

December 2013

Students celebrate exam results bonanza

During the summer holidays, there was much reason to celebrate when students received their GCSE and A level results. Both sets of results once again broke all records at Greenshaw.

There were also some exceptional individual achievements. Charles Brobbey, who gained one A* and three A grades, is studying Engineering at Oxford University. Charles was also a finalist in the London Schools and Black Child Awards 2013. Both Lisa Crow and Michael High (pictured below) attained three A* grades. Lisa is now at Manchester University studying Theoretical Physics and Michael is at UCL studying Chemical Engineering.

Mr Gardner, former Director of KS5, commented, "We could not be more proud of our students. They have worked so hard to achieve these grades and their results have provided them with a passport to the next stage of their careers."

The GCSE results followed on 22nd August, when Greenshaw once again celebrated record results. 91% of students attained at least five A* to C grade passes, with 76% of students attaining five A* to C grades including English and maths. Students of all abilities attained superbly, with just under a quarter of all GCSE grades at A* or A grade.

Deputy Headteacher, Mr House, observed: "We are very proud of these results. This was always a very hard working year group and I am delighted that the majority of them have returned to Greenshaw to study for their A levels."

Welcome



Welcome to *Horizons*, the new alumni newsletter from Greenshaw High School. This edition has stories about past alumni who have reached success and fame.

We also include a history of the school from its beginnings in 1968.

It has been a few years since we first started thinking about developing an alumni association at Greenshaw. We wish to keep in contact with students who have left us, to find out what they are doing now and to keep them in touch with other former students. We also like to share good news about Greenshaw and any new developments.

We would love to hear your stories and memories of your time at Greenshaw. Do not hesitate to get in touch so we can feature you in future editions. Also, please pass this newsletter on to any classmates that you are still in contact with. Get in touch with us through Twitter @greenshawhigh, Facebook at *GreenshawHigh* or email us at gshalumni@suttonlea.org.

On behalf of myself and Headteacher, Mr Smith, we would like to welcome you to the Greenshaw Alumni

Association and this issue of *Horizons*.

Enjoy!

Mr J Mirtschin
Director of Learning
Post-16





Class of 1974

Ian Walters (1968-1974)

Ian Walters was one of the first-ever Greenshaw pupils who joined Greenshaw as a first year in 1968...

"Being a sportsman I was lucky enough to go to Vermont, USA, on a basketball trip in Year 9 with Roy Birch, our PE teacher, who was also the women's England basketball coach. I was the only black pupil on the team and our US hosts could not get to grips with a black lad talking with an English accent. I became quite a celebrity and was asked out by the head cheerleader. I was quite shy and made up an apology, saying I couldn't go out because my family had organised something. Looking back now, that was such a dumb move.

"Bilko was Head of Sixth Form in my time. I remember Greenshaw getting to the football under 18 Surrey Baird trophy finals. Bilko was very keen on sport and managed to get six coach loads of pupils and staff to attend the semis and even more when we got into



The First XI football team in 1974 – Ian is pictured third from left in the back row.

the final. The Greenshaw supporters were fanatical – making much more noise than our opposition's supporters.

"I remember being in Year 7, with vertical tutor groups – I was in Blue B and in chi. Mr Woods, my head of house, was like a second father to me and gave me advice and a kindly warning whenever it was needed. He led blue house to many successes over the years and eventually I became house captain in the sixth form."

Ian is now Deputy Head Teacher at Phil Edwards Centre, a pupil referral unit in North West Kent and is studying for his Doctorate in Education.

Keeping an eye on GB sprinter Harry A-A

International and GB athlete Harry Aikines-Aryeetey, now 25, attended Greenshaw High School from 1999 to 2006. He talks about his career to date...



As a kid I always had the need for speed... fast paced activities seemed to come naturally to me. I was the fastest runner in the school by the time I was 8 years old and I won the District Sports competition a few times in a row. Going to high school, I convinced myself that I wouldn't be the fastest person in my class, let alone the whole year, because of how large the school was. However, I soon discovered I was still the fastest.

