

WGS Bulletin

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Withington
GIRLS' SCHOOL

Head's Lines

Dear Readers

Although an early Easter and the inevitable April showers have combined to provide a somewhat unseasonal start to this Summer Term, the longer days of British Summer Time are very welcome and the warmth of the Withington community remains undiminished.

As can be seen herein, each of our four Easter trips provided amazing opportunities for all participants and, as ever, the staff very much enjoyed the company of the pupils. Full reports will appear in the annual Newsletter.

This Bulletin also testifies to pupils' successful participation in an ever-growing range of extra-curricular activities and we have much cause to be as proud as ever of Withingtonians across the 7-18 age range.

Next month, I am hoping to complete my fifth Great Manchester 10k Run. This is the only event during the year for which I seek sponsorship and I do hope that no reader will be offended by the inclusion of a sponsorship form within this Bulletin. As you will see, all money raised will be divided between Withington community projects in The Gambia and the 100 Plus Bursary Appeal. I thank you in advance for any support you are able to offer – the projected total always serves to keep me going, particularly beyond the 8k marker!

This term holds examinations for pupils of all ages and we wish them good luck and every success, particularly those sitting external papers. Life outside the classroom will also be busy, particularly in the second half of term with the LAMDA Evening, Junior School Concert, Swimming Gala, Sports Day, Citizenship and Trips Day, House Plays and Festival of Music. I very much look forward to seeing Upper Fourth parents on April 22nd, Upper Sixth parents at the Leavers' Dinner on May 19th, Lower Sixth parents at the UCAS Information Session on June 17th and, indeed, parents of daughters in any year, throughout the term.

London calling

57 Juniors enjoyed an action-packed two-day visit to London in the last week of the Spring Term, including visits to the Tutankhamun exhibition at the O2 Arena and the Terracotta Warriors at the British Museum, a flight on the London Eye, a singalong meal at Planet Hollywood and seats at the Lyceum Theatre for a performance of *The Lion King*.



Maths Medals

Withington Fifth Formers received 94 certificates out of 133 entries in the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge, organised by the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust, in February.

Amongst 13 Gold certificate winners, five girls qualified for further stages in the Challenge: Tara Livesey won an additional certificate for achieving the best in school score and is a Maclaurin qualifier; Jennifer Dean qualified for the Hamilton paper and Emma Callanan, Ellie Atkinson and Dana Walshaw qualified for the Pink Kangaroo challenge. 51 Silver awards and 29 Bronze certificates were also awarded.

It's the economy...

Lower Sixth Economics students have been investigating the global credit crunch and its ramifications for the American, Chinese and British economies. Working in small groups, the girls presented their findings to the class and answered challenging questions on the topic.

Several girls are undertaking work experience at the Morgan Stanley investment bank, London, in the summer holidays exploring the role of this major international financial institution.

Some Lower Sixth economists are entering the prestigious Royal Economics Society competition. Entries include using economic game theory to explain the dating game; consumer choice theory and anorexia; and the economic impact of wars.



Ballet good show

Upper II pupil Eleanor Ferguson has won a coveted place at the Royal Ballet School. She will leave Withington in July to board at the RBS's White Lodge in Richmond Park, London, from September. Eleanor joined the Royal Ballet Junior Associate School, who ran classes in Manchester last year, and became one of more than 1,000 hopefuls nationwide to audition for entry into the full-time RBS. Only 12 girls and 12 boys are admitted each year.

Third Former Georgina Ashworth Kwasnik has been offered a place as an Intermediate Associate at the Northern Ballet Theatre in Leeds, where she will travel each Saturday – one of only five entrants this year. She is an award-winner across a range of dance disciplines and has again reached the finals of the All England Dance Championships at the Peacock Theatre in London's West End in July.



Young enterprise

Withington's two Young Enterprise companies *On Hold* and *Ugly* were amongst 40 rival concerns from Manchester North and South displaying their wares at the organisation's Trafford Centre Trade Fair in February. *On Hold* is designing, manufacturing and marketing mobile telephone holders and *Ugly* is producing and selling make-up bags in a variety of materials. Each of the two companies comprises 11 girls from the Lower Sixth undertaking a range of business roles.

On Hold were successful in the challenging 'Dragons' Den' assessment, where they impressed the four judges, each of whom runs their own successful commercial business.

At the Presentation Evening on April 15th, *On Hold* went on to further success, gaining shields for Best Report and Best Display Stand and the Silver trophy for Manchester North Area Board Best Company. We wish them every success in the Greater Manchester Strategic Board Final on May 7th and commiserate with *Ugly*, who were a very close second in all categories.

