



Learning to give...



...not on the National Curriculum but a vital part of education here at Wrekin. There is always a marvellous response to our fund raising activities. The special school appeal to bring in cash for an urgent collection for Haiti raised over £1000 and was supplemented by a 'stealth tax' on the Lancaster girls who were allowed to wear make up for one day in return for lots of money.

Lent Lunches were more popular than ever this year with over two thirds of pupils opting to give up their delicious school lunch every Tuesday in exchange for a mug of soup and a roll. The money school saves by not providing a full school lunch is added to the Charity Day tally.

Clarkson House chose 'Wish upon a Star' as their House charity this year. A very professional fashion show, organised by Cathy Legrand and Amelle Cross, raised over £1000 for the charity which specialises in making dreams come true for children with life threatening illnesses. With cakes and pranks galore, Wrekin College pupils raised over £5000 for charity in the Lent Term.

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THE RAF

For the RAF Section of the Wrekin College CCF, Tuesday 23rd February 2010, may go down in history as our finest hour. On a day when we were able to get nearly all of our cadets flying there was a moment, around midday, when we simultaneously had cadets in the air in three different aircraft types. In addition to 18 cadets flying in the RAF's elementary trainer, the Grob Tutor, at RAF Cosford we also had a splinter group on a twenty-four hour trip to RAF Valley, Anglesey, where four flew in a Search and Rescue Sea King HR3A and one, Cadet Corporal Rob McGavin, had the rare treat of a flight in a Hawk T1 jet trainer, the same type used by the Red Arrows. This very special flight was arranged by Flight Lieutenant Fred Wiggleworth, once of Windsor and Bayley Houses.

THE TRIP TO RAF VALLEY

Forthcoming Events

If you would like to attend the following events please contact the Marketing Office
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Art Exhibitions

Thursday 6th May, 6pm: GCSE Art Exhibition, The Studio.

Friday 14th May, 6pm: AS/A2 Art Exhibition, Art School and Centenary Theatre.

Wednesday 16th June to Friday 18th June, 9am to 6pm daily: Emerging Talent Art Exhibition, Open Art Competition for Shropshire Prep and Primary Schools, The Studio.

Music School

Friday 7th May, 7.30pm: Bandtastic, Wrekin College Concert Band, with Birchfield School and Newport Town Brass Band, Memorial Hall.

Sunday 16th May, 7.30pm: Jazz Concert, Centenary Theatre.

Thursday 1st July, 7.30pm: Summer Serenade, Centenary Theatre.