My first two years at Greenshaw was all about football. Then, one day when I was playing British Bulldog with my friends, a dog came towards me and I was off like a rocket! I ran screaming with the dog on my tail and I fell over! The labrador licked my face and walked away. My friend saw how fast I ran and recommended me to the track where I met my first coach, Leslie Alder.

The first competitions I won were borough and county medals, then I stepped up to the big league and failed miserably. I slipped in the heats of the English Schools and was knocked out in the heats. I made up my mind to win a medal the next year – which I did.

The following years brought success: silver at the Commonwealth Youth Games and completing the double and the World Youth Championship (100m and 200m). I was voted *BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year*, which meant a great deal to me. It gave me confidence for the World Juniors,

where I won the 100m. Unfortunately, I was then out for the whole of 2007 with a back injury. This showed me how lucky I was to have the support of great friends, family and sponsors. I moved to Loughborough University to study sports science and was selected as part of the 4 x 100m team for the Beijing Olympics.

2009 was a great year. I struggled in the winter balancing school work and athletics, but the university was very understanding and allowed me the free time to make history as the first runner to win an international medal at every age group (under 18, under 20, under 23 and senior). During 2009 I became the European under 23 champion as I was part of the 4 x 100m bronze medalist team, running the last leg.

The following years brought a series of highs and lows as I won medals and was dogged by injury, which culminated in immense disappointment when I couldn't compete in London 2012.

I was back on form for 2013 when I competed for Team GB at the World Championships in Moscow, finishing the season fourth in the men's UK 100m ranking list and I came sixth at the IAAF World Challenge meeting in Croatia.

It's been a great season and right now I'm just enjoying myself. Ideally, I'm looking to run sub 10 seconds as every sprinter would, but there's no point on putting pressure on myself: I've got to have the faith in what I'm doing at the moment.



Greenshaw through the years

Greenshaw was the first purpose-built comprehensive school in the London Borough of Sutton. The building is on the site of what was once a farm and an oak wood called Greenshaw, hence the name.

The architect, R J Kemp, ARIBA, of Sir John Burnet, Tait and Partners, designed "a long, low striking structure which was modern and functional in conception whilst retaining the idea of cloisters in the Study Court and Sculpture Court."

Greenshaw High School was officially opened by Mr Christopher Chataway MP on 1st May 1969. The school had been in existence since 16th September 1968, with Mr Reg Whellock as Headmaster, an assistant teaching staff of 34 and 590 pupils. The headmaster organised the school on a house system, with the houses divided into tutorial groups.



being used as classrooms.

There were tennis courts, cricket nets, a long jump pit and a high jump. Phase II, a classroom block, was under construction and was completed in the autumn of 1969. This included rooms for languages, mathematics, geography and business studies. The final phase, III, added more teaching rooms, a language laboratory, kitchen, dining hall and PE.

In 1993-1994, further development took place, partly funded by the school's 25th anniversary celebrations. This included a music suite, a new library and study centre and a wing for the sixth form.

According to the booklet for prospective pupils in 1969: "Greenshaw provides a wide range of course to meet the educational needs of pupils of varying abilities and aptitudes. We aim to create an environment in which children can mature physically, intellectually and socially to become young people of whom the community can be justly proud." These standards are still very much in evidence today.



In 1969, the building was in the first of three stages of its early development and consisted entirely of specialist rooms – five technical, five art, two music, two music practice, five laboratories, a science room, gym, hall, library and library class room, kitchen, two dining rooms, administration and staff rooms. At this stage, many of them were



Exciting news

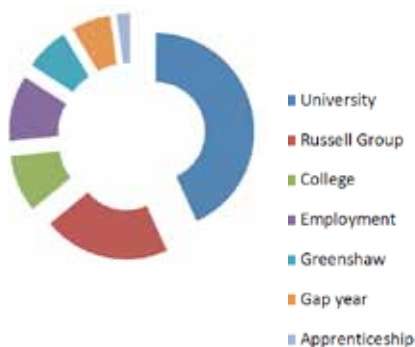
Plans are afoot to build an astro turf pitch behind the sports hall. This exciting development is only in the planning stages at the moment, but it will be a fantastic new facility for both curricular and extra-curricular sports at Greenshaw. Watch this space...



