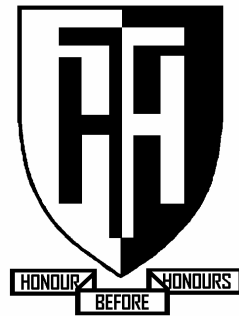


# TALBOT HEATH



## **Annual Report to Parents**

September 2006 - August 2007

Talbot Heath School  
Rothesay Road Bournemouth Dorset BH4 9NJ

## EXAMINATION PERCENTAGE PASSES

### GCE A LEVEL

#### Grades

A	57%
B	30%
C	9%
D	4%
E	0%

Pass: 100%

### AS LEVEL

#### Grades

A	35%
B	30%
C	21%
D	9%
E	3%

Pass: 98%

### GCSE

#### Grades

A*	37%
A	35%
B	22%
C	5%

Pass A-C: 99%

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# TALBOT HEATH SCHOOL TRUST LTD

## Governors' Annual Report to Parents

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### MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNING BODY

<b>Chairman:</b>	Mr Simon Tong	Nominated by the Bishop of Salisbury
	Dr T Battcock	Foundation Governor
	Mrs M Day	Foundation Governor
	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:

No doubt the history of Talbot Heath will record that 2007 was 'the year of the three Chairmen', since it began with David Parkhouse as Chairman of the Governing Body, continued with Professor Gil Slater, and ended with me. I should like to repeat here my sincere thanks to both David and Gil for all that they did in this key role: the school has flourished and will, I believe, continue to do so, thanks to their commitment and guidance. I am especially pleased that Gil has agreed to act as Vice Chairman, and I greatly value her wise support.

Both my wife and I have spent our working lives in education, and are both well versed in its many pleasures and pains. It is a great privilege, as well as a great responsibility, to become Chairman of a Governing Body, and I feel simultaneously honoured and daunted by the prospect. Schools and colleges have faced challenging times for the last twenty years or more without respite, and this seems likely to continue. As always, successful organisations rise to their challenges and prosper; that has been and will continue to be the story of Talbot Heath. Its long and healthy tradition of high standards and expectations both in and beyond the classroom, supported by its Christian foundation, has always given it a strong and individualistic profile under inspired and visionary leadership. This has never been truer than today.

I am looking forward to working with the Headmistress, her staff and everyone who has a stake in Talbot Heath's future. The Governing Body is very proud indeed of the school's achievements in the past year, and we add our congratulations to all those who have participated in so much successful endeavour.

**Simon Tong**  
**Chairman**

## **Headmistress' Report to Parents on the Year 2006-2007**

We were delighted to welcome Caroline Slocock as the guest speaker at our recent Speech Day celebration. Caroline, a former pupil of Talbot Heath, has held a number of senior appointments in government departments. She was the first woman private secretary at 10, Downing Street, where she worked to both Margaret Thatcher and John Major, and she is currently Chief Executive of the Equal Opportunities Commission.

On Speech Day, I quoted from an article published in a recent Sunday supplement:

“Today’s teenage girls could be forgiven for assuming the world will be theirs for the asking when they leave school. They are beating boys in their A level grades, bagging the best university places and they are encouraged to aim for the top in whatever career takes their fancy. And of course they want a partner and children too. But for these alpha teens, life beyond the school gates can be a severe reality check. A recent survey has shown that half of women aged 25 to 34 in the UK are considering leaving Britain because of the pressures of modern life. So, how do today’s headteachers prepare their girls for the challenges that lie ahead?”

In this age of equality, it is interesting that all the headteachers interviewed were women, which begs the question: how do male headteachers (who lead the majority of our secondary schools) prepare girls to face modern life?

It is perhaps hardly surprising that, as a girls’ school, our aim at Talbot Heath is to ensure that the young women who leave us are competent, confident and thoughtful individuals, ready both to make the most of their opportunities and to make a significant and positive contribution to society.

Nonetheless, for me as Headmistress, for governors and for you as parents it is comforting to have the reassurance of an inspection report which states that we are “very successful” in achieving these aims. It is also reassuring to know that our links with our partners in delivering an effective education – you, the parents – are “outstanding”. I should like to thank all those parents who returned completed questionnaires to the ISI team, as well as all the members of the Parent Staff Society who work hard to foster home/school links.

Proof of our students’ success in many fields is readily available, as is demonstrated by the examination grades, cups and certificates gained by the young women of Talbot Heath. Beyond examination success, other vital aspects of the education we offer at Talbot Heath are harder to quantify. I was therefore delighted that the quality of both the pastoral care and the spiritual support we offer to your daughters were judged by Inspectors to be “outstanding and major strengths of the school.” I am aware that the high quality of all round education that our girls enjoy would be impossible without the outstanding commitment of my colleagues, a commitment clearly recognized in the Inspection Report.

All faculties offer pupils opportunities for curriculum enrichment and these are detailed later in this report. An exciting new venture for us has been the setting up of a Tennis Academy in conjunction with West Hants.

Given the diversity of activities, it was not surprising that the Inspectors’ only suggestion to us was that we delegate the overview of our extra curricular programme to a designated individual. This suggestion has been easy to adopt, and the provision and uptake of activities will both be monitored in future by Miss Nash in the Senior School and Mrs Rook in the Junior School. It has to be remembered that the Inspectors’ comments and judgments were about the whole educational experience we offer to girls from the age of three to 18. In this context, the report was even more impressive.

All good schools are closely-knit communities and as with all communities there can be a tendency to look inwards and forget the wider community to which we also belong.

Our well-established programme of European visits and exchanges ensures that we keep a European dimension in our curriculum. The government is now keen to promote a global dimension into the curriculum of every school, and here at Talbot Heath we are well placed to make this a reality.

During the summer I, together with Mrs Smart and Mrs Richards in the Junior School, visited College St Emmanuel, Hanika, our link school in Rwanda. At their Speech Day I signed a partnership agreement formalising the link between us and I should like to express my gratitude to The Reverend Warren Macdonald for all he did to make the partnership possible.

At first sight, the worlds of Talbot Heath and St Emmanuel College have little in common. Materially, we are rich: our teachers and pupils benefit from the best of modern facilities. We take text books, extensive ICT and science labs for granted – such things are on the wish list of our colleagues in Rwanda. Despite the obvious differences, however, there is much more that unites us. Students at College St Emmanuel have to study, do homework, sit tests and pass public examinations if they are to qualify for Further and Higher Education. Teachers have to prepare lessons, mark work and here, as there, good student-teacher relationships are essential for positive educational outcomes. The Headmaster, Pastor Athanase, and I found considerable common ground in our discussions about school leadership. Parents in Hanika want the same opportunities and happiness for their children as parents in Bournemouth. The context in which education is delivered may be very different, but the school communities share many of the same hopes and aspirations.

The partnership agreement reads as follows:

“We, Talbot Heath School and College St Emmanuel, Hanika wish to formalise our link. We wish to encourage our students and teachers to come together in a spirit of co-operation and mutual understanding, linked as we are by common humanity. This partnership agreement is signed in the spirit of Christian fellowship.”

I hope that the wishes expressed in that agreement become reality and that with modern technology, members of both school communities can come to understand and support each other. Friendships need time and good will on both sides to develop: the welcome we received in Rwanda and the overwhelming response from Talbot Heath pupils to my appeal for pencil cases to take to Africa indicate that there are already firm foundations upon which to build.

The rapid development of ever more sophisticated communication technology is shrinking our world. I am confident, however, that the education we offer today's generation of Talbot Heath students not only enables them to understand their role as world citizens, but also prepares them to play their part in shaping the future of that world community for future generations.

**Christine Dipple  
Headmistress**

## Staff Changes

### Senior School

We were very sorry to say goodbye to Mrs West, our Domestic Bursar, at Easter after 25 years at Talbot Heath. Mrs West's calm efficiency ensured the smooth running of those important parts of school life which support the delivery of education. She will be particularly missed by the Boarding Community who greatly appreciated the care she took to ensure that Boarding life had its share of home comforts. Her place has been taken by Mrs da Silva.

