Billy No Buzz* to the remaining Pre-Prep Classes.

Mrs Hallam retired in July after 28 years teaching clarinet at TH. Her enthusiasm and dedication was greatly appreciated by all her pupils over the years and we thank her for her contribution to the department.

Mr Hill

Art and Design

The academic year of 2008/9 saw many exciting events within the Art Department. A busy and educational trip to Prague for Years 10 to 12 proved very successful and enjoyable. Highlights included a trip to a Black Light Theatre, a day spent at Prague Castle, and a visit to a church made entirely from human bones! Mrs. Stevens was accompanied by Mrs. Button from the PE Department, and Miss Coates from the Art Department.

We offered a variety of extra curricular activities. The animation artist, Matthew Dean, ran a workshop for students from Year 9 to 12. Each year group was able to create and produce their own animated film. Other evening classes included an Experimental Drawing workshop and Darkroom Photography. A Sixth former, Louise Ting, ran a Friday lunchtime Cartoon Club for Years 7 and 8. Louise is currently studying A2 Graphic Design, and spent time working alongside designers at the Animal Headquarters in Poole during the Summer holidays.

The new AS course proved to be extremely popular amongst its first candidates. Students were invited to use St Stephens' Church in Bournemouth to make drawings and take photographs. Work produced ranged from wall-sized drawings to abstract photographs.

The Year was rounded off with a visit for GCSE students to the Degree shows at the Arts University College at Bournemouth.

Plans for 2009/10

We are very excited by the new GCSE syllabus, which will be delivered from September 2009. To compliment this course, evening workshops are being offered in Digital Photography and Photoshop skills. The renowned designer Ben Trill, who lectures in Graphic Design at AUCB, will also offer an evening class.

Various lunchtime activities will be taking place: on Wednesdays Mrs Stevens will offer Alternative Drawing techniques, and Mrs Woodhams (nee Coates) will be assisting Louise Ting with her Cartoon Club on Fridays. The Studios will be open for students to stay after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

The Art Department is aiming at a major exhibition of GCSE and A level work at the Peacock Gallery in Upton Park next Summer.

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 the ICT department has also tried to enhance the work of the Eco reps working on the Eco School project to create posters and presentations to help to achieve the Eco Schools Silver Award.

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 2009/10.

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.

Each Upper 5 girl researches a local business for her coursework and is encouraged to visit it to see how it operates and interview staff, if that is possible. This helps them to see that what they learn in lessons is put into practice in the 'real world'.

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

In September this year a cream tea was held to support Macmillan Cancer Relief; this was another huge success, raising £260. Upper 3 pupils made plain scones, and then greeted and entertained parents, grandparents and even two fathers. Lovely gifts were donated for the raffle. It is planned to repeat this event in October 2009, and hopefully more staff will be able to attend as tea won't be served in the staff room at the end of the day.

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 investigated different habitats presenting their work as a museum exhibit. Lower 4 investigated the biology of snails and sea monkeys (brine shrimp).

Some Lower 5 students took part in the Biology Olympiad, with one of our pupils attaining silver medal level.

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

Upper 4 and Lower 5 students visited the Pavilion Theatre to see the TV Science show *Brainiac Science Abuse* brought to life.

In March, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Darwin, the Science Faculty staged a Darwin based trivia quiz and a display around the Science centre showing 250 million years of evolution.

Mr Gibson

SPORT

Sport continues to thrive 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.

International honours have been achieved by Melissa Courtney and Grace Howie in Biathlon when they represented GB in the 2009 World Championships. They both won their respective age groups in the event in South Africa.

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 badminton. The Year 8 tennis team were crowned National Tennis champions after a close-fought final held in Bolton and the Year 8 badminton team were placed 2nd nationally by the narrowest of margins so we all look forward to going one better next year, hopefully!

The senior girls have enjoyed dodgeball, dance and surfing this year and the Junior School has had beach days and wave-boarding sessions as well as watersports for the Year 6. The Year 3 played their first ever fixtures in netball and hockey representing their school and more matches are arranged for this year. In addition, a proposed ski trip to Stowe in America has proved very popular with 85 girls signed up and the watersports trip to France has 42 signed up so it is all set up for a bumper year of sporting activities and I am very much looking forward to each and every one! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the girls for their continued commitment to sporting activities, and to thank the parents for their support and encouragement of their children in all events. We are so fortunate at Talbot Heath to have a wealth of talent in many areas of sport and we look forward to even greater success.