Year 12 Destinations 2013



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NAME	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	COURSE
Husain Adamjee	City University	Optometry
Fihima Ahmed	London South Bank University	Accounting
Hatice Akbal	UCA (University College of Arts)	Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
Obiageli Akutu	Kingston University	Pharmaceutical Science
Rianna Alleyne	Middlesex University	Business Accounting
Luke Ambler	Employment	
Kinza Amjad	University of Portsmouth	Pharmacology
Samuel Anderson	Liverpool John Moores University	Sport and Exercise Science
Laurence Ansell	Lancaster University	Geography
Anne Anton Selvaratnam	Coventry University	Aviation Management
Sophie Archer	Employment	
Daban Babaker	UCL (University of London)	Mechanical Engineering
Rebecca Baker	Apprenticeship	
Kelly Ballard	University of Portsmouth	Interior Design
Joshua Barlin	University of Gloucestershire	Sport Science
Grant Bignell	Employment	
Rachael Boost	Canterbury Christ Church University	Psychology
Ciara Bowdler	University of Nottingham	Psychology
Alice Bowling	University of Surrey	Criminology and Sociology
Rebecca Brennan	Oxford Brookes University	History
Charles Brobbey	Oxford University	Engineering
Huzna Budaly	University of Westminster	Politics and International Relations
Alex Bullock	St Mary's University College	Physical and Sport Education
Christopher Butcher	Employment	
Govind Cacciatore	Gap Year	
Lewis Campbell	London College of Fashion	
Deva Carlton	Employment	
Anna Carrick	University of Sussex	American Studies
Millie Carroll	Bournemouth University	Law
Louise Chadwick	Ravensbourne College of Design and Communication	Art & Design Foundation Diploma
Grace Chapman	Northumbria University	Psychology
Chloe Chute	University of Nottingham	American and Canadian Literature, History and Culture
James Clarke	University of Sheffield	Geography
Eleanor Cox	University of Reading	Ecology and Wildlife Conservation
Lisa Crow	University of Manchester	Physics with Theoretical Physics
Guilherme de Freitas	University of Sheffield	Biochemistry
Jordan Derrick	University of Southampton	Psychology
Josh Dicks	Brunel University	Aviation Engineering
Ektasha Doolob	Coventry University	Analytical Chemistry and Forensic Science
Jordan Eden	University of Brighton	Business with Economics
Katie Fitzgerald	University of Nottingham	Psychology
Sophie Fowkes-Smith	Aberystwyth University	Medieval and Early Modern History
Luke Freaney	Durham University	General Engineering
Georgie Funnell	UCL (University of London)	Chemistry
Bethan Gelly	Manchester Metropolitan University	Medieval and Early Modern History
Ben Geraghty	University of Hertfordshire	Sport and Exercise Science
Shagana Gopalakrishnan	Brunel University	Biomedical Sciences
Shannen Grant	University of Southampton	English
Jake Green	University of Southampton	Medicine
Gareth Grigg	University of Portsmouth	Music and Sound Technology
Connor Growsns	UCA (University College of Arts)	Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
Joseph Guen	Royal Holloway, University of London	Physics
Alyss Harman	King's College (University of London)	Physics
Qandeel Hashmi	UCL (University of London)	Pharmacology
Michael High	UCL (University of London)	Chemical Engineering
Bradley Hill	Nottingham Trent University	Quantity Surveying and Construction Commercial Management
Shera Hinchley	City University	Adult Nursing
Dominic Hornby	UCA (University College of Arts)	Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
Nicholas Hulme	St Mary's University College	Sport Rehabilitation
Shelley Hunter	Employment	
Ibraheem Illiyas	University of Nottingham	Pharmacy
Inthushaa Indrakumar	University of Westminster	Cognitive Neuroscience
Coral Izzard	University of Kent	Religious Studies
Amy Jackson	Gap Year	
Ben Jenkins	Loughborough University	Chemical Engineering
Joe Joiner	The University of York	Biological and Medicinal Chemistry
Katie Jones	Canterbury Christ Church University	Applied Criminology and Film, Radio and TV Studies
Amy Kanagaratnam	King's College (University of London)	Biomedical Science
Heather Kane	Employment	
Treasure Karikari	Employment	
Kelvin Kennedy	University of Portsmouth	Biochemistry
Sophie Knight	University of Leicester	Biological Sciences
Casey Knowles	UCA (University College of Arts)	Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
Carolyn Lam	King's College (University of London)	Pharmacology
Caitlin Lapper	University of Southampton	History
Samuel Lee	Gap Year	