Mrs Hewins left the Art department in July and has been replaced by Miss Coates.

Mrs Macdonald has joined us this term to teach Theatre Studies at A level, while we are delighted that Mr Butcher has rejoined the staff to teach English throughout the school.

Both appointments to the English faculty were to replace Sally Wood who sadly died in March. Sally's gentleness, warmth, humour and quiet efficiency made her a much loved teacher, colleague and friend. In the autumn term she directed a first class production of *The Importance of Being Earnest*: Wilde's wit and finely honed sense of the absurd appealed to Sally's own sense of the ridiculous: her appearance as a Snowman at last year's boarders' Christmas party demonstrating this further. As agreed with Sally and in her memory, a carpet of spring flowers will be planted on the school lawn: a fitting tribute.

I am indebted to our Anglican Chaplain, Canon Christopher Rutledge for the support he offered all members of the school community at that time and for his contribution to school life throughout the year.

### Junior School

We are very fortunate at Talbot Heath in having a low staff turnover and so it was with sadness that we said goodbye to Mrs Wigfield at the end of the summer term. Pupils and parents alike have benefited from her care and every good wish goes to her for a very happy and relaxed retirement. Her successor is Mrs Clark and we have also appointed Mrs Pugh as an additional Year 2 teacher, and Mrs Morris and Mrs Tattum as additional Teaching Assistants.

## Junior School Report for 2006-2007

Our recent Inspection Report not only spoke of the excellent teaching, but also highlighted the outstanding atmosphere in school. We often talk about there being a Junior School family and the Inspectors saw that for themselves and commented on it so often during their visit and subsequently in the report. It is this nurturing ethos, the high standards of pastoral care given by the staff and the family feel that I believe makes Talbot Heath so special.

Fundraising has always been an important feature of school life. There are annual events we always support, such as Children in Need and Red Nose Day. We have also raised money for the Neurological Unit at Southampton hospital, the NSPCC and the Junior Department girls ran their annual charities week. The Junior School parents ran a wonderful Charity Fair in the spring term. The purpose was to raise money to purchase omnifuse syringes for the children's wards at Poole Hospital and an incredible sum of over £5000 was raised. With stalls selling books and videos, plants, cakes and gifts, competitions, games and activities, it was a super event with a real family atmosphere, much enjoyed by everyone. There was a raffle, a tombola and a fancy dress competition and the Year Group Co-ordinators worked very hard to ensure it was, again, a great success.

The dynamics of the Parent Staff Society have changed in recent years and in the Junior School we decided to adopt a system of year group. This has been running very successfully for almost four years in the Junior School, and the Senior School has now adopted a similar system. The Year Group Co-ordinators work hard for the good of the school and the pupils and there is a very regular and open means of communication now in place. It means any questions can be answered quickly and it helps to foster that all important family atmosphere where everyone feels involved. At school we are mindful of the fact that you give us the care of the most valued thing you have – your children – and that the best way to ensure that the Talbot Heath experience is positive for everyone is a close partnership

Our multi-cultural days are now firmly in place and were again enjoyed this year. The children in Pre-prep enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year and we are, once again, very grateful for the input from Andy Chu who makes the celebration so special for our children. In the Junior Department the girls studied a range of cultures; some close to home like France and Holland and others from further afield like the lives of Aborigines and Native American Indians. It is whole school events such as these which add to the breadth and depth of the educational experience we offer at Talbot Heath.

The spring term may well be remembered by staff, if not so much by pupils, as the inspection term. I think one of the things that stood out for me during the inspection week itself was how very proud I was of the children we are privileged to work with. They presented themselves as very happy, confident children, enjoying their lives at Talbot Heath and were able to articulate their views extremely well. The Inspectors, apart from giving us a glowing report, were impressed by the children. They made so many comments on how delightful the children were, how polite, how helpful and, a recurring comment, how confident. It is one of the things visitors always notice about the pupils here: they are confident and secure. Confident in their own abilities; confident in being able to express themselves; confident within their classes and amongst their peers, and I think that is such an important aspect of their development. The Inspection Report, which you have all received, was glowing and a tribute to the staff and pupils at the school.

The children participated in many trips and outings to different venues across the south during the year. This year the Year 1 and 2 pupils visited the Longdown Dairy Farm whilst the Kindergarten and Reception pupils enjoyed a fun filled day in school, watching a production, taking part in activities and especially enjoying their picnic lunch. The Junior girls went to Beaulieu for the day and enjoyed their visit enormously, learning how to become good

housemaids from Mrs Clarke the governess and touring the motor museum with a Victorian chauffeur.

Other curriculum related trips this year have included a visit to the local church and to the Bournemouth orthodox synagogue, a geography field trip to Lulworth Cove, a residential trip to the Isle of Wight, and visits to the Costume Museum, a Celtic settlement and the Oceanarium. We do try to source new trips for the children and it is always so rewarding when we take them to a new venue that proves to be a success. Last year we took them to Hooke Court for a Living History Day to celebrate a Tudor Christmas. It proved to be a great success and we will be including it again this year.

Another initiative which has further boosted the family feel of the school has been the setting up of a dedicated prefect and form leader group which meets during the school year. The girls run these meetings themselves, with just a little adult supervision, and I have to say we are always very impressed at the ideas that the girls bring forward. They are sensible suggestions, well thought out, and consider so many things. During this year, at the suggestion of the children themselves, we have, for instance, held a Crazy Hat Day raising money for the Jigsaw Appeal, and have adopted a 'friendship post' system in the playground. Although our youngest children in the Junior Department are only seven, this is a valuable experience for the children to experience and helps them to understand how many of the school systems are put in place. It also gives them all a chance to voice their ideas and they know they will be listened to.

We held another Living History Day in the summer term, this year focusing on a period that is not normally covered on our History syllabus in the Junior School in order to give the children a valuable insight into not only another time period, but also another culture. We were proud to welcome *Mexicolore* into school for our Aztec Day and the children enjoyed a very dramatic presentation in the hall as well as making Aztec head-dresses and conducting their own internet based research.

The school already has links with a senior and a junior school in Rwanda. During the summer, Mrs Richards, along with Mrs Dipple and Mrs Smart, visited Rwanda as part of a group and strengthened these links further. The girls in Year 4 and Year 5 produced a wonderful portfolio for Mrs Richards to take with her, showing something of the life of a young girl in this area. We hope to set up a pen pal system between the girls and enrich the education of children from both schools by learning from each other.

Members of the Junior Department have taken a very active part in the musical life of the school this year. Through our link with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Education Department, all our pupils have participated in a series of specialist musical workshops led by Andy Baker (BSO Animateur). In addition, members of the Junior Choir distinguished themselves with an excellent contribution to the performance of Britten's *Noye's Fludde* given at The Lighthouse in Poole in February. The Junior Choir has given lively performances in both the Main School's Spring Concert and the Junior School Charity Fete. Year 6 Choir members were very excited to enter the *Joseph - Search for a Choir* competition run by the BBC. Several singers and instrumentalists from Junior School have participated in the regular series of Informal Concerts which provide excellent opportunities for our younger musicians to gain experience in performing publicly without the stress of doing so in a formal setting.

Clubs and activities continue to extend the curriculum on offer and there are a whole range for children of different ages to select from. There are sporting clubs, which take place before and after school and during lunch hours, which cover a diverse range of activities including hockey, netball, rounders, swimming, tennis and football. We have two choirs and a music club, in addition to Junior Strings, and many pupils also attend ballet and tap lessons. Other clubs offering very diverse opportunities for the children include gardening, computer animation, clay work, scrapbooking and GLOW clubs.