Miss Hardy

Librarian's Report

Busy, noisy, quiet, studious, calm, peaceful, lively, engaged...the list of adjectives to describe the atmosphere in the Library can vary throughout the day; but one thing has again proved itself this year, that is the Library's popularity both with the girls and staff.

Over 10% of pupils from years U3 to U6 had volunteered as Librarian helpers, and it is to their great credit that so many new books were able to be added to the Catalogue this year – over 1000 books, CDs and DVDs. Also, 10 girls from L4 to L5 received their Library Colours. Well done girls!

I enrolled the school once again with the 'Booked Up' initiative, whereby every Year 7 pupil in the country has the opportunity to choose and receive a free book in their first term of Year 7. The U3's were very excited when they received their books just before October half term.

The two Book Fairs held in October and March were again, very successful. Another £300 was able to be sent to the Mbabzi School Library in Malawi as part of the ongoing charity support that the Library is involved in.

This year's Carnegie / Kate Greenaway Book Award club provided great debate amongst the pupils and staff about which book should win. Such interest can only further the girl's enthusiasm for reading, which this year has seen over 5,500 books, CD's and DVD's borrowed by pupils and staff from the Library.

I have been involved with our Eco-schools team this year and assisted in the planning and supervision of the planting up of the herb garden underneath the Library windows. My visit with two U3 pupils to the newly formed Eco-summit, held at the Yarrells Prep School, provided plenty of inspiration for the team for future projects, eg lacewing 'homes' and bumble bee 'hotels'.

The next academic year in the Library looks to be just as busy and varied as this past year has proven. Time will tell.

Examination Results and Achievements

Destinations of Leavers

Places were awarded at the following Universities:

Bangor	Psychology
Bath	Chemical Engineering
Birmingham	Medicine (2)
Bristol	Archaeology and Anthropology History of Art, Architecture and Design
Cardiff	Business Marketing and Economics Medicine Nursing
Exeter	Drama English Literature French and Arabic Law
Imperial College, London	Biochemistry
Kent	Drama/Theatre Studies and Film
Leeds	Business Economics Management
Newcastle	Marketing and Management Geography
Nottingham	English English Studies with Latin
Oxford Brookes University	Human Resources and Business Management
Portsmouth	Psychology
Surrey	English Literature
Sussex	International Relations
Trinity College, Oxford	French and Spanish
Warwick	Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics and Economics
Westminster	Accounting and Business Management
Worcester	Business Management
York	English and History of Art English and Related Literature

Five students are taking GAP years.

School Awards

Advanced Level Awards	C Cheung, E Gordon, I Mighetto, S Smith
The Austin-Smith Awards	N Chesterfield, I Mighetto
The Hardy Awards	A Khalil, L Tillings
The Mabel Fletcher Award	G Wass
The Shona Baker Award	J Nethercott

