



NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parent

The end of the year draws closer and the summer holiday looms. As always, the school has been busy ensuring that all our students are taught well and that their successes are recognised.

A new and particularly different aspect of this term has been the three trips sponsored by HSBC, one of the school's Specialist School sponsors. This first was a week-long expedition to Norway, the second an expedition to the Wye Valley and the last was based on the River Severn. The sponsorship came to £13,000 and it led to over 40 students and 5 staff enjoying the demands of living outdoors and learning new skills. All were outstanding successes and on each expedition the students behaved impeccably. Can I thank all those parents who supported this new venture and the staff concerned who gave up a great deal of their free time to allow it to happen. This term has also seen a new trip added to the calendar in the form of a maths trip to Paris. Targeted at talented Mathematicians in years 8 and 9, the week-long trip proved both a great attraction and a great success.

Summer also sees the school preparing students for their public exams. The year 9 SATs went well and the results for 2 subjects are back in school. Level 5+ in Maths rose to 88%, with a significant increase in the percentage of students on Levels 7 and 8. Science results also rose, to 87%, again with a significant increase in Levels 6 and 7. These results are an improvement on last year and are impressive. It is always nice to be able to

report the successes of our students. As for the English results they are due in the summer holidays and we are very hopeful that they will match the other two. Similarly, we have great hopes for the GCSE results for year 11 who commendably attended all their revision sessions in school up to 14th June.

Earlier in the year I asked parents for their views on changing the times of the school day. You responded positively to the proposal and therefore from September break will fall at 10.25. This will allow students to eat earlier and to have a wider range of healthier options. It should also lead to more eating a substantial and wholesome lunch at 1.05. Details of the times of the new school day are within the Newsletter.

On behalf of the staff and governors can I thank you for all your support over the year and wish you a happy and restful summer break.

Mark Heuston
Headteacher

School Strategic Plan:

After consultation with parents, staff, students and governors, the school's Strategic Plan was approved by the governing body at their meeting in July. The main points of the plans are found on the next page.

Athletics

Athletics

required a great deal of

energy from the girls involved.

This year has been a particularly successful year for the lower school girls' athletics teams. The competition was of a particularly high standard which was matched by the Clayton athletes. In fact, the school achieved some impressive results. Clayton managed to achieve 3rd place in the Under 15 girls' competition, 2nd place in the Under 12 girls' competition and an amazing 1st place in the Under 13 girls' competition.

Under 12 Girls Team

Beth Stevenson, Beth Roscilli, Gemma Pile, Rachel Breeze, Evie Carroll, Becky Dodd, Emily Chesterman, Lucy Baker, Ashleigh Ellerton, Nikita Stribling.

Under 13 Girls Team

Jess Davies, Lily Martin, Rachel Beeston, Anna Burton, Laura Rollings, Natalie Boon, Emma Lawton, Laura Gidman, Louise Guest, Eloise Bowen, Shanttel Green, Chelsey Thorley-Williams.

Under 14 Girls Team

Jenny Read, Kim Jones, Harriet Rushton, Belinda Swinnerton, Amy Fullwood, Becky Ridgeon, Abi Taylor, Chicolle Dean, Kerri Welsh, Aimee Brown, Chloe Wilson, Carmen Pass, Sam Welsh.

Although this year due to work experience Clayton did not enter a full Under 16 team, 4 girls represented Clayton competing in a number of events. With the standard high this

Under 16 Team

Hayley Bloor, Natalie Deakin, Kirsty Edwards, Jorden Gerring.

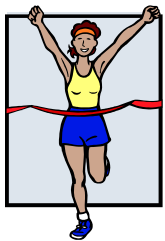
This terrific set of results meant that with so many Clayton athletes achieving 1st, 2nd and 3rd places the following people were selected to represent Newcastle at the county competition:-

Under 15 Team

1500m: Chicolle Dean
Javelin: Kerri Welsh

Under 13 Team

100m and 800m: Jess Davies
200m and Long Jump: Rachel Beeston
Shot Put: Laura Gidman
Discus: Chelsey Thorley Williams
Javelin: Shanttel Green
Under 13 Girls'
100m: Beth Steventon
800m and 75 metre
Hurdles: Rachel Breeze
High Jump: Emily Chesterman
Shot Put: Lucy Baker



Netball

Congratulations to the following people who have been selected for the North Staffordshire Satellite School. The girls were among those selected from 120 netballers and will now take part in specialist training designed to spot future National Netballers. Well done!

Hannah Kong Emma Lawton
Rachel Beeston Aimee Brown
Chelsey Thorley Williams



Rounders

This year has been particularly successful for Clayton's Under 15

Rounders Team, who reached the semi final stages of the Newcastle District Competition. In the group stages the team convincingly beat Newcastle Community High School but unfortunately lost by half a rounder to Newcastle High School B. This meant that to stay in the competition Clayton had to beat Saint John fisher. This was the closest of all matches with the outcome being decided on the final bat of the game. Clayton fielders managed to get the last batsman out and therefore win, despite a draw in the scoring. Unfortunately Clayton seemed to have peaked too soon as they then lost to Newcastle High A in the Semi final.