The Junior School pupils continue to be enthusiastic about their sport with a good percentage of them participating in the extra curricular activities offered. The Year 5/6 Netball team developed well as a squad and they were runners up in the annual Bournemouth High 5 competition. In tennis many girls take part in tournaments outside school throughout the year, representing Talbot Heath individually and in team competitions and achieving success including, for a second year, winning Dorset singles and doubles titles. Our athletes had great success, winning the Step Athletic Tournament again and our swimmers were again very successful in the Alistair Ward swimming competitions. 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 the number of pupils attending the football lessons for Pre-prep has increased. It all looks very positive for a new generation of potential sport stars!

It isn't possible to go through everything the Juniors have done over and above their curriculum work. Prospective parents often ask me what I perceive to be the strength of the school and I always reply that we have many strengths – our academic record, our creative arts programme, our music, our sport. I perceive that our real strength, however, is in offering the children such a diversity of experiences, the chances to develop new skills, build on those that they have already developed and 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 each pupil really is encouraged to fulfill their potential. I am delighted that the inspection team saw this first hand and confirmed what we already held to be true in their final Inspection Report. The school continues to be a vibrant and – I believe more importantly – a happy environment in which your children grow and flourish.

**Karen Leahy**  
**Head of Junior School**

## Charity Fundraising Report (Senior School)

September 2006 - August 2007

My previous report (2005-2006) drew attention to a 'mini fete' on 20th and 21st June 2006, in the lunch hour, specifically organised by L4P working alongside me in order to raise money to support our link school in Rwanda. This was a great success with the girls enjoying typical 'fete' games which they designed themselves and the sunny weather encouraged lots of ice cream sales, raising just over £200.

This year, 2006-2007, has again seen the 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.

Within the PSRE Department we have welcomed speakers from Amnesty International to raise awareness of ongoing campaigns for human rights. This area is something which I am investigating for the next academic year alongside the charity remit of the school and whole school cross-curricular participation.

### Charities supported during the academic year 2006-2007

A collection of clothing and household goods throughout the summer vacation was donated to the Bournemouth Women's Refuge in September. This was subsequently followed by the distribution of Harvest Festival goods in October. Once again, the popular Christmas Shoebox Appeal (gifts for children in Eastern Europe) was a whole school activity in November.

The David Dale Shyogwe Trust (Rwanda link school) was supported through the Sports Day Collection and Confirmation Service which raised £430.52. U43P organised a hugely successful shoe collection for Blue Peter's UNICEF Appeal.

Within the Assembly programme, guest speakers from the Royal National Lifeboat Institute highlighted 'Beach Safety' in July 2006.

The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal was also supported again this year.

Brain Tumour UK .....	£242.46
Children in Need .....	£228.80
Julia's House – Yellow Brick Road Appeal .....	£200.00
National Aids Trust .....	£80.92
Oxfam .....	£27.10
Piam Brown Ward Fund .....	£315.71
Red Nose Day .....	£230.00
Round Table Childrens Wish .....	£208.19
Royal National Lifeboat Institute .....	£106.65
Smile4rich .....	£146.25
The Imibala Trust .....	£288.29
The Red Cross – Lesotho Fund .....	£172.18
Treating Autism .....	£201.71
Unicef UK .....	£196.21

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

**Miss King**  
**Charity Co-ordinator**

## Faculty Reports 2006-2007

### CAREERS

#### Careers Convention - October 2006

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

#### Upper 4 Careers Day - April 2007

This day was organized and run by Dr Anjana Khatwa (World Heritage Education Coordinator), John Allen and Dave Fletcher (INPUT) and Sylva Starke (Dorset Construction Curriculum Centre).

The girls were required to design and build a model of a new Visitor Centre for Durlston Country Park. They were asked to consider the sensitivity and location of the site in the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site. The Visitor Centre should have a theme which would be of interest to the public visiting the Jurassic Coast World Heritage Site. At the end of the day each group had to give a two minute presentation in which they had to 'sell' their design and bid for funding. Each girl then voted for the design which thought should receive the funding and be built.

#### 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

The English and Theatre Studies Faculty consider it important to provide curriculum enrichment for all students. This year, as in the last six years, Mrs Boyington has organised a "Readathon" event which encourages students at KS3 to read widely as well as give money to charity, and through which we raised £945.00.

Competitive public speaking has become increasingly successful. Talbot Heath currently has two teams at KS3. They competed in the national Rotary Youth Speaks competition at area level, achieving first and second prize at intermediate level. The winning team went on to represent the school at the district finals in Romsey.

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 at the successful Carnegie Evening where students gave readings or dramatic interpretations of the shortlist.

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:

6<sup>th</sup> Form      *Twelfth Night* - Poole

*Guys and Dolls* - Woking  
Chawton House (for English Literature AS students)  
Jane Austen's Bath  
Brechtian and Stanislavskian Drama Workshop  
Clowning Workshop

U3           Globe Theatre Trip

#### Drama Festival and school play

This year, the faculty presented *The Importance of Being Earnest* and girls from Key Stages 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.

**Mrs Magrath**

## **HUMANITIES**

### **Geography**

U3 students visited a 'honeypot site' in the New Forest to see how it is managed to minimise environmental damage and then went on to Longdown Dairy Farm to study animal husbandry.

As part of their studies on earthquakes and volcanoes, U4 visited the Natural History Museum Earth Exhibition. This was a combined PSE trip to the Victoria & Albert Museum. U4 students also participated in a 'Japanese language lesson' and Japanese Christmas party, as part of their country study of Japan.

L5 students undertook coastal field studies at Swanage and investigated urban land use in Southampton, whilst U5 undertook their own fieldwork investigations at a variety of locations locally, for their individual studies.

The Sixth Form attended a residential fieldwork course based in Somerset, covering aspects of both the physical and human geography syllabus.

**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. They produced displays on what they had learned afterwards. 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. [In the 2006-7 guide to the palace, a photo appears of some of our girls from the visit three years ago.]

Year 9 visited Portsmouth Historic Dockyard in April 2007, which included a tour of *HMS Victory* and the Naval Museum. They also attended a workshop on the slave trade since this

is the 200th anniversary of its abolition. They then produced a piece of work on themes associated with the naval material.

This Year 9 was particularly knowledgeable already about Nelson, as we were fortunate to have Dr Kate Williams come to speak to them in the autumn term about Emma Hamilton, on whom she had just published her book *England's Mistress*. This was also a tie-in with their work on women's history. She also spoke to interested sixth formers in the lunch hour, and quite a few girls bought a copy of her book.

Year 10 GCSE 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. Visitors gave presentations associated with Drugs Education, Sex Education and Personal Safety on the Streets. Two new talks in 2006, *The Risks of Cannabis Use* for Year 11 and *The Impact of Alcohol on Decision Making* for Year 9, have been incorporated into the annual programme. A visiting theatre company was booked to give a performance *Smashed*, about the implications of binge drinking. Unfortunately the company cancelled their visit on the day, much to our disappointment.

A Community dietitian led a session for Year 8 students. She discussed the importance of a healthy diet and led a session to discuss aspects of 'body image', especially the influence of celebrities.

We continue to highlight Personal Safety on the Internet to raise awareness of the potential dangers of chat rooms and their misuse which can result in bullying amongst young people. In particular, students are alerted about the need to keep personal data private in order to protect themselves. Also on the Personal Safety theme, a Police Community Liaison Officer advised the whole school how to keep safe in daily travelling.

A new innovation was the session led by students from the Anglo-European College of Chiropractic to educate Year 7 and 8 students about ways to protect their backs by the careful packing and carrying of school bags.

The Sexual Health Morning for Year 10 students was followed by sessions where teenage mothers spoke of the difficulties and altered life chances which resulted from their unplanned

pregnancy. In the autumn term Talbot Heath became the first school in Dorset to invite speakers from *Explore* to discuss *Lasting Relationships and Marriage* with Year 10 classes.