General Certificate of Education: Leavers 2009 – Advanced Level Passes

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

G Akin-Smith	Art, English, <i>Economics</i> , Geography*
C Apar	<i>Art</i> , English*, French, Religious Studies*
J Awford	Biology*, <i>Chemistry*</i> , English*, History
C Baker	English*, Latin*, <i>Mathematics*</i> , Religious Studies*
G Blakeway	Art, Biology, <i>English</i> , History
S Bunting	Biology*, Chemistry*, <i>Latin</i> , Mathematics*
N Chesterfield	English*, <i>French</i> , History, Theatre Studies*
C Cheung	Chemistry*, Chinese*, Further Mathematics*, Mathematics*, Physics*
V Corder	Biology*, Chemistry*, Mathematics*, Physics
I De Viell	English*, French, Mathematics, Theatre Studies*
S Dixon	<i>Art</i> , Biology, Economics, Geography*
E Gordon	Biology*, Chemistry*, Geography*, Mathematics*
H Gray	Art, <i>Biology</i> , Economics, Geography
V Grey	Biology*, Chemistry*, <i>History*</i> , Mathematics*
S Hunter	Art, English, Geography, <i>Religious Studies</i>
V Jarmolkiewicz	Chemistry, Maths, <i>Music</i> , Religious Studies
T-J Kaz	English*, French*, German, Theatre Studies*
A Khalil	English*, Geography*, <i>German*</i> , Mathematics*
S Kingsbury	Biology*, Chemistry, English*, <i>Mathematics</i>
A Kirk	Biology, Classical Civilisation, Religious Studies
L McKee	<i>Art</i> , English*, German, Theatre Studies*
K McLeod	Biology*, <i>Chemistry*</i> , Economics*, Geography*
I Mighetto	Biology*, <i>Chemistry*</i> , French*, Mathematics*, Spanish*
E Mitchell	Economics, French, Geography*, <i>Mathematics</i>
J Nethercott	<i>Biology</i> , Economics*, French*, Geography*
G Pilling	French, <i>Mathematics</i> , Music, Theatre Studies*
K Pullen	Classical Civilisation, English*, Religious Studies
J Read	<i>Chemistry*</i> , Further Mathematics, Mathematics*, Physics
K Simmonds	<i>Biology*</i> , Chemistry*, English, Mathematics*
E Smith	Biology, Chemistry, Geography, <i>Religious Studies</i>
S Smith	Biology*, Chemistry*, Mathematics*, Physics*
L-J Stokes	Biology, <i>Chemistry</i> , Geography, Religious Studies
L Tillings	<i>Biology</i> , English*, History, Mathematics
H Tombs	<i>Art</i> , Biology, Economics, Mathematics
K Townend	Biology, <i>Chemistry</i> , English*, French*
J Tuson	Art, Mathematics*, Physics
G Wass	Biology, Chemistry, Classical Civilisation, <i>Mathematics</i>
K Wellings	<i>Chemistry*</i> , English*, French*, Mathematics*
Q Wong	<i>Biology*</i> , Chemistry, Chinese, Economics, Mathematics

General Certificate of Secondary Education 2009

(Number indicates subjects at Grade C or above)

S Amar	(10)	S Baldwin	(9)	F Bailey	(9)	J Bradshaw	(9)
T Bradshaw	(9)	A Brunning	(9)	K Cantwell	(9)	A Cardwell	(10)
A Clutterbuck	(9)	M Courtney	(8)	A Crader	(9)	F Crompton	(9)
L Dann	(9)	P Day	(9)	J Edmonds	(9)	C Ellwood	(9)
S Farrell	(9)	K Fraser	(9)	E Gough	(9)	N Griffiths	(8)
E Harrison	(9)	S Hon	(9)	J Hookey	(9)	L Hopkins	(9)
J Hudson	(9)	E Hughes	(9)	T Hutchinson	(9)	R Jarmolkiewicz	(9)
A Jones	(9)	V Keen	(9)	T Kelly-Martin	(9)	H Kennedy	(9)
L Kenny	(9)	G Ketterick	(9)	A Koumoudos	(9)	A Le Rossignol	(9)

W Lever	(9)	A Macklin	(9)	A Malcolm	(9)	A Martyn-Potts	(9)
H McCall-Davies	(9)	A McGinn	(9)	E McKeown	(9)	R Middleton	(9)
H Minns	(9)	A Morley	(9)	R Noden-Wilkinson	(8)	S Notley	(9)
V O'Callaghan	(9)	R O'Connell	(9)	S Race	(9)	A Richardson	(9)
N Robson	(9)	N Rowley	(9)	D Saunders	(9)	P Seyed-Rezai	(9)
I Sharpley	(9)	E Shenton	(9)	C Sidwick	(9)	A Stevens	(9)
E Stocken (Forbes)	(9)	M Stuart	(9)	E Stump	(9)	L Tam	(9)
H Thomas	(7)	R Tillings	(9)	E Vickers	(9)	O Wellings	(9)
S Williams	(9)	A Yeoman	(9)	J Yip	(9)		

37% A* grades, 35% A grades, 23% B grades, 5% C grades

Information, Communication and Technology

34 girls completed the International Computer Driving Licence. The following girls passed the extra module to achieve the equivalent of a B at GCSE: A Crader, E Gough and A Macklin.

Young Enterprise

In the Dorset Young Enterprise County Finals:

“Yes” (Y Farzaneh-Rezvani, E Keene, P Moayed, J Soltani and E Vallis) won the Most Innovative Product category and were joint winners of Best Presentation.

“Aspire” (L Bennett, J Cheung, C Lee, P Mashinkila, G Mitchell and K Young) won the Best Report and were joint winners of Best Presentation. “Aspire” was also judged the Best Company in Dorset and went on to represent Dorset in the South West Area Finals where the team won the award for the Most Innovative Product.