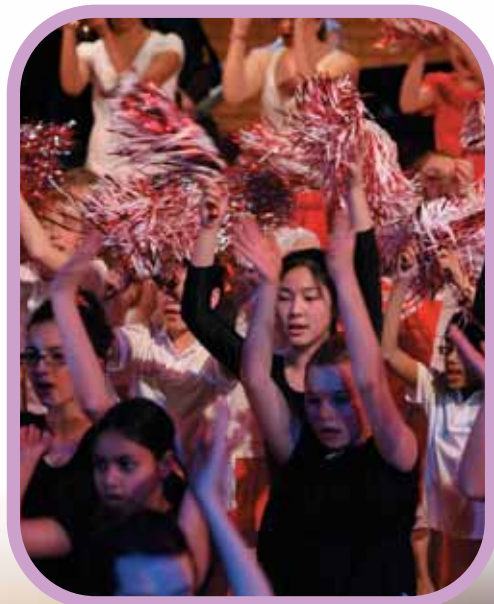


That's (Third Form) entertainment

The entire Third Form staged an evening of drama and music, mixing group and individual performances for parents, staff and friends gathered in the Arts Centre.

The entertainment included extracts from Shakespeare, some nonsense poems and some of the girls' own verse.

Musical highlights included scenes from *High School Musical* performed by the entire year group, which required high-speed costume changes, and songs sung by the Third Form choir.



Physics visits

Lower Sixth physicists attended a series of lectures and visited the Department of Particle Physics at the University of Manchester; others went to the Medical and Physics Open Evening at The Christie Hospital, Withington.

Governor honoured

Professor Steve Furber of the University of Manchester, a member of the School's Governing Body since 2002, was made a Commander of the British Empire in the New Year's Honours list.

The CBE recognises Professor Furber's services to computer science. He told BBC News: "The honour came completely out of the blue. I've been fortunate to be in the right place at the right time to do something interesting and have also been surrounded by very good people."

Biology Olympiad

Sixth Former Maral Rouhani was the only girl amongst 12 survivors in the British Biology Olympiad who battled it out during the Easter holidays, just missing on a last four place and a trip to India.

Maral and her rivals engaged in practical examinations at the School of Biosciences at the University of Birmingham, covering a wide range of biological topics from molecular to population level and including hands-on experimentation with plants, animals and microbes.

Maral, who joined Transition at the age of seven is sitting four A-levels this year and has already received an unconditional offer from Cambridge University to read Medicine.

Rosy of the Antarctic

Sixth Former Rosanne Cousins is the first Withington student to win an Independent Schools' Travel Association Scholarship and will spend three months in Antarctica in November, researching into climate change.

Rosy, who joined the Lower Sixth from Chorlton High School, is one of only five students in the country to win a scholarship. Candidates were required to propose their own project outlining what they hope to investigate or discover during the expedition. Judges were seeking original ideas, initiative and a willingness to raise money for the trip by working.



Going Underground

The Third Form Geography fieldtrip became a subterranean adventure as March gales lashed the Peak District. Instead of investigating the impact of limestone on the local scenery around exposed Mam Tor, Mrs Buckley, staff colleagues and 85 girls swiftly changed their plans and sought refuge in the underground caverns.

Neha Passi, Aneeqa Khan and Sarah Austin of the Upper Fifth and Lower Sixth, Withington's team in the Geographical Association's World Wise Quiz, performed well to maintain second place in the first three rounds of the contest, staged at Stockport Grammar School.

Inspector Forster of Greater Manchester Police visited the school to make a presentation to the Sixth Form about the 'geography of burglary' and the spatial factors that contribute to the crime statistics around the Fallowfield and Withington areas.