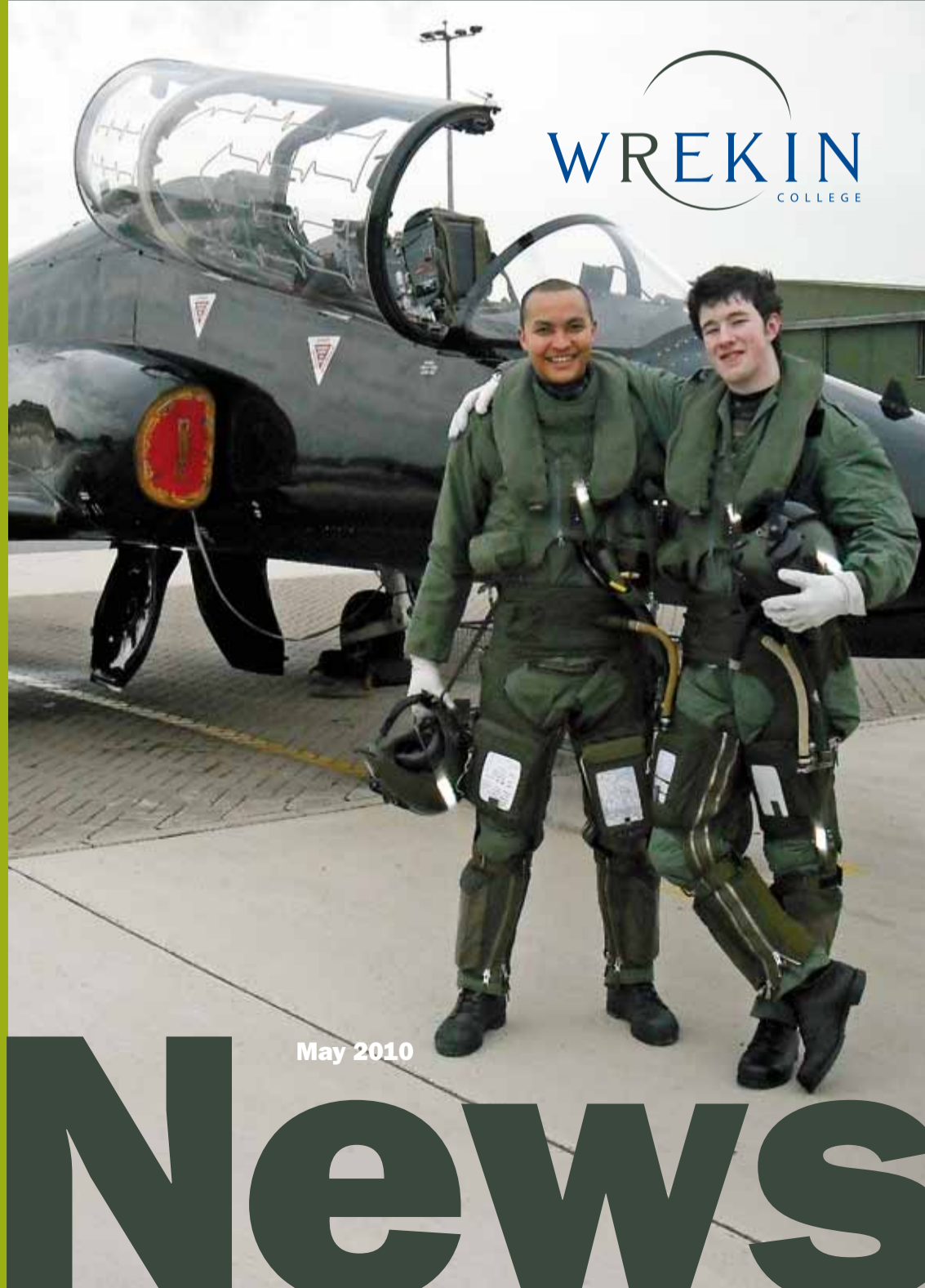
Open Events 2010

Tuesday 21st September, 5.30pm to 8pm: Open Evening.

Wednesday 22nd September, 9.00am to 12.30pm: Open Morning for 11+ Entry 2011.

Cricket

Thursday 8th July, 11 am: Resource Bank Cricket Challenge Shropshire CCC v Celebrity Invitation XI.



May 2010

News

Philippa striding forward in Biathlon

This talented young athlete improved her personal best times to be placed 6th in her age group at the National Schools' Biathlon Championships at Crystal Palace last month. Philippa Brown trains with Wrekin College Swimming Club and her land training is devised by Jim Mostyn, Head of Games. She has followed closely in the footsteps of Ryan Ordidge, now Upper Sixth, who was also 6th at a similar age. Ryan has since represented Great Britain in Biathle (run-swim-run).



The first A level A* Grades!

A new A* grade in A level is to be introduced for the first time in the summer exams in August 2010, but three outstanding Wrekin College students have already been awarded an A* Grade, six months early, having completed their A level Mathematics in record time. Kayol Lam, James Drew and Tim Chan took the final parts of A level Maths in January, and have each fulfilled the very rigorous criteria for this tip top grade, which requires a very strong overall performance throughout the two year course as well as securing over 90% in the final modules.

Well done to these star students.

Wrekin swimming success

The newly formed Wrekin College Swimming Club raised the bar at the Shropshire County Swimming Championships at Market Drayton. The Club is now officially the top swimming club in the county after walking away with the coveted title at the Shropshire age group championships. Out of the 25 Wrekin College swimmers who competed, 15 achieved 100 Midland-qualifying times between them and six swimmers broke 13 county records. The final medal tally was 40 Gold, 43 Silver and 29 Bronze medals. Alex Harris was placed top in the 12-year-old girl section and won eight gold and two silver medals. Coaches David Clarke and Rachel Reilly were delighted with their performance; a rightly deserved reward for the long hours the swimmers spend training every week in the school pool.



West Midlands Fencing Championships

Vicky Nicholls won the West Midlands U18 Girls (Sabre). A fantastic achievement. Alex Davies, in her quest for stardom in the modern pentathlon, won the Silver Medal in the Under 14 Sabre category. Alex also swims for Wrekin College Swimming Club and is a member of Pentathlon GB. Andrew Norton (Foil) and Philbert So (Sabre) also fought really well.

John Beswick international awards

Our congratulations go to Emily Goring, Nicole Watson and Sarah Strawbridge who all received awards for gymnastics.

Gymnastics took centre stage during October when the World Championship was staged at the O2 Arena, the venue for the 2012 Olympics. Wrekin's gymnastic coach Christine Still was the expert commentator for the BBC at this event which culminated in British Gymnast Beth Tweddle winning the World title on the Floor Exercise.

Emily Goring won not only the overall title and three of the four apparatus titles at the West Midlands Senior Championship but also went on to win the overall title at the English Championships and represented England at an International tournament in Germany.

Georgina Hockenhull won the West Midlands espoire age group adding the Beam and Bars titles to her overall gold medal.

Charlotte Rumsey became the Shropshire espoire champion and achieved an impressive top 15 finish in the English Championships.

Sarah Strawbridge represented Northern Ireland at the North European Championship where she was a finalist on the Beam.

Emily Dyer performed outstandingly at the West Midlands Level 3 Championship to win the silver medal, achieving one place better at the Shropshire Championship and winning the gold.



Over 40 young people from schools across Shropshire and Telford & Wrekin were honoured at the annual John Beswick International Awards Evening, which took place at the Shirehall in Shrewsbury. The event acknowledges the sporting achievements of the County's top young sports stars who have represented their Country at their sport in the last year.



Making music



Students from Wrekin College won both sections of the prestigious Dr McClure Award Competition, which is open to all talented local musicians in the area. We were very well represented in both the Under 16 and Open sections and a number of our top musicians performed extremely well in both age groups. Despite tough competition and adjudicators who certainly knew their onions, the Open Competition was won by John Barry of the Lower Sixth who played the piano, and the Under 16 Competition by Stewart Bates of the Fourth Form who played the horn.

We have also enormously enjoyed the performance of the Community Choir, one of the largest ever assembled under this banner, over 120 singers, who performed in the magnificent setting of Shrewsbury Abbey along with Prestfelde School. It was a wonderful evening of music, and my thanks go to all the musicians, and particularly the soloists Eloise Mike, Ailish Egleston, Charley Grimshaw, Katie Hardy-Lane, Matthew Duffield and Freyja Clarke.