All seven candidates achieved Distinction in their examination: L Bennett, Y Farzaneh-Rezvani, E Keene, P Moayed, J Soltani, E Vallis, K Young.

Mathematics Challenge

Senior	<i>Gold:</i>	C Cheung
	<i>Silver:</i>	J Read
	<i>Bronze:</i>	4 awards
Intermediate	<i>Gold:</i>	L Bibby, K Bruce, S Farrell, L Kong, S Potten, F Ribbons
	<i>Silver:</i>	S Amar, E Bailey, F Bailey, R Barton, K Braund, J Edmonds, E Crickmore, S Hon, E Lindsay, A Le Rossignol, L Tam, J Tatum, A Volchok-Emmons, A Yeoman
	<i>Bronze:</i>	15 awards
Junior	<i>Gold:</i>	R Bibby, H Roberts
	<i>Silver:</i>	B De Bacci, N Ganapathiram, Y Moore, O Parham
	<i>Bronze:</i>	11 awards

Gold level represents the top 6% of entries.

As a result of their outstanding performance in the Intermediate Challenge K Bruce, L Kong, S Potten and F Ribbons were invited to take part in the European Kangaroo Challenge. L Kong was awarded a Certificate of Merit.

Biology Olympiad

Silver Award: E Hockey

Bronze Award: K Birnie
F Ribbons

Music

<i>Effort and Achievement in Music (Years 7-9)</i>	O Parham
<i>Performer of the Year</i>	E Tidbury
<i>The Mary Simmonds Cup (all round contribution)</i>	E Bolden

Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

Flute

Grade 8 - Merit H McCall-Davies
- Merit V Jarmolkiewicz
Grade 7 - Merit O Parham
- Pass E Bolden
Grade 6 - Merit A Morley

Oboe

Grade 6 - Pass E Bolden

Piano

Grade 8 - Merit Y-M Allen
Grade 7 - Pass V Jarmolkiewicz
Grade 6 - Pass N Green-Buckley

Saxophone

Grade 8 - Distinction N Green-Buckley
- Distinction E Tidbury

Singing

Grade 8 – Distinction E Tidbury
Grade 7 – Merit L Darley
Grade 6 - Merit N Green-Buckley

Treble Recorder

Grade 8 – Distinction L Dann

Trumpet

Grade 6 - Merit R Bolden

Viola

Grade 8 - Distinction N Green-Buckley

Violin

Grade 7 - Merit M Lee
Grade 6 - Pass L Dann

Results of other examinations: Distinction - 14, Merit - 23, Pass - 16.

H McCall-Davies has been awarded a scholarship to the Purcell School of Music.

N Green-Buckley is a member of the National Children's Orchestra, and won the Senior Blandford Rotary Club's Young Musician of the Year.

The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art

Acting Duologue

Gold Medal

Pass: N Chesterfield
A Khalil

Silver Medal

Pass: J Bradshaw
S Williams

Bronze Medal

Merit: T Bradshaw
E Bridgman
C Dixon
F Hillard
A Le Rossignol
H Kennedy
M Khalil
A Yeoman

Acting Solo

Gold Medal

Distinction: G Pilling

Silver Medal

Distinction: I Battcock
Merit: T-J Kaz
E Deacon-Elliott
Pass: M Lai

Bronze Medal

Distinction: R Barton
A Clutterbuck
T Hannam-Daniels
Merit: C McLaughlin
E Vickers

Speaking of Verse & Prose

Bronze Medal

Distinction: A Yeoman

Results of other examinations: Distinction - 25, Merit - 42, Pass - 9.

Dance

RADA (Royal Academy of Dramatic Art) Classical Ballet Grade 7 with Merit - A Jones
IDTA Freestyle Dance Bronze Medal with Distinction - T Hannam-Daniels

Bournemouth Music Competitions Festival, June 2009

I Atkinson won the Joan Willoughby Award for the Bournemouth Junior Singer of the Year and the McGowan Cup for the most promising all-round musician at the Festival.

