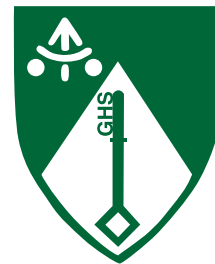


## NEWS



# Celebrating the Class of 2010

*Year 11 students had a night to remember on Friday 14th May, when they attended the Class of 2010 Greenshaw High School Graduation and Prom.*

**T**hey arrived at school in all manner of vehicles including limousines and a vintage Rolls Royce, the girls looked stunning in an amazing collection of dresses and gowns and the boys rose to the occasion in their smart suits.

Parents and students enjoyed the presentation of their Yearbooks, with touching speeches from the Heads of House remembering their time at the school. Then came the highlight of the evening – a huge chocolate fountain for all the students and a disco in the School Hall, whilst parents enjoyed refreshments in the new Sixth Form Centre.

The prom is held in May each year before the students switch to their revision timetables for GCSEs. Head of KS4, Mr Dawkins said: "It was fantastic to see the students dressed up to the nines and having such a good time. They have all been working tremendously hard completing their coursework and revising for upcoming exams. We are sure that they will reap the rewards when the results are published in August. We wish them all the very best of luck."



## Career Academy graduation

Six of our talented A level Business Studies students graduated from the employer-backed Career Academy programme on Thursday 29th April in a prestigious ceremony at the Institute of Education in London.

Greenshaw Head of Sixth Form, Mr House, commented: "Career Academies UK has offered our students a unique and valuable opportunity to build bridges between education and business. The graduation was the culmination of all the hard work put in by employers, students, parents and schools."

One of the students said: "Being a part of the Career Academy has really helped me to develop. I definitely have more confidence and have a greater understanding about working life. I feel more mature and take my future more seriously. My internship has inspired me."

Greenshaw is launching its second academy in Media in September. In order for this new programme to be successful, we are seeking business support.

Businesses, large and small, can help by joining our Local Advisory Board to assist with networking and building links. Alternatively, if someone from within your company is willing to come in to talk to the students about their business or career experience, or would be interested in becoming a 'Partner in Business' mentor, then please contact Paula Sone on 0208 715 1001 (ext 205) or [psone@suttonlea.org](mailto:psone@suttonlea.org) for further information.





## Students soak up the sun in Barcelona

During the Easter holidays thirty-nine pupils from Years 7 to 9 jetted off to the beautiful city of Barcelona for a five-day cultural visit.

Staff and pupils packed many exciting activities into their short stay, including watching the beautiful magic fountain at La Plaza Espanya, a fascinating visit to the magnificent Camp Nou Stadium and a thrilling day at Portaventura theme park.

They also spent some time exploring the city streets around Las Ramblas and taking in many of Gaudi's iconic architectural masterpieces such as La Sagrada Familia (pictured above). They even squeezed in a trip to the beach for football and sunbathing.

One of the students said: "The trip was a huge success and we put our language skills to good use."



Left: The Magic Fountain.

# Mardi Gras festival comes to Greenshaw!

The Greenshaw cluster projects in Year 7 and Year 8 have had a huge impact on the way that students are learning during the summer term.

Art, RS, Music, Geography, Technology, Drama, History, Modern Languages and a host of other subjects have combined to present exciting topics such as Tribal Cultures and Mardi Gras in Year 7 and Marketing and The Olympic Site in Year 8. In addition, Year 9 students have

started their timetable with option choices for GCSEs.

Year 7s are enjoying learning about living in a multi-cultural world and Year 8 are busy studying the Olympics. Already, three Year 7 tutor groups have spent the day in Boulogne and visited The Horniman Museum; in Year 8, four tutor groups have toured Stamford Bridge, learning about business, marketing and enterprise strategies. The other tutor groups are looking forward to these adventures over the next half term.



## Stunning artwork on display

Miss Vilday, Head of Art, would like to congratulate all the A level Art and Photography students on the completion of their exams. They have produced some wonderful final pieces and we wish them the very best of luck with their results.

Several of our talented art students also have their work on show at the Saatchi Online Gallery. Visit the website at <http://www.saatchi-gallery.co.uk/portfolio/SchoolInfo/Greenshaw+High+School/207.html> to view the gallery.

### Greenshaw Summer Art Shows

**A Level:** The A Level Art and Art Photography Exhibition will take place between 4pm and 6pm on Wednesday 16th June in the new Sixth Form Centre. Work from current Year 12 and Year 13 will be on show.

**GCSE:** The GCSE Art Exhibition will take place on Friday 25th June in the Art Department and vending area. Work from the current Year 11 will be on display, including their coursework and recent exam work.



Some of the amazing artwork on show in June.

# Sixth Form awards ceremony

On Thursday 22nd April Greenshaw hosted the Sixth Form Awards Evening in the school hall to celebrate the success and achievements of students in Years 12 and 13.

Headteacher, Mr Smith, welcomed students, parents and visitors to the evening. Certificates and prizes were presented to the students who had been recognised for their outstanding



commitment to learning this year by Deputy Headteacher, Miss Wallace and Head of Sixth Form, Mr House.