Under 15 Rounders Team

Jorden Gerring, Kirsty Edwards, Hannah Kong, Jessica Hickman, Kerri Welsh (captain), Sam Welsh, Aimee Brown, Amy Fullwood, Sophie Reardon, Jenny Godwin, Liz Baker.

U12 Rounders Tournament

The year 7 rounders team put in a

performance to be proud off at the recent Newcastle scores tournament. Despite the lack of experience and the fact that the team had never played together, Clayton, captained by Beth Stevenson, managed to achieve a semi-final place. Throughout the qualifying stages Clayton fielded with commitment, in particular Hollie Gallagher excelled in third deep making a number of difficult catches. Based on this performance Hollie was clearly the Clayton player of the tournament. Unfortunately for Clayton they came up against a Sir Thomas Boughey side who out performed them in the batting. Better luck next year girls!

U12 Rounders Team

Beth Stevenson, Lucy Corcoran, Miriam Wardle, Vicky Bates, Lucy Baker, Evie Carroll, Ella Clarke, Rachel Breeze, Emily Chesterman, Gemma Pile, Hollie Gallagher.



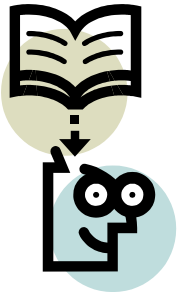
Our Report on Sports Day Reported by 9L & 9M

The atmosphere was great! All teams engaged in giant conversation, people laughing and smiling everywhere you look. As the tension grew, the crowd started to cheer. 9L were acting slightly bizarre, running up and down like headless chickens! Miss McGregor had them warming up to make sure they didn't lose! 9M were relatively calm considering there's a lot to contend with, they were relaxing and chatting. James, Jordan and Tom were acting very professional whilst stretching started to speak, the crowd became silent and the 800m race was about to start! The competitors took to the start line. Mr Heuston strolled to the start line with the flare gun, ready to start the race. He looked very proud and intimidating holding this gun. As all the year 7's took to the track, they all looked liked babies compared to the year 8's and 9's. They ran their little hearts out! Next were the year 7 boys. Can they keep up with the girls? Claire's little brother was doing very well, he came 7th in all. Can they keep up? Yes they can! Now for the best in the whole school, year 9. Can they be the best? Of course they can! 9L were great. Aimee came 1st, WHOOOOO! Beth came 5th, WHOOOOO! 9M were the funniest. Kim and Danii started off very well, but in the end Dr Mitchell ran with Danii to complete the last lap. Now for the boys. Well done Jason who came 4th he did very well and 9M's Liam and Steven who sadly came last but had lots of fun! The 400m race was even between 9L and 9M. The race began with a sprint. 9L came 2nd and 9M came 3rd. Well done 9L and 9M. Jack was spiralling up the runway out of control and came 3rd, fantastic! 9M are definitely on their way to victory, just you wait and see! Overall it was a brilliant day and everyone enjoyed it!



Connexions

Connexions Personal Advisers are in school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. In addition to conducting individual guidance interviews and group sessions with pupils, the Connexions Personal Advisers offer a lunchtime drop-in facility on the days they are in school, for any pupil who might need help or support on these particular days. The Personal Advisers can also be contacted at Newcastle Connexions Centre on 01782 297383 or by email: Denisesillitto@cxstaffs.co.uk or clairann.wootton@cxstaffs.co.uk Connexions Personal Advisers attend all Parents Evenings and are happy to talk to parents and pupils at these events or at a later date by arrangement. Any ideas on how we could improve the service we offer to pupils in or out of school would be gratefully received. Please contact Denise Sillitto at school or as given above.



Denise Sillitto

School Absence Line: 01782 297566

Just a reminder to all parents that the above number is the one you should be ringing if your child is ill or going to be late in, due to an appointment. It is a dedicated line and is available for you to ring 24 hours a day. You will hear a short message asking you to leave details of your child's absence. The message is then passed on to your child's form tutor.

Thank you. Mrs Osborn

School Travel Plan

As part of the School Travel Plan the following targets have been proposed for 2006:

- *An increase in those walking or park & stride to/from school to 75%*
- *An increase in those cycling to/from school to 11%*
- *A reduction in single pupil passenger car use to 6%*



LIBRARY NEWS!

Once again the library has been running many activities over the summer term.

The Young Teen Fiction Award and the Carnegie shadowing have proved very popular with all year groups. The winners of these book awards are Checkmate by Malorie Blackman and Tamar by Mal Peet respectively.

