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SHEFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

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Solid Silver for Stephanie!

Stephanie Dalton achieved a first for Sheffield High School by scoring the highest marks in the country in her GCSE Physical Education Examination. 46,517 candidates took the examination set by AQA and Stephanie came out on top!

To mark this fantastic achievement, Stephanie was invited by AQA, the largest examination board in the country, to attend their National Awards Ceremony for GCSE-2000. On 13th November in London, following a special luncheon, Stephanie was presented with a solid silver medal. In total, 13 candidates were honoured in this way for their achievement in their subject. The occasion was sponsored by Barclay's Bank and the medals were presented by Raoul Franklin, the Chair of AQA.

In addition, Stephanie received a diploma, which she presented to the school in Morning Assembly, to mark AQA's recognition of the school's part in her success.

Stephanie's achievement was reported widely, in both local and national newspapers.

Stephanie with her proud parents at the AQA Awards Ceremony



EXTRA: and yet another honour! Stephanie was invited by **Sheffield Wednesday** to a presentation before the match on Saturday 3rd February. Once again she was presented with her silver medal, this time in front of a huge crowd and by footballer Ian Hendon.

Stephanie is now in Y12 studying for A levels in Biology, Chemistry, French and Mathematics.



Stephanie is no stranger to success, for she has represented the school and South Yorkshire in a range of team sports. Her first love is athletics, however, and it is in this area that she has her most prestigious achievements:

- ★ Holder of 17 SHS athletics records
- ★ Sheffield City Champion in numerous events over the last six years
- ★ Sheffield Federation for School Sports – Personality of the Year 1999
- ★ South Yorkshire Champion in Long Jump, Hurdles and the Combined Events at Pentathlon as a Junior and Heptathlon as an Intermediate
- ★ Regional Combined Events champion in 1999 and 2000
- ★ Holder of 3 Trust Athletics Records
- ★ English Schools Finalist in Hurdles in 2000 and Long Jump in 1999
- ★ National placings of 3rd, 8th and 10th in the Combined Events
- ★ Selected to represent England in the Junior International in 1998

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Best Foot Forward



Emergency Briefing



Reading for Charity

The Creatures' Christmas Carnival



'Twas the month before Christmas
When all round Melbourne House
All the Infants were stirring
There was even a mouse!

There were kings of the jungle
And elephants too
A very strange sight
But all of it's true.

This year the Infants' Christmas Production combined the Carnival of the Animals with the traditional Nativity story using the rhythms of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* as a basis for the narrators. All the girls took part and were involved in the making of masks, planning dances and singing to create a bright and colourful performance.

During all of this time
Without any fidgeting
The girls were amazed
At this wonderful nativity!

Running by Brain Power

The Autumn term saw the formation of Sheffield High School Orienteering Club. Orienteering, for those who don't know, is the 'thinking runners' sport where competitors are timed to navigate their way around a course, usually in forest or moorland, and usually *not* running on paths or tracks.

The best orienteers are superb athletes and several girls, who were already cross country runners, have joined the club in school. Some of these girls regularly go to competitions with their families and are well-established and successful orienteers. The Orienteering Club has promoted their successes within school. In addition, several girls who are relatively new to the sport have been taking part in lunchtime training sessions.

Successes in the Autumn Term include:

Claire Sutherland

- ★ 5th in the British Schools Orienteering Championships (Y8 girls)
- ★ 8th in the British Schools' *Score* Orienteering Championships (Y8 girls)

Zoë Fiander

- ★ 5th in the British Schools' Orienteering Championships (Y10 girls)

Emma Broadley

- ★ 32nd in the British Schools' Orienteering Championships (Y10 girls)

In addition, **Claire Sutherland** came **FIRST** in her age group in a **National Event** held on Burbage Moor on 3rd December. Congratulations on this tremendous success!

Right: Zoë Fiander and Claire Sutherland





Jeans for Genes

Friday, 6th October saw the girls and staff of Melbourne House wearing jeans. This opportunity to come to school without uniform was offered by *Jeans for Genes* day, with everyone paying £1 for the privilege. Altogether we raised £264 which will help support several charities, including Great Ormond Street Hospital, undertaking research into genetic disorders.