This year saw the launch of a new award – the *John Fuller Achievement Award*. Former Headteacher Mr Fuller returned specially for the occasion to present the eponymous award to Amy, in Year 12, for her excellent attitude and commitment to every aspect of her life at Greenshaw. To end the evening, parents and students were served refreshments by the school advocates.



# Strengthening global links

Greenshaw PE Teacher, Miss Webb, has recently returned from India as part of a Government funded education initiative to foster global links and plan joint international curricular work. The visit built on links with staff and pupils from Sant Nischal Singh Public School in Harayana, India. A very positive friendship has been cemented between the schools.

Miss Webb said: "The distance between our schools has become smaller through our connections with Sant Nischal Singh. The creation of an e-pals site has shared work and discussion, through student e-pals and most recently through a live video link." If any student would like to become involved, please email Miss Webb via the office at [ghsinfo@suttonlea.org](mailto:ghsinfo@suttonlea.org).



Top: students celebrate Founder's Day.

Above: a typical class in progress at Sant Nischal Singh.

Left: students at a council celebration of global projects.

# In brief

## Gifted and talented

On 20th April a small group of Year 11 students spent the day at Strawberry Lodge with the aim of thinking ahead to their future. They were asked to produce a gap year programme for students who would like to travel and see the world.

It was a great day with some fabulous ideas ranging from a 28-day road trip through the eastern states of America, to a round the world trip taking in 32 countries!

## Physics masterclass

On Wednesday 21st April, ten of our A level Physics students, accompanied by Mr Gallagher and a science technician, enjoyed a fascinating day at Royal Holloway University learning about cutting edge particle physics from a selection of the most respected physicists in the field.



## PTFA barbecue

The PTFA now has a new committee on board which is planning to arrange many fundraising activities for 2010-2011.

The welcome barbecue for Year 6 families will be held on 17th July. If any parents can help, or would like to get involved in the PTFA, please contact the chairperson, Tracey Corfield, by emailing her via the school office at [ghsinfo@suttonlea.org](mailto:ghsinfo@suttonlea.org). Also, if you have any fundraising ideas or contacts for raffle prizes, then Tracey would be delighted to hear from you.

## Learning Gateway

We are pleased to see that the parents who have signed up for the Learning Gateway are taking advantage of the access at home.

You can monitor your child's attendance and progress with their coursework through the Learning Gateway, by logging in via the school website. If you do not have access to Learning Gateway, and would like to, please contact Mrs Bowling at [ghs-assessment@suttonlea.org](mailto:ghs-assessment@suttonlea.org).

## Students visit Olympic site

On Thursday 22nd April a group of our AS level PE students spent a fascinating day at the ever-growing Olympic Park in Stratford.

They were able to see at first hand just how quickly plans for London 2012 are progressing. As a large part of their studies, the students need to demonstrate their understanding about how the Olympic site in London is developing and the benefits that staging the Olympics in 2012 will have on the local community and the nation as a whole.



## Biathlon star

On Sunday 9th May, Blanka in Year 10 (*pictured below*) participated in the South East Biathlon Championship at the ACS International School in Cobham, Surrey and came third overall in her age group.

She was competing against other biathletes from Kent and Surrey and put in an excellent performance. Blanka has now qualified for the national finals which will take place in Liverpool in early July. She is a member of the Sutton Atlantis Swimming Club and runs at Sutton and District AC. Well done, Blanka and good luck for the competition in July.



# Outdoor adventurers

**Fourteen Year 12 students successfully undertook a practice expedition for their Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award from 23rd to 25th April in the New Forest.**

The weekend comprised of using extensive navigation and map-reading skills during three days of hiking in the area between Brockenhurst and Lyndhurst, whilst carrying a complete kit in their rucksacks.

The group camped for two nights and were responsible for cooking all their own meals. The weather was ideal for walking, but became bitterly cold on the Friday night. On Sunday morning they woke to torrential rain and all the tents had to be wrestled down in the storm, which was a real challenge!

Expedition leader, Miss Fingleton, said: "Many thanks and well done to those students who took part. They made it very enjoyable and the hike was a great success."



### Bronze Award news

Congratulations also go to the Bronze Award group who completed their first practice hike in the North Downs last week. Several challenges popped up along the way, but the teams worked hard together and made it triumphantly to the final checkpoint.

## 2010 Dates for your diary

A complete list of all school events for the summer term, including all Year 7 and 8 Cluster Group trips, can be found on the school website at [www.greenshaw.co.uk](http://www.greenshaw.co.uk).

<b>Summer Term</b>	<b>19 April – 23 July</b>	Y9 Duke of Edinburgh trip	9 July
<b>Half term</b>	<b>31 May – 4 June</b>	Y10 Army Challenge	13, 14 July
Y6 Interviews	21, 22, 28 June	Y10 Citizenship Day	13, 14 July
Y12 Parent information evening	24 June	PTFA New Y7 Family Barbecue	17 July
Summer Music Concert	30 June	Peru expedition departs	20 July
Y6 Induction Day	1 July	Disneyland Paris trip departs	24 July
Essentially Dance Festival	2 July	La Fosca trip departs	1 August
Voices for a Better World Concert	6 July	<b>Autumn Term starts</b>	<b>2 September</b>
Lower School Awards Evening	8 July	Academic Tutorial Day	2 September



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