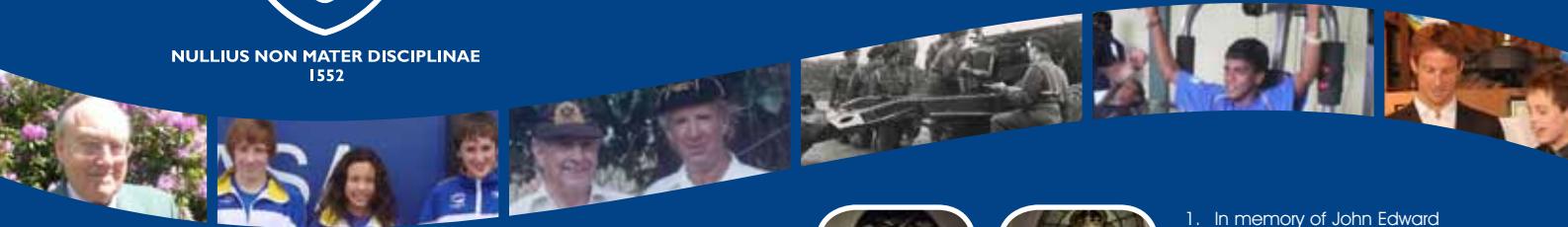




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The Old Leodiensian Association

OLreview



'They Gave Their Today for Our Tomorrow'

A poignant service was held in the school hall on Remembrance Sunday to commemorate the lives of former pupils that were lost in the First and Second World Wars as well as in more recent conflicts.

Some 126 old boys of the former Leeds Grammar School died in the First World War when the school had a roll of only 500. A further 109 old boys were lost in World War Two and Nurse Mafalda Whitaker, old girl of Leeds Girls' High School, was also killed in naval service during that conflict.

In 1974 OL Kim McCunn was killed in active service in Northern Ireland.

Remembrance Day itself was commemorated in House assemblies with a one minute silence following the moving renditions of the Last Post and readings of Brooke's *The Soldier* and *Flanders Fields* by John McCrae.

The school has recorded names of the fallen on stone plaques which were originally hung in the old Moorlands Road chapel and which were brought to the new school, as well as in a new memorial under the porte cochere. Stained glass windows also mark their sacrifice. These are on display outside the school chapel and there is



1. In memory of John Edward Anthony Harrington Fairfax DFM, Pilot officer RAF, died in active service 1941 aged 21
2. In memory of all OLs who served during World War Two

a cabinet on display in the reception hall with a complete roll of honour.

Mafalda Whitaker's name

is recorded in St Chad's church in Headingley and at the War Graves Commission Cemetery, Brookwood.

Photographed looking at some of the names of the fallen are head boys and girls from left to right: Alice Hutson, Abhishek Oswal, Hugo Govett and Felicity Jordan.



Professor Michael Arthur DM FRCP FMedSci, Vice Chancellor, University of Leeds, presents prize to Matthew Livesey

Matthew Livesey (OL10) Awarded Crystal Scholarship

This year's Speech Day for pupils who left the School in 2010 was held on Tuesday 02 November in Leeds Town Hall. The recipient of the Crystal Scholarship Prize was Matthew Livesey. The prize was set up by Peter (OL66) and his cousin Michael Crystal (OL66) to award a pupil studying either Medicine or Law. Matthew achieved outstanding results and has gone on to study Medicine at Sheffield University. He has also undertaken charity work in Malawi to underpin his desire to become a medic.

Message from David Bell

President of the OLA



The OLA Council continues in its endeavour to offer you an imaginative and strong association. We try to provide an interesting and informative series of events to appeal to all ages of Old Leos. I hope you enjoyed our 2010 programme and look forward to meeting many of you again including all new OLs at some or all of our forthcoming 2011 events. This year, as well as other events listed in this review, we are reviving our former Saturday lunchtime talks at the school with a buffet lunch followed by a short talk by interesting and amusing speakers including renowned organist Dr Simon Lindley, who will also give us a recital on the school organ this March, a former High Sheriff and a medical consultant. Full details will follow as soon as they have been finalised. We are also in the process of organising a trip on the North Yorkshire Railway from Pickering to Grosmont via Goathland and return, with lunch along the way in one of the Pullman coaches; this will also include a visit to the Grosmont workshops for those steam railway buffs among you!

