



ST. EDWARD'S COLLEGE

2006-2007 THE EDWARDIAN





HEAD BOY/HEAD GIRL AND DEPUTIES 2006-2007

Left to right:

John Baird: *Deputy Head Boy*

Andrew McVey: *Head Boy*

Alex Cleator: *Deputy Head Boy*

Carla Horgan: *Deputy Head Girl*

Jennifer Gordon: *Head Girl*

Erin McCarthy: *Deputy Head Girl*

NEW CATHEDRAL CHALLENGE

Father Tony O'Brien, newly installed Dean of the Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral, once used to collect eggs from his Parish Priest's chickens, played guitar in a band called 'Alive and Picking', and helped men from a Toxteth parish to create a garden from wasteland at the back of his Church. So he is well-used to challenges, and relishes his present one at the Cathedral!

Fr O'Brien admitted when he was first given the job, he was surprised and asked himself: 'Why me?' But he says: 'I feel very much at home now. It's a big challenge but I am happy here.'

He takes over from Monsignor Peter Cookson, who had to stand down after suffering from ill health, and he said: 'I would like to extend my grateful thanks to Monsignor Cookson for his commitment to the Cathedral.'

He added: 'The job came right out of the blue for me. I didn't expect it. But I look forward to working alongside so many involved in the life of the Cathedral and hope to continue to maintain a living, worshipping and Christian community.'

Father O'Brien was born in the St Domingo Road area of Everton in the parish of Our Lady Immaculate and later moved to Knotty Ash. He remembers a happy childhood with his two brothers and three sisters. His dad Brendan was a tailor and he made all the children's clothes as they grew up. Said Fr O'Brien, 'he even made my cassock when I was ordained, and lots of other things.'

Fr O'Brien went to Our Lady's Primary School and then junior seminary at Upholland at the age of 11. After training for the priesthood at Ushaw, he was ordained at St Benets in Netherton where he was appointed assistant Priest. He recalled: 'The Parish Priest, Father O'Reilly, kept chickens in the yard and one of my duties was to collect the eggs.'

Five years later he found himself with the Skelmersdale team Ministry, and then as Parish Priest of our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Finbars in Toxteth, he took on new challenges in the aftermath of the riots, when regeneration was carried out in the area. 'I really enjoyed working there' he said. 'It was a very strong community in my parish and the people were lovely.' It was with typical energy he got a group of men volunteers together to make a garden out of the wasteland at the back of Mount Carmel Church.

From Toxteth Fr O'Brien moved from parish life into the numbers business - as Financial Secretary for the Liverpool Archdiocese. He said: 'But I wasn't number-crunching, it was more about taking the overview of finance and development.'

In his spare time Fr O'Brien likes to listen to music. He has a Catholic taste, and plays the guitar and banjo and mandolin. In his days with the group 'Alive and Picking' he played Sixties music. He says: 'I think you have to have outside interests to make yourself a rounded person. I enjoy music, and also sport. I play tennis badly quite regularly just to keep slightly fit, and I also enjoy walking.'



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KEVIN WILSON

The College was shocked and much saddened by the sudden and unexpected death of our trainee accountant, Kevin Wilson. Kevin, a Runnymede and College pupil from 1987 to 2001 died in school on the morning of 20 September 2006, aged 23. Kevin's birthday was 13 October - St. Edward's Day - and the Old Edwardians' dinner included two tables of his friends from the 2001 leavers - tables that he had organised on their behalf. The College assisted in the organisation of the funeral at St Paul's Church, West Derby, and both the Chamber Choir and Cathedral Choir participated in the requiem. The College sends our condolences to Kevin's family, who remain in our prayers.

CHARLES BOLDEN VISIT



The College was honoured to be invited to host the distinguished Space Shuttle Commander and U.S Marine Corps Major General Charles F. Bolden.

Hailing from South Carolina, he graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1968, becoming a naval aviator in 1970 and flying

over 100 missions in North and South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. He became a test pilot in 1980 and an astronaut in 1981, and subsequently logged over 680 hours in space on four shuttle missions and commanded Space Shuttle Atlantis in 1992 and Space Shuttle Discovery on the historic first joint US/Russian mission in 1994.

Major General Bolden, proud to be a U.S Marine gave a truly inspirational presentation to Upper School Pupils about his life from a segregated education in South Carolina to service in South East Asia, space travel and, most of all, his belief that

determination hard work and enthusiasm could conquer whatever barriers human beings might face. He received a rapturous ovation and was much touched by the College Consort's singing of the U.S National Anthem.



HELICOPTER VISIT

The College was delighted to receive an untypical visit by an Old Edwardian. Flight Lieutenant Phil Williams R.A.F (1992-1999) had been given the task of taking Santa Claus to the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital (Alder Hey) in a Puma Helicopter. After dropping off Santa he flew the extra few hundred metres to Sandfield Park.

Upper School Pupils were delighted to receive a talk and presentation by Flight Lieutenant Williams and other RAF personnel in the College Hall before returning to collect Santa and return him to Lapland (...or Liverpool Airport anyway).

After leaving the College, Phil studied Chemical Engineering at Loughborough University before joining the R.A.F in 2004.

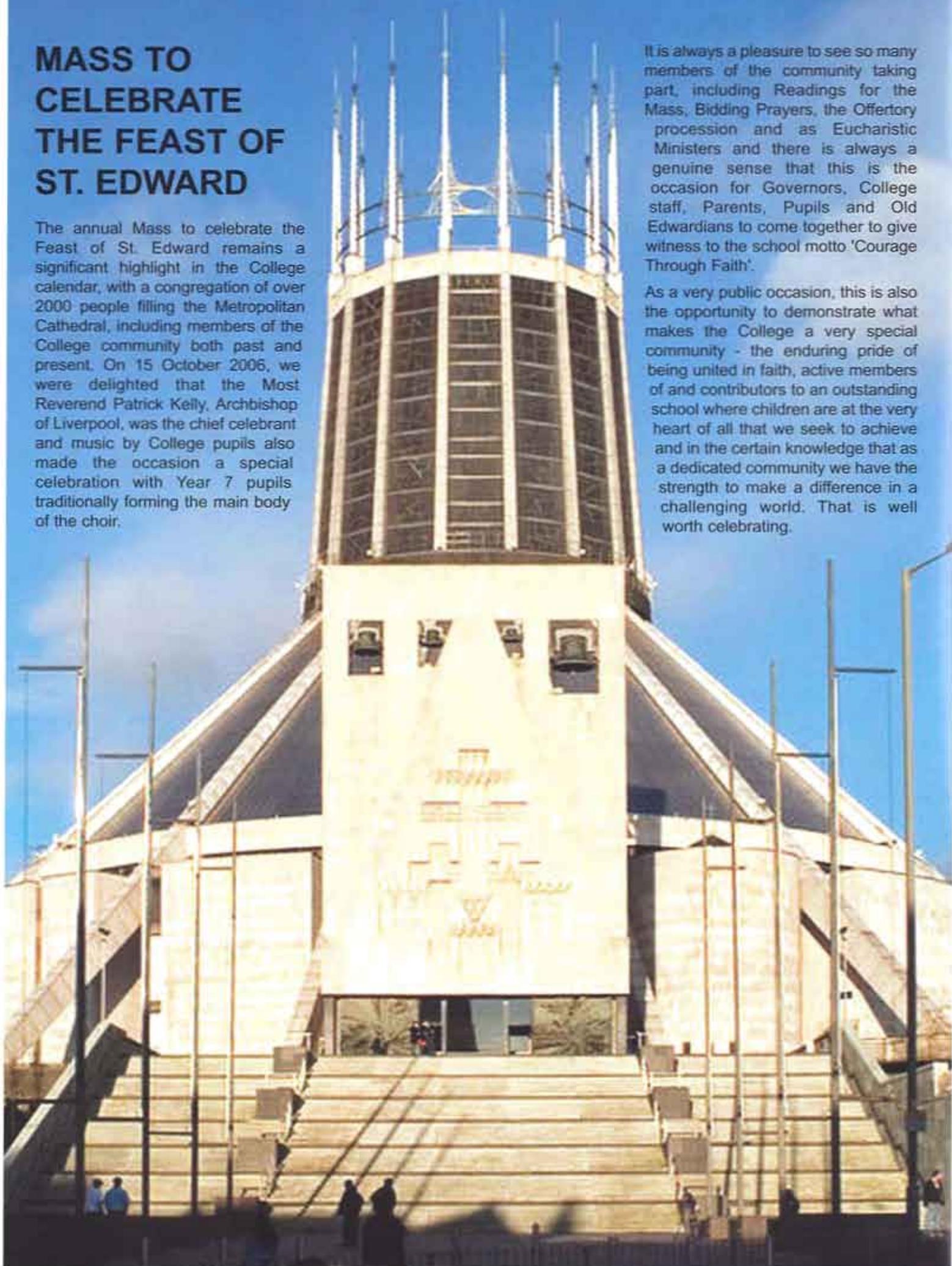


MASS TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. EDWARD

The annual Mass to celebrate the Feast of St. Edward remains a significant highlight in the College calendar, with a congregation of over 2000 people filling the Metropolitan Cathedral, including members of the College community both past and present. On 15 October 2006, we were delighted that the Most Reverend Patrick Kelly, Archbishop of Liverpool, was the chief celebrant and music by College pupils also made the occasion a special celebration with Year 7 pupils traditionally forming the main body of the choir.

It is always a pleasure to see so many members of the community taking part, including Readings for the Mass, Bidding Prayers, the Offertory procession and as Eucharistic Ministers and there is always a genuine sense that this is the occasion for Governors, College staff, Parents, Pupils and Old Edwardians to come together to give witness to the school motto 'Courage Through Faith'.