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. A new innovation this year was for students in Year 8 who had a talk on *Looking after Your Emotional Health*.

Teams of local magistrates discussed the Magistracy System and its role in Criminal Justice. They also organised a sentencing exercise, and the winning teams visited the Magistrates Courts in session.

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

The Humanities Faculty contributed to the Sixth Form Curriculum Extension Programme. L6 had a guided walking tour of the City of London, which gave a detailed insight into both the historical and current commercial and financial developments in this area. This was followed by a river cruise from Westminster to the Thames Barrier; the commentary highlighted new developments and features of historical significance. The students also enjoyed talks about current political issues and personal finance given by faculty staff.

**Mrs Price**

### **Religious Studies**

School Chaplain, Canon Christopher Rutledge, led a session for U3 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 L4.

U4 had a Combined PSRE visit to the V&A Museum, London. L5 GCSE groups participated in a debate about the sanctity of life with Liz from the Samaritans. L5 whole year group participated in a Buddhism talk with meditation exercises led by Ms Scott.

The senior school, in particular U5, 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.

U6 RS students attended the annual Religious Ethics Conference with renowned philosopher Peter Vardy in London. The L6/U6 *Ethics Forum* in March (similar in format to *Question Time*) welcomed guest speakers Canon Christopher Rutledge (Church of England), Father Raphael (Celtic Orthodox Church), Father Bill Muir (Roman Catholic) and Rabbi Neil Amswych (Reform Judaism). The event was hugely successful.

U5 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 commenced with a visit to London for a fascinating guided tour of the City of London. This was followed by a cruise to Greenwich with a commentary describing the key features and new additions to the riverscape.

When the girls had settled into the Sixth Form, David Keeling from *Independent Thinking* led a morning session on study skills, including time management and motivation. He is also an actor, so the presentation was both useful and entertaining.

Mrs Hosking enhanced the group's life skills through a session on *Personal Finance*. Many Sixth Formers now have part-time employment and they learned how to work out their personal taxation, national insurance and how to invest money in appropriate savings accounts. These financial skills were further developed by the talk about managing a student loan and a careful appraisal of personal costs of university life.

The background and current problems between the Israelis and the Palestinians were highlighted in two sessions, by speakers representing the two groups. The issue of *Islamophobia* and whether it is a growing problem was also discussed.

A regular visitor to school, Rev W Macdonald, hosted a thought provoking session about current ethical issues in our society. The girls found it both interesting and thought provoking. Miss Shaw led a session to consider the varied presentations of key events in the press.

New speakers this year included Roger Elgood, who gave a fascinating insight into blindness, and an Old Girl of the school, Lindsay-Jo Sevier, who presented a very worthwhile session highlighting the hazards faced by young drivers. A new literary talent, the historical biographer Kate Williams gave a riveting talk about the background and early life of Emma Hamilton, the subject of her first published work.

We were also pleased to welcome again Annette Brooke, the Liberal Democrat Member of Parliament. She related her experiences on a factfinding mission to Rwanda and answered many questions on current political issues.

The personal health and safety of the students was promoted on Life Skills Day and by a trainer from DSTO, an organisation which trains door staff, who highlighted *How to Stay Safe in Bournemouth's Pub and Club Scene*. The sessions on *Eating Healthily on a Budget*, *Managing your Student Loan* and *Coping with Stress* gave useful advice for university life.

The girls have appreciated the programme and responded well to the wide range of speakers they have encountered.

**Mrs Price**

## **MATHEMATICS**

During last year, a total of 78 girls entered the National Mathematical Challenges.

Forty-two pupils entered the Junior Level, for Year 8 pupils, with six girls, Emma Bailey, Rachel Bolden, Katrina Bruce, Lucia Kong, Eleanor Lindsay and Lydia Riddell achieving Gold awards, whilst another eleven gained Silver awards and thirteen gained Bronze. Twenty-six pupils were entered for the Intermediate Level (Years 10 and 11), with seven achieving Silver and seven Bronze awards. At the Senior Level (Lower 6), ten pupils were entered, with four achieving Bronze.

All the pupils who entered should be congratulated on their success in these demanding tests, particularly Lucia Kong, who gained sufficient marks in the Junior Challenge to go through to the next round, the Junior Mathematics Olympiad.

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**

Spanish students took a trip to Madrid in October 2006. There was a packed schedule, including visits to major sights in Madrid and Toledo, with social activities in the evenings. In the same month, 40 girls from Years 10 and 11 spent a weekend in Paris, taking a trip on the River Seine and visiting Parc Asterix. In December, German students visited the Christmas market in Koln; ice skating and a visit to the chocolate factory were highlights of this trip.

French exchange visits took place involving twenty-seven Year 9 pupils during March and May 2007, and for thirteen Year 7 pupils in May and June. U6 and L6 pupils attended lectures in London in December and March, and a European Theatre company visited the school giving performances for the Juniors in March and for Key Stage 3 in May.

The department also prepared materials for Mrs Smart to take to Rwanda to develop a link with the school there. At the end of the summer term pupils wrote letters in French introducing themselves to the Rwandan students. They also wrote articles (in French) describing places of interest such as Poole, Bournemouth, Dorset, the New Forest, and London. The younger pupils produced posters for the classroom wall on a variety of topics, such as sport, animals and European countries. Older pupils prepared fact sheets in French about famous people (actors, footballers, politicians, etc), and all our pupils enjoyed making these materials and learning new language in the process.

**Miss Silvester**

## **MUSIC, CREATIVE ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY**

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. Pupils of all ages have participated in the series of monthly Informal Concerts and this year, in addition to the usual range of Christmas Carol Services and Nativity plays, the Senior School Jazz and Swing Ensembles joined with a 'Pro' band to present a lively evening of music and dance to a very appreciative audience.

Our link with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Education Department has continued to thrive. A variety of workshops have been presented to all Junior School pupils and pupils in Years 7 to 9. Many of our GCSE and A level pupils have also benefited from similar specialist training relating to their studies.

In February, our Junior School Choir took part in the BSO Kokoro concert presentation of Benjamin Britten's *Noye's Fludde*. This was a very exciting venture and their excellent performance attracted high praise from the BSO. Plans are already in preparation for a similar venture in the future.

At the end of the summer term Talbot Heath hosted a music workshop for pupils from Talbot Combined School. This joint presentation by Andy Baker, the BSO Community musician and our own music staff formed the start of our new 'outreach' programme.

On a lighter note, the Junior Choir participated in the BBC's *Joseph – Search for a Choir*. This was a lot of fun for our young singers and their submitted performance was very professional; unfortunately the BBC voting system was plagued by technical difficulties and the competition lost its credibility somewhat! Despite this it was a valuable experience which was much enjoyed by the girls.

The department is currently preparing *Guys and Dolls* for performance in November. Tickets and further details will be available soon.

**Mr Hill**

## **Art**

The academic year of 2006-2007 saw a great many exciting events within the Art Department, the highlight being the highly successful trip to Florence and Venice for U5 and U6 Art, Design and Photography students in the Easter holidays. The enjoyment shared by all students was clearly reflected in the superb work produced by Art students on return to school. Mrs Stevens was accompanied by Mrs Button from the PE Department, and Mrs Irvine who teaches Textiles within the GCSE Art course.

The academic year began for GCSE and AS/A2 students with a trip to the Tate Modern in London to view the *Kandinsky* exhibition. This was used as the starting point for coursework in Fine Art, Graphics and Textiles. Photography students had a day's 'shoot' along the Thames and streets of London.

The internationally renowned designer, Ben Trill visited school for three evening sessions to offer an exciting workshop for students in Years 9 to 13. Ben has been commissioned by *DAMSET*, an AIDS awareness organisation, to produce a wall of tiles in the centre of Bournemouth. This project has involved various local schools, its focus being that each participant produces a design in memory of someone in Dorset who has died from AIDS. Ben has been involved in similar projects across America, as well as in Brighton. The designs were both computer generated and hand drawn.