First Places were achieved by:

D Andrews – Duologue 15/Under
I Atkinson – Instrumental Grade 7 and Above, and Vocal 13/Under
R Barton – Newsreading for television, 12-15 years
G Carrington – Poetry 13/Under
N Ganapathiram – Book at Bedtime 17/Under
T Hannam-Daniels – Party Piece 15/Under class, and Prose Speaking from Memory 15/Under
E Hockey – Folk song 14-18 years
E Hockey and L Small – Duet 15/Under
H McCall-Davies – Advanced String Class
L Small – Poetry 14/Under
A Stuart – Poetry 15/Under
M Stuart – Poetry 16/Under

Second places were achieved by:

I Atkinson & G Carrington – Duet 13/Under
A Stuart – Dramatic 15/Under
M Stuart – Newsreading for Television 16/Under
A Stuart and M Stuart – Duologue, any age
T Hannam-Daniels – Book at Bedtime 14/Under and Poetry 14/Under
G Leadley – Musical 13/Under
M Lee – Recital Class
S McCrea – Poetry 12/Under

Talbot Heath Cantabile – Trio, Quartet or Ensemble (I Atkinson, G Carrington, E Hockey, L O'Dowd, L Small and E Tidbury). As a result of their performance, they have been invited to participate in the "Barnardo's Believe Festival" 2010.

Public Speaking

A team consisting of K Cantwell, A Clutterbuck and M Stuart were runners up in the Bournemouth area "Youth Speaks" competition.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Awards

The following have completed their Bronze award:

D Andrews, R Barton, L Battersby, R Bolden, N Collier, N Collins, I Daler-Finch, E Gaskin, E Heygate-Brown, F Hilliard, S Ingram-Johnson, F Jones, M Lee, M Macklin, A Mann, F Owen, V Rasbridge, L Riddell, N Sadeh, S Sandom-Allum, J Scott-Walby, E Woodward.

Sport

International Honours

- Biathle* - M Courtney and G Howie represented GB in the 2008 World Championships in South Africa and both won their respective age groups.
- Tennis* - E Taylor reached the quarter final of the Under 14 Aegon Scottish Junior International Tournament. She also qualified for the last 16 of the Gutysport Magaluf Open Tennis Europe event.

National Honours

- Athletics* - M Courtney and G Howie were both placed 5th in their respective age groups in the 1500m at the English Schools National Finals.
In the National Championships M Courtney won the Under 17 1500m and G Howie was 4th in the Under 15 800m.
M Courtney was 1st in the UK School Games in the 800m.
- Badminton* - The Junior squad consisting of L Aung, P Broadbent, C Murray and S Potten were runners up in the National Schools Team Championships, having qualified as winners of the Dorset and South West Schools Competitions.
L Aung was placed 5th in the Country at the National Championships and has been selected to train on the World Class programme in preparation for the Olympic Games.
- Biathlon* - At the British Schools Championships the Year 9 team consisting of G Howie, S Haysom and C McRae won the gold medal.
G Howie and M Courtney qualified for the National Championships, having won gold medals in their respective age groups at the South West Competition.
- Cross Country* - G Howie, S Haysom and E Taylor qualified for the English Schools Championships and were all placed within the top half of the field.
- Sailing* - G Akin-Smith won the National RS200 Youth Championship and was 2nd in her class at Cowes Week.
In the National Youth Championships A Yeoman helmed the first all-girl boat to cross the line and she was placed 9th overall.
K May-Papailiou was placed 5th in the Welsh Championships in her age group. She competed in the National Championships and the World Championships, and was placed within the top half of her class.
- Swimming* - F Hardie qualified for the National Youth Championships in the 50m Freestyle.
C McRae qualified for the National Youth Championships in the 100m and 200m Butterfly, 200m and 400m Individual medley. She has also been selected for the British Swimming Talent Development Programme.
C Rowan won a bronze medal in the Under 13 100m Freestyle in the National Age Group Championships. She reached the final of both Freestyle and Medley Relays and competed in the 200m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke and the 200m Freestyle Relay. She has also been selected for the British Swimming Talent Development Programme.
- Tennis* - The 13/Under squad, consisting of A Battersby, M Chapman-Rosenfeld, A Stuart and E Taylor won the 2008 National Schools Team Competition.
The Aberdare Cup team consisting of E Baker, C Sawyer, A Stuart, E Taylor, A Woosley and M Worden qualified for the National Finals.
E Taylor is currently ranked 6th nationally. She won the Scottish Open tournament and qualified for the main draw in the Under 16 Junior National Championships and reached the last 16 in the Under 14 National Championships.