As a very public occasion, this is also the opportunity to demonstrate what makes the College a very special community - the enduring pride of being united in faith, active members of and contributors to an outstanding school where children are at the very heart of all that we seek to achieve and in the certain knowledge that as a dedicated community we have the strength to make a difference in a challenging world. That is well worth celebrating.



GCSE CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION EVENING - TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2006

Eminent Barrister and Queen's Counsel, Mr David Steer, was the guest of honour at this year's GCSE Presentation Evening in November, when proud families packed the College Hall to see sons and daughters receive GCSE Awards for the academic year 2005-6.

The evening began with a welcome by Vice Chairman of Governors, Mr Terry Sweeney standing in for Chair Mr Peter Quinn who attended the evening as a parent. The Principal's Report prefaced the distribution of awards and an address by the guest speaker.

In speaking of the pupils' achievement, Mr David Steer spoke with humour about his own legal career and the insight it had given him into human behaviour. He concluded that the pupils whose achievements were being celebrated this evening should seize life's opportunities by using their undoubted talents to fulfil their career ambitions.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr Steer on behalf of the pupils by Head Boy Andrew McVey seconded by Head Girl, Jennifer Gordon.

The musical programme performed by Year 12 choir, soloists and instrumentalists, devised and conducted by Mr John Moseley included Caravan by Ellington, a violin solo by Stefan Mather, Meditation from 'Thais', Massenet, Seize the Moment, Albrecht and Althouse and a solo performance by Luke Trevaskis of The Impossible Dream from the Man from La Mancha.

Following closing remarks by the Vice Chairman of Governors, staff and pupils were joined by their guests in the Dining Hall for refreshments, provided by Lillian Sweeney and the Sodexo Catering Team to conclude an evening of celebration and excellence.

SPORTING CELEBRITY DINNER 2007

This year's Sporting Celebrity Dinner took place on Thursday 22 March, was once again a great success raising a total of £5,000 which will be used to benefit the pupils through various activities. The main speaker was Ray French, the BBC's voice of Rugby League and double international who had taught English at Cowley School, St Helens for over 30 years. The comedian for the night was Jimmy Bright, the youngest funny man ever to appear on Granada TV's 'The Comedians'. We were also very pleased that St Helens Rugby League Club supported the event with Jason Hooper a member of the team attending. As you may be aware St Helens were voted the BBC TV Team of the Year having won the Super League and the Challenge Cup.

Both of these trophies were on show at the Dinner, along with another three prestigious sports awards. This was an evening enjoyed by all who attended, the guest speaker's address and comedy act from Jimmy Bright after the four course meal made the evening one to remember by all. Special thanks to all of those who supported the event, and for making it the success that it was.



Founder's Day



This year's ceremony was held at the Metropolitan Cathedral on Sunday 11 March and the guest speaker was the Rt Hon George Howarth, MP and former College parent.

The presentation of certificates and cups for the academic year 2005-6 saw the return of the previous year's Year 13 pupils, most of whom are currently in their first year of university life. The presentations gave the College the opportunity to remember Kevin Wilson, Old Edwardian and son of Mrs Margaret Wilson, College Business Director, who died tragically and suddenly while working in the Finance Department last September. The Kevin Wilson Mathematics Shield was presented to Laura Sumner and accepted on her behalf by former Head Girl, Francesca D'Arcy.

Both the Chairman and the Principal gave their reports while guest speaker, Mr Howarth spoke about the importance of the values we learn at school, the respect for each other and for our differences which could be the foundation for peace in many of the conflict zones of the world.

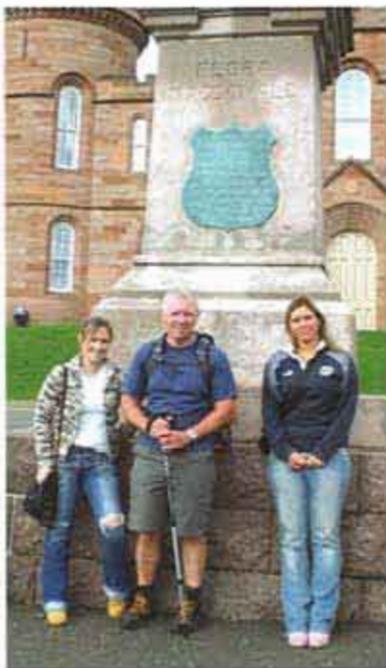
The ceremony concluded with Elgar's Land of Hope and Glory performed by the College Orchestra, conducted by John Moseley. The Lower School Instrumental Ensemble conducted by Emma Roberts had earlier performed Danse Macabre (Saint-Saëns), while Lynne Rogers directed the Chamber Choir in their magical rendition of Bruckner's Locus Iste.

Prize winners and their parents were invited to the Crypt for commemorative photographs followed by refreshments prepared by Lillian Sweeney and the Sodexo team who catered for 400 guests.



Mr John Waszek at the Ben Nevis Memorial

Principal's TREK



I am very grateful to the many who contributed to the fundraising I undertook and was able to present £1500 to the Christian Brothers to support their work in Africa, and £1500 to CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young).

I began my trek on the morning of Saturday 28 July 2007, by ascending Britain's highest mountain, Ben Nevis, from Fort William - I had flown to Inverness the previous day and then a coach to my starting point. Since I have no great head for heights I was not unduly disappointed by the mist and cloud which covered the top thousand feet of the mountain, though the flurries of stinging hail - even on what had been a pleasant Summer's day at sea level - were pretty unpleasant. However, the training I had done in the Lake District, including Helvellyn, Coniston Old Man and the High Street and the Yorkshire Dales stood me in good stead, reaching the summit in under three hours. The Peak's War Memorial serves as a poignant reminder.

The following day I began my six day trek back to Inverness - but I added some visits off the path including the moving Commando Memorial at Spean Bridge: other highlights for me included

afternoon tea overlooking Loch Ness adjacent to the boathouse of the now closed Fort Augustus Abbey, a golden eagle and the sheer beauty and solitude I experienced - though, I did not enjoy my encounter with a snake!

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This trek was not least a response to the sad death of young Kevin Wilson - who I had admitted to Year seven as an 11 year old in 1994 and who I subsequently appointed to the College Staff - a "cut me and I bleed purple" individual. The Great Glen walk is 73 miles, but by adding Ben Nevis and additional elements I completed around 100 miles - and I feel quite certain that it is Kevin, a keen mathematician, who inspired that round number.

KEVIN WILSON MEMORIAL CHARITY FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

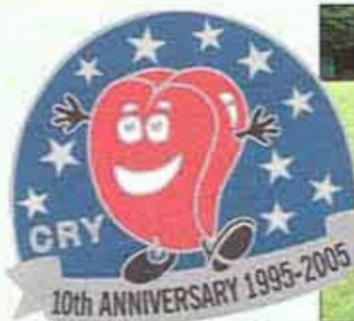


The College was pleased to have a football tournament involving College staff, Old Edwardians and Rhein F.C. - the three teams that Kevin had played for, and simultaneously raised £2307.54 for the charity CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young).

The first match, between College staff and Rhein F.C. was started by ex Liverpool F.C. and England Captain, Phil Thompson and a great afternoon followed; pupils were particularly impressed by the courageous goalkeeping of Deputy Principal, Mr Dominic Mackenzie and the silky skills of Danny Thompson and Andy Jones up front. Rhein F.C. were the tournament winners but the Old Edwardians received the wooden spoon.

Many of Rhein F.C., based on a group of friends who had been at Liverpool University are also Old Edwardians - though neither side seemed keen to use super-sub Soul Mugerwa (Old Edwardian 1994 - 2001), currently a doctor in A and E at Southport Hospital.

The teams enjoyed a buffet supper after the game in the College dining hall.



Edmund Rice Run 2006

The Edmund Rice Run took place on Thursday 19 October 2006 in Croxteth Park. Once again a great deal of sponsorship was gained to help to support the work of the Christian Brothers in West Africa.



In the Spirit of Edmund Rice



A small group of staff from Edmund Rice schools locally recently took part in a retreat called "God in the Now."

It was held in St Anselm's College in Birkenhead on four consecutive Saturday mornings and involved exploring and taking part in different prayer techniques.

July 2006 saw the Karibu program take place in Nairobi, Kenya. It was run by the Congregational Renewal Team-an international group of Christian Brothers and a Presentation Sister. 76 participants from the Edmund Rice Network spent four weeks together at the Mary Ward Retreat Centre, working at different "immersion sites" in the area. They worked at orphanages, schools, Vocational Training Centres and centres for street children.

Australia, Ireland, America, Canada, India, South Africa and England were all represented and there was a chance to learn about African history, religion, culture and the education system while we were there.

Miss Fitzgerald would like to thank all who helped to facilitate her participation in this in so many ways and looks forward to the opportunity for further fund-raising for and awareness-raising of the work done throughout Africa by the Christian Brothers and their associates to provide "Hope Through Education".

Also, all the monies raised from ticket sales of the drama productions go towards the Christian Brothers' work in Africa.



Balloon Race 2007

On Thursday 29 March 2007, 1000 yellow and purple balloons were released from the rugby pitch by special celebrity guests Kevin Seed of Radio City, Paul Sculthorpe, Captain of Saints and Great Britain Rugby teams and Jason Hooper of St. Helens Rugby League Team, with the help of Runnymede's Head Boy and Head Girl - Sheamus Hearity and Nicole Jackson - and their deputies, Emma Kinrade and Elliot Falconer. Even last year's winner Harriet Burns from Year 8 had a hand in the proceedings - last year her balloon got as far as the Czech border. Pupils from both the College and Runnymede gathered outside to see the mass of balloons released into the sky in the hope that theirs would travel furthest and be the winning balloon.