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

The Year ended for GCSE and AS/A2 students with a trip to the Arts Institute at Bournemouth to view the Degree Shows.

### Plans for 2007-2008

The year begins for GCSE and AS/A2 students with a trip to the *Painting of Modern Life* exhibition at the Hayward Gallery and the *Turner Retrospective* show at the Tate Britain.

Ben Trill has offered us another opportunity to take part in the *DAMSET* project, this will be happening after school later in the autumn term.

Mrs Hewins left at the end of the summer term; her replacement is an NQT teacher, Miss Vikki Coates. Miss Coates and Mrs Stevens will be offering a workshop for Year 8 students to make jewellery to sell during their Charity Week.

Evening classes in alternative drawing methods and darkroom photography will take place once again during the autumn and spring terms.

The biennial Talbot Heath Art Exhibition will take place in the summer term; the venue has yet to be decided.

**Mrs Stevens**

## **Information Communication Technology**

In addition to the timetabled ICT lessons provided to all pupils up to U4 (Year 9) and the GCSE courses in L5 and U5, we provide further enhancement to the subject by the use of outside speakers. These have included computer aided design (CAD) users from industry,

and a talk from our own network manager on the workings of the computer, which involved computer dissection. We also encourage lunchtime computer sessions where pupils can come for help with using computers for other subject work, as well as answering technical queries they may have about devices and machines at home. The computer rooms are regularly full at lunchtime, and school boarders use them after school for their work and for contact with home via email.

During the year pupils have been encouraged to make an 'email' friend and to email pupils 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 Mrs Dipple and other members of staff there has been some further encouragement for staff to get more involved, and email has been suggested for speed and immediacy.

For pupils in L5 who did not quite complete their ECDL in U4 lessons (in most cases, with one module outstanding) there is a weekly session to get extra tuition, catch up and take the tests.

The ICT Co-ordinator met with parents of new girls in July to encourage them to take an active part in their daughter's ICT work; to ensure they are safeguarded when using the computer, and in particular the internet at home, and to warn about the dangers of chatrooms and social networking. This goes hand in hand with the newsletter contents published for the whole school by Mr Maule, the Network Manager.

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 2007-2008.

**Mrs Bichard**

### **Design Technology – Food**

The Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Relief was a tremendous success, raising a grand 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 drama exams.

**Mrs Irvine**

## **SCIENCE**

### *National Science Week 2007*

This event was held in the last week of the Easter term with several Science based activities on offer. There was a staff competition based on air rocket making – three science teachers made rockets out of card and newspaper, attached them to the launching equipment and, powered by nothing more than the air contained in a pop bottle and a good stamp of a foot, the rockets soared into the sky with Mr Cradick winning the day. Other lunchtime events included paper aeroplane-making, the loudest voice competition and the production of exploding film canisters.

U3 students had a week of problem solving challenges, including building rafts: the brief being to design a raft out of one piece of card which could support the largest mass before sinking.

### Other activities

Following the examination period, students in U3 to U4 undertook some project work. U3 created 3-Dimensional museum exhibits based on differing habitats. L4 investigated the biology of snails and sea monkeys (brine shrimp).

L6 Biologists undertook fieldwork – in mostly good weather.

L5 and Sixth Form pupils visited Poole Lighthouse Theatre in November for a very informative talk by Johnny Ball that offered an insight into the uses of chemistry in everyday life.

During Easter some L5 students attended a one-day Science conference at Southampton University with a series of lectures and demonstrations based on the current applications of light technology.

**Mr Gibson**

### **SPORT**

Sport continues to be strong at Talbot Heath School with many successes in our local matches and in county and national competitions.

The Under 11 netball team showed promise by coming runners up in the Castle Court School invitation tournament and, later in the season, they were runners up in the Bournemouth High 5 Competition. The U13, U14, U15 and U16 teams were all victorious in their respective Bournemouth Area Netball Tournaments and represented Bournemouth in the county finals. The U12, U14 and U16 squads won their Bournemouth rallies and the knockout competition, and the U13 squad were runners up in both the Rally and Knockout competitions.

Hockey continues to grow in strength as we enjoy our fifth season on astro. The U16, U14 and U13 teams all reached the county finals and the U13 were runners up in their 11-a-side tournament. On an individual basis we sent a number of girls from each squad to county trials and were pleased to see three Talbot Heath girls playing in the Dorset U15 team, which reached the County National Finals in Birmingham. A number of the girls in the U13 team have also been recommended for the U13 county assessment team. The school U16, U14 and U13 teams all came first in their respective Bournemouth Schools Hockey Rallies.

The U15 and U13 tennis squads both reached the finals of the 2006 National Schools Nestlé Team Competition held in Bolton, and both were eventual runners up.

Talbot Heath pupils were winners and runners up in the Dorset U19 and U14 pairs competitions, winner and runner up in the U16 Dorset closed singles tournament and won in the U12 Dorset closed singles and doubles competition. Last summer term, the U13 squad won the Dorset Schools Nestlé competition and played Millfield Prep School in the next round, losing 2-4; a creditable performance from a young team with one of the players returning after a long injury.

In the Bournemouth Town Cross Country Championships, Talbot Heath took three first places and one runner up in the three age groups. Twenty pupils represented Bournemouth Town in the Dorset County Cross Country Championships, taking two first places in the different age groups.

A number of girls have worked hard to train and compete in the Biathlon competitions. Both the Year 7 team and the Year 10 team won their respective age groups in the Dorset Schools Team Championships, with the Year 8 team achieving second place. The Year 7 team went on to win the South West Championships.

In the Bournemouth Schools Athletic Championships, Talbot Heath came first in all three age groups and won the overall team competition. Seventeen girls achieved first places, and three achieved second places. As a result of their success many were selected to represent Bournemouth to compete in the Dorset Championships; at that meeting, first places were achieved by six of our girls and second places by three more.

In the Dorset Counties AAA's Championship, two girls achieved a first place in one event, two girls took two first places, and one girl achieved three firsts. Six of our athletes were selected to represent Dorset in the South West Schools Championships, with one achieving a first place.

In the summer Talbot Heath took part in the Rounders U13 and U15 leagues, and both teams won most of their matches; unfortunately, due to the dreadful weather, the leagues were incomplete before our term ended. The U16 and U14 team both won their Bournemouth School Tournaments.

The future sport stars are continued to be encouraged; the Friday morning tennis sessions coached by West Hants continues to be popular, as does the football for pre prep level, coached by a Bournemouth AFC coach. Many of the girls continue to compete in sports outside school, with a number achieving national and international honours. The continued commitment of so many girls taking part in all their activities has to be commended.

**Mrs Button**

### **Librarian's Report**

The Library received the accolade from Inspectors this year of being both "lively and vibrant"! This justly sums up the atmosphere and ethos of the Library, and the enthusiasm that pupils and staff have for their learning resources centre. This past year has seen 42 pupils volunteering to be Pupil Librarians and I wish to thank them for their reliability and hard work.

The Library has held two book fairs, one in November to support Books for Africa, and the other in March to coincide with World Book Day. Both book sales have been well supported by pupils and staff. The Library has also benefited from the books received in commission earned from the sales. Well done girls!

A new initiative this year has been to hold a 'Wish List Day', whereby pupils and staff were able to give their 'must have' book wishes to the Library. In most cases I have since done my best to acquire these titles through various publishers, book clubs and online stores to the obvious delight of those who recommended the books in the first place! The Library has also assisted staff in tracking down titles for curriculum subjects and exam texts that were proving difficult to obtain.

The Library is aiming to present the Library Catalogue on the School Intranet this year, enabling pupils and staff to search for and reserve books, as well as the ability to check on their Library borrowing.