Warhammer club has established itself on a Tuesday night after school, with approximately 15 members regularly turning up to compete in battles against each other.

The 9th June saw the beginning of the world cup, and the football and flag displays in the library. Thank you to all the pupils who coloured in the world cup flags for me and for those of you who have been kept the world cup chart up to date!

Also a big thank you to those parents that have been ordering books from the monthly scholastic leaflet. Commission from this has earned us over £700 in free books for the library this year. The next leaflet will be out in September and the library will receive 50% in commission from these first orders.

Nestle box tops also raised £81 this year which is a marked improvement on last year. The collection will start again in September so remember to cut them off Nestle cereal boxes! Don't forget one merit for every one handed in.

Summer Reads

(for those lazy summer days!)

For The Girls!

Ella Mental

Life, love and more sense guide

Amber Deckers
Century

Sarah Singleton
Valley of Thorns

Patrick Carman
Ivy

Julie Hearn
Second Summer of the Sisterhood

Ann Brashares
Startled by his Furry Shorts!



Louise Rennison
Sunita's Secret
Narinder Dharmi

For the Boys!

Montmorency and the Assassins
Eleanor Updale
Beast
Ally Kennen
The Dwellings Debacle
David Lee Stone
Slawter
Darren Shan
Cherub: Divine Madness
Robert Muchamore
Evil Star
Anthony Horowitz
Storm Thief
Chris Wooding
Boy soldier
Andy McNab
Soul-eater (Chronicles of Ancient
Darkness)
Michelle Paver

Mrs Corbett Librarian

YTF Award Trip

On Tuesday 5th of July, 10 readers, Mrs Corbett and Mr Bratt all set out for Stafford County Showground armed with placards encouraging people to vote for Checkmate.

YTF stands for Young Teen Fiction. It is a local award and is only open to books published in 2005 and written in English.

The nominees were;

Checkmate by Malorie Blackman
The Opal Deception by Eoin Colfer
Silverfin by Charlie Higson
Ravens Gate by Anthony Horowitz
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire by J.K Rowling
Love Lessons by Jacqueline Wilson.

We all read the nominated books and then set about to decide who to vote for. Many people liked Checkmate, so as a group we decided to support it and do our presentation on it, but a few people preferred other books.

We piled into Mrs Corbett's and Mr Bratt's cars and arrived at the showground at 9.15am. After refreshments we listened to Bali Rai, an author. Unfortunately Sue Limb was unable to do her talk as she was ill. Bali Rai told us about his books and his librarian from his old school, describing her as a senile old bat that dribbled! (Nothing like Mrs Corbett!)

We did our presentation on Checkmate. It was exciting and nerve racking. We were glad when it was over. The other performances by other schools were also very good and one boy forgot he had his mike on when he said that the girl who was speaking had 'screwed up'. He soon realised his mistake and clapped a hand over his mouth. After lunch we joined discussion groups with pupils from different schools and voted for our favourites. We then went back into the main room where the winner was announced, we all started to make a drum roll. The winner was.....CHECKMATE!
We piled back in the cars and began the journey back to school. When we got to junction 15 of the M6 motorway Mr Bratt began to slow down. Mrs. Corbett arrived back at school wondering where Mr Bratt was. Mr Bratt's clutch had broken so we rolled down a hill and pulled up at the bottom of the hill back to school. So Sebastian, James, Josh, Tim, Sarah and myself, started to walk back up while the others relaxed at school wondering where we were. We did get back and had a small reunion on the back drive. Altogether this was a brilliant day out that everybody enjoyed.

By Katie Hill, 7J



Maths Department

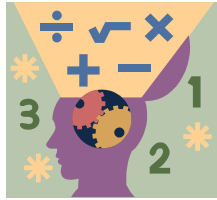
As part of the mathematics Gifted and Talented programme the following events have taken place.

UK Mathematical Challenges

Once again both Keystage 3 and Keystage 4 Mathematics set 1's took part in the UK mathematical challenges. Year 9, 10 and 11 took the Intermediate Challenge in February with Benjamin Youd gaining the 'Best in School' and a gold certificate, Joseph Moyden, Hary Gopalan and Marc Bowers also gained Gold certificates, with 6 silvers and 13 Bronze also having been achieved. Ben Youd and Hary Gopalan also gained entry to the Pink Kangaroo and Marc Bowers gained entry to the Grey Kangaroo. Year 7 and 8



took part in the Junior Challenge in April with Thomas Clarke gaining the 'Best in School' and a gold certificate. Jonathan Jones, Christopher Lewis, Adam Henderson, Rachel Beeston and Alexander Liebeck also gained gold certificates, with 16 Silvers and 25 Bronze also having been achieved. Well done to all those who took part.