It seems that this year the balloons have travelled in completely the opposite direction and early results suggest the winner may come from Cork in Ireland - unless they are picked up by a ship in the Atlantic before the closing date of 14 May 2007!

The £600 raised from the sale of balloons helped to send a group of Upper School pupils (Group 727) to Lourdes in France for the Easter 2007 HCPT Pilgrimage where they acted as helpers for children with physical or mental disabilities or social issues.

Group 727 would like to thank all those who bought a balloon and supported the pilgrimage; in particular, pupils at Runnymede who collectively bought nearly half of the balloons sold and in doing so helped to make the race and the pilgrimage a great success. Finally, huge thanks must go to Mr Brooks and Miss Greenland, without whom none of this would have been possible.

Book Club



In June 2007 Booktrust (supported by the DFES) announced England's first national programme designed to provide every child in Year 7 with a free book by Christmas 2007. This is to encourage reading for pleasure and to maintain the development of reading levels between Years 6 and 7 as children make the transition from primary to secondary education.

All six Year 7 forms in St. Edward's came up to the Library in September to choose their free book from a selection of twelve titles including - *"Framed"* by Frank Cottrell Boyce, *"Mortal Engines"* by Philip Reeve and *"Evil Inventions"* by Nick Arnold. It was interesting to see the range of choices that they made with *"Saffy's Angel"* by Hilary McKay being the most popular and two poetry books being the least! The books arrived in November and the classes came up to the Library to be presented with their books along with a free sticker, bookmark and carrier bag. It was a very enjoyable promotion for the pupils to take part in and hopefully encourage.



World Book Day

This year we celebrated World Book Day on 2 March 2007 in the Library with leading Liverpool poet Levi Tafari.

Levi last visited us about two years ago when he proved a very popular guest, so we were delighted when he agreed to fit us into his hectic schedule.

Classes from Years 7, 8, 10, 12 and 13 were timetabled into the Library for each lesson throughout the day. He talked about his life, writing poetry and poetry from other cultures. All the pupils and staff agreed that it was a very enjoyable day.

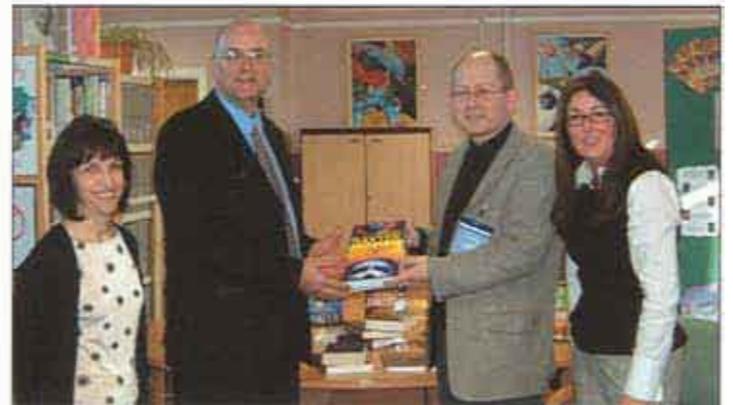


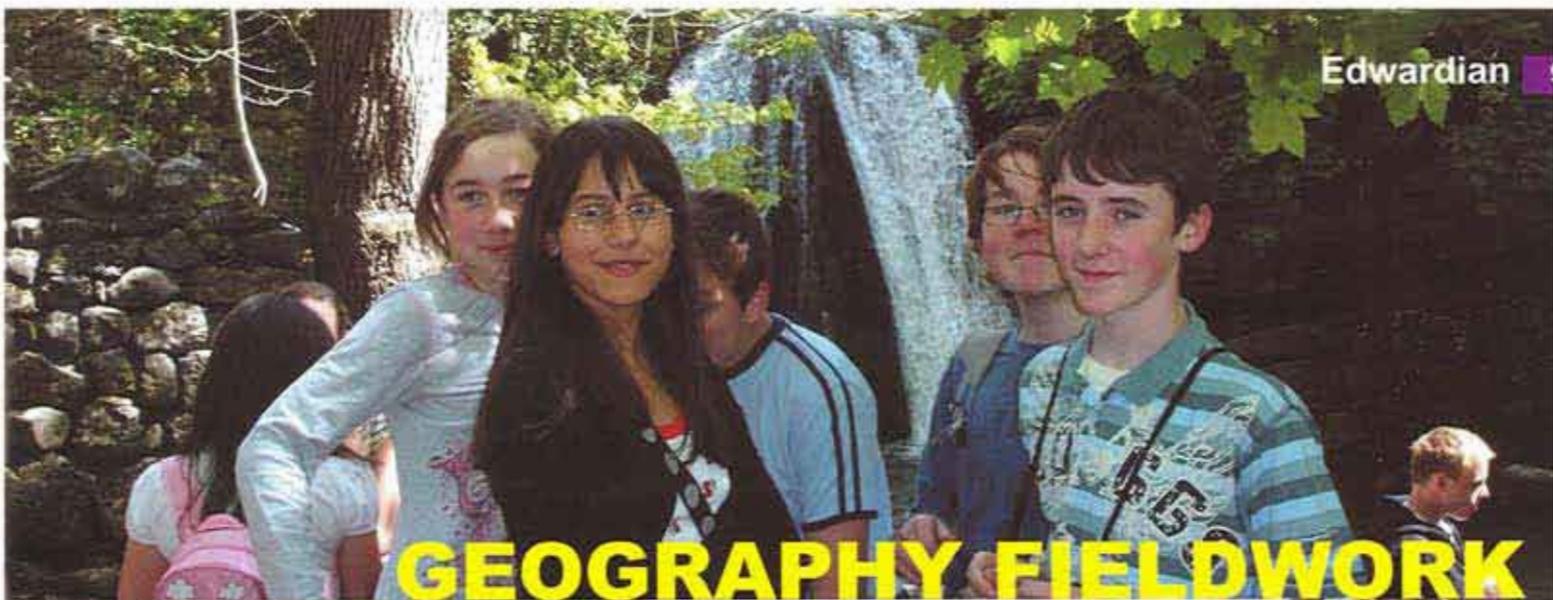
Dr Stephen Baxter



Dr Stephen Baxter (OE) visited the College Library on 24 January 2007 to donate a collection of all his own Science Fiction books to the Library and to do two Master classes with Upper School English Language pupils.

He talked to the pupils about his life, how he began writing and gave advice about writing Science Fiction stories. The pupils worked on various scenarios and thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.





GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK



MALHAM

All of Year 9 went to Malham in May to observe the nature of the unique scenery created by the interaction of rainfall and Carboniferous limestone rock. They saw spectacular waterfalls, a gorge and the magnificent Malham Cove. In addition many were able to view the nesting Peregrine Falcons (the fastest creature on earth) at the cove, courtesy of the RSPB.

GEOGRAPHY FIELDWORK

In April, Year 12 spent a day on the coastal dunes studying plant succession. They were acquiring fieldwork skills, collecting data on soils and slope gradients and vegetation types across the dunes.

YEAR 13 IN SNOWDONIA

As part of their A2 geography Year 13 visited Cwm Idwal and the Nant Ffrancon valley on a warm sunny day in late April. They looked at evidence of glacial movement and sampled sediment deposition and scree using compasses, ranging poles, clinometers and callipers. The day was enjoyable and relaxing.



MAKING A MOUNTAIN OF...

Yes, back for a second year, Year 7 once again pushed all the boundaries of imagination to new 'Heights'. This annual Geography competition, part of the Mapskills Component, once again proved to be as creative as last year's offering. One cake last year, seven this, including contour lines cream. A loaf of coloured bread appeared as well. Three explosive volcanoes and one with smoke and lights certainly raised health and safety fears amongst the estates staff. We had mountain cable cars, several wildlife parks on the lower slopes and an array of models I always wanted with my train set. I knew that those old play mobile and zoo figures were worth keeping! A giant model resembling an aircraft hanger and a massive creation brought all the way from London amazed those who have viewed the models in the display, kindly put on by Mrs Biggs and her staff in the library.

Fourteen models, out of a total entry of 56 reached the grand final. The winners were:

- 1st place: Libby Rush (7D)
- 2nd place: Rebecca Collins (7S)
- 3rd place: Joel Power (7D)

Once again I would like to congratulate everyone who took part, and also apologise to all the parents for the undoubted stresses caused by their creation. I cannot refund the train fares or van hire charges accrued but I would like to thank you all. I know that 7C, 7M and 7R would like to do the same..... perhaps next term?

Mr Watkins

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Amnesty International meetings in the school are a part of the wider Amnesty International organisation. It was founded in 1961 to campaign across the world for human rights based on the UN Declaration for Human Rights. We meet on Friday at lunchtime and mostly compose and write letters to support individual prisoners of conscience, petition governments where human rights are abused, or take part in global campaigns.



Examples of the workload this year includes:

'Protect the Human' Campaign in which members of the group sold badges to highlight the issue of human rights abuses. Each badge is sold around the world and has a unique number to signify the uniqueness of the human person.

As part of the 'Protect the Human' week we sent urgent letters and e-mails to world leaders in attempt to highlight the issue of the death penalty. Many will remember the person Mirza Tahir Hussain who had his death penalty postponed during the visit of Prince Charles to Pakistan.

Voting on-line for an Arms Trade Treaty to control the sale of arms that kill so many innocent people.