My first year in office has been most enjoyable and I hope that 2011 will be equally as rewarding. Finally, I would like to thank you all for your support and friendship throughout the year, and my special thanks to the OLA Council, to Bronwen Ashton and Mary-Ellen Wyard for their meticulous work on behalf of us all. The Oxford dictionary describes "Life" as a state of functional activity and continual change. I can assure you that the OLA continues in just the same way!

Finally, a little amusing tale that maybe could help Mr Cameron and Mr Clegg with their current problems!

Development Office News

Welcome to the latest edition of the OL Review and a very Happy 2011!

Please make sure you reply to the London Dinner invite by Friday 21 January and note that rooms are available at the Savile Club to non members if you wish to stay overnight. Lounge suits please.

Also, back by popular demand, we are delighted to be able to advertise the OLA Ball on 02 April 2011 at the Old Swan Hotel in Harrogate. Please reply no later than Monday 28 February if you wish to attend.

As ever we would like to thank those who contribute to the magazine and if you would like to submit an article or news for the next edition out in July, please do so no later than Friday 13th May. Please send pictures and copy to bronwen.ashton@gsal.org.uk

Thank you to all of the OLs who have responded to our request for help and advice with LEAP (Leeds Enterprise Advisory Programme) here at GSAL. In addition to LEAP we are always looking for anyone who would be willing to offer their individual expertise to our Business and Economic students.

Another thank you to those who have sent in their email addresses for electronic updates. We are still in the process of collecting details and will update you on the status of this endeavour in the next mailing.

A huge thank you to all of the OL Committee Members who give up their time and support to keep the organisation running.

Best wishes and a big welcome back to Bronwen!

Mary-Ellen Wyard

What are they doing now?

Former OL John Dyson OL51 Appointed to the Supreme Court

John Dyson OL 61 was appointed to the Supreme Court. The Court has taken over the role of the House of Lords as the final Court of Appeal in this country. As reported by his brother Robert Dyson.

Ziff's Triathlon Win



OL07 and Birmingham medical student Oliver Ziff, 21, has won the British Universities Triathlon Championships in Sheffield.

Ziff, 21, from Leeds, retained the title he won as a freshman last year.

He said: "I wasn't totally happy with my performance in the 1,500m swim, and I benefitted from the mistake of two swimmers who had broken away but then lost 10 seconds by going slightly off course.

"I managed to tag on to the back of the leading group and benefit from their slipstream.

"The 40k bike ride went really well and I finished it in second place. I then ran with the leader for the first half of the 10k run and was still feeling strong and I pulled away over the second half.

"My time of 2 hours 1 minute was by no means my fastest, but there is a wide variation between courses anyway. This event was non-drafting, meaning that slipstreaming was not allowed during the bike stage."

Ziff also came 10th in the Elite Race at Windsor and 25th in the Challenger London Dockland's race. For the rest of the summer he worked for a children's charity project in Tel Aviv called, "Save a Child's Heart" which looks after poorly children from across the globe, and a hospital in Jerusalem called Shaare Tzedek.

Hamish Macdonald, Head Boy of LGS 2006/7, wins a Rugby Blue for Oxford in the 2010 Varsity match.

Peter Armitage OL64

Peter left LGS at the age of 16 to join his father's accountancy practice in Leeds. After qualifying as a Chartered Accountant in 1969 he worked in Monaco for 20 months, returned to Yorkshire and then 4 years later he married and moved to Switzerland. He retired in 2006 after a career managing global equity and convertible bond portfolios for institutional clients. Peter also served as Chairman of the Board of Governors of Aiglon College, an international school in Villars.

For the last four years Peter has been developing a project in Scotland. He acquired, refurbished and extended Ardoch, a property overlooking Loch Lomond, which will be used for corporate retreats and self catering stays. The surplus from these operations will subsidise leadership courses for young people run at Ardoch by the highly acclaimed Scottish charity Columba 1400 (see www.ardoch-scotland.com and www.columba1400.org).

Peter and his wife recently moved to Jersey.

HRH The Princess Royal (Patron Columba 1400) with Rev Norman Drummond (Founder Columba 1400) and Peter Armitage (on the right).



