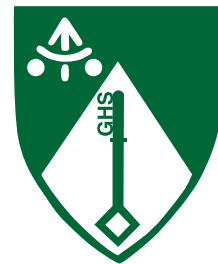


## NEWS



# Record breakers!

*On Wednesday 9th July the entire Greenshaw cohort and staff embarked on our annual Sports Day at Sutton Arena. Following weeks of sunshine, the day started cloudy with a few spots of rain. Thankfully, the clouds cleared for what turned out to be a beautiful day. Head of PE, Mr Devenney, reports on all the action...*



Pupils arrived at 8.15am sharp, whilst staff were busy ensuring that all the final preparations were in place before the games were officially opened. Head of Sixth Form, Mr House, called the Year 7 field competitors and the day began.

What a day it was. We saw nine records broken. In Year 7, Claudia broke the 300m and Sean smashed the shot putt record, held since 1993. Yellow House broke the boys' 8 x 50m record, with the Year 7 girls' 8 x 50m race broken by Red House.

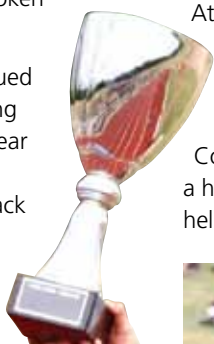
The 8 x 50m records continued to fall with Blue House taking the Year 8 girls' record. In Year 9, Hannah broke the 300m record. The Year 10 girls' track events were dominated by Blanka, who took three seconds off the 800m and 1500m girls' records.

Mr Garvey (in his fine cowboy hat) left Red House in style with a clean sweep of every individual year group trophy and, inevitably, the Championship trophy.

The 100m sprints and the 4 x 100m relays were the tightest races of the day, with athletes competing to be the fastest in the year. The relays were fiercely contested with Red House winning five races and Yellow, Blue and Green each winning one.

At the end of the day, Jack was presented with the *Victor Lodorum* and Blanka was presented with the *Victrix Lodorum* for being the best athletes.

Congratulations to all competitors and a huge thank you to all the staff who helped make the day such a success.



## A word from the Head

As we approach the Summer break, I do so with immense pride at all that has been achieved by our students in this academic year.



So much has happened in the short space of time that I have been Headteacher that January and the snow seem a very long time ago. Recent events, such as Sports Day and the Awards Evenings, continue to demonstrate the team approach to education that is so obvious at Greenshaw. One crucial part of that team is our parents and I thank you all for your support.

I have received lots of positive feedback from parents and students about the Vision and Value developments for September.

As I always say to all of our stakeholders, where we do well we want to celebrate and where we can do better we want to improve. Your feedback as parents and members of our community is crucial to our development. If you have something to tell us, good or bad, please do get in touch.

I hope you all have a safe and restful break over the summer and I look forward to welcoming you back in September to see just a few changes around the school.

**Mr Smith**  
Headteacher



## How time flies



I cannot believe I have already completed two terms at Greenshaw. The time has passed so quickly and, at times, I still feel quite 'new' as there are so many names to learn!

The role has been everything that I hoped it would be and more; exciting, challenging and rewarding. No two days are ever the same, as part of my role involves making myself available to students, parents, staff and even the local community, who may present me with issues that require support and solutions.

Staff and students at Greenshaw have made me feel very welcome. One of the most exciting parts of my job has been working with teachers and students to clarify our shared vision for Greenshaw and how we can make that happen; I feel privileged to be leading and shaping our future.

I look forward to working closely with you all next year on our journey to being an 'outstanding' school.

**Mrs L Wallace**  
Deputy Headteacher

# Lower School Awards reward success

**On the evening of 8th July, over one hundred students in Years 7, 8 and 9 proudly collected their diplomas, subject and house prizes in front of an appreciative audience of family and school staff.**

In addition to an address by Mr Smith, headteacher, the audience were entertained by Ibitayo and Ndaba playing piano and Sagana and Adana, who played a violin duet. Eve picked up the Community Cup for her service to the community and for being an excellent role model to others.