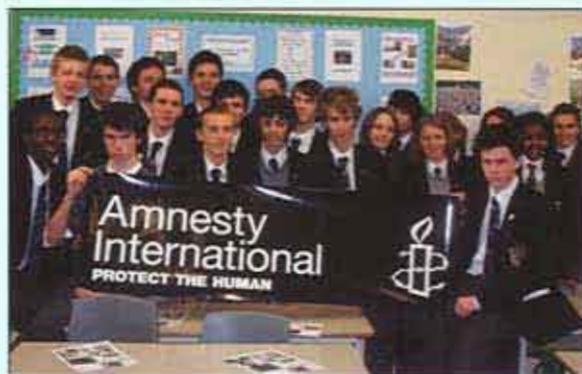
Free Shi Tao, a Chinese man jailed for 10 years for sending an e-mail from his Yahoo account. Censorship is severe in China.

Letters to MPs, pressing for action to end human rights abuses in the Darfur region of Sudan where thousands of people are suffering at the hands of militia forces. The action also pressed for the guilty to be brought before the International Criminal Court.

Campaign to stop violence against women.

Christmas card campaign - sending religious and non-religious cards to prisoners of conscience and those imprisoned with any access to the law in countries all over the world.

Upper school members of Amnesty International raised over £330 for Amnesty during 'Protect the Human' week.



College Council

The College Council continues to play an important role in school life, encouraging representation and participation amongst pupils from all year groups.

In the autumn, elections took place for the Form and Year Representative positions, and the Principal presented the badges in assembly. Since the New Year the Council has been very busy; aims for 2007 include helping to increase recycling within College and working closely with the school's Librarian to publicise a newly-formed Book Club.

Meanwhile the older Council members continue to represent St. Edward's City-wide at the Liverpool Schools Parliament. This exciting opportunity allows pupils to meet others with similar interests, discuss important issues with Council leaders, and fine-tune their debating skills.

Finally, the College Council would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Dowson and Miss Greenland, who attend each meeting to provide us with invaluable help and advice.



Liverpool Schools' Parliament Euroscola 2007

This year is the 50th Anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome - the treaty through which the European Union was founded. Part of the celebrations included a Euroscola day, sited on the actual day that, 50 years ago, the famous agreement was signed. Over 600 students from all over Europe travelled to Strasbourg for the special occasion, including 29 young people from Liverpool. Every European nation was represented and we were honoured to represent England.

We travelled from Liverpool John Lennon Airport on the 22 March 2007 to Basel in Switzerland, where local time was nearing midnight. The following morning we were up bright and early for a delicious breakfast and then had a walk around the quaint region of Basel. After the two-hour journey to Strasbourg by train, we dropped our bags off at the hotel and then had a chance to look around. We arranged groups for the Euroscola day, and began preparing our introductory speech which was to be in a language other than English.

Saturday saw us visit the magnificent Cathedral of Our Lady of Strasbourg and climb the many steps to the roof of the building. We also enjoyed a canal tour of the City which incorporated the sites of the European Parliament, the European Court of Human Rights, and many other historical locations, after which we headed out for some traditional cuisine in Petit France. Sunday morning and we were all woken up early so that we would make it in time for the tram to the European Parliament.

We arrived at the stunning Louise Weiss building. We separated into our groups, in which we would debate a range of topics later on, and entered the hemicycle - the debating chamber in which MEPs sit to discuss the issues of the day. Cue the inspirational music, and with that, the walls of the hemicycle, which are made of light, illuminated the room like sunlight.

Following the welcome address by the presiding official, Suzanne, Kathryn and Jenny introduced our party in French and Spanish. The languages used throughout the day were English, French, German and Spanish, which were interpreted for us. A range of subjects arose including the expansion of the European Union to include Eastern European countries. The different groups then gathered in separate committee rooms to discuss topics which originated from specific time frames in European history. The day concluded with the Eurogame, a quiz with each of the 23 questions in a different language. Fifteen or so group photos later and we returned to the hotel.

The experience was thoroughly enjoyed by all participants; and the enthusiasm expressed by all who went, represents what the trip was about!

Mr Dowson

Public Speaking and Debating Society

The Public Speaking and Debating Society has seen a significant growth in support throughout this year. A wide range of topics have been debated and there have been several outstanding speeches by Upper, Middle and Lower school pupils. The Middle School Public Speaking team of Tom Antrobus, Patrick Diaz and Nicholas McCaul performed well in their respective competition but were unfortunately defeated in the first round.

The Senior Debating team of Rachel Barry (Captain) and Marcus Buck went through to the second round of the English Speaking Union's National Competition. In the second round, George Flewitt made his debut in place of Marcus Buck and unfortunately, despite debating extremely well, the team was defeated by a very strong performance from old rivals SFX.

With many thanks to Miss McCann, Mr Crisp and recently Mr Manning (who clearly left a strong legacy as teacher in charge of debating at SFX!)



Left to right: Tom Antrobus, Nick McCall and Patrick Diaz



Left to right: Marcus Buck, Rachel Barry

The St. Edward's Website Club is held every Wednesday at 15.45 until 16.45 in the MFL ICT Suite (Foley Building) and consists of pupils from Years 7, 8, & 9 with a regular attendance of 15-20+ members.

The Club is run by Mr Jones, who tutors and supervises the members through each stage of their web development, and offers help and support where necessary.

Pupils do not need to, and were not expected to have any prior knowledge of web-design or web technologies to take part in the club so full tutorials were given from the start.

Everyone is allowed to develop their websites in whichever method of programming they are most comfortable. Most members use the Macromedia Dreamweaver MX package although some prefer pure coding their sites in the HTML language.

The Website Club members are currently enjoying working on their own individual Websites on a topic of their choice (after approval of course), and there will be several competitions with prizes for the best Websites judged by the pupils themselves at the end of the year.

Website Club



Question Time

Schools Question Time is an event which involves members of the sixth form taking part in a competition that finally results in a select few being involved in the BBC version of Question Time.

The competition is set in stages. The first task we were given was to decide on six questions and six panellists we would like to see on our ideal Question Time. We were successful in our application and chosen along with 11 other schools from over a group of 150 to proceed into the next round. Next, we were given the assignment of organising our own version of Question Time and received a fund of £500 from the Question Time sponsors. We are now in the process of selecting the panellists and organising the event. A BT communications workshop was also set up in order to help us with our Question Time event. This included the whole of the Year 12 Politics group and was also designed to improve communication skills.



Associated Board Examinations

Congratulations to the following pupils who achieved Grade 5 or above in their recent Associated Board Music Examinations.

Grade 8

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| Alexander Cleator | Piano (D) |
| Alexander Cleator | Tuba (D) |
| James Cleator | Trombone |
| Mark Gillon | Flute (D) |
| Ann Grindley | Flute |
| Thomas Leyland | Piano (M) |
| Eve Mouldsdale | Violin |
| Sarita Rebeiro | Piano (M) |

Grade 7

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| Rekha Barry | Clarinet |
| Alex Brown | Trumpet (M) |
| Amy Caddick | Flute |
| Jonathan Carter | Piano (D) |
| Kate Holian | Euphonium (M) |
| Patrick Kerrigan | Flute |
| Adam Marnell | Trombone |
| Stefan Mather | Violin (D) |
| Elliot McDermott | Flugel Horn (M) |
| Sam McGrath | Saxophone (M) |
| Sam McGrath | Piano |
| Alex McVey | Trombone (M) |
| Eve Mouldsdale | Violin |
| Niall Mulvoy | Trumpet (D) |
| Phillip Reade | Flugel Horn (M) |
| Vincent Shanahan | Piano (D) |
| Vincent Shanahan | Flute (M) |
| Max Thompson | Piano (M) |

Grade 6

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| John Baird | Trombone |
| Rekha Barry | Clarinet (M) |
| Jonathan Borland | Oboe |
| Eloise Burrows | Violin |
| Eloise Burrows | Oboe |
| Henry Casserly | Cello (M) |
| Charlotte Catrall | Singing |
| Amy Davies | Piano (M) |
| Sarita Rebeiro | Singing (D) |
| Niamh Sexton | Flute |
| Luke Trevaskis | Piano |

Grade 5

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|------------------|---------------------|
| Louise Beckwith | Clarinet |
| Natalie Bennett | Trumpet (M) |
| Jonathan Borland | Theory (M) |
| Nicholas Cleator | Theory |
| Sarah Crowe | Cello (M) |
| Robert Day | Piano |
| Jonathan Dicks | Cornet |
| Bethan Forster | Piano (D) |
| Matthew Guinan | Theory (M) |
| Gemma Huddleston | Clarinet |
| Emma McDermott | Cornet (M) |
| Ashley McGovern | Clarinet (M) |
| Joseph McGurk | Euphonium (M) |
| Clare O'Brien | Piano |
| Hannah Pegram | Violin |
| Stephanie Peters | Theory (D) |
| Rosanna Ravey | Trumpet (M) |
| Nadine Shanahan | Piano |
| Rachel Shellien | Cello (M) |
| Joshua Thompson | Piano (M) |

Congratulations to Jonathan Dicks, who has won the Silver Medal (2nd Place) at the Liverpool Festival Under 14 Brass section. Well Done on your achievement which is truly deserved after working so hard towards it.

Miss Margaret Wethered Prize

Congratulations to Sarita Rebeiro (Year 13) for obtaining the Miss Margaret Wethered Prize, for obtaining an outstanding mark in her Grade 6 Singing Examination.

These prizes, founded in memory of the late Miss Margaret Wethered are open for award annually in connection with the Board's examinations in music. They are offered to the candidates who pass with the highest marks in grades 4 and 6 in any practical subject. The prize consists of a cheque to the value of £25.00.