Peter Dawson OL64 Shares His News...

Although my main interest was basketball, I learned to play rugby at school and have enjoyed it ever since.

I never played higher than 3rd XV at school but some people improve with age!

I have several videos about rugby on YouTube.

I also have a website Rugby Sidestep Central.

I have many fond memories of my time at Leeds Grammar.

I would be happy to hear from anyone:

I can be contacted via "Contact me" on my website.

OL news

Howard Ripley OL65 remembers...

Encouraged by the old photographs which have appeared in recent issues, I dusted off the accompanying photograph. We had all attended the Northern Command Gunnery Course at Warcop in April 1964 so I guess the photograph was taken at the annual inspection of the School's Combined Cadet Force in summer 1964.

Shown (left to right) are Morrell, Ripley, ?, inspecting general officer, ?, Moore, and Bradley. I apologise to the two cadets whose names escape me; put it down to increasing old age!



Hostel at Fairbourne 1941.

Bob Burnet OL56 remembers...

Seeing the team photograph of the 1954 Colts cricket team in the OL Review No 17 prompted me to clarify that it is indeed Bob (RD) Burnet in the photo. You may be interested in the following story: whilst being captain at our local Rotary Club cricket team, a few years ago we played against a neighbouring Rotary Club. Imagine my surprise when the opposing captain appeared in a LGS 2nd XI Cap. It was Eric Batt OL (34?).

What are the chances of two opposing captains, both OLs, now living in rural Australia and both brought up in Headingley, meeting like this?

The enclosed photograph of the occasion is evidence of this meeting. I now spend my time trying to be a cattle farmer after spending years with then SW Government as a Soil Conservationist.

Michael Price OL47 remembers...

I came across this photo during a recent clearout. It was taken outside the Hostel at Fairbourne in the summer of 1941. During the summer holidays some boys stayed behind; I was one of them. I have no idea who the boys are now, the adults from left to right in the hat: Herbert Bardgett, the first lady not known; the second lady is Miss Currie, the headmaster's secretary, the last one was Mr Oates (?). The event was a fancy dress competition and everyone received a prize. I don't know if the photo will reproduce, but it will be interesting to see and know how many of the boys will be able to recognise themselves. I was one of the few who were at Fairbourne, Buckden and Hartlington.



In Memoriam

Wing Commander John Freeborn OL34

John Cornell Freeborn was born in Middleton, Yorkshire on 1 December, 1919 and was educated at Leeds Grammar School. He died on 28 August, 2010 at the age of 90 as one of the RAF's leading fighter 'aces' in the Battle of Britain. Joining 74 Squadron in 1938 he was to become one of its longest serving pilots. Between 1938 and 1941 he was credited with 13 combat victories and won two DFCs. After his long period with 74 Squadron, Freeborn instructed new pilots on fighter tactics before taking up a post in the US as a flying instructor. In 1943 he returned to operational flying with No 602 Squadron. On 1 June of that year he was given command of No 118 Squadron. Freeborn was promoted to become one of the RAF's youngest wing commanders. He left the RAF in 1946 when he qualified as a driving instructor. He was later invited to join Tetley Walker as regional Director for their Minster soft drinks. He took early retirement and moved to Spain in the 1980s. In 2000 he came back to settle in North Wales. He married Rita Fielder in 1941. She died in 1979 and he married Peta in 1983. She predeceased him in 2001 and he is survived by his daughter from his first marriage.

Colonel Leslie Fleming OL38

Colonel Leslie Fleming died at the age of 88 on 20 May 2010. He was one of the last British Officers to serve in the Raiputana Rifles and won an MC in Burma. He was the son of a dentist and was born at Hebburn Co Durham on 30 December 1921. After the War he obtained a regular commission and transferred to the Durham Light Infantry. Attendance at HQ Staff College and a spell at British Troops Egypt was followed in 1959 by a move to Berlin as military assistant to the British Commandant. He was appointed MBE at the end of this time. From 1965-68 he was a chief instructor at Sandhurst. While he was a College Commander there, he was made Deputy Colonel Light Infantry in 1971. From 1974-76 he served as Commander British Forces Antwerp and then retired from the Army. He was also

a former captain of the Berkshire and Rye Golf Club. He married Sue Howell in 1946. She predeceased him and he is survived by his daughter.