UK Team Challenge

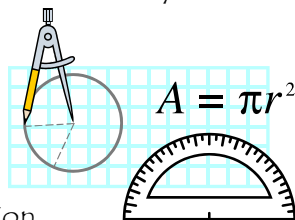
For the first time this year the mathematical department also took part in the UK mathematical team challenge. Year 8 and Year 9 top sets formed teams of four, two Year 8 and two Year 9, and battled against each other's team in three rounds. The winning team, Ross Millar year 9, Jade Hall Year 9, David Hibbits Year 8 and Jonathan Jones Year 8, went through to the regional final at Manchester University but unfortunately did not succeed in reaching the national final. Well done for representing the school with an excellent team effort.



Year 10 – Keele Masterclass

The following pupils were selected to take part in a masterclass at Keele University.

- Catherine Trinder
- Dennis Cooper
- Hary Gopalan
- Matthew Klemperer
- Lauren Hall



They started with a session designed to get the pupils thinking about maths facts they take for granted. The pupils worked together to come up with proofs for these simple facts. After lunch the pupils were introduced to some work from a further mathematics topic – Game Theory. This drew examples from gun fighting in "The Good, The Bad and the Ugly", playing rock, paper, scissors and which formation Sven was best off

playing!! The pupils really enjoyed the day and were given a taster of what to expect mathematically if they chose to take the subject further. A worthwhile day all round!

Feeder School – More able Classes

Year 6 pupils came to Clayton for four sessions this term to participate in "extra" mathematics sessions. We made three dimensional shapes (Stillated dodecahedron using construction methods), used clinometers and trundle wheels /tapes to calculate the length of trees and buildings and had loads of fun and biscuits. A fantastic time was had by all, including the staff!!

Maths Department

Year 6 Intake Day

As part of Intake Day Year 6 pupils competed against each other to gain the dice manufacturing contract for their World Cup country.

The overall winners were the team representing Argentina.



Clayton Hall's new Head Boy and Head Girl (Harry Bradford and Laura Collis) help a Year 6 enterprise.

Cycle Training

In our last Newsletter we advertised a cycle training course for students. We had several students who took the opportunity to take part in the course, which consisted of 5 training sessions each lasting 2 hours. The following students have been awarded with National Cycle Award Scheme, National Standard Levels 1 & 2 Theory and Practical Sessions:

Matthew Galletley	7T	
Sebastien Van der Linden	7J	
Joshua Stokoe	7J	
Oliver Ford	7J	
Alex Liebeck	7J	
Jack Spencer	7T	
Ben Cotton	7T	
Ahmed Kandeel	8K	Alex Simmons 8R
Mark Beardmore	8W	Adam Jones 8W



Performing Arts

What's been going on?



The last couple of Terms have been two of the busiest, challenging and yet most successful that we have seen....

First of all, March brought to us our bi-annual Whole School Musical Show involving over 120 students (across all year groups) in the West End hit "Fame".

Like all our whole school shows, this was an important event involving our present Y11

BTEC 1st Diploma students in their Final Major Production Project Examination (this examination being the equivalent of the final summer examinations that students have taken in their other subject areas). From performance work in all 3 disciplines of the Performing Arts to technical work in Crewing/ Stage Management and Sound Design/Rigging to the Marketing of the whole event – these were the areas that our students demonstrated to an extremely high standard....so high, that their examination results for

this work (internally and externally verified) resulted in 79% Distinctions (A*/A) and the remainder achieving Merits (B's).

Congratulations to all involved who helped to make this event such a success and well done to the students on a superb set of examination results – we are very proud of you all!

On the topic of successes, a number of our Y11 Performing Arts students this year were brave enough to be involved in the arduous and nerve-racking challenge of auditioning for Stage and Dance Schools, up and down the country. Auditions have been attended nationwide from Liverpool/ Manchester /London and Hertfordshire.

Auditions are taxing not only physically but also mentally, involving nerves of steel with sheer determination to succeed - even when faced with rejection!

"At the beginning of February, I auditioned for a dance college called The Central School of Ballet. To gain a place you had to pass 2 auditions on separate dates. There were over 200 students in the 1st audition, which they narrowed down to 92 (I being one of the 92 students chosen!) Out of the 92 who successfully went through to the 2nd audition, they were hoping to find 17 UK students. I found out in the Easter holiday that I was one of those 17 and I couldn't believe my eyes! I was so pleased as I did not expect to gain a place having seen the high standard from the students already there. It's a dream come true. I will be attending this college (starting in September) for 3 years and will graduate with a degree in dance. Also, in the 3rd year I get to go on tour with the college's own touring company. I can't wait to start! It's going to be hard work and challenging but I intend on having a great time and eventually making a career out of dance.