Alexander Cleator



Anne Grindley



Eve Mouldsdale



James Cleator



Sarita Rebeiro



Thomas Leyland

Dr



Mark Gillon



Megan Feery



Olivier Rogers



Rosie Knowles



Susan Oakley

Music

Congratulations to the following pupils who achieved Grade 5 or above in their recent LAMDA Examinations.

Grade 8

| | |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Megan Feery | Gold Merit |
| Mark Gillon | Gold Distinction |
| Rosie Knowles | Gold Merit |
| Susan Oakley | Gold Merit |
| Olivia Rogers | Gold Merit |

Grade 7

| | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| Megan Feery | Silver Pass |
| Mark Gillon | Silver Distinction |
| Lucy Howard | Silver Merit |
| Rachel Longworth | Silver Distinction |
| Martin Mulligan | Silver Pass |
| Susan Oakley | Silver Merit |
| Samantha Rosser | Silver Pass |

Grade 6

| | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Sarah Baird | Bronze Merit |
| Larissa Beeley | Bronze Distinction |
| Elizabeth Campbell | Bronze Merit |
| Sarah Coakley | Bronze Merit |
| Anna Falconer | Bronze Merit |
| Julia Harrington | Bronze Merit |
| Lucy Howard | Bronze Distinction |
| Grace Lewis | Bronze Distinction |
| Michael Mulligan | Bronze Pass |
| Melisa Rodop | Bronze Distinction |
| Samantha Rosser | Silver Distinction |
| Sarah Wilson | Bronze Merit |

Grade 5

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sarah Baird | Distinction |
| Jordann Bean | Merit |
| Rachel Byrne | Merit |
| Amy Caddick | Merit |
| Jonathan Carter | Merit |
| Lauren Crowder | Merit |
| Matthew Crowder | Merit |
| Natalie Cummins | Merit |
| Sarah Doherty | Distinction |
| Anna Falconer | Merit |
| Kelly Forshaw | Distinction |
| Elizabeth Hampson | Merit |
| Amy Hawthorne | Merit |
| Lucy Howard | Distinction |
| Jennifer Hughes | Bronze Distinction |
| James Johnson | Distinction |
| Leila-Clare Kellgren | Distinction |
| Sarah Kenny | Merit |
| Olivia Martin | Pass |
| Ashleigh Matthews | Merit |
| Rebecca McDermott | Merit |
| Britanny Melville | Pass |
| Rachel Morrison | Pass |
| Grace Nolan | Distinction |
| Aislinn Rush | Merit |
| Patrick St John Murphy | Merit |
| Rebecca Webster | Merit |
| Sarah Wilson | Distinction |



Examination Results 2006-7

The College appeared in third place in the Daily Telegraph's national league table for GCSE results with 94% of pupils achieving 5 A* - C. This was surpassed only by Year 10 who completed their GCSE Religious Education examination a year early with 95% of pupils achieving A* - C and nearly two thirds of pupils achieved either an A* or A grade. At A Level, the pass rate was 100% with 49% of grades were either an A or B grade and 15 pupils achieved A grades in all A Level subjects. Again, at Key Stage Three pupils achieved well above national averages in English, Mathematics and Science SATs examinations. Overall, these results reflect the high level of effort and commitment made by pupils in their approach towards public examinations allow the College to remain as one of the most successful schools both across the city and nationally.

UKMT Intermediate Mathematics Challenge - February 2007

In February, pupils from Years 9 to 11 were entered for the UKMT Intermediate Mathematical Challenge. Of those entered, the following certificates were gained - 7 bronze, 18 silver and 36 gold.

Congratulations to our Gold Certificate Winners: Tomas Hyland (Year 11), Thomas Sage (Year 11), Thomas Loughran (Year 11), Michael Mulligan (Year 11), Helen Skinner (Year 10), Anna Box Power (Year 10) and Alexander Phillips (Year 9).

Special Congratulations to Tomas Hyland (Year 11), who was also awarded 'Best in School' certificate.

Also, Best of Luck to the following Gold Certificate Winners who have qualified for the next round, and entered for the European Kangaroo: Tomas Hyland (Year 11), Helen Skinner (Year 10), Anna Box Power (Year 10), and Alexander Phillips (Year 9).

UKMT Senior Mathematics Challenge - February 2007



In November 2006, pupils from Years 10 to 13 were entered for the UKMT Senior Mathematical Challenge. Of those entered, the following certificates were gained - 13 bronze, 6 silver and 1 gold.

Congratulations to our Gold Certificate Winner: Tomas Hyland (Year 11), who was also awarded 'Best in School' certificate. This is an outstanding achievement in what is primarily a Year 13 National competition.

For weeks there had been talk of what this year's Lower School production was to be, and when the notice for auditions for *Oliver* were found in the registers everyone was excited. The auditions were held after school, and nobody really knew who was going to be there and what to expect but we were all hoping to get a part in the play.

When we had all sung our song and acted out our scenes all we could do was to wait for the call backs. So many talented people had auditioned and everyone had tried their best. The actual production seemed like such a long way off at the time.

After a few days of anxious waiting, the cast list was announced. We all realised how lucky we were to get a part in the production as so many people had hoped to get in it. We could hardly wait for the rehearsals!

Eventually we got used to our after school practices and the time seemed to fly by. Weeks of singing, dancing and learning our lines had gone so quickly that before we knew it, it was the week of the play. Final preparations were being made to our costumes to make us all look like real Victorians and everyone started to get nervous!

Finally our weeks of practice came to fruition and the dress rehearsal went well. The night of the first show was nearly upon us and we were so anxious that our friends and family would enjoy it.

All the tickets had been sold, the scenery was in place and lines had been learned. The orchestra sounded amazing and all the sound crew had worked hard. The mixture of excitement and nerves was hard to describe, but the curtain was up and the show had began! As the performance went on we had become more comfortable and less nervous, and when the show had ended the reaction from the audience was fantastic.

Being in *Oliver* was such a fun experience and everyone involved worked so hard to make the production such a success. By the last night of the show everyone was tired and sad that we were performing for the last time, but grateful for the fantastic experience and help from the teachers and sixth formers who worked so hard too. None of us will forget the fun we had during this year's lower school production as we hope that you all enjoyed it as much as we did!

Harriet Burns

Oliver trip to Stoke!

On the first week back of the New Year, all of the St Edward's 'Oliver' cast were taken on a school trip to see *Oliver*! At the Victoria Theater, Stoke on Trent, as a treat for doing so well in our own play! It was an enjoyable outing and the play was fantastic, with memorable characters and emotion grabbing moments that everyone could relate to! The play opened with the scene 'Food Glorious Food!' and immediately the atmosphere and the thrill was all coming back, we laughed, gasped and screamed at each of the scenes, we were on the edge of our seats throughout the whole show. (It was almost as good as ours!). After a long coach ride back to school we were all still on a high. A special thanks to Miss. McCann and all the other teachers who organised this trip, we had a great time!

Harriet Burns

OLIVER!



Theatre trips

Year 12 saw "Orestes" at the Liverpool Playhouse. It was a Greek Play by Euripides which was enjoyed by all those who attended, including non-Performing Arts pupils. It was a Saturday matinee performance by a visiting Theatre company.

Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" at the Liverpool Playhouse was also enjoyed by Key Stage 4 Drama pupils. An all-male theatre company called "Propeller" directed by Edward Hall gave a dynamic and vibrant performance which was enjoyed by all who attended.

Year 12 enjoyed a treat when they arranged to take themselves one evening to a performance of the National Theatre's adaptation of Brecht's "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" at the Liverpool Playhouse.

Pupils have also been availing themselves of the wide variety of theatrical delights on offer in the run-up to 2008- Liverpool's Capital of Culture -next year. The Everyman, Playhouse and Unity have been popular choices.

Forthcoming productions

"Blithe Spirit" by Noel Coward was the Upper School Production this year, which had been in rehearsal since September.

It took place on Tuesday 13th, Wednesday 14, Thursday 15 and Friday 16 March 2006 in College Hall.

All funds raised from ticket sales assist the Christian Brother's work in Africa.

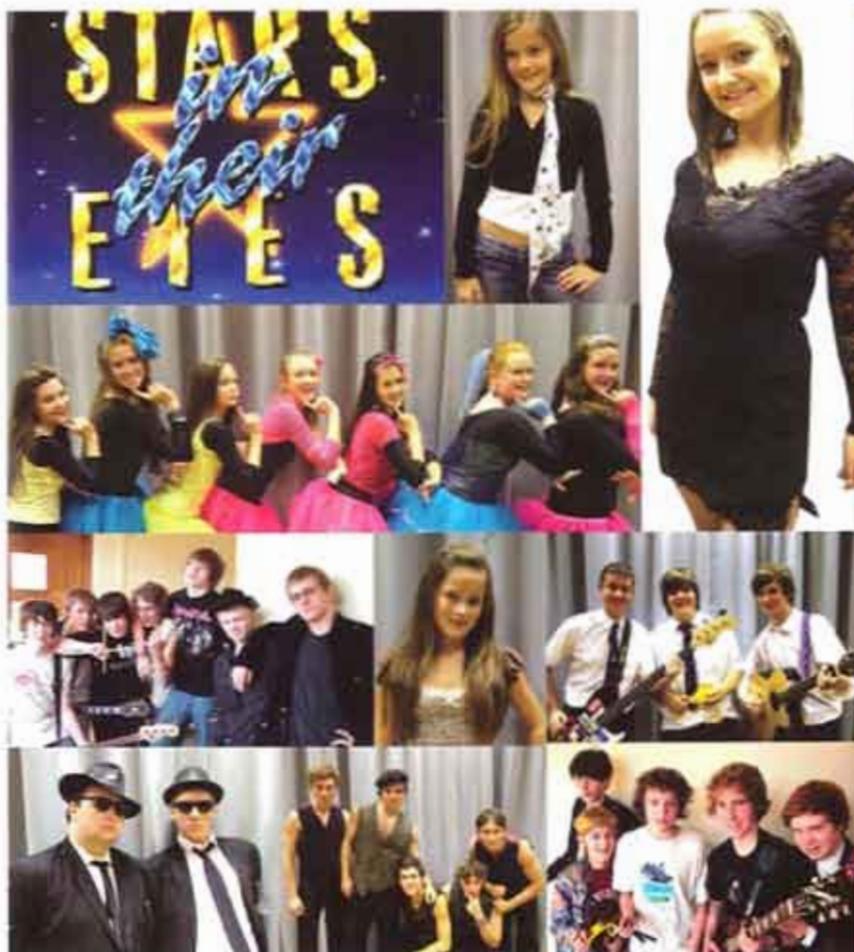
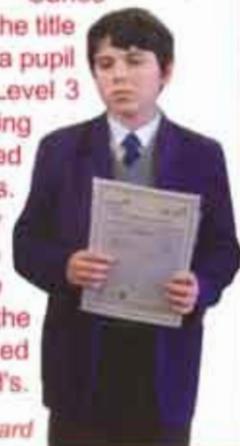
Using a double cast, enabling twice the number of pupils to be given the opportunity to perform, they will act on alternate evenings. Each actor will then perform the play twice.