Wing Commander John Henson OL59

Wing Commander John Henson died on 4 September 2010 at the age of 69. He was awarded the OBE (having already received an MBE), following the Desert Storm Operation in 1991. The MBE was awarded for his participation in behind-the-scenes operations carried out in the Falklands War in 1982. John was born in Leeds, the eldest of three boys. Their father was a lecturer in Zoology at Leeds University. He went to Leeds Grammar School where he had hoped to gain qualifications to train as a vet, but did not have the necessary foreign language. He later, however, became fluent in French. He was awarded his OBE before retiring as a Wing Commander in 1991 to become a full time carer for his wife Denise who was diagnosed with MS in 1976. She died in 2001. Their initial meeting had come about because of their shared love for horse riding. Horses were a major part of John's life and he played polo for the Royal Air Force. He is survived by his sons Greg and Ant and two grandsons and a granddaughter. His brothers David and James are also Old Leos and survive him.

John Rushworth OL45

John Rushworth died on 1 July 2008 at the age of 79.

As a schoolboy John was evacuated to Ripon during the war years. National Service took him to Egypt after which he qualified as a Chartered Surveyor in the District Valuer's Office before moving to private practice in 1954. He joined BP Towler & Son in 1973 where, as a Senior Partner, he enjoyed a successful professional career until his retirement in 1990.

An excellent public speaker with a great sense of humour, John was popular and sociable with a wide circle of good friends. John was a respected freemason and a past president of both the Leeds Estate Agents Association and Cross Gates Rotary Club. In retirement he was an active founder member of the Probus club in the village of Thorner where he lived.

He leaves his wife Marjorie, three daughters: Gillian, Paula and Louise and five grandchildren.

Aubrey Monkman BA Hons (Oxon) OL31

Andrew Monkman and Rosalind Clampitt (nee Monkman) regret to announce the death in Weston-super-Mare on 20 April 2010 at the age of 97, of their father Aubrey Monkman BA Hons (Oxon). He was a pupil at Leeds Grammar School from 1924 to 1931 when he then went to St Edmund Hall, Oxford to read English. A simple service was held on 29 April 2010 for members of the close family at the crematorium and the ashes were scattered in the Garden of Remembrance to rest with those of his late wife, Doreen and his mother Kitty.

TWB Ogilvie OL50

Died in 2008.

Michael Ullmann OL65

Michael Ullmann, a former Leeds school teacher, died earlier this year, aged 64. He was described as 'an inspirational leader and educational visionary who won a national teaching award'. He was born in Glasgow and the family moved to Leeds in 1953. Here he was educated at Miss Davies's Headingley Prep School – now known as Richmond House – and Leeds Grammar School. He then trained to be a teacher at Beckett Park College, now Leeds Metropolitan University. Throughout his life he was very involved in charity work underpinned by his strong faith. He is survived by his mother, his wife, his son and daughter.

OL's 2010 Reunion Dinner Melbourne Club, Australia

I'm delighted to say that, notwithstanding the diminished attendance of six, there was no diminution in the fun and enthusiasm for the 2010 OLA Dinner which was, once again, held at The Melbourne Club on 26 November 2010. Attendees were John Levine (OL76), Nigel Shearer (OL78) who dragged himself up from Tasmania, Martin Jones (OL60), Cyril Short (OL48), (Dr) James Hargrave (OL74) and Geoff Ingall (OL60). Apologies were received from Bob Burnett, Nigel De Bussy, Anthony McDermott, Simon Bligh, Barry Sykes and Ben Carswell (NZ) who elected to attend the Brisbane test - it looked like a dodgy decision after Day 2 but his wisdom has been revealed! Both Burnett and De Bussy quite reasonably claimed distance (Armidale NSW and Perth WA, respectively). Bligh was moving home and job; McDermott fell afoul of the corporate world and Barry Sykes had a major choir commitment. Sadly, since our last get-together, George Thirkell has passed away, as reported, and, disturbingly, I was unable to contact Arthur Fletcher who would now be 95 years of age. Hopefully, it's merely a change of address and he'll pop up again next year. OL President Bell's message was read to the gathering and we all felt that little bit closer to the organisation as a result.