Classics News

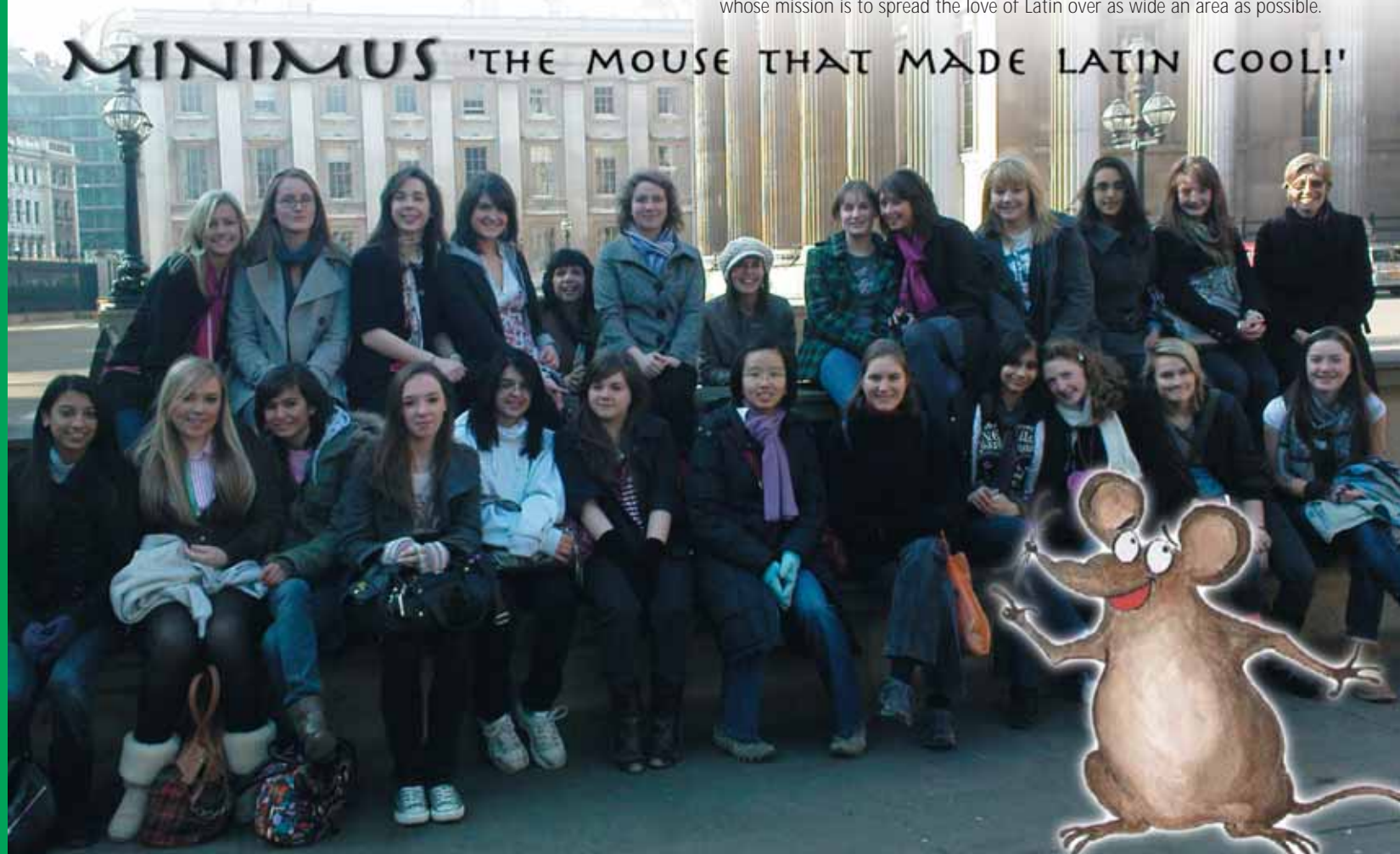
Withington girls won three sections outright and received commendations in two others at The Classical Association's Latin and Greek Reading Competition held at The Queen's School, Chester against more than 100 pupils from 12 schools across the North West.

Sophie Allweis and Olivia O'Malley took first and second places respectively in the Sixth Form Latin section, reading from a Cicero speech; Rebecca Evans won first place in the Sixth Form Greek, reading from the tragedy *Electra*; Selina Tso received a commendation for Sixth Form Latin poetry; Wai San Wan won first place in the GCSE Latin with a reading from Vergil, and there were commendations for Jennifer Lindsay and Camilla Henfrey. In GCSE Greek, Alexandra Abelidis won a commendation.

Professor Tom Harrison from Liverpool University answered questions on Herodotus, Professor David Langslow from Manchester talked on Odysseus and Agamemnon, and Dr Steven Green made us think about 'The ending of the Aeneid' at the Northern Classics Conference at Stonyhurst College.

The highlight of the day for many was the charismatic speaker Dr. Peter Jones on 'What the Romans have done – and might still do – for us' while some enjoyed the tour of the Stonyhurst Collection so much they did it twice; others thought the lunch and quiz most memorable.

The School hosted the first 'Minimus Training Day' in the North West, featuring Barbara Bell, the inspired author of the introduction to Latin course book *Minimus*, which features a mouse who lives on Hadrian's Wall and whose mission is to spread the love of Latin over as wide an area as possible.



Strictly come dancing

Classics teacher Mrs Robinson swapped Latin for Latino to win Withington's version of 'Strictly Come Dancing' with partner Mr Hodgson.

Cheered on by the whole school in the Arts Centre, the teachers risked life, limb and reputation to raise funds for the 2009 World Challenge Expedition to Mongolia.

Fourteen girls, currently in the Fifth Form, will join the epic adventure, following in the wake of expeditions to Bolivia and Namibia.

Geography teacher Miss Browning, who will lead the expedition, said the £1,500 raised by the 'Strictly Come Dancing' event would help fund the community stage of the trip.