Area/County/Regional Honours

Athletics - In the Bournemouth Schools Town Sports,
First places were achieved by:

D Andrews	100m	L Bibby	Triple Jump
R Charles	High Jump	I Davis	75m Hurdles
S Haysom	800m	E Heygate-Brown	300m
F Holleyoak	Javelin	G Howie	1500m
G La	Discus	C Melville	70m Hurdles
S Potten	Discus	A Tordoff-Gibson	200m
A Vaughan-Johncey	1500m		

The Year 7 Relay team, consisting of R Charles, L Culley, E Gray and G La.

Second places were achieved by:

P Broadbent	High Jump	E Gray	Shot Putt
S Masters	Hurdles	E Tucker	Javelin
G Wass	High Jump		

In the Dorset Schools Championships, first places were achieved by R Charles in the Under 13 High Jump, G Howie in the Under 15 1500m and G La in the Under 13 Discus; G La achieved a new County Best Performance. E Heygate Brown came 2nd in the Under 17 300m.

At the South West Schools Championships, M Courtney won the Under 17 1500m and G Howie came 2nd in the Under 15 1500m.

In the Dorset AAA Championships, M Courtney won the Under 17 1500m, 800m and 300m; G Howie won the Under 15 1500m and 800m; R Charles won the Under 13 High Jump and the 100m. C Melville came 2nd in the Under 13 70m Hurdles.

In the South West Inter-Counties Championships, R Charles won a gold medal in the Junior High Jump.

Badminton - In the Dorset Schools Tournament A Battersby won the Under 13 Doubles and was runner up in the Singles.

L Aung won the South West Under 15 Singles Tournament and was runner up in the Under 15 Doubles with P Broadbent.

P Broadbent won the Singles in both the Essex and Wiltshire Under 15 Bronze grade tournaments.

The following completed their Badminton Leader's Award:

L Battersby, C Boobyer, P Broadbent, R Dawson, D Jarrett, S Musker, S Parkes, S Potten, L Turtle and L Wills.

Cross Country - In the Bournemouth Schools Championship Shelby Haysom won the Junior girls race and E Taylor was placed 2nd.

G Howie won the Dorset Schools Championship and came 3rd in the South West Schools Championship.

The senior team consisting of M Courtney, S Haysom, G Howie and E Taylor won the Leweston Invitation Relays.

Diving - L Dann won a Bronze medal at the Albatross Inter Club Competition and also won the Dorset County Junior and Senior Springboard Diving competitions.

Fencing - J Hookey won a Silver medal in the Hampshire Championships.

Hockey - The Under 14 and Under 16 teams won the inaugural Talbot Heath Invitation Tournament.

Under 14 team: I Adlam, E Crader, N Curry, E Hockey, F Hollyoak, S Hughes, D Phenna, S Potten, J Pullen, S Webb and R Wright.

Under 16 team: R Drewitt, E Hughes, S Ingram-Johnson, R Jarmolkiewicz, H Kennedy, M Khalil, L MacFarlane, V Rasbridge, N Robson, C Sidwick, and A Yeoman.

The following players were selected for Dorset teams: E Deacon-Elliott, R Jarmolkiewicz, R Owers and V Rasbridge.

Karate -

E Hockey achieved her 2nd Dan Junior Black Belt.

Netball -

The Under 16 squad consisting of F Bailey, F Crompton, K Fraser, J Hookey, A Koumoudos, A Morley, C Sidwick and R Tilling were runners up in the Bournemouth Schools Rally.

The Under 15 squad consisting of D Andrews, E Gray, S Ingram-Johnson, M Khalil, L Macfarlane, O Osmond, F Owen and V Rasbridge won the Bournemouth Schools Tournament and won the Bournemouth Schools Rally.

D Andrews was invited to attend the Under 17 England Netball Talent Programme.

The Under 14 squad consisting of P Broadbent, I Davis, T Hannam-Daniels, I Hillard, A Macklin, A Mann, S Potten, E Taylor and C Wass won the Bournemouth Schools Rally and came 3rd in the County Final Tournament.

The Under 13 squad consisting of H Barr, K Daler-Finch, J Gwynne, E Hewison, C Rowan, S Sadeh, R Smythe, L Wills and K Winderam won the Bournemouth Area Tournament and won the Bournemouth Schools Rally.

The Under 12 squad consisting of R Charles, E Gray, L Henning, G La, S Macey-Dare, S McCrea, S Roberts, E Tucker and I White won the Bournemouth Area Tournament, the Bournemouth Schools Rally, the Hanford School Invitation Tournament and came 3rd in the County Final Tournament.