Article written by Kirsty Lovatt – who received many offers but finally accepted a place at The Central School of Ballet in London;

"At the beginning of February, we found out that we had an audition at Phil Winston's Theatreworks in Blackpool. It's a commercial dance and theatre college and we found out we were auditioning together on the 3rd March. We were very nervous. On the morning of the audition we set off at half past eight to be there for eleven o'clock for registration. We had a tour around the college and saw all the 3rd year students...that is when it hit us how hard we were going to have to work to get in, but we would do everything it took and try our hardest to fulfil our dreams of moving a step closer to being professional commercial dancers. We had a jazz warm-up class, a commercial choreography class, a tap class and a ballet class. Then we had to do singing solos and dance solos, both in front of 5 judges.



"We had a jazz warm-up class... in front of 5 judges."

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Finally...vote of thanks...

We then had our final interviews with Phil Winston and then our audition was over! We could hardly walk out of the building because we were aching (a lot!) and very tired. All we had to do was wait for the results!

This Week

- ◆ Talent Show (Wednesday 12th July);
- ◆ Y10 Performing Arts Practical Examinations (Thursday 13th & Friday 14th July)
- ◆ Summer Performing Arts Festival: "Filmatic '06" (July 12th - 14th)

A week later, we both had our letters back and.....we both got accepted! We are both really excited and can't wait to start in September. We are now even more determined and thrilled that out of hundreds of applicants we were 2 of the 20 in total accepted ☺

Article written by Katie Williams & Hollie White – who both secured a place at Phil Winston's Theatre Works in Blackpool.

Congratulations go to the afore mentioned students (and also to Danielle Barber who secured a place in Liverpool). We really hope

that the future holds success and happiness for all of you and don't forget to invite us to your shows!

We would also like to offer our heart felt congratulations to Ben Steele of 9B. He has successfully auditioned for a Jazz course at the Birmingham Conservatoire. The tutors believe Ben to show real promise as a Jazz Guitarist and it is really pleasing to see him progress from his already outstanding grade 8 standard. Well done Ben!

Meanwhile, last January saw the Departments first trip abroad to Euro Disney/ Paris. As well as it being huge fun for all involved (Mr Jones and Mr Anderson particularly enjoyed Space Mountain!) there was great benefit, educationally, also (honest!). Over the 2/3 days that we were there, students attended seminars on how the Performing Arts areas of dance/ drama/ music fit into a commercial theme park. The research and information that they gained from these seminars was then used directly in one of their major examination units on *The Performing Arts Industry*. As a consequence of first hand experience and information the coursework that materialised from this was of a very high standard and should put them in good stead for their overall subject results in Y11.

So...what's been going on since then?

In May we then held auditions for our annual Talent Contest, which will be opening up our Summer Performing Arts Festival due to take place in July. As in previous years, the standard of presentations was extremely high which made the audition panels job extremely difficult when choosing the final numbers for presentation to a public audience. Nevertheless, decisions were made and in the end we have a stunning line up of pieces ranging from Karate demonstrations to full singing and dancing show numbers. Hopefully, as well as entertaining the audience they will also impress them enough to help them cast their votes, as it is the audience who will have the final say on the eventual prizes to be won. Good Luck to everyone!

In the meantime, the department has been busy getting ready for its next annual event: The Summer PA Festival – which allows us a chance to showcase performance work in all three disciplines from students throughout the school. As previous Festivals, this is going to incorporate examination work, this time with our second cohort of BTEC 1st Diploma students who have been busy learning and perfecting performance pieces in Contemporary Dance/ Acting and Music. The whole Festival (including the opening Talent Contest night) takes place over 3 nights (12th -14th July) and is, this year, incorporating the theme of *films*. All groups performing (from Y7 to Y10) have had to use the theme in one way or another. Running alongside the performance side of the event, our Y9 "Biz Enterprise" group (set up this academic year in September) have been busy, once again, creating marketing art work/ running the box office and arranging front of house management to ensure that 'the other side' of the whole event runs smoothly. I am certain that anyone who has purchased a ticket will enjoy the show (no matter which night you are attending) and we look forward to welcoming you.

So what extra-curricular opportunities are on offer?

Although we regularly have over 100 students involved in our extra-curricular programme every week, we often get asked by parents what is on offer and when the various clubs take place. To help with any planning for the next academic year (and just in case there are any budding

performers out there that we have yet to discover) here is what will be on offer as from September 2006:

Whole School Vocal Group (called Phenomenon); they meet once a week at lunchtimes *

Senior Male Vocal Group (called Pondlife); they meet once a week at lunchtimes *

Junior Male Vocal Group (called Tadpoles); they meet once a week at lunchtimes *

Instrumental Group (called Fusion - a group made up of both traditional and modern instruments); they meet once a week at lunchtimes *

Rusty Spoons Brass Band Group (who are run by Mr Quentin Duerdin - our visiting Brass Teacher from the County); they meet once a week at lunchtimes *

Music Theory Lessons which take place once a week at lunchtimes, aimed at those students who are studying for external theory exams (such as The Associated Board Exams) *

Lower School Drama Group (for Y7 and 8) who will meet once a week at lunchtimes *

External Theatre Group (called RAPA) who meet up on Thursday evenings from 7 - 9p.m.