Families and students enjoyed refreshments after the event and were also able to take a look at the wonderful work on show at the Design and Technology Summer Exhibition.



*Students proudly receive their awards and certificates from Mr Smith.*



## Stunning art work on show

Greenshaw Art Department has seen two stunning displays of art work over the last few weeks.

The AS and A2 level Art and Photography exhibition (*below left*) on Wednesday 16th June was a tremendous success. The excellent work on display included painting, drawing, photography, sculpture and animation.

The GCSE Summer Art Show followed on Friday 25th June (*below right*). Staff, friends and families attended both events, which celebrated the

students' success. The standard of work throughout was very high, with many outstanding pieces including Charlotte's seven foot tall walking man sculpture, Paige's Seven Deadly Sins Dolls, Yassin's HDR portrait photography, Suraj's detailed painting of Davy Jones and Olivia's acrylic painting of a sleeping lion.

Head of Art, Miss Vilday, congratulated the students involved, thanked all those who attended and commended the Art Department staff for their support.



## Students enjoy a touch of glamour

Year 9 Creative and Media and Year 10 Textiles students recently enjoyed a day of cutting edge glamour at Graduate Fashion Week Education Day at Earl's Court.

The event kicked off with a runway show highlighting the cream of the 2010 degree students' work, including a dizzying array of directional looks. The collections featured work from outside the UK for the first time.

After the catwalk show, pupils examined the folio work and garments up close. Textiles teacher, Mr Broniecki, said: "It was a genuinely inspirational day and we can look forward to seeing the impact on the work of our own students."



# Year 13 celebrate their time at Greenshaw

On Friday 9th July our Year 13 students attended a glitzy prom event at the Queen's Stand at Epsom Racecourse to celebrate the end of their time at school.

Having just completed a gruelling round of A level exams, the students took the opportunity to gather together as a year group for the last time. The evening, organised entirely by the students, included a delicious three course meal and was followed by the presentation of awards and dancing late into the night. The mood was relaxed and celebratory and all present had a thoroughly good time.

All the students and staff were dressed up to the nines for the occasion. Head of Sixth Form, Mr House said: "It was a lovely evening for a fantastic group of students to mark the completion of their time at the school. We wish them all the very best of luck as they leave Greenshaw and move forward into the future."



## Changes to uniform

As you will be aware, we have been developing the Vision statement and a new logo for the school.



One aspect of its use is the school uniform (above) and as such there will be some changes to the uniform in the future. We have been looking at possible designs and getting views from parents and students. There will be no changes for September, so all students will be expected to be in full uniform at the start of the term as normal.

We have been considering a polo shirt and changing to a v-neck sweatshirt. The feedback from parents and students has been very positive with lots of ideas and suggestions. I will be further consulting with students next term with changes likely to be made for January 2011.

I suggest existing parents delay purchasing uniform, where possible, until December.

**Mr Smith** *Headteacher*

## Isidora wins award

Talented violinist Isidora, in Year 9, was one of 90 outstanding young musicians to win an award from the organisation Awards for Young Musicians (AYM) in June.

The AYM gives annual grants to exceptionally gifted musicians aged between 5 and 17 years. Awards can be used to support the costs associated with their music.

Isidora takes violin lessons outside of school and has attained her Grade 8 level.

Head of Music, Miss Laurent, commented:

"It is wonderful that she has been recognised for her exceptional ability on the violin. She has just started the GCSE course in Music. We are so pleased for her and proud of her achievements."



## In brief



### World Cup fever

As World Cup fever hit a high point in June, Mr Sharpe organised a screening of the early afternoon matches in the school hall so that students and staff did not miss a minute of the game on their journey home. Mr Sharpe said: "It was good to see teachers and students enjoying the matches together. As a special treat, the kitchen staff even laid on World Cup themed refreshments for them to enjoy!"