Summer Activities

Summer Music Course

July 28th - August 1st

Withington's Music Course will once again be the highlight of our summer activities. For the fifth year running, an action-packed week of brilliant musical activities will be on offer for any young people aged 8-16. No previous musical experience is required.

This year's course, directed by Rebecca Thompson and Tim Chatterton of the Northern Chamber Orchestra, will feature Japanese taiko drumming, vocal workshops, writing lyrics, beatbox, rap, drum'n'bass and the chance for children to create and act in their own musical theatre.



Tennis Camps

July 21st - 25th & August 4th - 8th

There will be two weeks of Summer Tennis Camps at Withington this year. The Tennis Camps, open to boys and girls aged 6 and over, will start at 8:30am and finish at 3:30pm. The main aim is for boys and girls to be active and to enjoy themselves while playing tennis and other sports. No day will be cancelled due to rain.

Art Workshops

August 4th - 7th (4 days)

Also on offer are Art Workshops for boys and girls aged 8 and over. This is an exciting opportunity to learn some new skills whilst having fun.

Artists Rachel Pratt and David Critchlow will be teaching the workshops and will include individual and group projects. The workshops will run from 9:30am - 3:30pm with the option to arrive early at 8:30am and be collected at 4:30pm.

Performing Arts Workshops

August 11th - 15th

This year, for the first time, we are offering a Performing Arts Course for boys and girls aged 10 and over. Directed by LAMDA teacher and former RSC actor, Mrs Nikki Smythe, the course will include acting, singing and dancing, leading up to a showcase performance on the Friday. Activities will start at 9:30am and finish at 4:30pm.

Welcome

Ms Hamda Gharib has joined the staff as a part-time English teacher to cover for Mrs Bowie's maternity leave.

She gained her Post Graduate Certificate in Education at London University's Institute of Education after studying at Manchester University. Ms Gharib recently taught at Manchester High School for Girls.



Duke at the Palace

Mrs Janet Pickering, and Mrs Ruth Lindsay-Dunn, DoFE Coordinator, attended a DoFE Gold Award Reception at St James' Palace in February. Mrs Pickering was presented to the Duke of Edinburgh and he also took time to speak to Mrs Lindsay-Dunn and former Withington pupils, Rachel Cassidy, Zoe Clayton-Smith, Charlotte Kelham and Laura Maxfield, who were there to receive their Gold Awards.

Mrs Lindsay-Dunn has recently been visited by Paul Griffiths from the North West DoFE Office, as Withington is regarded as a beacon school with regard to participation in the Scheme. Currently 68 girls are engaged at Bronze, over 30 at Silver and over 20 at Gold.

Canterbury Tales

Almost 50 girls from the Third and Fourth Forms acted out a modern interpretation of *The Canterbury Tales*. The contemporary adaptation incorporated five of Geoffrey Chaucer's tales linked, unlike the originals, not by pilgrims swapping stories on the road to Canterbury, but by a group of alchemists trying to bring the 14th Century poet back to life.



Drama queens!

Bazaar and Rummage and *Dr Faustus* – the AS and A2 Drama examination pieces staged on March 4th and 5th - were both well received. *Mode*, the department's updated version of the Restoration comedy *Man of Mode*, had to be postponed until April 14th after one of the A2 performers broke her ankle!

The LAMDA showcase is scheduled for June 23rd, an opportunity for Nikki Smythe's Speech and Drama candidates to perform their examination pieces for an audience in the studio.



German Exchange

February half-term saw the first leg of the inaugural German Exchange between Withington and the Auguste-Pattberg-Gymnasium in Mosbach, a small town near Heidelberg in south-western Germany. 16 girls from Lower Fifth to Upper Sixth took part, spending a week living with host families and experiencing German language, culture and food.



French Exchange

Ever tried algebra in French? That was one of the tests that faced 15 Upper Fourth girls on their joint exchange trip with MGS to L'École St Louis de Gonzague (Franklin) in the chic 16th Arrondissement of Paris over half term.

But there was plenty of fun too – a walking tour of the French capital, visits to the Eiffel Tower, Montmartre and Versailles and the journey by Eurostar from London St Pancras.

Two weeks later the School hosted 15 girls from Franklin who enjoyed local visits to Old Trafford, Styal Mill and The Museum of Science and Industry.



Kitchen kudos

Their grades may be 'D' and 'C', but the School is delighted with the results, as when it comes to the inspection of Manchester's school kitchens, those are the highest marks that can be awarded.

The City Council's Environmental Health Officials noted 'excellent standards of hygiene throughout', awarding their best score of 'D' and 'excellent adherence to procedures and record keeping', resulting in the top 'C' accolade.