Geoff Ingall, Chairman JWT Melbourne

Could all (antipodean) OLs update their contact details and send them to Bronwen Ashton in Development.



James Hargrave & Nigel Shearer



Geoff Ingall & Cyril Short



Martin Jones & John Levine

OLA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011

Friday 25 February REMINDER!

OLA Annual London Dinner and AGM

Tickets: £44 excluding drinks

7pm cash bar open, 7.45 AGM, 8pm dinner Lounge suits

Venue: Savile Club, London

Please confirm your attendance, if you have not already done so, to Bronwen Ashton on 0113 228 5159 or by email: bronwen.ashton@gsal.org.uk, by Friday 21 January 2011. Please contact Savile Club if you wish to book rooms – available to non-members.

Commencing March

Luncheon Club and Journey on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway

We plan to organise a Luncheon club to be held at least three times a year. Spouses invited. We will be reviving our former Saturday lunchtime talks at the school with a buffet lunch followed by a short talk by interesting and amusing speakers including a well known and outstanding organist who will also give us a recital on the school organ. We are also in the process of organising a trip on the North Yorkshire Railway from Pickering to Grosmont via Goathland and return, with lunch along the way in one of the Pullman coaches; this will also include a visit to the Grosmont workshops for those steam railway buffs among you! Further details to follow in April.

Please note: our first lunchtime talk and organ recital by renowned organist Dr Simon Lindley will be on:

Saturday 26 March

12.00 for 12.15 – 2.30pm.

Lunch will be in the Senior School Staff Meetings Room followed by the organ recital and talk in the Assembly Hall at 1.45.

Tickets: £12.50 (cheques made payable to the OLA)

To confirm attendance, please respond using the enclosed Luncheon Club flyer and send it to Bronwen Ashton in the Development Office, together with your cheque. If you have any enquiries regarding the event, please phone her on 0113 228 5159. Spouses welcome.

Saturday 2 April

OLA Ball – back this year by popular demand

The Old Swan Hotel Harrogate

7pm reception drinks, 7.30pm dinner, Live Band, 12.30 finish

Tickets: £45 (black tie)

Please respond by 28 February – leaflet enclosed.

Thursday 30 July – Sunday 3 July

Summer School Celebration Weekend

Venue: GSAL

There will be a Whole School Event taking place towards the end of the School Year. We are planning to have a Summer School Celebration Weekend and the activities will begin on Thursday 30 June and will run through the weekend, ending Sunday 3 July. There will be something for all members of the community, both past and present including Sports Day, Past v Present matches, Prize Giving, Fun Day, Governors' drop-in. On the Saturday evening, we are planning the Big Summer Ball. We hope that as many of you as possible will be able to come and join us at some point and further details will appear again in the Spring Mailing.

If any of you are organising an event and would like it publicising in this newsletter, or would like help organising a reunion, please contact Bronwen Ashton in the Development Office.

OL Reunion and Leeds Lunch at Aspire

On Friday 19 November, 35 OLs from all age ranges and professions met together at Aspire in Leeds for lunch. Everyone was very pleased with the venue and its relaxed environment. There was also the opportunity to introduce the Principal of GSAL, Mike Gibbons, who said a few words, along with our President, David Bell, who thanked everyone for coming. Thank you to those who volunteered to be nominated to the Council. Please join us again next year as it is our intention to hold it here again.

Congratulations to the following OLs on their exam success:

Timothy Belcher

First Class in Chemistry MChem from Jesus College, Oxford 2010

Alexander Rory MacDonald

MA 1st Class 29/06/2010 from the University of Glasgow

Benjamin Stowe

Attained a hat-trick of achievements when he graduated from the University of Leeds in 2010. He gained a first class honours in Law, as well as being awarded the European Law prize and gaining 82% on his dissertation which means that it can be published.

Mehak Chaudhry

Upper Second BA History, UCL 2009

Sanja Karanovic

MB, BS Medicine (Clinical), UCL 2009

Gemma Lancaster

First BA French and German, UCL 2009

Nicole Yvette Prideaux

Upper Second BSc Human Genetics, UCL 2009

Christian O'Dwyer

BSc International Business and Modern Languages Ashton University 2009

Robert Yates

BSc in Management and Strategy Ashton University 2009

An interview with...