### Peer mentors

Congratulations to the twenty Year 9 pupils who will become peer mentors in September. They will be working with Year 6 pupils to help them with their transition from primary to secondary school. Miss Baines is looking forward to working with them.

### Joining the debate

Three Year 9 students recently represented Greenshaw in an inter-school debating competition. It was the first time that this borough wide competition has been run for non-sixth form students and all three enthusiastically researched their topic "this house believes that the legal age for drinking alcohol should be raised to 21."

There was some really stiff competition from Cheam High, Wallington County Grammar, Wilson's, Carshalton Boys and Sutton Grammar schools and our team performed exceptionally well.



### Taking counsel

Congratulations to all the adult students who passed the Level 2 Certificate in Counselling Skills. The course took 30 hours to complete and involved counselling practice, reflective journals and an external assessment. They are now fully trained in counselling and listening skills and are putting these new skills into good use at school.

# CAREER ACADEMY

## Emerging Leader's Day

Emerging Leader's Day was a major event at the O2 in London at the end of June. The aim of the day was to inspire the visiting sixth formers to reach for their goals in life.

For the first time, 900 of our leaders of the future, from 19 different schools, came together to listen to top leaders giving us their advice on intelligence, creativity, willingness to act, motivation, social life and acting skills.

The most inspirational speaker was ex-child soldier and hip hop artist, Emmanuel Jal (pictured), whose identity had been shrouded for most of his childhood. Abi, in Year 12, said: "He made us feel that we really could make an impact on the world that we live in."



## Summer internships

Students from our Year 12 Career Academy will spend the summer getting a head start in business.

They will take their first steps onto the career ladder this summer as they don business suits and forgo their holidays to undertake six week internships at organisations such as Citi Bank, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer and Reed Business Publishing. These businesses will be giving students the opportunity to experience the world of work and put their skills and knowledge into practice.

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Henna enjoying her internship at Freshfields.

# Y10 students visit Auschwitz

At the end of May, a group of Year 10 students spent four fascinating days in Krakow, Poland.

They were able to explore the history and culture of the city. The visit, which was made in support of their GCSE History studies, included a tour of the old city ghettos, which ended in a fascinating visit to Schindler's factory, made famous by the film *Schindler's List*.

They also spent an emotional day at Auschwitz-Birkenhau, the largest concentration camp built during World War II.

One of the students observed: "It was an incredibly surreal and moving experience that evoked feelings of both sadness and anger. Walking around the camp, it was difficult to imagine that such a horrific event had taken place there. I am glad that Auschwitz-Birkenhau remains for everyone to learn from. We paid our respects with flowers at the memorial."



## Personal experience

Holocaust survivor, Marcel Ladenheim (pictured above), recently visited Greenshaw to tell History students about his childhood during World War II.

He gave them a moving account about growing up during the Holocaust and showed them a short video on Auschwitz concentration camp, outlining how the Jews were treated.

Mr Ladenheim described his personal childhood experiences and how he went into hiding from the Nazis. The presentation was extremely interesting and informative.

## Inter-faith panel sparks Sixth Form debate

On Wednesday 30th June, our Year 12 students took part in an inter-faith panel run by Sutton Faith and Belief Forum. The Forum comprises of representatives from various religious groups in the local community.

The aim of the event was to discuss social issues from a faith and belief perspective to promote mutual understanding of each other's views on rights, respect and responsibility in society.



The questions were generated enthusiastically by students in tutor time and used in a discussion that proved to be both insightful and thought provoking.

**This term has proved to be another sustained period of success and achievement in Blue House, with some changes in our House along the way.**



The Blue House team would like to say 'goodbye and thank you' to Mr Berry, our Deputy Head of House, for his hard work and commitment over the last two years. Mr Berry is moving on to pastures new and has been a huge support to staff and students at Greenshaw, helping to ensure that high standards and expectations are maintained.