Year 7 Drama Festival

The year 7 Drama Festival will take place in July this year and we expect it to be a vibrant and dynamic production!

On the 7 February 2007, Sean Aspinall of 7R returned to his Primary School, St. Austin's, to represent his old classmates and receive some well deserved certificates from the Spanish ambassador, His Excellency Señor Don Carlos Miranda. St. Austin's was given the title of Colegio de Español 2006. As a pupil at St. Austin's, Sean achieved Level 3 in both Listening and Speaking while his classmates also excelled in their Spanish language skills. The ambassador was clearly impressed with the enthusiasm for, and dedication to, the learning of Spanish shown by the pupils; something which is carried forward into Year 7 of St. Edward's.

Sean Aspinall receiving his award



Once again Stars in Their Eyes has proved to be a great success, with some great performances from pupils from all years. With auditions starting in September and the Grand Finals taking place mid October, Stars in Their Eyes continues to be one of the biggest fundraisers in the College diary. This year a cheque was presented to Nugent Care for £2027.45.

This year's finalists were:

- Year 7: Gene Butler, Christina Aguilera and Kelly Clarkson
 Year 8: Cyndi Lauper and Eva Cassidy
 Year 9: Sugarbabes
 Year 10 & 11: Aerosmith and Run DMC, Cream, Jimi Hendrix Experience and Dalida
 Year 12: Metallica, Whitney Houston
 Year 13: Bedouin Soundclash, Take That, Ronan Keating, Roxie Hart and Blues Brothers.

The winners were:

1. Gemma Brodrick Year 13 - Roxie Hart
2. Matthew Guinan, Gareth Whiteside, Sean McCormack Year 13 - Bedouin Soundclash
3. Ellie McCormick Year 8 - Eve Cassidy.

STARS IN THEIR EYES RAISES OVER £2000 FOR NUGENT CARE

In May 2007 a cheque was presented to Pat Herron from Nugent Care for £2,027.45. This money was raised from the Stars in Their Eyes competition that took place in September 2006. The monies raised from this annual College event will be used to support Nugent Care's community teams in their work with local people. Pat Herron who received the cheque from Erin McCarthy and Alex Cleator was very grateful of the support from the College, and raised a further £207 on her visit to the College from the sale of 'Love Me Bears' produced in aid of Nugent Care.



Our Year 12 French pupils took part in a 5 day French exchange with Year 12 French pupils from Villeneuve D'Ascq near Lille, Northern France. The school is called Lycée St.Adrien. Pupils got involved with the French school, by spending three mornings there working on a project. Pupils also got to do some sightseeing during the exchange and visited Paris and Bruges in Belgium.

EXCHANGE

UPPER SCHOOL FRENCH



Germanists Trip to Cologne

On 30 November 2006, 25 pupils from Years 10 and 11 met in the early hours of the morning at Liverpool Airport to set off on a four day trip to Cologne. The purpose of our visit was to practise our language skills and experience a typical German Christmas in one of its most beautiful cities. The Christmas markets are Cologne's main tourist attraction during December and we certainly took advantage of all the delicious traditional food that was on offer. Luckily, the outdoor ice rink and the 700 steps to the top of the Kölner Dom gave us the opportunity to burn off all those extra calories.

Other highlights of the trip included our day at the "Phantasialand" theme park, a tour of Cologne's Chocolate Factory and the Christmas River Cruise on the Rhein, where we were treated to an audience with a German Santa Claus.

For most of us this was our first visit to Germany. We thoroughly enjoyed it and we all agreed that it is somewhere we would definitely like to see again.

Mr Kilmartin



Kleve Exchange

At 4am we arrived at the airport all set for our trip to Germany. We reached Cologne airport and were driven to the Konrad Adenauer Gymnasium, our link school. We met our German partners and although we were nervous, we were excited to meet them. We travelled to our houses by car, unpacked and spent the first two days with our guest families.

The following Monday, we spent the day with our partners in their school. It was really interesting to see how different our schools were. During our trip to Kleve,

we also visited Münster, Centre Parks and Cologne which we all loved. We had plenty of time to relax and enjoy an excellent social life!

Overall, it was a great experience for everyone involved. It was also a great opportunity for us to improve our German and for our partners and their families to improve their English. We all hope that the Germans enjoyed their stay in Liverpool as much as we enjoyed ours in Kleve!

Mr Kilmartin



YEAR 7 SPANISH TRIP

The early hours of Monday 11 June 2007 saw the departure of 80 Year 7 pupils from the College to begin their outward journey for their trip to Catalonia. Upon the group's arrival at 'Hotel Don Juan' in Tossa de Mar, pupils checked in, and later had a chance to explore the centre of Tossa de Mar, with many already beginning to put their Spanish to the test when purchasing typical Spanish items such as sombreros in the shops.

The first full day in Catalonia was spent visiting the city of Gerona which with its' ancient streets gives you a real idea of the city's history. Later on that day pupils enjoyed an afternoon of playing beach games in Rosas.

The following day was spent visiting the main highlights of Barcelona itself. The tour began with a walk down the famous 'Las Ramblas' with pupils taking a moment to look at some of the main attractions along this stretch. There was then time for pupils to go and look around some of the shops before heading back on the coach to take a look at some more of the city's architecture such as Gaudi's 'Sagrada Familia'. Pupils then had an opportunity to explore more of Gaudi's architectural masterpieces in Park Güell.

Many football fans amongst the group were happy with our next stop to visit Barcelona's 'Nou Camp Stadium' allowing



them to get a feel of what it must be like to watch a match there with having access to different parts of the stadium during the tour.

The final day of our stay was spent in 'Aquadiver' Water Park in Platja D'Aro with both pupils and staff enjoying the day to the full. For our last night in Tossa de Mar everyone enjoyed some typical Spanish cuisine, such as patatas bravas, tortilla española and calamares. This was an enjoyable trip for all who went and gave the pupils an insight into typical Spanish life.

Miss D'Arcy



It was a rather wet 2:30 am on February 11 2007 that seventy-eight pupils and eight staff set off from St. Edward's College on their skiing adventure. By 3pm that day they were collecting their skis, boots and ski passes ready to take to the pistes of Aprica (a small town in the Italian Dolomites).

The group was blessed with a good fall of snow and beautiful sunshine that provided a scenic backdrop to the week's skiing. After the first few ski lessons the group really gained in confidence and were soon leaving the nursery slopes behind and heading up the mountains onto 'blue' and 'red' runs.

Evenings were as busy as the days with trips to local restaurants for pizza and karaoke, ice skating on the outdoor rink, a trip to the local disco and an exciting session of floodlit night-skiing.

Our accommodation for the week, 'Hotel Italia', proved to be a perfect location for exploring the local town and the staff were excellent hosts serving delicious, filling meals for the hungry skiers.

The week ended too soon and the group returned home tired but exhilarated by the experience having shared many happy memories on their trip.

Spanish Exchange

At the end of October 2006, 28 Upper School pupils took part in the Spanish 'leg' of the exchange. We travelled to Palencia, a small town North of Madrid, and a town that can only be described as the 'real' Spain - not a full English breakfast or 'English' pub in sight!

As well as joining in Spanish lessons at I.E.S. Jorge Manrique School, the group visited León and Salamanca - two of Spain's most beautiful cities.

Our pupils were praised particularly by the tour guide in Salamanca, who was impressed both by their outstanding behaviour, and their enthusiasm and interest.

Many of those who took part in the exchange are already planning return trips independently, which shows that although this trip is primarily about improving their Spanish language skills, it is also about forging friendships with people from another culture.



RUGBY

St. Edward's College rugby continues to thrive with over nearly 200 boys regularly training and playing on Saturday mornings. The College has fielded ten teams this season, with A and B teams at Under 12s, 13s and 14s, as well as an Under 15s, 1st and 2nd XV and an occasional Under 16s team.

The First XV, made up primarily of Year 13 pupils, have had an excellent season, the highlight of which was almost certainly the closely fought victory against QEGS, Wakefield in the fourth round of the national Daily Mail cup competition. Disappointingly, they were unable to produce a repeat performance in the next round, losing to a very strong St. Ambrose College side. The Second XV's season has been characterized by a hugely entertaining style of rugby. A small, mobile team, they have scored plenty of tries in victories against most of their opponents but the matches that stand out above all others were the last minute defeats in consecutive weeks at Merchant Taylor's and King's School, Macclesfield.