David Gravells

In his first year as Chairman of the Board of Governors at GSAL, David Gravells takes time out to meet with Press Gang's Charles O'Donovan to reflect on the year...



David Gravells, Chairman of the Board of Governors at GSAL.

C: What does being Chairman of the Governors entail?

Chairman: It involves leading the Board of Governors as a team in all their duties and responsibilities, liaising with the Principal and occasionally the senior leadership team and working with other Governors on specific issues. It also means ensuring the Governors are visible to parents and other stakeholders.

C: What do you enjoy most about being the Chairman?

Chairman: It gives me the opportunity to serve the school for which I have great affection.

C: What do you enjoy least about being the Chairman?

Chairman: I wish I could deal with every issue; but I can't!

C: Where do you see GSAL in 10 years?

Chairman: I see it as a highly successful, independent, co-educational school. I would like to see continuous development in academic and sporting success and I believe GSAL can become the leading school of its kind.

C: Currently GSAL is co-educational at certain stages, can you ever envisage it becoming totally co-educational?

Chairman: No, I think this is unlikely to change for the foreseeable future and there has been no suggestion of this.

C: What are your connections with GSAL?

Chairman: I and my son are Old Leodiensians, and I have been a Governor for about 20 years.

C: What are the best things about GSAL?

Chairman: The teaching and the learning experience, the culture of the commitment of staff to students and in turn students to staff. GSAL has outstanding educational facilities. And the governing body is full of expertise, experience and commitment.

C: What are the worst things about GSAL?

Chairman: I don't think there are any but one can always do better in human endeavour!

C: How have you seen GSAL change in the past year?

Chairman: The departure of Dr. Bailey and the arrival of Mr. Gibbons has been the most significant change. I think that in the past year the school has quickly adjusted itself to its new phase of development.

C: What do you do to relax?

Chairman: I switch off completely by building model railroads or reading about the 18th century revolutionary period and constitution making in the United States. I also endeavour to keep fit!

C: How would you describe yourself in two words?

Chairman: Committed and enthusiastic.

C: What is the last book you read?

Chairman: 'A Week in December' by Sebastian Faulks.

C: Who do you admire the most?

Chairman: Benjamin Disraeli.

GSAL Celebrates Exam Results

GSAL is West Yorkshire's top performing school in this year's GCSE examinations. The school is celebrating its highest number of A* and A passes at GCSE with 73.2 per cent of pupils achieving the top two grades.

At A-Level 17.1 per cent of students achieved at least 90 per cent in their A2 examinations to be awarded the new A* grade. The national average was eight per cent.

Earlier in the summer, IB students celebrated their results with one student netting a remarkable 44 out of a possible 45 points. Well done to everyone!

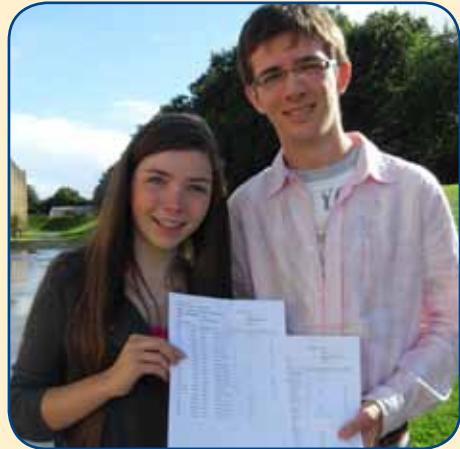
A LEVEL AND IB HIGHLIGHTS

Students achieved a 99.1 per cent overall pass rate (grades A to E) with 78.2 per cent passes at grades A* to B.

GCSE HIGHLIGHTS

AT GCSE 98.6 per cent passed at grades A*- C, and six per cent – or 15 students – achieved all A*s.

Among the top GCSE achievers were two students who notched up 12 GCSEs, one of whom was also one of two to celebrate an incredible 11 A*s each. Another 15 pupils picked up 10 A*s.



Chessy Whalen and Alexander White clocked up 11 A*s each at GCSE. Chessy also achieved an A in PE.