He will be sorely missed but we very much look forward to working with Mr Barnes, who is taking over the role. Mrs Ashworth continues as Support Officer for Blue and Red Houses. Her services are appreciated and respected by the tutor team and students alike.

We said 'goodbye' to our Year 11s recently as they embarked on study leave and GCSE examinations. This was rounded off with a very successful school prom.

A number of students in the lower school have shown their awareness of the needs of others and the positive influence that charitable events can have through their enthusiastic participation in many fundraising events.

I would like to close by thanking the Blue House team and its students for all of their hard work and effort this year.

**Mr Clarke**  
**Head of Blue House**

**The summer term has flown by with many achievements along the way for Green House.**



Many pupils were involved in the Year 6 interviews and induction day, which included Years 7 and 9. Numerous charity events have been organised, including support for the Sutton Food Bank. At the Awards Evening, Katie (9GH) received the Green House award and Eve (9GH) won the Community Cup.

The current Year 10s taking up advocate posts, which continue next year, include Carolyn (10GW), Laura (10GE), Sagana (10GE), Prem (10GW) and Corrin (10GW).

I would love to be heralding Green House as the winners of the Sports Day trophy, however, I fear Red have claimed that crown for this year and our hats go off to them.

As September approaches it will be an exciting change in Green House as we welcome two new Year 7 classes. We bid farewell to Ms King but she will not be far away in Yellow House and we welcome Mr McInerney as Deputy Head of Green House.

Finally, congratulations go to all students who have been selected throughout the year to attend an achievement lunch which also recognises their efforts in lessons.

**Miss Hurley**  
**Head of Green House**

**What can I say – another term of continuous achievement!**



Sports Day – well done to all the Red House tutor groups who performed magnificently in an unprecedented clean sweep of all years, plus the overall trophy. A huge thank you to all of you – it was a true team effort with around 75% of boys and girls in the House taking part.

Congratulations to Clare, George and Jake who became Advocates following a rigorous application process.

Well done to Natasha who received the Red House award at the recent Lower School Awards Evening, also to Leuan, George, Billy and Tiana who won subject awards. Congratulations also to all those who received Diplomas of Achievement.

I would like to thank all of you who contributed to charity work, sports teams, and productions, including a fantastic recent performance by our school choir at the O2.

Finally, from a personal viewpoint, I would like to say thanks to all of you. I am proud of you for what you have achieved and what you will do in the future.

More of the same next term, I hope.

**Mr Garvey**  
**Head of Red House**



**As the year comes to an end, Yellow House has a chance to take stock of the year's successes.**



A very creditable second place in the Sports Day was a great effort by the competitors in the House. There were a number of highlights amongst the team with Connor (9YL) managing personally to win four separate events. Other impressive competitors included Paul (8YW) and Jake (9YB). Naturally, next year the Yellow House team is aiming for top place!

Yellow House students make a fantastic contribution to the peer mentor programme in Year 9 and this had a great impact in their work with the Year 7s. There was also excellent participation amongst the Year 10 students who applied to become advocates and seven members of our House were nominated for these posts. Successful students were Sophie, Kelly, Ben, Stephen, Sophie, (all 10YP), Abbey (10YA) and Ben (10YG).

It was also gratifying to see Mr Peak being nominated by his tutees for a Jack Petchey Award for all the amazing charity work he has organised with his tutor group 8YP.

Finally, it is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Yellow House tutors Mr Peak, Ms Ayres, Mr Miah and Mr Gallagher and wish them all the best for the future.

**Mr Kidd**  
**Head of Yellow House**

## FROM CHALLENGE 2 SUCCESS



### Summer LINC trip

On the 25th June the LINC (Learning Inclusion) department took over 20 students for a day trip to London.

This was organised for students who have been working with the department as part of the mentoring programme. It provides an opportunity to discuss issues that may be affecting students – personal, social, emotional, physical or learning development – in a non-judgmental environment.