## Examination Results and Achievements

### Entrances to Further Education

M Baseotto	Trinity College of Music
A Boyes	University of Warwick (Management)
J Brown	University of Warwick (Mechanical Engineering)
F Buchanan	University of Exeter (Educational Studies)
L Ceruti	University of Cardiff (Dentistry)
J Cheung	St Martin's College of Art & Design
M Chui	University of Bath (Pharmacy)
M Chung	University of Reading (Land Management)
K Colman	London South Bank University (Child Nursing)
J Cooper	University College, Falmouth (Foundation Art and Design)
S Cristofoli	University of Surrey (Business Management and Spanish)
I Critchley	University of Surrey (Psychology)
S Giddy	University of Exeter (Business Economics)
N Green	University of Birmingham (Medicine)
A Hartle	University of Cardiff (Business Management)
O Henry	University of Cardiff (Medicine)
G Hickman	West Sussex University (Contemporary Media Arts)
C Ho	University of Hong Kong (Medical Studies)
C Ip	University College, London (Law and French Law)
N James	St Martin's College of Art & Design (Foundation Art and Design)
E Jenkins	University of Birmingham (European Studies and Modern Languages)
H Johnson (2008)	University of Winchester (Primary Education with English)
K Jones	University of Cardiff (Civil Engineering)
F Lidbetter	University of Exeter (Drama)
A McLeod	University of Cardiff (English Literature)
J Newman	University of Birmingham (English and Philosophy)
L Phillips	University of Durham (Business Economics)
E Poon	University of Hong Kong (Biochemistry)
K Real	Kingston University (Real Estate Management)
C Richards	University of Exeter (English Language and Literature)
A Rook	University of Exeter (English Literature)
L Sheasby	University of Birmingham (Law with French)
E Smith	University of Manchester (Medicine)
S Stone	University of Exeter (Philosophy and Politics)
H Teague	University of Durham (Modern Languages)
N Tilbrook	Royal Veterinary College, London (Veterinary Science)
C Tisshaw	University of Bath (Psychology)
S Tsang	Kingston University (Property Management and Investment)
H Vickery	University of Nottingham (Medicine)
J Wong	University of Bristol (Psychology)
E Wood	University of Bristol (Veterinary Science)
A Woodward	University of Bristol (Biology)
C Yu	University of Loughborough (Engineering with Environmental Protection)

### School Awards

<i>Advanced Level Awards</i>	S Gordon, C Ho, C Ip, L Sheasby, A Woodward
<i>The Austin-Smith Awards</i>	C Richards, E Smith
<i>The Hardy Awards</i>	L Ceruti, S Stone
<i>The Mabel Fletcher Award</i>	S O'Connor
<i>The Shona Baker Award</i>	F Buchanan

## General Certificate of Education: Leavers 2007 – Advanced Level Passes

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

K Bailey	Art*, Biology, English
M Baseotto	English*, French*, Music*
V Battcock	Biology*, Chemistry*, Geography*, <i>Physics*</i>
A Boyes	English, Economics*, Mathematics*, Physics
J Brown	Art, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics
F Buchanan	<i>Biology</i> , Classical Civilisation*, English*, Geography*
L Ceruti	Biology*, Chemistry*, Mathematics*, <i>Physics*</i>
J Cheung	Art*, Chemistry, Chinese, Mathematics, <i>Physics</i>
M Chui	Biology, Chemistry, Chinese*, Mathematics*, Physics
M Chung	<i>Biology</i> , Chemistry, Chinese*, Mathematics*, Physics
K Colman	<i>Biology</i> , Classical Civilisation, <i>English</i> , Religious Studies
J Cooper	Art*, Classical Civilisation, English, <i>Economics</i>
S Cristofoli	Art, Mathematics*, Physics, Spanish
I Critchley	English, Economics*, Geography
Z Dunne	<i>Biology</i> , Classical Civilisation, Geography
S Giddy	<i>English</i> , Economics*, Geography*, History
P Gordon	Art, English, Theatre Studies
S Gordon	Art*, English*, Religious Studies*, Theatre Studies*
N Green	Biology*, Chemistry*, Mathematics*, <i>Spanish*</i>
A Hartle	Art*, English, <i>Economics</i> , Theatre Studies*
O Henry	Biology*, Chemistry, Geography*, <i>History*</i>
G Hickman	Art*, English, <i>Religious Studies</i> , Theatre Studies*
C Ho	Biology*, Chemistry*, Chinese*, Mathematics*, Physics*
A Hunt	<i>Classical Civilisation</i> , English, Religious Studies, Theatre Studies
C Ip	English*, French*, Latin*, Mathematics*
N James	Art** (2 subjects), English, Religious Studies
E Jenkins	French, Latin, <i>Music</i> , Spanish
H Johnson	Art, English, Religious Studies
K Jones	<i>Economics</i> , Geography, Mathematics*, Physics
F Lidbetter	Classical Civilisation, English, <i>Religious Studies*</i> , Theatre Studies*
A McLeod	English, Economics*, Geography*, <i>Spanish</i>
J Newman	English*, Music, Religious Studies
S O'Connor	Biology, Chemistry, <i>French</i> , Physics
L Phillips	Biology*, <i>Chemistry*</i> , Mathematics*, Physics*
E Poon	Biology, Chemistry*, Chinese, Mathematics*, Physics
K Real	<i>Chemistry</i> , Economics*, Geography, Physics
C Richards	English*, History, Religious Studies*, Theatre Studies*
A Rook	English*, <i>French*</i> , Geography*, Music*
L Sheasby	French*, Latin*, Mathematics*, Music*
E Smith	Biology*, Chemistry*, <i>English</i> , Mathematics*
S Stone	English, Geography*, Mathematics*, <i>Physics*</i>
H Teague	<i>English*</i> , French*, Mathematics*, Physics*
N Tilbrook	Art*, Biology*, Chemistry, Geography*
C Tisshaw	Art, Biology*, Chemistry*, Theatre Studies*
S Tsang	Biology, Chemistry, Classical Civilisation
H Vickery	Biology*, Chemistry*, Geography*, <i>Physics*</i>
J Wong	Biology, <i>Chemistry</i> , Chinese*, Mathematics*, Physics*
E Wood	Biology*, Chemistry*, <i>Classical Civilisation*</i> , Geography
A Woodward	Biology*, Chemistry*, <i>Latin*</i> , Mathematics*, <i>Physics*</i>
C Yu	<i>Biology</i> , Chemistry, Chinese*, Mathematics, Physics

H Vickery achieved full marks in Geography. This puts her among the top ten of 9,970 entrants.

## General Certificate of Secondary Education 2007

(Number indicates subjects at Grade C or above)

G Akin-Smith (9)	O Antrobus (9)	C Apcar (9)	J Awford (9)
C Baker (9)	C Barcellos (8)	G Blakeway (9)	E Bradshaw (9)
E Breach (9)	K Brewer (9)	I Buhl-Thostrup (9)	S Bunting (9)
S Cantwell (9)	N Chesterfield (9)	E Coles (9)	V Collins (9)
L Collyer (9)	V Corder (9)	I De Viell (9)	S Dixon (9)
C Edwards (9)	C Evans (9)	E Gordon (9)	H Gray (9)
V Grey (9)	R Gribbin (9)	M Harte (9)	C Harvey (9)
S Hill (8)	S Hunter (9)	V Jarmolkiewicz (9)	T-J Kaz (9)
A Khalil (9)	S Kingsbury (9)	A Kirk (9)	B Lawrence (9)
S Lee (5)	K Macgregor (9)	L McKee (9)	K McLeod (9)
I Mighetto (9)	E Millson (8)	E Mitchell (9)	J Nethercott (9)
C Oliver (9)	D Paul (5)	G Pilling (9)	K Pullen (9)
V Radjen (9)	J Read (9)	M Saunders (9)	K Simmonds (9)
E Smith (9)	J Spooner (9)	L-J Stokes (9)	L Tillings (9)
K Townend (9)	A Van Oudenaren (9)	S Walker-Date (9)	G Wass (9)
K Wellings (9)	T Wilson (9)	R Wood (9)	

37% A\* grades, 35% A grades, 22% B grades

## Young Enterprise

The final examination was taken by three candidates:

P Lau achieved a Distinction  
V Chu achieved a Credit  
E Wong achieved a Pass

## Information, Communication and Technology

The ICCA Certificate of Competence was taken by girls in the Upper 4th year:

27 achieved a Distinction, 40 achieved a Merit.  
22 girls completed the International Computer Driving Licence.