New Lord Mayor Visits GSAL



Pictured (L-R) Hugo Govett, Councillor Andrea McKenna, the Lady Mayoress, Mike Gibbons, Councillor James McKenna, the Lord Mayor, Peter Sparling, Felicity Jordan, Professor Christine Leigh and Liz Bailey

The new Lord Mayor of Leeds, Councillor James McKenna, spent a morning touring GSAL.

Councillor McKenna was paying his first official visit to the school since taking up office in June. He was accompanied by his wife, Councillor Andrea McKenna, who made civic history in Leeds by becoming the first serving Councillor to hold the office of Lady Mayoress.

Following refreshments with Principal Mike Gibbons and Governors, Peter Sparling, Liz Bailey and Professor Christine Leigh, he was taken on a tour of Senior School by head boy and girl Hugo Govett and Felicity Jordan. This included stopping off at an English lesson and a trip to the school library.

The morning finished with a tour of Junior School with Head, Robert Lilley.

Star Struck Students ...and Teachers!

The L6 and U6 drama students had a real treat in store when they visited the old LGHS site in Headingley to see a new TV series in the making – and met its star James Nesbitt.

Antoinette Keylock, Head of Drama, and drama teacher Beth Harris accompanied the students on a tour of the set of Monroe, a series about a brain surgeon which also stars Sarah Parish and Tom Riley.

Producer Howard Ella told them how he knew immediately that the old school – with its Victorian corridors – was the right space for the set of St Matthew's

Hospital. It took only eight weeks to convert into a working hospital, turning the library into a ward and creating a high-tech operating theatre.

The series, produced by Mammoth Screen for ITV1, will transmit in spring 2011.



Sixth Form Scientists Fly To Malawi For Science Fair



Back row (L-R) are: Tom Rogerson, Benjamin Bickler, Alistair Finerty, Oliver Munns and Thomas Andress.

Front row (L-R) : Eliana Grant, Milana Shapira, Adrianna Winters-Gararin and Dr Ruth Boddy. Not pictured is Gabrielle Trayhurn Clark.

Jonathan Meets Barbershop Heroes

Jonathan Pipe, a member of the GSAL barbershop group, met the International Barbershop Quartet Champions, Storm Front this summer.

L6 student Jonathan met the group after they took the audience by storm at the British Barbershop Championships in Harrogate. He also met Evolution, the 2009 British champions.



Jonathan Pipe pictured with Storm Front.

Eight science students were invited by Kamuzu Academy's Headmaster Mr Frank Cooke, MBE, to form one of the first international teams to enter the prestigious Malawi Science Fair competing against over 100 schools from all parts of Malawi.

The party, who were accompanied by Head of Physics Mr Tom Rogerson and acting Head of Chemistry Dr Ruth Boddy, are pictured at Leeds Station en route for Heathrow Airport.

JUNIOR MATHS OLYMPIAD

Congratulations to Year 8 pupil Marcus Roberts who has attained a Certificate of Distinction and a bronze medal in the Junior Mathematical Olympiad.

This puts Marcus in the top 1200 of over 250,000 youngsters who sat the JMO, which is a tremendous achievement.



Marcus Roberts.

William Meets Racing Champion Jenson Button

Up and coming young racing driver William Foster has had a fantastic first year racing cars...narrowly missing a place on the podium in the Touring Car series at Silverstone.

William, who is in Y10, has moved from karting to racing Junior Ginetta cars in the series which supports the British Touring Car Championships. His best finish was seventh at Brands Hatch, but a crash at Silverstone - with just two laps to go - prevented him from being the youngest driver to step onto the podium in the Touring Car series.

The 14 year-old was the youngest on the circuit, racing against 16 and 17 year-old drivers.

To top off his year, William received an award from Formula One world champion Jenson Button at the Autosport Awards, after being named Driver of the Day at an event in Belgium last year. His prize was a trip to the Italian Grand Prix at Monza where he went behind the scenes and met many of the current F1 drivers.



GSAL Students Excel at National Swimming Championships

Three GSAL students achieved outstanding success at the 2010 ASA National Age Group (swimming) Championships.