Junior Street Dance Team (for Y7 - Y9) who meet up every Friday from 3.30 - 5.30p.m.

Senior Street Dance Team (for Y10/ Y11) who will meet up every Tuesday from 3.30 - 4.30p.m.

Y9 "The Biz" Enterprise Group (who are responsible for the graphic design/ marketing/ box office and front of house management for the PA Festivals); these meet up twice a week at lunchtimes.

Y9 Drama Group (who will, this next academic year, be working towards a public performance to be shown at a local theatre as part of *The Shakespeare 4 Schools Festival*).

* exact lunchtimes for these clubs are to be determined in the first week of September.

As can be seen, there is plenty on offer for all interests and abilities. If you are interested or would like further information don't hesitate to ask!

So finally: thank you to all of you who have supported the department in one way or another this academic year, particularly to the parents of our performance teams and our audience members. After all, for a show of any kind to be successful we need good audience members and parents with lots of patience and stamina and for this we whole heartedly thank you. Until the next academic year...

Miss A Willcox

Head of Performing Arts



Our Trip to Norway

June 19th to June 26th

A group of seven Year 10 pupils were given the opportunity to visit Norway to take part in outdoor pursuits and team building activities. The visit was co-ordinated by World Challenge Expeditions.

The group left Clayton on Monday 19th June and travelled to Newcastle upon Tyne Royal Quays ferry terminal by minibus. Once on board the team relaxed and stayed in cabins overnight, for the 18 hour crossing.

On arrival in Kristiansand the team were transferred to Troll Aktiv campsite. The group were allocated Tepees to sleep in for the first two nights and these were quite fun to have as accommodation although a little

uncomfortable to sleep in. The first two days' activities consisted of canoe trips. The first day the group canoed on Bygord Lake and the second day we were accompanied by a guide on an expedition down the river. The views were breathtaking and we were fortunate to spot two osprey nests. The third night found us sleeping in luxurious log cabins. Norwegian sunshine greeted us on the fourth day and this day was to prove our most challenging. Ahead of us lay a six-hour trek up a mountain side and into the wilderness for our night of wild camping. The guide told us to keep a look out for elk but all system. The camping was a great experience and all the party would have enjoyed the experience more but for the arrival of what was to be nicknamed "the



Norwegian midgets" (midges, to the uninitiated). After a night and one morning on the mountainside we descended and made our way back to camp, all very tired and itchy.

climbing wall as our afternoon meal was being prepared by the centre staff. We were treated to a lovely BBQ and Matt provided the entertainment by consuming 7 hotdogs, 1 burger and 2 giant bowls of ice cream. The final morning we spent white-water rafting for 3 hours. This proved to be an amazing experience and a thoroughly enjoyable way of bringing our visit to a close. After lunch we were transported back to the ferry terminal to begin our long journey home.

Special thanks to Mrs Gater from HSBC on securing the funding for the trip and also to Mr. Phillips for all his hard work prior to the trip.



The Norwegian Crew.

A Fond Farewell

After 18 years at Clayton as Head of Religious Education and, for the last two years, as a member of the Senior Management Team, I shall be taking up, from September, a post as Deputy Head in another Staffordshire school. Although naturally sorry to be leaving, I am excited at the prospect of the new challenge and look forward to supporting students in my new school in aiming high and achieving their best as I have done here at Clayton. The RE Department at Clayton has been recognised nationally and in the county for the quality of its work, and I happily leave the subject in the capable hands of a super team of teachers who will be joined by the new Head of Department, Ms V. Hall, in September. I know that the new Head of Department is looking forward to joining the school; I am sure that she will thoroughly enjoy working

with the wonderful team of teaching staff with whom I have had the pleasure to work for the past 18 years.

A few "thank yous" must be said. Firstly, thank you to you, the parents, who have worked in partnership with me in my various roles; to the Governors who give up their time freely to support the school and its plans; to the support staff without whom my job would be a great deal harder; to Mr Heuston and the leadership team who manage the progress and day-to-day running of the school; to my departmental staff who work so hard for the benefit of our students and, last but by no means least, to the students themselves who never cease to amaze me! I hope that I haven't forgotten anyone, but I'd better stop before it begins to sound too much like the Oscars!!



What will I miss most about Clayton? Certainly the teaching and fun of watching my classroom planning come to fruition (often very creatively!!) in very practical ways; the excitement of seeing students learn when they are inspired and suddenly "get the point"; being greeted with lively "hellos" around the school, particularly by my Year 11 Boys on Monday mornings who just want to *remind* me of how badly Sunderland played that weekend (thank you boys!); impromptu conversations shared with students who call in to my classroom to see me at break or lunch but, most of all, seeing our students grow towards adulthood as young people who want to achieve their goals, try their best and grow into thoughtful, respectful, caring and capable human beings with a sense of justice. If I've contributed to that outcome in the tiniest way, I've achieved *my* goal!