## Senior Mathematics Challenge -

**Bronze:** 4 awards

## Intermediate Mathematics Challenge -

**Silver:** C Baker, L Bennett, R Black, E Bolden,  
L Darley, A Jenkins, L Katwala.

**Bronze:** 7 awards

## Junior Mathematics Challenge -

**Gold:** E Bailey, R Bolden, K Bruce, L Kong\*,  
E Lindsay, L Riddell.

**Silver:** R Barton, L Bibby, K Braund, O Bracken,  
E Bridgman, R Drewitt, E Gaskin, M Lee,  
K Mason, V Rasbridge, H Slater.

**Bronze:** 13 awards

Gold level represents the top 6% of entries.

\* L Kong qualified for the Junior Mathematics Olympiad.

## Music

*The Mary Simmonds Cup (all round contribution)* N Green  
*Effort and Achievement in Music (Years 7-9)* M Lee

E Tidbury has been selected for the National Youth Choir of Great Britain. She also came 3rd in the International Eisteddfod in Llangollen.

## Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music

### Cello

A Woodward Grade 7 Pass

### Percussion

L Sheasby Grade 8 Merit

### Pianoforte

J Cheung Grade 8 Pass  
Y-M Allen Grade 7 Merit  
Y-M Allen Grade 6 Distinction  
L Kong Grade 6 Merit  
C Edwards Grade 6 Pass  
A Le Rossignol Grade 6 Pass  
C Schuster-Bruce Grade 6 Pass

### Singing

J Newman Grade 8 Merit  
A Woodward Grade 8 Merit  
R Richards Grade 7 Pass

### Violin

A Jenkins Grade 8 Distinction  
M Lee Grade 6 Pass

### Flute

E Middleton Grade 8 Distinction  
H McCall Grade 7 Distinction

Results of other examinations:

Distinction - 26, Merit - 22, Pass - 10

## The London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art

### Acting

#### Gold Medal

**Solo:** Distinction C Richards

#### Silver Medal

**Solo:** Pass M Chung  
Pass E Smith  
**Duologue:** Merit E Bradshaw  
Merit S Cantwell

#### Bronze Medal

**Solo:** Distinction M Saunders  
Merit C Barcellos  
**Duologue:** Distinction C Apar  
Distinction K McLeod  
Merit B M Greenwood  
Merit C Schuster-Bruce  
Merit C Harvey  
Pass D Paul

### Speaking of Verse & Prose

#### Gold Medal

Merit S Gordon  
Pass S Giddy

#### Silver Medal

Distinction G Pilling

#### Bronze Medal

Merit I Battcock  
Merit B M Greenwood  
Merit L Tillings  
Pass C Baker  
Pass K Chapman  
Pass M Lee  
Pass C Schuster-Bruce

### Communication (Public Speaking)

**Bronze Medal** Merit M Lee

Results of other examinations:

Distinction - 14, Merit - 35, Pass - 29

## **Bournemouth Music Competitions Festival, June 2007**

First places were gained by: E Tidbury in the Classical Song Class  
A Yeoman in the 14/Under Poetry Class  
A Stuart in the 12 Years Poetry Class  
E Hockey in the 10-12 Years Vocal Class  
T Hannam-Daniels in the Shakespeare 13/Under Class, Prose  
13/Under Class Speaking from Memory

Second places were gained by: A Le Rossignol in the 14/Under Poetry Class  
M Stuart in the 15 Years Poetry Class  
T Hannam-Daniels and A Stuart in the 13 Years Duologue  
M Stuart and A Stuart in the 15 Years Duologue

## **Public Speaking – ‘Youth Speaks’ Competition**

The Intermediate team consisting of S Amar, A Clutterbuck and M Stuart won the Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch Competition and went on to represent the school in the Regional Finals.

## **Sport**

### ***International Honours***

- Biathle** - M Courtney and G Howie have been selected to represent Great Britain at the World Championships in Monaco.
- Cross Country** - M Courtney was selected for the English Schools team in the Cross Country International in Dublin and finished in 4th place, contributing to the success of the team who won the competition.
- Rounders** - J Oliver was selected to represent England.
- Sailing** - K Macgregor was selected by the British Olympic Association to represent Great Britain at the Australian Youth Olympic Festival and contributed to the team's success in winning a gold medal.  
G Akin-Smith was selected for the National Squad and competed in the 420 World Championships in New Zealand.  
K Brewer & J Freeman have qualified for the National Squad.
- Swimming** - K Rowles represented Wales in the tri-nations (Scotland, Wales and Ireland) competition in Dublin and won a gold medal, two silvers and a bronze. She has been selected for the Great Britain Squad for their forthcoming tour of Singapore and Australia.

### ***National Honours***

- Athletics** - In the English Schools Athletics Association National Finals, M Courtney won the silver medal in the Junior 1500m and J Oliver competed in the Intermediate High Jump.  
M Courtney won the gold medal in the National AAA Championships.
- Biathle** - In the National Schools Championships. M Courtney won the Under 15 individual event and the team consisting of I Davis, S Haysom and G Howie was placed 2nd in the Under 13 team event.  
In the British Championships, M Courtney won the Gold Medal in the Youth ‘C’ (Under 15) Class and G Howie won the Silver Medal in the Youth ‘D’ (Under 13) Class.
- Cross Country** - M Courtney was placed 4th in the English Schools Cross Country National Finals.
- Hockey** - E Deacon-Elliott, R Jarmolkiewicz, J Oliver, V Rasbridge and C Sidwick represented Bournemouth Hockey Club, who qualified for the Under 15 Clubs National Championships (top 5 in the country).
- Sailing** - K Macgregor was a member of the winning team at the National Youth Team Racing Championships.

G Akin-Smith crewed the first Junior (Under 18) boat to finish in the RS200 National Championships.

J Freeman was placed 8th overall (1st in the Under 16) in the World Cadet Class. She is currently ranked 4th nationally.

C Schuster-Bruce and M Jones were selected for the National Squad.

**Swimming -** K Rowles won 4 gold medals and 1 silver in her individual events at the South West Championships to qualify for the National Championships.

H Jenkins was a member of the Ferndown Otters 16/Over Medley Relay Team, who won the gold medal at the South West Championships and qualified for the National Championships.

F Hardie was a member of Bournemouth Dolphins 13 Years 100m and 200m Freestyle Relay Teams, who won silver and bronze medals at the South West Championships and qualified for the National Championships.

**Tennis -** The 15/Under squad consisting of J Awford, N Chesterfield, M Farley, E Gordon and E Mitchell were runners up in the 2006 National Schools Nestlé Team Competition.

The 13/Under squad consisting of Y Doost, K Mason, C Meaden and A Stuart were runners up in the 2006 National Schools Nestlé Team Competition.

E Smith qualified for the main draw in the National Under 18 Tennis Championships (top 24 in the country). She has been playing on the Women's Circuit, taking part in British Tours and Futures Tournaments.

### **School Awards**

#### **Trophies for Services to Individual Sports in the Senior School:**

*The Cockram Trophy (Hockey):* K Brewer

*The Australia Cup (Netball):* A Khalil

*The West Hants Trophy (Tennis):* N Chesterfield and E Mitchell

**Athletics -** In the Bournemouth Schools Championships, Talbot Heath won all three age groups and the overall team competition.