Catering Manager Mrs Sheena Cartledge and her 14 staff prepare and serve more than 700 meals a day and also run a breakfast club.



Walk like an Egyptian



Visiting the Pyramids and Sphinx at Giza, cruising the Nile, touring ancient temples at Luxor and Karnak, snorkelling in the Red Sea and descending the 3,000 Steps of Repentance from the summit of Mount Sinai at sunrise were some of the unforgettable experiences crammed into the 14-night Easter trip to Egypt enjoyed by 17 Upper Fifth and Lower Sixth girls accompanied by Mr McKenna, Mr Sharples, Mr Syrus and Ms West.



Mr. Clive Stevenson

The funeral took place on February 18th at Norcliffe Chapel, Styal, of Mr Clive Stevenson, the School's Premises Manager.

Mr Stevenson, who joined Withington as caretaker in 2001, died after a short illness on the eve of his 53rd birthday.

At the service his widow Sue read a prayer of thanks and tributes on behalf of the School were paid by Mrs Pickering and Mr Sharples.



Spring Fair

The PTA Spring Fair raised a record total of £2,300 in early March. All proceeds from PTA events are earmarked to provide for specific equipment across a range of school departments, and this year's Fair profits will help to purchase pitchside shelters for the Astro.



Netball

The U15 netball team performed excellently to become runners-up in the County Tournament on March 1st, having progressed through the early rounds and beaten Cheadle Hulme 9-4 in the semi final.

They narrowly lost to Stockport Grammar School in a closely fought final.



Land of ice and fire

Iceland at Easter proved to be a physical geographer's paradise for 19 girls from the Upper Fifth, Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth, with its bubbling mud pools, geysers and spectacular waterfalls cascading down snow-crusted cliffs.

The girls, accompanied by Mrs Buckley, Miss Browning and Mrs Hamilton, flew out to the volcanic island of Heimaey, which was devastated by a huge eruption just over 30 years ago, in small five-seater seater planes which offered wonderful aerial views of this impressive landscape. The party then climbed up through the old ash and lava flows, still hot to the touch. The trip's finale was a swim in the silica-rich Blue Lagoon where water at 37°C contrasted with the surrounding freezing air temperatures.



veni vidi...

The Easter Classics trip to Rome included a walking tour of the city with visits to the Colosseum, the Forum and the Capitoline Museums before taking in a Metro ride to the ancient port of Ostia Antica.

The photograph shows the party on the temple steps in Ostia.



Gym-tastic!

The annual Gym Competition took place on Friday 1st February, followed a week later by the Gym and Dance Display enjoyed by a packed audience in the Arts Centre.

The judge, Mrs Phillipa Frankland, who covered Mrs Fletcher's maternity leave last year, had a very difficult task selecting winners as the standard was so exceptionally high.



Speak Easy

Sisters Hannah and Michaela Redhead of Lower Fifth & Upper II respectively, scooped ten awards between them for speech, drama and music at the recent Heaton Chapel Youth Festival.

Together with brother Russ, 13, a Manchester Grammar School pupil, the trio hold the record for the greatest number of wins in the history of the Alderley Edge Festival. They are also regular winners at the Buxton Festival.

Lower Fourth pupils Naomi Rasmussen and Charlotte Senn also won music awards at Heaton Chapel.



Lacrosse

Withington's First Lacrosse team travelled to Dorset to play in the National Schools Lacrosse Tournament at Sherborne Girls' School, but despite two convincing wins over Westonbirt (5-1) and Croham Hurst (10-0), the girls narrowly lost out to Lady Eleanor Hollies and North London Collegiate in a tough first group.

In the Farr Cup, the team put together some wonderful phases of play and held their own against much older and more practised teams, missing out on a semi-final place by only one point.



The American way

Visits to the Empire State Building at night, the John Lennon Memorial in Central Park, the Statue of Liberty, Ground Zero and the Broadway production of *Hairspray* featured in the New York leg of the week-long Politics and History trip taken by 29 girls from Lower Fifth to Upper Sixth.

The tour, accompanied by Ms Maher, Ms Renold and Mrs Harris, moved on to Philadelphia and Washington DC amid cherry blossom and election fever, taking in the Capitol, White House, Smithsonian Museum and a cruise on the Potomac.