I will think of you all in September as we all begin a new school year – remember, aim high, work hard and be the best human being you can be!

My best wishes to you all in your future.

Ms S.Veater.
Head of Religious Education.

July 2006.



Schools Fantasy Football League

The results of the Schools Fantasy Football League 2005/2006 are as follows:

George Tattersall Year 9 with his team George's Gladiators was the overall winner and of Year 9.

Alex Liebeck, Alex's All Stars, winner of Year 7.

Ben Dutton, Dutton's Demolishers, winner of Year 8.

Andy Powell, Chunk's Champs, winner of Year 10.

Dom Steventon, Dom's Dominators, winner of Year 11.

Mr Morray, Monty's Revenge was the Staff winner.

Andy Smith Year 9, Andy's Alligators was the winner of the FA Cup. Congratulations to all the winners and don't forget to sign up for next season.

Mr Heuston would like to mention the following students who have received a praise letter since our last Newsletter.

Lucy	Steventon	7A
Felicity	Thursfield	7A
Alice	White	7A
Haroon	Ali	7A
Jodie	Rayner	7H
Jade	Rose	7H
Amber-Leigh	Whitehouse	7H
Cheneise	Williamson	7H
James	Buckley	7H
Jordan	Clarke	7H
Logan	Gater	7H
Joshua	Jenkins	7H
Joshua	Probert	7H
Megan	Norman	7J
Hayleigh	Radford	7J
Kate	Stirling	7J
Tobias	Bell	7J
Joshua	Boden	7J
Aaron	Cotton	7J
Michael	Hamer	7J
Andrew	Moon	7J
Harry	Jukes	7M
Hannah	Terry	7P
Bryn	Asher	7P
James	Tittensor	7P
Brandon	Wilks	7P
Lauren	Ainsworth	7T

Sarah	Bradford	7T
Hannah	Doyle	7T
Hannah	Grocott	7T
Rosie	Hammond	7T
Chelsea	Turner	7T
Besir	Arun	7T
Matthew	Tharme	7T
Harriet	Barlow	7W
Victoria	Bates	7W
Shannon	Howells	7W
Nikita	Stribling	7W
Neethu	Varghese	7W
Benjamin	Arthur	7W
William	Jones	7W
James	Lindop	7W
Amanda	Boult	8A
Eva	Clarke	8A
Abigail	Davenport	8A
Jessica	Davies	8A
Emma	Lawton	8A
Gemma	Leech	8A
Laura	Webb	8A
Eloise	Bowen	8C
Kathleen	Brookes	8C
Anna	Burton	8C
Kirsty	Clewlow	8C
Holly	Davies	8C
Laura	Gidman	8C
Harriet	Paynter	8C
Tanya	Pickering	8C
Jasmin	Sherratt	8C
Emily	Wilson	8C
Robert	Norman	8C
William	Sutton	8C
Laura	Day	8D
Savannah	Deakin	8D
Louise	Guest	8D
Rebekah	Machin-Simmons	8D
Lily	Martin	8D
Laura	Rollings	8D
Samantha	Rowlinson	8D
Samuel	Davies	8D
Sam	Ellison	8D
Eric	Wilshaw	8D
Jessica	Adams	8K
Anisa	Ahmad	8K
Lucy	Boult	8K
Emily	Christmas	8K
Rachel	Downes	8K
Nikita	Goel	8K
Stephanie	Lockett	8K

Hazel	Morgan	8K
Elysha	Nixon	8K
Tara	Quigley	8K
Sarah	Ridgeon	8K
Chelsey	Thorley-Williams	8K
Harry	Heath	8K
Ahmed	Kandeel	8K
Nicholas	Topping	8K
Ryan	Turnock	8K
Amy	Arnold	8P
Amy	Arnold	8P
Jennifer	Banks	8P
Robyn	Fullwood	8P
Kirsty	Lawton	8P
Curtis	Nelson	8P
Joanne	Davies	8R
Shanttel	Green	8R
Alexander	Simmons	8R
Hannah	Bennett	8W
Rebecca	Leverton	8W
Olivia	Rice	8W
Emily	Whewall	8W
Gregory	Bailey	8W
Jack	Brown	8W
Adam	Jones	8W
Harrison	Palmer	8W
Laura	Axon	9B
Jade	Fenton	9B
Alicia	Lawton	9B
Laura	Mountford	9B
Jennifer	Read	9B
Laura	Reece	9B
Emily	Shaw	9B
Lee	Foyle	9B
Jacob	Goodman	9B
James	Holland	9B
Ross	Millar	9B
Benjamin	Steele	9B
Harriet	Burgess-Barker	9D
Angharad	Caisley	9D
Stephanie	Dix	9D
Amy	Fowler	9D
Katie	Shufflebotham	9D
Chloe	Wilson	9D
Benjamin	Allingham	9D
Tobias	Baker-Harris	9D
Benjamin	Massey	9D
Timothy	Youd	9D
Elizabeth	Baker	9L
Nicola	Beech	9L
Aimee	Brown	9L