NAME	UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE	COURSE
Karmen Luong	Aston University	Computing for Business
Faiza Mahmood	Employment	
Rosie Malone	Camberwell, Chelsea & Wimbledon	Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
Mario Mantillas	University of Surrey	Politics and Sociology
Leanne Marlow	London South Bank University	Psychology
Matthew Martyn	University of Wolverhampton	Criminology and Sociology
Rachel McCarthy	King's College (University of London)	Geography
Alice McCauley	Coventry University	Sport Psychology
Middleton Harry	Southampton Solent University	Business Management
Samantha Mitchener	Gap Year	
Ndaba Mtunzi	Gap Year	
Faizan Munawar	City University	Economics and Accountancy
Alex Murray	University of Bristol	Virology and Immunology
Alex Nash	Plymouth University	Business Management
Rhona Noel	Employment	
Joe O'Brien	University of Portsmouth	History
Kieran O'Leary	Apprenticeship	
Chloe Oliver	Heythrop College (University of London)	Philosophy, Religion and Ethics
Minal Omer	London College of Fashion	
Yasmine Osman	Employment	
Shane Palian	Nottingham Trent University	Civil Engineering
Sarah Paramasivam	Middlesex University	Midwifery
Lathanky Paranthooy	Kingston University	Pharmaceutical Science
Sagar Patel	Gap Year	
Shailee Patel	Gap Year	
Sebastian Payne	Kingston University	Sport Science
Harriet Penfold	Teesside University	Occupational Therapy
Beatriz Pinto	University of Portsmouth	Business and Management
Harry Pleasance	Employment	
Angharad Pritchard	Employment	
Salman Ramjaun	Gap Year	
Sagana Ratnakumar	University of Paul Sabatier, Toulouse	Medicine
Samantha Recknell	Employment	
Laura Rix	Bournemouth University	Computer Visualisation and Animation
Mark Scholtz	University of Surrey	Computer Science
Arrane Selvamogan	Keele University	Biochemistry and Neuroscience
Angharad Selvey	Kingston University	Criminology
Molly Sinclair	Employment	
Keerthana Sivaram	University of Kent	Politics
Gemma Sollis	Employment	
Bhavnish Sreeneebus	Kingston University	Actuarial Science
Gobi Sriparan	Swansea University	Chemical Engineering
Prasanth Sritharan	Birmingham City University	Mechanical Engineering
Kirbie Stevenson	University of Portsmouth	Childhood and Youth Studies
Sagiram Surendirarasa	Gap Year	
Michael Teale	Aston University	Sociology
Petya Tencheva	UCL (University of London)	Chemistry with a European Language
Caitlin Thomson	UCA (University College of Arts)	Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
Alice Todd	Employment	
Rachel Tottey	UCA (University College of Arts)	Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
Labib Uddin	University of Warwick	Engineering
Claudina Vaz	University of Portsmouth	Civil Engineering
Matthew Vinson	University of Hertfordshire	Sports Therapy
Prem Wadher	Kingston University	Aerospace Engineering, Astronautics and Space Technology
Humza Wakeel	UCL (University of London)	Engineering with Business Finance
Jack Warren	University of The West of England	History
Liam Warren	UCA (University College of Arts)	Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
Brandon-Lee Welch	UCA (University College of Arts)	Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
Sunny White	University of Brighton	Criminology and Sociology
Corrin Wilkie	Apprenticeship	
Elliot Williamson	University of Kent	Business and Management
Louis Withers	University of Nottingham	Mathematics
Benedict Yelf	University of The West of England	Aerospace Engineering

We would like to keep in touch with all our former students and find out where they are now, which is why we have started a Greenshaw Alumni.

We are hoping to build a database of past students in order to arrange reunions and other social events. Please sign up through the alumni page on the Greenshaw website (www.greenshaw.co.uk) or email us at gshalumni@suttonlea.org. Please also encourage other former classmates that you are still in touch with to sign up.

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