*First places were achieved by:*

#### **Year 7**

P Broadbent High Jump  
S Haysom 1500m  
F Holleyoak Javelin  
G Howie 800m  
F Ribbons Shot  
S Potten Discus

#### **Year 8/9**

D Andrews 200m  
F Bailey Shot  
M Courtney 1500m  
J Hookey High Jump  
R Jarmolkiewicz 100m  
R Tillings Discus

#### **Year 10/11**

K Chapman Long Jump  
C Hill 1500m  
R Lines Discus  
J Oliver High Jump  
M Vaughan-Johncey 300m Hurdles

*Second places were achieved by:*

G Rawlings Year 7 Long Jump  
F Crompton Year 8/9 Triple Jump  
E Vallis Year 10/11 80m Hurdles

In the Dorset Schools Championships,

*First places were achieved by:* S Haysom, S Potten, M Courtney, J Hookey, M Vaughan-Johncey and K Chapman.

*Second places were achieved by:* G Howie, F Holleyoak and V Grey.

In the Dorset Counties AAA Championship,  
*First places were achieved by:*

S Haysom	Year 7	1500m
M Courtney	Junior	1500m & 3000m
M Vaughan-Johncey	Intermediate	300m Hurdles
J Oliver	Intermediate	100m, High Jump & Shot
V Grey	Intermediate	300m & 800m

The following athletes were selected to represent Dorset in the South West Schools Championship: M Courtney, V Grey, J Hookey, R Lines and M Vaughan-Johncey.

M Courtney won the 1500m.

**Badminton -** The Junior squad consisting of L Battersby, S Parkes, S Potten and H Slater were runners up in the Dorset Schools Team Championships.

The Senior squad consisting of N Chesterfield, E Deacon-Elliott, E Mitchell, S Wiswould and J Yip won the Dorset Schools Team Championships, and came 3rd in the Regional Play-off.

P Broadbent won the Under 12 Dorset Schools Singles Tournament and partnered S Potten to win the Under 12 doubles. S Potten was runner up in the Under 12 Singles event.

**Biathle -** In the Dorset Schools Team Championships, S Haysom, G Howie and G Stalley won the Year 7 Competition. M Courtney, A Jenkins and M Vaughan-Johncey won the Year 10 Competition. R Barton, F Hardie and S Potten were runners up in the Year 8 Competition.

The Year 7 team consisting of I Davis, S Haysom and G Howie won the South West Championships.

**Cross Country -** In the Bournemouth Schools Championship,

S Haysom won the Under 13 race;

M Courtney won the Under 15 race;

V Grey won the Under 17 race.

G Howie came 2nd in the Under 13 race.

*The following athletes were selected to represent Bournemouth in the Dorset Schools Championship:*

Under 17 team: O Antrobus, E Deacon-Elliott, J Freeman, V Grey, C Hill, K Macgregor, M Vaughan-Johncey.

Under 15 team: R Barton, M Courtney, E Gray, F Hardie, S Ingram-Johnson, H Lock.

Under 13 team: Y-M Allen, I Davis, S Haysom, G Howie, I Huntingdon, S Potten, G Stalley.

In the Dorset County Competition, S Haysom won the Under 13 age group and M Courtney won the Under 15 age group.

**Gymnastics -** I Davis won the West Regional Level 2 Tumbling Competition.

**Hockey -** The Under 16 squad consisting of O Antrobus, K Brewer, N Chesterfield, E Deacon-Elliott, J Freeman, A Khalil, K Macgregor, K McLeod, E Mitchell, J Oliver, V Radjen, R Richards, C Schuster-Bruce and M Vaughan-Johncey won the Bournemouth Schools Rally.

The Under 14 squad consisting of K Fraser, E Gough, E Hughes, R Jarmolkiewicz, M Khalil, H McCall, N Robson, E Sharpley, E Shenton, C Sidwick, S Williams and A Yeoman won the Bournemouth Schools Rally.

The Under 13 squad consisting of O Bracken, E Crader, R Drewitt, F Holleyoak, E Gray, S Ingram-Johnson, M Khalil, H Lock, K Mason, S Potten, V Rasbridge, C Siden and B Sinclair won the Bournemouth Schools Rally and were runners up in the Dorset Schools 11-a-side Finals Tournament.

- The Under 12 mini hockey team consisting of P Broadbent, D Hemmings, E Hockey, G Howie, F Holleyoak, S Potten and C Sawyer were runners up in the Bournemouth Schools Under 13 Rally.
- Netball -** The Under 16 squad consisting of E Bradshaw, E Breach, N Chesterfield, A Khalil, K Macgregor, K McLeod, E Mitchell and V Radjen won the Bournemouth Schools Rally and the Bournemouth Schools Knockout Competition.
- The Under 15 squad consisting of A Beveridge, H Forsyth, C Girling, R Lines, J Oliver, C Schuster-Bruce, E Tidbury and E Vallis won the Bournemouth Schools Rally.
- The Under 14 squad consisting of F Bailey, F Crompton, J Hookey, A Koumoudos, H McCall, A Morley, C Sidwick and R Tillings won the Bournemouth Schools Rally and the Bournemouth Schools Knockout Competition.
- The Under 13 squad consisting of D Andrews, S Ingram-Johnson, M Khalil, A Mann, O Osmond, F Owen, V Rasbridge and G Scott were runners up in both the Bournemouth Schools Rally and the Dorset Schools Finals Tournament.
- The Under 12 squad consisting of P Broadbent, T Hannam-Daniels, I Hillard, A Inglis, M Jones, A Mann, S Moon and A Stuart won the Under 12 Bournemouth Schools Rally and the Bournemouth Schools Knockout Competition.
- Rounders -** The Under 16 team consisting of O Antrobus, E Bradshaw, E Breach, K Brewer, N Chesterfield, H Gray, K Macgregor, K McLeod, E Mitchell and V Radjen won the Bournemouth Schools Tournament.
- The Under 14 team consisting of F Crompton, J Hookey, E Hughes, T Hutchinson, R Jarmolkiewicz, H McCall, E Sharpley, E Shenton, C Sidwick, R Tillings and A Yeoman won the Bournemouth Schools Tournament.
- Sailing -** G Akin-Smith competed in Cowes Week and won the Youth Prize in the Laser SB3 race, finishing 14th out of 100 boats.
- A Yeoman won the Under 14 Cadet Class in the Parkstone Youth Week.
- Swimming -** The Junior Team of D Andrews, M Courtney, F Crompton, F Hardie, and L Sandon-Allum came 2nd in both the Freestyle Relay and the Medley Relays, in the Dorset round of the Bazuka National Swimming Team Championships for Secondary Schools.
- In the Dorset Schools Championships, F Hardie came 1st in the Junior Girls 100m butterfly and 2nd in the 100m backstroke. She was also placed 2nd in the Dorset BAGCats ranking (13 Years).
- Tennis -** E Gordon and J Awford won the Under 19 Dorset Schools Pairs Competition, and N Chesterfield and E Mitchell were runners up.
- J Awford won the 16/Under Dorset Closed Singles Tournament and E Gordon was runner up.
- A Stuart won the 12/Under Dorset Closed Singles and Doubles Tournament.
- C Meaden and Y Doost won the Under 14 Dorset Schools Pairs Competition, and C Sawyer and A Stuart were runners up.
- The 13/Under squad consisting of Y Doost, C Meaden, C Sawyer and A Stuart won the Dorset Schools Nestlé League.

## 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. He retired from this post last year and 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 is Assistant Director of Children's Services for Southampton unitary authority. He has three children and four grandchildren.

**TIM BATTCKOCK** 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.

**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 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 and worked there until 2004. Sally joined Dixon & Templeton, solicitors in Fordingbridge, in 2004 and deals with a variety of property work.

**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.