The Under 15s had a good run in the Daily Mail cup competition, beating the 'auld enemy', Liverpool College, on their way to the fourth round. They've enjoyed plenty of success in their regular fixtures too, winning close fought matches against Wirral Grammar and Arnold School and beating Liverpool College for a second time in very difficult conditions.

The Under 14s have dominated most of their opponents this season, largely due to the running strength of their backs and the great ball they have been provided by their forwards. They, too, have been enjoying a good cup run, this time in the Lancashire Cup



and the B team have also looked to entertain in the games they've played against St. Anselm's College and King's School, Macclesfield.

The Under 13s have played with enthusiasm throughout the season, producing wins against teams who they had lost to the previous year, including a courageous victory at Cowley School. Physically, they are a small team but, provided they listen to the advice of their coaches, they will continue to improve, both individually and as a team. Their squad has been characterized by large numbers and the B team enjoyed regular fixtures, of which they will probably their win against Liverpool College most fondly.

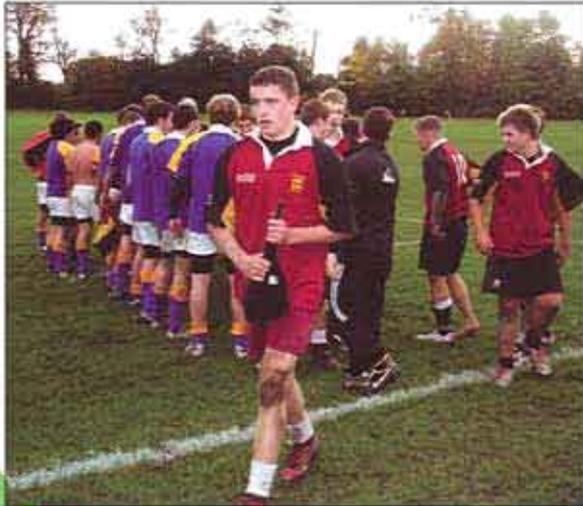
The Under 12s have had a mixed season. It is obvious they have some naturally gifted players, especially in midfield, and have finished as the losing team despite playing some great rugby. I am certain they will have a successful future and, next season, will win games against opponents who have beaten them this season.



Old Edwardians Michael Murphy and Terence McLoughlin



Italy Rugby Tour



The Under 16s enjoyed a tour to Tuscany and Venice at October half term, playing four matches, of which they won two. They played outstandingly to defeat Livorno Lions Under 17s and, the following day, lost narrowly to Rugby Firenze Under 17s. They then played their most bruising match of the tour in the mountains of Valpolicella, before finishing with a win against Petrarca Padova, the national Under 15s champions. At home, they played with real commitment in the St. Ambrose College 10s, beating Stonyhurst School and RGS Lancaster on their way to the final, where they lost to QEGS Wakefield.



Cross Country

Over forty pupils have represented the College in the League and everyone who has run this season has contributed towards the Team's success. In some age groups we have struggled to be competitive with the larger schools, but as Dave Wilkes the organiser of the Merseyside League commented, we have been the backbone of the Competition this year, when so many other schools send individual runners to occasional races. We should be proud of our full participation in each age group and in each race this season. I am very proud of all your efforts.

A special mention to all the team captains who have helped a great deal with passing information on, handing out team sheets and distributing the Newsletters after each event.

Two special mentions:

Danny McNiffe (Year 9) for his outstanding performance throughout the season, never finishing outside the top 3 in the U14 age group.

Tom Leyland (Year 13) for his contribution to the school Cross Country over his 7 years at the College. Tom has always set a fine example in every capacity as school Cross Country Captain.

Mr Watkins

FINAL POSITIONS - MERSEYSIDE SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
THE TEAMS!**

YEAR 7 - UNDER 12

DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONS AND
PROMOTION TO DIVISION 1.

YEAR 8 - UNDER 13

DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONS AND
PROMOTION TO DIVISION 1.

YEAR 9 - UNDER 14

DIVISION 1 THIRD PLACE.

YEARS 10 AND 11 - UNDER 16

DIVISION 1 RUNNERS-UP

YEARS 12 AND 13 - UNDER 19

DIVISION 1 THIRD PLACE.

U12 Hockey Team

The U12 A and B teams have been taking part in the Liverpool League every Thursday. They have given up much of their time to play and they have endured some very unpleasant weather conditions. However, they have persevered with the same high level of enthusiasm. Well done to all players, the results are as follows:

U12 A finished 1st as city Champions

U12 B finished 3rd as runners up

A mixed squad of A and B team players also participated in the annual Arnold tournament. The top twelve Hockey schools in the country take part in this event, meaning that the level of Hockey playing is very high. The team battled hard and with continued enthusiasm however they failed to reach the Semi finals. A special mention goes to Kimberley Moffatt and Megan Palin for their excellent performance. During the day 3 separate members of staff from other schools approached Miss Witter to commend St. Edward's pupils on their conduct, team spirit and their obvious improvement as the tournament progressed. A big well done to those pupils involved as you were a credit to the College.

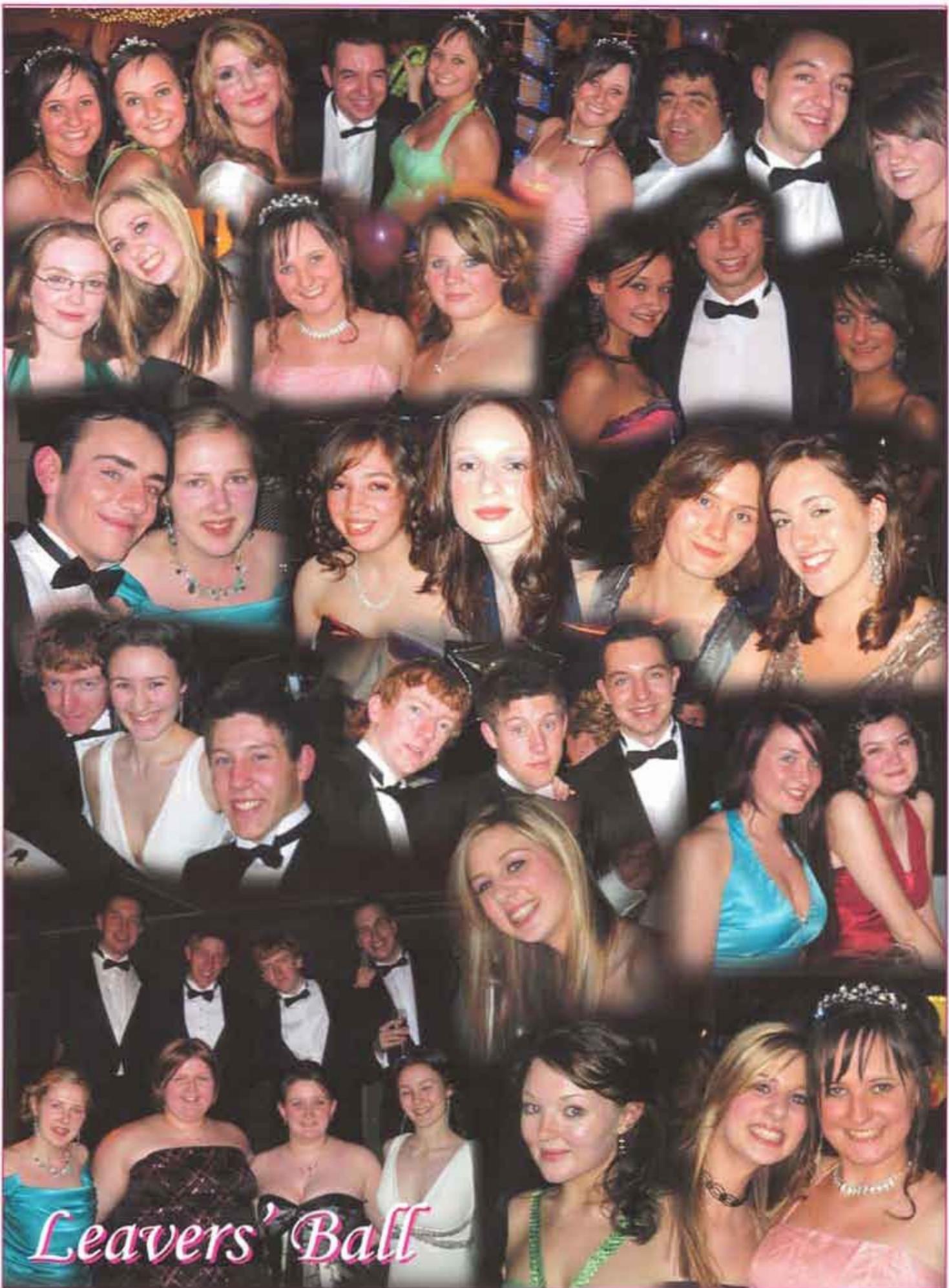
U13 Hockey Team

The Under 13 hockey team ended their season on a high by winning the County Championship. They played some excellent hockey and won their group comfortably. The semi final was tense as St. Edward's took the lead early on but conceded in the last minute. Following a golden goal and penalty shoot out, the girls made it to the final in which they beat Bluecoat 2-0. Every member of the squad gave 100% and are to be congratulated on their outstanding efforts.