Samantha	Cornes	9L
Sophie	Hayes	9L
Rebecca	Kelly	9L
Jade	Thomas	9L
Callum	Banks	9L
Christopher	Claughton	9L
Matthew	Dooler	9L
Richard	Sale	9L
Jason	Whitehurst	9L
Lauren	Amor	9M
Katie	Astley	9M
Deana	Evans	9M
Danielle	Hancock	9M
Sarah	Harper	9M
Bethany	Lees	9M
Claire	Moon	9M
Rebecca	Ridgeon	9M
Harriet	Rushton	9M
Belinda	Swinerton	9M
Emma	Taylor	9M
Laura	Vyse	9M
Steven	Allam	9M
James	Baker	9M
Marc	Bowers	9M
Lewis	Brassington	9M
Joseph	Holliday	9M
Spencer	Nixon	9M
Jack	Roberts	9M
Kirsty	Allen	9R
Kerry	Jervis	9R
Rebecca	Peacock	9R
Hayley	Wilton	9R
Thomas	Woodcock	9R
Aaron	Sargeant	9V
Natalie	Deakin	10B
Kirsty	Edwards	10B
Lauren	Hall	10B
Arnab	Ghosal	10B
Ashley	Wain	10B
Ashley	Wain	10B
Joseph	Edwards	10H
Daniel	Davies	10L
Michael	Fradley	10L
Kieran	Wilcox	10L
Sofia	Bailey	10M
Charlotte	Ptak	10M
Laura	Collis	10V
Jennifer	Godwin	10V
Irmela	Sawade	10V
Jake	Huckfield	10V
Christopher	Jenkins	10V

Danny	Davies	10W
Francesco	Pisciotta	10W
Ashley	Timmis	10W
Bradley	White	10W
Sarah	Scott	11B
Joseph	Brewer	11B
Jethro	Coldwell	11B
Chloe	Steadman	11C
William	Lloyd	11C
Jenna	Lee	11D
Laurence	Bailey	11D
Joseph	Bard	11D
Kendal	Holland	11E
Paul	Beech	11E
Kelley	Brookes	11M
Sarah	Paling	11M
Adam	Smith	11M
Michael	Williams	11M
Sarah	Fullwood	11N
Debbie	Moores	11N
Colin	Walmsley	11N
Abigail	Johnson	11T
Alicia	Simmons	11T

<i>TUESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2006</i>		
	8.45	Year 7 MEET ON TENNIS COURTS
Periods 1 & 2	9.00 – 10.25	Year 7 ONLY IN SCHOOL With Form Tutors
BREAK	10.25 – 10.45	
Periods 3 & 4	10.45 – 11.55	Year 7 ONLY IN SCHOOL With Form Tutors
BREAK	11.35 – 11.55	Years 8-11 to arrive at school (& stay on Tennis Courts / top playground)
	11.55	ALL STUDENTS IN SCHOOL Registration
Period 5	12.00 – 12.25	Y7, 8 & 9 - Assembly Y10 & 11 - Tutor period
Period 6	12.30 – 12.50	Y10 & 11 – Assembly Y7, 8 & 9 – Tutor period
LUNCH	1.05 – 1.50	
ERIC & Periods 7 & 8	1.50 – 3.15	Normal lessons

The current term ends at 12.25pm on Friday 21st July and the new term starts on Tuesday 5th September, details as follows:

<i>FRIDAY 21ST JULY 2006</i>		
Registration	8.45 – 9.00	
Period 1	9.00 – 9.30	Normal lessons
Period 2	9.30 – 10.00	Normal lessons
Period 3	10.00 – 10.30	Normal lessons
Period 4	10.30 – 11.00	Normal lessons
BREAK	11.00 – 11.20	
Period 5	11.20 – 11.50	Assembly for Yrs 7 & 8 Tutor period for Yrs 9 & 10
Period 6	11.50 – 12.20	Assembly for Yrs 9 & 10 Tutor period for Yrs 7 & 8
	12.25	Lunches available/Dismiss

Times for the School Day from September 2006	
Registration	8.45 - 8.50
Tutor Time/Assembly	8.50 - 9.15
Period 1	9.15 - 9.50
Period 2	9.50 - 10.25
BREAK	10.25 - 10.45
Period 3	10.45 - 11.20
Period 4	11.20 - 11.55
Period 5	11.55 - 12.30
Period 6	12.30 - 1.05
LUNCH	1.05 – 1.50
Registration & ERIC	1.50 - 2.05
Period 7	2.05 – 2.40
Period 8	2.40 - 3.15