Douglas Walker, James Thompson and Amy Light, are all members of the City of Leeds Swimming Club that won the national top club award. Douglas, Y8, won a gold medal and two silver medals, while James Thompson and Amy Light, both Y9, won a silver and a

Leeds Rhinos Player Visits GSAL With Super League Trophy



Delighted students meet Leeds Rhinos player Brent Webb and mascot Ronnie the Rhino. They are (L-R) Jake Mitchell, Joe Mitchell, Brent Webb with the Super League Trophy; Ronnie the Rhino; Katherine Addlestone, Tom Considine and Stuart Roney.

Students had a treat in store when Leeds Rhinos player Brent Webb visited the school with the Super League Trophy.

The Australian-born rugby league full-back, who is a New Zealand international, was accompanied by mascot Ronnie the Rhino as he chatted to pupils during their lunch break.

Hundreds turned up to meet him and Brent, who was due to leave at 1.30, stayed until all the pupils had been through - despite being told by the physio to minimise the time spent on his feet due to an injury.

He said: "It is great to be here today to meet the pupils and have the

opportunity to talk to them about the sport of rugby league and the Rhinos."

- Rugby league has now been introduced at GSAL and the U14 team got off to a great start with a 48-0 win against Rodillian School in their first outing.

Chris Bridge scored the historic first try after some good team work. There were hat tricks for Max Kay and Will Shepherd, while Tom Gorman came on, scored a brace and went off in just six minutes. Harris Brown-Raw captained the side expertly and Harry Mawer as vice captain set the physical example for the forwards.



(L-R) James Thompson, Amy Light and Douglas Walker.

bronze medal each.

The three GSAL students made a major contribution toward their club winning the top club award, all swimming personal best times.

The day after the ASA nationals, Amy flew to Australia to train for and compete in the New South Wales State Short Course Championships in Sydney where she won a gold and bronze medal.

Goodbye and Good Luck

This past summer we said goodbye and good luck to the following staff who are retiring, and to those who retired during the current academic year.

A fond farewell goes to two teachers of longstanding. **John Barclay** retires after 34 years teaching history at LGS and GSAL. During his time at school he has been heavily involved in sport as a football coach and umpire as well as being in charge of the U14 football team. He was also part of this year's touring cricket team to Sri Lanka. **Derek Swain**, chemistry teacher, retires after 10 years working at both Leeds Girls' High School and GSAL. Here at GSAL he ran the junior science club.



John Barclay

Ken Fuller, has retired as purchasing officer in March after 31 years, but is continuing with his role in the CCF; Ken's wife **Margaret Fuller**, a science technician, joins him in retirement from July after 18 years' service; **Lynda Archibald** retired from Rose Court in March due to ill health after 18 years as a teaching assistant; **Cath Johnson** retired from the finance office at the end of the last academic year after seven years; and **Ann Barrett** retired from the catering department in May after three years.



Derek Swain

Cricket Tour Provides Gym And English Tutor In Sri Lanka

The GSAL Sri Lanka Cricket Tour Party 2010 and their parents were responsible for raising almost £6500. The money helped complete and refurbish the Sports Academy Gymnasium at Seenigama and also fund a tutor for an English language course in the village.

The gym was officially opened by Kushil Gunasekera, founder and chair of the Foundation of Goodness.



The new gym in use.

Chosen Charities to be supported in 2011

The charities chosen by the Charity Committee to be supported this year are, in order of popularity:

- St.Gemma's Hospice
- Henshaws
- St.George's Crypt
- Age UK (formerly Age Concern and Help the Aged)
- The Stroke Association
- Martin House
- Love and Grace Coimbatore
- Barnardo's
- Yorkshire Cancer Centre
- Acorn
- National Autism Society
- Anthony Nolan Trust
- Sylvia Wright Trust
- BDFA (The Batten Disease Family Association)
- Action Duchenne: Muscular Dystrophy Campaign
- Parkinson's Disease Society
- Children in Need
- Wheatfields Hospice
- Over the Wall
- PhysCap
- Children with Leukaemia
- Guide Dogs for the Blind
- Water Aid
- Elizabeth Svendson Trust Leeds
- Holy Innocents Children's Hospital
- Amnesty International
- Leeds Children's Hospital Appeal
- In addition, the following charities have been agreed/already donated to this year:
- Pakistan Floods
- Lord Mayor's Charity 2010-2011
- Macmillan Cancer
- Jeans for Genes Day
- Lepra
- Red Nose Day will be on 18th March.



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