History in Paris

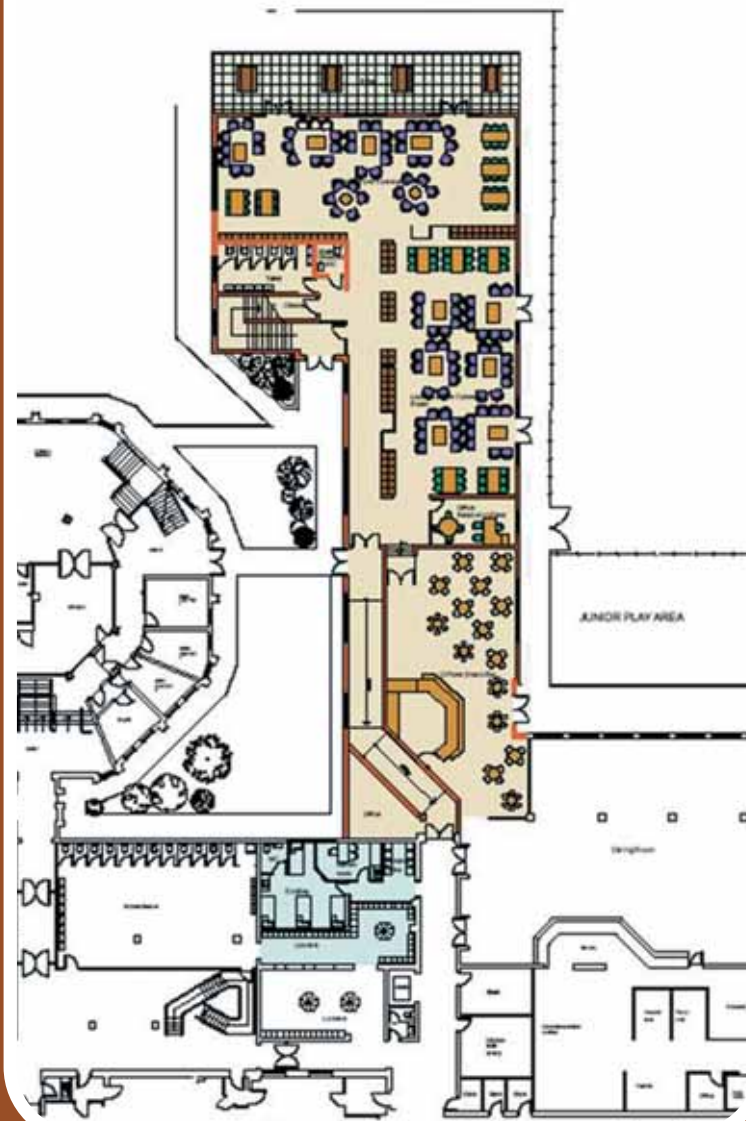
11 Lower Sixth historians accompanied by Ms Maher and Mrs Air visited the French capital during the February half-term break taking in the Conciergerie, where Marie Antoinette was imprisoned before meeting her fate at the guillotine, Les Invalides, the Cathedral of Notre Dame and the delightful Sainte Chapelle.

Visits to Montmartre, Sacré Coeur, the Eiffel Tower, Chateau of Versailles, Sephora on the Champs Élysées and a meal in the typically French restaurant, Chartier, were all enjoyed too.



New building

On Monday April 21st, work starts on a major new extension at the rear of the School and will continue for approximately 11 months. The new build will incorporate a groundfloor Sixth Form Common Room, with twice the area of the current facility and this will link in to a new extension to the dining room. The first floor will provide six new classrooms and the project will enable improvements to be made to the Nurse's area and also generate additional office and tutorial space. Energy-efficiency measures will include a system of passive ventilation provided by roof-mounted 'wind catchers'.



Art on show

Three Withington girls had their work exhibited in the Lowry's Hexagon Room as part of the Salford arts centre's celebration of pupils' skills. Maryam Molahassani had her abstract work in tempera batik exhibited in the 14 and under section; Celia Foster's finely drawn city scenes represented the 16 and under section and Rebecca Holdsworth's self portrait was displayed in the 18 and under section.

Model United Nations



50 Withington girls – many taking part for the first time - represented delegations from Russia, South Africa, Iran, Australia, Ireland and the Palestinian Authority at the MUN Conference at Stockport Grammar School.

Five girls acted as Chairs and helped the School to an equal second overall with Cheadle Hulme School.

The Russian delegation won the Highly Commended award and individual awards went to: Best Delegate: Lucy Green (Future Security

Council), Sophie Allweis (Disarmament); Highly Commended Delegates: Kristina Milanovic (Middle East), Kate Heydecker (Political), Alex Caulfield (Health & Youth), Jenny Lindsay (Health & Youth); Commended Delegates: Olivia Atkinson (Security Council), Sarah May (Environment), Judith Parker (Middle East), Dalia Firman (Education), Rachel Lloyd (Education); Best Junior Delegate Award: Charlotte Bailey (Middle East).

Earlier in the term, the Conference at Bath presented major challenges for our 22 Sixth Form

participants as they were charged with representing the less glamorous delegations of Libya, Chad, Mongolia and Honduras, but they all performed exceptionally well.