The day provided an opportunity for students and staff to engage positively in a social setting.

### Vocational success

In addition to following the ASDAN Certificate of Personal Effectiveness (CoPE), our Year 10 C2S cohort have attended Merton College each week to study NVQ Level 1 in Catering.

This has involved a combination of theory sessions, completion of assessment criteria and a demonstration of practical culinary skills. The students have all gained confidence in the kitchen and have developed a keen interest in healthy eating and food preparation.



# Licensed to thrill

**On Tuesday 6th July, 30 Greenshaw students took part in a very special concert at London's O2 Arena.**

The *Licence to Thrill* concert brought together 5,000 students from around 650 schools to perform popular *James Bond* theme tunes in front of an audience of nearly 10,000 people. They were backed by a twenty piece orchestra and performed alongside some famous faces from television. The students had a fantastic evening.

Rose, in Year 7, said: "The O2 was amazing. It was astonishing to see how huge the combined choir was and I really didn't expect for the songs to be linked with an acted storyline! The voices of the characters were celebrities, including Andy from Blue Peter.

The dance moves looked wonderful when every single member of every choir was executing them, particularly for *Licence to Kill*, as we all had different coloured torches making it look spectacular! The whole experience was absolutely incredible."

Head of Music, Miss Laurent, commented: "The students worked incredibly hard in preparation for the concert by learning 27 songs and dance moves over four months. They were a real credit to themselves, the choir and the school."



## English teacher wins national award



English teacher, Mr Brown, has been presented with a prestigious award for writing poetry.

The Eric Gregory Award, given annually by the Society of Authors, is made to British poets under the age of thirty. Mr Brown was presented with a cheque for £4,000 by the writer PD James at the awards ceremony held at The Cavalry and Guards Club, Piccadilly on 15th June 2010.

Previous winners have included Carol Ann Duffy, Simon Armitage and Seamus Heaney. Mr Brown studied for his A

levels at Greenshaw before going on to achieve a first class honours degree in English Literature and Creative Writing at the University of Warwick. As well as continuing to develop his own writing skills, Mr Brown encourages his pupils to write their own poetry.

Mr Brown said: "I'm incredibly grateful to the Society of Authors for this award, which has been a dream of mine for some years now. I hope that my addiction to filling my free time with reading and writing manages to seep into the pupils I teach."

## Bronze hike is a scorcher!

Following May's practice hike on the North Downs, our Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award students chose the hottest weekend of the year to head to the South Downs in Sussex for their assessed expedition with Mr Collman and Miss Beaton.

All the participants showed tremendous fortitude to overcome steep climbs, heavy packs, difficult navigation, allergies and asthma, not to mention the 30° heat. The students kept themselves going using glucose tablets, Kendal Mint Cake and much repeated phrases such as, "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger!"

Mr Collman said: "The expedition is just one of four sections that the students complete for the award. They should be immensely proud of what they have achieved."



## Sixth Formers rise to Silver challenge

In early July, fourteen of our Year 12 students successfully undertook their assessed expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award.

The weekend comprised of walking 30 miles over three days through the scenic countryside of the New Forest. Students carried all their kit, spent two nights under canvas and were responsible for cooking all their meals.

An external examiner assessed the students individually, specifically looking at teamwork, navigation and camp crafting skills. All our students passed with flying colours.

Miss Fingleton congratulated the students, saying: "Many thanks and well done to all students who took part. They made it enjoyable and a great success."

## Year 12 Biology students try their hand at key hole surgery

On the 9th July, fifteen of our Year 12 Biology students visited the Hunterian Museum in Holburn, London.

The museum was founded in 1799, as part of the Royal College of Surgeons, and contains specimens produced by John Hunter, that he collected over his life time. Specimens on show include the full developmental stages of a foetus, parts of faces, beetles and giants. It also contains a history of surgery, allowing pupils to watch videos of coronary heart and brain surgery and have a go at key hole surgery themselves.