HOCKEY



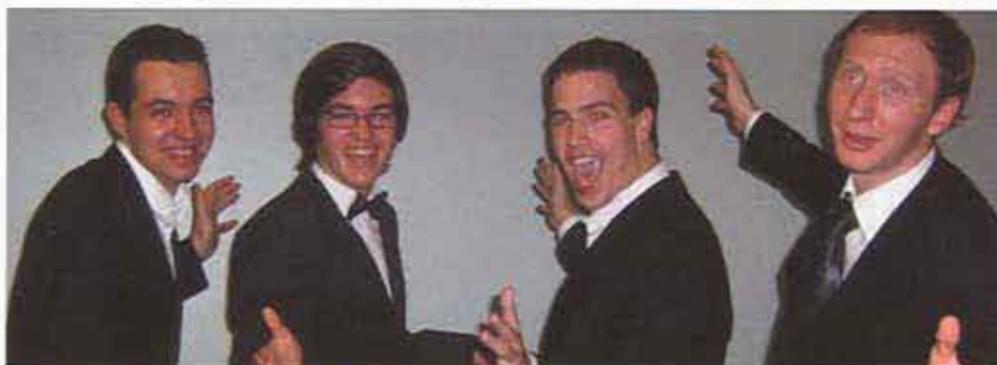
Also, a big thank you to Mrs Green, Miss Murphy and Miss Witter for their commitment to the hockey teams in terms of support with training and matches. All members of the hockey teams are very grateful for the dedication that the members of staff show, and for the time that they give.



Leavers' Ball

Leavers' Concert

This was a memorable evening. The leavers led a highly organised and beautifully presented selection of music which showed the variety of talent they and the school had nurtured and which would soon be spread all over the country. Notable among so much ability was the clarinet playing of Eve Mouldsdale in Weber's F minor concerto and the musical polymath that is Alexander Cleator, but there was not one dull or inhibited performance from soloists, ensembles, the Chamber Choir or the Chamber Orchestra. All added lustre to themselves and to the occasion, which was a great one. I hope all who participated will look back on it with pride and affection in the years to come.

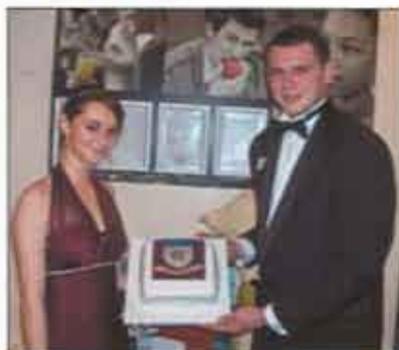




Old Edwardians' Dinner

The Old Edwardians' Dinner 2006 that took place on Friday 13 October, was yet another success with 240 people in attendance. Amongst the attendees were a significant number of female and very recent former pupils, the biggest turnout ever! We hope that this trend continues.

After being addressed by the Principal all guests enjoyed a four-course dinner accompanied by entertainment from the Brass Ensemble followed by a performance given by Rebecca Scraggs and Alex Cleator. All attendees then had an opportunity to catch up with old friends and reminisce. An evening enjoyed by all who attended!



Liverpool Youth Pilgrimage



In July 2007 we went to Lourdes with the Liverpool Youth Pilgrimage. It was a fantastic experience where we met many different people with stories to tell. We were fortunate enough on our third day to meet Colonel Bryson who we spent the afternoon with, listening to his past experiences and discussing musical taste. It was a truly enjoyable week.

Old Edwardians' Reunion in Australia



This was taken in The Breakfast Creek Hotel, Brisbane.

Left to Right:

Paul (Charlie) Sullivan (OE 1966 - 1973)

Jim Sheehy (OE 1964 - 1970)

Chris Connor (OE 1965 - 1972)

Graham (Butch) Sullivan (OE 1960 - 1967)

With the exception of Chris Connor, all 3 are resident in Brisbane where they have lived for a number of years.

All are fit and well and remember St. Edward's College with great memories.

Old Edwardians' Reunion

The 8 June 2007 saw the reunion of six Old Edwardians who left in 1982. This was a chance for them to meet up with former staff to reminisce on the good old times, and also with current staff to see how the College today is progressing. This reunion brought together old school friends who left the College twenty five years ago. The reunion consisted of a tour of the College, to give the Old Edwardians an opportunity to see how the College has changed over the years since they have left and this was followed by refreshments in St Clare's Bartlett Room, which was also attended by the College Leadership Team and members of staff who themselves are also Old Edwardians.



Joseph Byrne

Joseph Byrne was born in Bootle in 1905. Being an only son, Joseph might have been expected to follow in his father's footsteps and go to sea. However his interests inclined towards the academic.

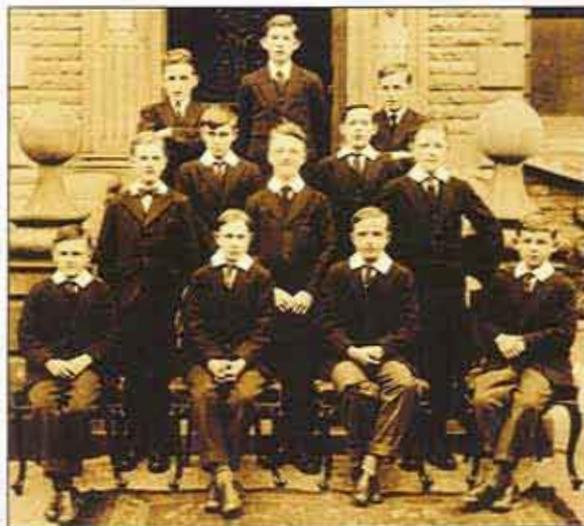
In 1916 Joseph started at St. Edward's. Passing the University of Oxford School Certificate in 1919, he would have dearly loved to study at Oxford. However, at that time, the Church frowned on Catholic attendance of protestant institutions, so instead, at 15, he joined the Christian Brothers. Embarking on a career as a teacher, he taught in Dublin and later in Blackpool.

In 1934 Joseph's life changed when Magdalen Boyle from Donegal joined the catering staff at St. Joseph's Blackpool. In Easter of that year Joseph applied to Rome for permission to leave the Brothers. Despite an attempt to dissuade him by the Bishop of Lancaster, records state that he left and "did not go to Bootle, his native place, but to Dublin". Many years later Magdalen would describe her surprise when Joseph appeared unannounced at her Dublin residence.

Joseph and Magdalen married. Since the Church had banned him from teaching, as punishment for leaving religious orders, he took up employment in Ireland as a social worker.

While Joseph remained a devout Catholic all his life, pursuit of knowledge was his driving force. Fluent in several languages, he is known to have studied many disciplines. Also artistic, he passed Academy of Art examinations. He learned Irish in later life and Spanish when he retired to Spain, where he was finally allowed to teach again. He wrestled with the complexities of the Russian language up until his death in 1979.

This photograph was taken around 1916 and Joseph Byrne is thought to be the one in the front right of the photo.



Ray Thomas

Raymond John Peter Thomas was born on 4 September 1926 in Liverpool. He attended St. Edward's College as a sixth former. He was a little older than the rest of his fellow pupils and soon became a leading figure in the class - always very well-dressed, suave and articulate.

Ray studied History and French at Liverpool University from 1945 to 1948 gaining a First in History. He did not start his teaching career immediately but a chance meeting in the town centre with Brother Hooper persuaded him to join the College staff.

Ray remained at the College for 40 years, teaching English. Former pupils remember him as an engaging and inspiring teacher. Vincent Gillespie, J R R Tolkien Professor of Medieval English Literature and Language at Oxford University, remembers Ray as an inspiring teacher, a cultured and humane influence, and an endless source of advice and encouragement, and enthusiasm about books. Ray was the moving spirit behind drama at St Edward's in the 1950s combining with Ted Ley (lighting and sound) and Kerry Bolger (sets and scenery) in successful productions such as *The White Sheep of the Family*, *The Importance of being Earnest*, and *The Ghost Train*.

Ray married in 1951 and had two daughters. Sadly his first wife died of a brain tumour in 1973. Ray married Anne in 1974 and had a further daughter and a son. Ray did not enjoy good health in recent years, but although becoming hard of hearing he continued to communicate with old friends and former pupils by letter. A much-loved husband, father and grandfather, he died peacefully in Arrowe Park Hospital, Upton on 30 December 2006. May he rest in peace.



Anthony Pereira

Old Edwardian, Anthony Pereira has shot to the top of the medical profession after being made a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in the UK. Anthony, from West Derby, left St. Edward's College with four A grades, at A level in 1986, and studied Medicine at Trinity College, Cambridge.

In 1988 he was made a Scholar of Trinity College and then in 1991 he passed his Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery Degree. His undoubted talent then helped Anthony pass the exam to enter the Royal College of Physicians in 1994, and in 1999 he was conferred with a Doctorate in Neurology at Trinity.

His proud parents watched him marry fellow Doctor, Martine Nadler in July 2000 and in 2003 Anthony was made a Consultant in Neurology at St. George's Hospital, South London. He was delighted in June this year to be made a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in the UK on merit.

Anthony's father, also called Anthony, said: "We thank the lord for his success." Mr Pereira Senior also asked Edwardians to keep him in his prayers as he suffers with Parkinson's disease.



Paul Preston

Old Edwardian Paul Preston (1957-1964) was invested by the Spanish Ambassador at the Spanish Embassy in June of this year with Orden de la Cruz de Isabel la Católica, for services to the culture of Spain. This prestigious award is comparable to the British Order of the Bath. Paul (M.B.E) has published numerous works on contemporary Spain, especially the Spanish Civil War and the Monarchy of Juan Carlos. After leaving St. Edward's College, he read History at Oriel College Oxford, then took a PhD at Reading. He is currently Príncipe de Asturias Professor of Contemporary Spanish Studies at London School of Economics, as well as Honorary President of the Everton Supporters Club.

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