Orienteering -

E Crickmore won the Year 9 Dorset Championship and the Dorset Score Championship. She also won the South West Middle Distance Championship.

Rounders -

The Year 9 team consisting of I Adlam, P Broadbent, I Davis, E Gray, F Holleyoak, A Inglis, D Phenna, S Potten and L Small won the Moyles Court Invitation Tournament and the Bournemouth Schools Tournament.

The Year 8 team consisting of H Barr, A Bridgman, B De Bacci, S Farhang, J Gwynne, L O'Dowd, R Owers, R Smythe, A Vaughan-Johncey and L Wills came 2nd in the Bournemouth Schools Tournament.

The Year 7 team consisting of R Charles, L Culley, E Gray, G Leadley, S McCrea, K Potten, L Prior, J Seasby, E Tucker and I White won the Moyles Court Invitation Tournament.

Sailing -

I Hillard competed in the Eric Twynam Championships on Rutland Water and was placed 2nd in the Girls Cadet class and 3rd overall.

Squash -

J Leadbetter won the Dorset Closed 13/Under tournament and came third in the South West Regional Competition.

L Small was runner up in the Dorset Closed 15/Under tournament and was 3rd in the South West Regional Competition. She won the Plate Competition in the 15/Under Bournemouth Open tournament.

K Small was runner up in the Dorset Closed 13/Under tournament.

L Small, J Leadbetter and K Small represented Dorset in the Under 15 team which was runner up in the South West League.

Swimming -

In the Dorset Schools Championships:

C Rowan was placed 1st in the Junior 100m Freestyle and 100m Backstroke.

F Hardie was placed 1st in the Intermediate 100m Freestyle and 100m Butterfly.

C McRae was placed 1st in the Intermediate 200m Individual Medley and 2nd in the 100m Butterfly.

C Rowan, F Hardie and C McRae have been selected to represent Dorset in the Regional Schools Championship.

The Junior team consisting of Y-M Allen, S Farhang, C McRae and C Rowan came joint 1st overall in the Dorset Schools Relay Competition.

In the Dorset County Championships F Hardie won gold medals in the 14/15 years 100m Butterfly, 100m Backstroke and 200m Individual Medley and silver medals in the 100m Freestyle, Breaststroke and 100m Individual Medley.

In the Dorset County Championships C McRae won gold medals in the 13 Years age group 50m Butterfly, 100m Breaststroke and Butterfly, 200m Freestyle, Butterfly and Individual Medley, and 400m Individual Medley. She also won a gold medal for the 200m Butterfly and a silver medal in the 400m Individual Medley - Open age group.

At the South West Championships C McRae won a silver medal in the 200m Butterfly and a bronze medal in the 400m Individual Medley.

In the Dorset County Championships C Rowan won gold medals in the 13 Years age group 50m Backstroke and 50m Butterfly, and silver medals in the 200m, 100m and 50m Freestyle. At the South West Championships she won gold in the 200m and 100m Freestyle Relays and the 100m Medley Relay. She also won a silver medal in the 200m Freestyle.

Tennis -

In the Dorset Schools Pairs Competition A Stuart and E Taylor won the Under 19 section; C Mason and C Sawyer won the Under 16, and A Woosley and M Worden won the Under 14.

The Year 7/8 team consisting of H Barr, A Battersby, M Chapman-Rosenfeld and M Worden won the Dorset Schools League and qualified for the Regional Knockout Competition.

The Year 9/10 team consisting of K Mason, C Sawyer, A Stuart, E Taylor and A Woosley won the Dorset Schools League and qualified for the Regional Knockout Competition.

In the Dorset Closed Tournament, A Battersby won the Under 12 Singles and A Stuart won both the Under 14 Singles and Doubles.

In the Dorset Open Tournament, A Stuart and A Woosley won the Under 16 Doubles; A Stuart was runner up in both the Under 14 and Under 16 Singles.

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 has been 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.

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, having come through Talbot Heath Pre-prep and Junior departments.

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.

SALLY THOMAS 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. Sally is the governor with responsibility for Careers.

SANDIE 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, Sandie held Ward Sister posts in Reading, Chertsey, and St George's Hospital London. She moved to Bournemouth in 1987 and worked as a Ward sister for 15 years in Vascular Surgery at Bournemouth Hospital, until retirement in 2001. She is married to John Trapnell, retired Consultant Surgeon at Bournemouth Hospital. Sandie resigned from the governing body in July 2009.

