

Schools Newsletter

Celebrating the Achievements of Trafford Schools and Their Communities

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HARD WORK IN TRAFFORD IS REWARDED!

By the time this edition of the newsletter, in its new format, is up and running schools will be well into the swing of the autumn term and I trust everyone is finding their work suitably exciting!

As now seems customary Trafford schools enjoyed remarkable success in the round of SATs, GCSE and A-Level results in the summer – and that's not to mention a raft of other qualifications that our young people achieved. Once again, Trafford promises to be the top-performing Local Authority nationally. Such excellent results are a just reward to both teachers and students who have worked so hard throughout a course of study.

As in many schools there have been some changes in staff at the School Improvement Service and all of us look forward to working with Sanjay Patel, who joins us from Tameside, as a School Improvement Adviser, Ruth O'Keefe who will act as an Advisory Music Teacher and Nina Chidgey who is to be our Training Officer. We extend a warm welcome to all of them with best wishes for success in post with the Service.

It seems a long time now since the halcyon days of the summer term when so many productions and activities brought schools, young people and their families together. Without wishing to rush you on, Christmas will soon be upon us and, personally, it is a favourite time with the seasonal concerts, nativity plays and pantomimes! To everyone involved in the preparation of these events, good luck and thank you for the hard work you put in on behalf of young people in Trafford.

George Herbert
Joint Head of Service
Trafford School Improvement Service

Celebrating Black History Month in Trafford Mixed/ Dual Heritage October 2006



Celebrating the contributions and achievements of Black people

Black History Month will be launched at the Imperial War Museum North on the 3rd October 2006.

Altrincham Grammar School for Girls

GOLF NEWS

Congratulations to Gina Brown 11-2, Alice Jackson 11-1 and Jenny Rowland 10-6 (our golf team) who performed very well in the British Heart Foundation Junior Golf Championship held at Swinton Park came 5th out of 25 teams.

Apart from competing in a national competition, they are raising money for a very worthwhile cause.

ROWING TESTING

Congratulations to Jennifer Rowland, Tamsin Hill, Frances Griffiths, Grace Sadler, Rosie Hutchison, Ella Billson, Imogen Janie, Kelly Woods, Jenny Bowen, Caroline Walker, who recently grasped the opportunity of a lifetime to be screened to investigate their potential as future Rowing Athletes for the 2012 London Olympics. We now await the results to see whether any of our athletes are invited to start training. We have been commended by the Rowing Association for our girls' standards of effort, achievement and attitude. Well done, girls.

MATHEMATICAL OLYMPIAD TRIUMPH FOR JASMINE WALL

Of the 200,000 pupils who took part in the 2006 UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge just 1500 (i.e. $\frac{3}{4}\%$) were invited to take part in the Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad. Jasmine Wall of year 11 was one of the qualifiers.

The Olympiad is a two hour paper consisting of six very challenging problems. Jasmine gave a tremendous performance; her score placed her in the top 10% of this very elite field. She has been awarded a prize (a book of advanced mathematical puzzles!) and a certificate of distinction. This matches the Gold Award that Jasmine achieved in the Junior Olympiad three years ago.

Jasmine has been invited to attend the National Mathematics Summer School, organised by the British Mathematical Olympiad Subtrust, which is provided for the UK's most talented young mathematicians.

INTERNATIONAL CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD 2006

Congratulations to five of our Year 13 students Sorha McMahon, Samantha Murray, Laura O'Neill, Zarah Rahman and Caroline Young upon their success in receiving awards in the very challenging Chemistry Olympiad.

The Chemistry Olympiad is organised by The Royal Society of Chemistry and is designed to challenge Year 13 students using questions beyond the scope of the A Level Syllabus, just over one thousand students entered the competition nationwide.

MATHEMATICS IN ART/ART IN MATHEMATICS

On Wednesday 17th May AGGS girls listened to a speech about the mysteries of mathematics, shapes, design and spirituality by Dr Ahmed Moustafa who is renowned both in the Middle East and in the UK for his colourful art in which geometry plays a great part in the overall designs as well as relating to spiritual thinking. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II recently commissioned one of his paintings and presented it to the Pakistani Government on her last visit to Pakistan. Pictured back from left to right looking at the picture are: Mr Pickering Director of Teaching and Learning at AGGS, Mrs Speakman Deputy Head at AGGS, Mr Awan of the Altrincham Muslim Association, Mr Osborne Director of ICT at AGGS.

Pictured front from left to right looking at the picture are: His Excellency, the former Egyptian Ambassador to London Mr Mahammad Salah Abboud, Mrs Ross-Wawrzynski Headmistress at AGGS, Dr Ahmed Moustafa,

SALTERS FESTIVAL OF CHEMISTRY LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES UNIVERSITY TUESDAY 16TH MAY

Congratulations to Rebecca Henry, Jessica Overton, Rebecca Fishwick and Emily Wakehouse who came an impressive 3rd in the Salter's challenge which involved chemical analysis to solve a crime! They worked extremely well as a team and demonstrated sound practical and problem solving skills. They won a prize of £25 for School.

Artsmark Success

Congratulations to the following schools (in bold) who achieved an Artsmark Award in 2006

Primary schools

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| 02 | Brooklands Primary School | Artsmark |
| 02 | Seymour Park School | Artsmark Gold |
| 03 | Bollin Primary School | Artsmark |
| 06 | Bollin Primary School | Artsmark Silver |
| 03 | Kingsway Primary School | Artsmark |
| 03 | Navigation Primary School | Artsmark |
| 06 | Navigation Primary School | Artsmark Silver |
| 03 | Davyhulme Junior School | Artsmark Silver |
| 06 | Davyhulme Junior School | Artsmark Gold |
| 03 | Moorlands Junior School | Artsmark |
| 04 | Moorlands Junior School | Artsmark Silver |
| 05 | Moorlands Junior School | Artsmark Gold |
| 05 | Worthington Primary School | Artsmark |
| 04 | St Mary's CE Primary School, Sale | Artsmark |
| 04 | Hayes Lane Infant School | Artsmark Gold |
| 04 | Highfield Primary School | Artsmark |
| 04 | Oldfield Brow Primary School | Artsmark Gold |
| 04 | St Anne's CE Primary School | Artsmark |
| 06 | Woodheys Primary School | Artsmark Gold |
| 06 | Moss Park Infant School | Artsmark |
| 06 | Acre Hall Community Primary School | Artsmark |
| 06 | Elmridge Primary School | Artsmark Silver |

Secondary schools:

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| 01 | Green Lane High School | Artsmark Gold |
| 02 | Altrincham College of Arts | Artsmark Gold |
| 05 | Altrincham College of Arts | Artsmark Gold |
| 02 | Ashton-on-Mersey School | Artsmark Gold |
| 05 | Ashton on Mersey School | Artsmark Gold |
| 02 | Sale Grammar School | Artsmark Silver |
| 03 | Lostock College | Artsmark Gold |
| 03 | Altrincham Grammar School for Girls | Artsmark Silver |
| 06 | Altrincham Grammar School for Girls | Artsmark Silver |
| 05 | Flixton Girls High School | Artsmark |
| 05 | Wellacre Technology College | Artsmark Silver |



Sale Grammar School were invited to display their artwork at the Step Up events which surround the Artsmark celebrations at Bridgewater Hall.