Biology teacher, Miss Hemmings, said: "Having seen some of the students' performances on the key hole puzzle, I'm not sure I would trust them to perform surgery just yet! However, they enjoyed the opportunity to explore things that they would not see inside the classroom."



The interior of the Hunterian Museum .



## Our very own Summer Exhibition

On 6th July, the Sixth Form Centre was host to a wonderful display of work from students studying Design and Technology.

Selected project work from GCSE Food Technology, Textiles, Resistant Materials and Graphic Products were exhibited, together with A level Product Design coursework. This comprised of a range of astoundingly detailed architectural models, which were made using a laser cutter and high level CAD drawings.

The show was stolen by a number of fantastic pieces of design work including Matthew's eco house design and Jake's youth centre model.

Year 12 Graphic Design students were also exhibiting their wonderfully diverse range of eye-catching festival posters.



## Cheerleading squad

Greenshaw now has its own cheerleading squad, the Greenshaw All Stars. The exuberant group of Year 7 students have been training every week with the Palace Crystals, learning stunts and dance routines. They recently displayed their cheerleading routines at the Cheam Fair and Carshalton Carnival.

## Borough Sports

Congratulations to all those who took part in the Sutton Borough Athletics Championships in June.

The day was a very successful one for Greenshaw, with some excellent individual performances. Special praise should go to the Year 10 girls' team who finished in second place overall. Well done to all those students who took part.



## SSCO Partnership

As part of a scheme to develop primary school sport, Greenshaw is linked to local junior and infant schools All Saint's Benhilton, Westborne and Robin Hood.

Members of the PE department have spent time helping in primary school lessons and running a vast range of school tournaments.

Greenshaw students have also assisted in primary school lessons and our Sixth Formers ran a Sports Festival involving 150 children from the primary schools. Congratulations to everyone involved.

## Rounders round up

The rounders squad have had an excellent season. All teams have had some great results against Glenthorne, Cheam, Overton and Stanley Park. Our Year 9s narrowly missed out on a place in the borough semi finals. Well done!

# Greenshaw joins in the Big Dance



**On 9th July at 1pm, Greenshaw dance students took part in the Big Dance 2010 world record attempt. Each participating school had to learn the Schools' Pledge dance routine and perform it at the same time to help break the world record.**

Big Dance, organised by the Mayor of London in partnership with Arts Council, is the world's biggest and most influential dance initiative in London. Greenshaw was one of 72 schools joining the UK and worldwide attempt to break the Guinness World Record. 82 Greenshaw dance students enthusiastically participated in the attempt.

The PE Department arranged dance lessons at lunchtimes and after school with extra sessions to give students plenty of opportunity to practise for the world record attempt. We are currently waiting for the results.



*Greenshaw students get moving for the Big Dance record attempt in the Sports Hall.*

## National Sports Week success

Greenshaw took part in Britain's biggest school sporting event between 28 June and 2 July – an exciting week-long celebration of school sport.

As part of Sports Week, the PE Department ran a football tournament involving all the tutor groups in Year 7.

The tutor groups were in three different groups with the winners and runners up going through to a semi final. The group winners were 7GA, 7RH, 7GS and 7BP, who played a competitive set of semi-final matches, with 7RH and 7BP making it to the final. The final was played in blistering heat and 7RH continued their impressive tournament by beating 7BP 3-0 to maintain their clean sheet record.

PE teacher, Miss Povey, congratulated all the students who took part on their fantastic behaviour and the energy that they showed throughout the tournament.

The PE Department ran a host of other activities for Sports Week, including an inter-tutor group football tournament for Years 7 and 8, a Year 9 table tennis tournament and a rounders festival.

Head of PE, Mr Devenney, observed: "Attracting large numbers of students, these events were well supported and thoroughly enjoyed across the school. We are hoping that they will inspire the students to really get involved in sport."

*The victorious soccer squad from 7RH.*



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