The Libyan team was awarded a Commended Delegation and there were several individual awards: Highly Commended Delegates: Neda Taghinejadi, Kate Heydecker and Lizzy Burden; Commended Delegates: Olivia O'Malley, Alex Caulfield, Antonia Adebambo, Selina Tso, Sophie Allweis, Kristina Milanovic and Olivia Atkinson.



Never a dry eye...

This year's Leavers' Concert proved to be a poignant occasion in the Arts Centre.

The evening programme, devised by Sixth Formers led by Head Girl Selina Tso and her deputies Laura Cress and Aicha Mehrez, included solo recitals and baroque music accompanied on harpsichord by Simon Leach.

For something completely different, Laura Cress, Sophie O'Neill and Shereen Perera performed the 'Argument' and 'Restaurant' sketches from *Monty Python's Flying Circus*. The evening concluded with a rousing performance of Fauré's *Elegy* and a four-part harmony version of *Stand By Me*.



Spinning a line

Calling all South Manchester's budding bards ... come and join a live poets' society.

The Young Linespinners' Poetry Club, run by former Classics teacher Mrs Louise Marley, is open to pupils in Years 5 and 6 from schools throughout the area.

Mrs Marley, who is now a full-time NHS Counsellor in South Manchester, said: "Our aim is to give children the opportunity to acquaint themselves with a range of poetry and to develop and share their own creative writing skills."

Members meet and work with published poets at least once a term.

Manchester poet Carol Ann Duffy, described by critics as a 'superstar of British poetry', was one of the club's first guests last year and Linda Chase is to visit next term.

The first weekly meeting of the new term is on Thursday, April 24th at 5.30pm. Application forms have been distributed to interested Lower & Upper II girls and further forms are available from Reception, or from Mrs Willis in the Finance Office. Alternatively email Mrs Marley direct on louiseanmarley@yahoo.co.uk.

Musical harmony



Original music composed by GCSE students at Withington and Trinity Church of England High School, Hulme was performed during a special concert in the Arts Centre alongside musicians from the Northern Chamber Orchestra.

Withington's violinist Jessica Ballance and pianist Heather Chung were chosen as soloists at auditions under the supervision of players from the NCO. A performance of a sequence from Vivaldi's *Gloria* featured the Senior Choir and the NCO, conducted by the school's Head of Music, Mrs Gillian Sargent.

Further original GCSE and A-level compositions and performance pieces featured alongside soloists, choirs, orchestras, saxophonists, wind and jazz groups in an excellent concert on April 16th.



Alpine Adventure

Glorious weather and perfect snow greeted the Withington skiing party at Le Corbier in the French Alps over the February half-term holiday.

21 girls from Upper Fourth and the Sixth Form led by Mrs Whitton and Mrs Ferrol, made up the mixed ability (from absolute beginners to experienced skiers) party and it is a pleasure to report that there were no casualties.



We are the champions!

Sir Alex Ferguson, the Premiership's most successful football manager, was guest speaker at a special fundraising lunch attended by more than 200 leading business people at Manchester's famous Yang Sing Restaurant in aid of the 100 Plus Bursary Appeal.

The event, which included an auction, raised more than £30,000 for the Appeal, which is now well over half way towards its £2m target.

Winning the praise of Manchester United's boss completed Withington's own 'treble'; the School having been officially rated sixth best in the country by the Department for Children, Schools and Families for A-level and GCSE performance and having received a glowing inspection report.



Juniors



Gung hey...

The Manchester Chinese Centre visited the Junior School complete with a Chinese dragon in tow. The girls enjoyed sharing the Chinese tradition of parading with dragons accompanied by the beat of the Chinese drums.

Waxing lyrical

Upper II girls dressed up as famous Victorians and presented The Victorian Waxwork Museum in the Arts Centre. Each famous character came to life and told a captive audience about their fascinating achievements. Everyone from Florence Nightingale to Prince Albert was happy to share their stories!

Transition pupils attended the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry's Roman Day and visited the site of the Roman Fort in nearby Castlefield.

On Book Day, Transition dressed up as characters from books at a special assembly attended by parents.

Save the baths

Juniors, organised by Tiffany Meeley of Form 1, raised just over £70 in aid of the restoration of historic Victoria Baths.



Winmarleigh Hall

Juniors who went on the trip to Winmarleigh Hall on the weekend of the 1st and 2nd of March all agreed it was an unforgettable experience. From archery to computing to speeding down the zip wire the girls enjoyed a range of activities which provided both personal and teambuilding challenges.

Pennies Galore!

All the Junior School girls took part in an exciting Inter-House penny race by collecting 1p and 2p coins and then lining them up along each side of the Science corridor in order to measure which of the two Houses - Hunter or Williams - had collected the most. A total of £203.46 was raised for Barnardos, and Williams won the competition.

You heard it first...

Upper II's Soirée for family and friends featured a history of music from the Middle Ages through baroque to classical, including ensemble and solo performances accompanied by harpsichord. Girls performed mediaeval dance, Pachelbel's Canon and Mozart's Opus 40.



Junior School

Summer Term 2008

April

22nd	[Tuesday]	Parents' Evening : Upper IV	6.00 - 8.00pm
28th	[Monday]	Parents' information session STIs	7.00pm

May

1st	[Thursday]	Junior UK Mathematical Challenge Promises Auction (Mongolia Team)	7.00pm
5th	[Monday]	May Bank Holiday	
7th	[Wednesday]	Junior School - David Horner Workshop	
9th	[Friday]	Study Leave commences (UV and LVI)	
9th - 10th	[Friday - Saturday]	Stratford Weekend	
13th	[Tuesday]	Bursary Appeal Donors Reception	6.30pm
14th	[Wednesday]	Junior School Afternoon Tea	3.00pm
19th	[Monday]	Junior School Examinations begin Leavers' Dinner	7.00pm
23rd	[Friday]	Junior School Examinations finish Trip to Chester Zoo: Third Forms	
26th - 30th	[Monday - Friday]	Half Term	

June

2nd	[Monday]	Senior School Examinations begin: (Third - Lower V Forms)	
6th	[Friday]	Third - Lower IV Forms Examinations finish	
6th - 8th	[Friday - Sunday]	Drapers' Field Centre: Lower II & Upper II	
9th	[Monday]	Upper IV Forms Examinations finish Geography Coastal Work: Lower IV	
10th	[Tuesday]	Lower V Forms Examinations finish	
11th	[Wednesday]	Lower Sixth return	
17th	[Tuesday]	Parents' UCAS Information Session	7.00pm
18th	[Wednesday]	Induction Day: New Third Forms & Junior School	All day
19th	[Thursday]	Geography Fieldwork Day: Lower V	
20th - 22nd	[Friday - Sunday]	DofE Gold Practice Expedition	
23rd	[Monday]	LAMDA Showcase Event	6.45pm
24th - 25th	[Tuesday - Wednesday]	DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition Junior School Concert - Strawberry Serenade	6.00pm
26th	[Thursday]	Lower VI Leadership Training Day	

27th	[Friday]	Swimming Gala Enterprise Day: Lower V Project Business Day: Lower IV	
28th	[Saturday]	PTA Summer Ball	7.00pm
28th - 29th	[Saturday - Sunday]	DofE Silver Practice Expedition	
30th	[Monday]	Sports Day	

July

1st	[Tuesday]	Trips Day/Third Form Citizenship Day Geography Human Fieldwork (Lower VI)	
1st - 3rd	[Tuesday - Thursday]	Independent Schools Tennis (Eton College)	
2nd	[Wednesday]	House Plays	
3rd	[Thursday]	Festival of Music	
4th	[Friday]	Term Ends	2.30pm
5th - 8th	[Saturday - Tuesday]	DofE Gold Qualifying Expedition	
6th - 10th	[Sunday - Thursday]	Rhineland Trip (Upper IV)	
6th - 11th	[Sunday - Friday]	French Trip (Lower IV)	

August

14th	[Thursday]	AS & A2 Results Day	
21st	[Thursday]	GCSE Results Day	
22nd - 28th	[Friday - Thursday]	Biology Field Trip	
29th - 31st	[Friday - Sunday]	DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition	

TERM DATES FOR 2008 - 2009

AUTUMN TERM 2008

Staff In Service Day	Tues 2nd September
Term Starts	Wed 3rd September
Founders' Day	Mon 13th October
Half Term	Mon 20th to Tues 28th October inc.
Open Evening	Thurs 6th Nov (provisional)
Staff In Service Day	Fri 7th Nov (provisional)
Open Morning	Sat 8th Nov (provisional)
Term Ends	Thurs 18th Dec

SPRING TERM 2009

Staff In Service Day	Mon 5th Jan
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Term Starts	Tues 6th Jan
Senior Entrance Exam	Mon 12th Jan (provisional)
Junior School Entrance Exam	Sat 17th Jan (provisional)
Half Term	Mon 16th to Fri 20th Feb inc.
Term Ends	Wed 1st Apr

SUMMER TERM 2009

Term Starts	Mon 20th Apr
May Bank Holiday	Mon 4th May
Half Term	Mon 25th to Fri 29th May inc.
Term Ends	Wed 8th July

AUTUMN TERM 2009

Term Starts	Thurs 3rd Sept (provisional)
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Do call us (Before we call you!)

Pupil absence: Please would all parents use
0161 249 3476 to inform the school of pupil
absence before 8.30am on each day of absence.

For contact after school please use these numbers:
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