Cantores Novae

Congratulations to Catherine Farmery and Lucy Baird who have passed their audition and been accepted into Vivien Pike's choir, 'Cantores Novae'. They join 5 other SHS pupils who are already in the choir: Martha Greengrass, Harriet Fisher, Anna Palmer, Pia Tapley and Bethany Wells.

The choir is performing in the Royal Albert Hall as one of the four "showcase" choirs, chosen from the whole of Britain, in the televised final of Sainsbury's 'Choir of the Year'.

The choir will also be going to Italy next summer to compete in an international choral competition at Arezzo.

People who help us

The Reception class (age 4+) have welcomed many visitors during the latter half of the autumn term as part of their topic on "People who help us." The police have visited, as have the fire brigade, dentists, doctors and nurses. Postmen came to talk about their work and this was followed by an exciting visit to the Sorting Office during the busy run up to Christmas! Our youngest pupils have also looked behind the scenes in the Dining Hall and now have a better appreciation of the work that goes into preparing their lunches!

It was also especially pleasing to welcome a number of parents who came in to help their daughters make decorations and gifts on the Christmas Craft Day.



A fire officer visits the Junior School.

FOSH

Friends of Sheffield High School

FOSH has held some very successful events over recent months: the sale of Northbrook Wraps (wrapping paper) in the Junior School raised £339, and the Craft Fair raised £940.

All the money raised is used for the benefit of both the Junior and Senior Schools.

Winners: FOSH Club 200

1st	£60	Mrs W. Danks
2nd	£40	Mr D. Anderson
3rd	£20	Mrs J. Fryatt

The Best Words in the Best Order

To celebrate *National Poetry Day* on 5th October, the English Department ran a poetry competition for the whole school to see who could match up to Coleridge's dictum.

The competition was judged by Professor Ian MacKillop of Sheffield University.

The winners were:

Junior Section

First: Katie Howe Y9 with 'Flowers for a Fairy Queen'

Second: Lydia Meiring Y7 with 'Listen'

Senior Section

First: Sarah Prendergast Y11 with 'Thread of Life'

Second: Sarah Clayton Y10 with 'There are No Shades Of Grey'

A display of these poems and others from the competition can be seen outside the English rooms.

Staff Success

Success in poetry writing is not confined to the pupils, however. **Rosie Ford**, who returned this year to the staff of the English Department, is also a successful poet. She came second in a national poetry competition for her poem, set in a launderette, entitled: 'Letting off Steam'.

Amazing Read-On Success



This year's charity 'Read-On' has raised the amazing total of £2200 for *Listening Books*. This increases the total raised for the charity in the last 5 years to over £8000!

Mr Nichols and the English Department would like to thank all the Year 7 girls who took part and all the parents, relatives and friends who sponsored them so generously. The total sum raised is the highest ever achieved by the High School and will be greatly appreciated by *Listening Books*.

The money raised will help people with learning difficulties to access the benefits of reading via audio books and other support programmes.

Special mention should be made of **Sophie Lloyd**, who read a total of 58 books, and **Hannah Flynn**, who raised the grand sum of £112. Well done, girls! You've set the next Year 7 an incredible total to try to beat.

GDST Junior Heads' Conference held at Sheffield High School

On Saturday, 14th October, the school welcomed over eighty delegates from Trust Schools across the country for the Junior Heads' Conference. This is an annual event, hosted by different schools in turn.

The speaker, Sarah Shaw, represented the Optimal Learning Group, which advises various educational establishments and government departments on "brain based learning." Mrs. Shaw is also a practising Primary School teacher, which ensured that the content of her presentation on effective teaching and learning was of direct relevance to the classroom.

The day was both enjoyable and useful.

Y1 Puppet Workshop

On Wednesday, 18th October, the Year One classes invited six willing parents to spend their afternoon helping with a 'Puppet Workshop'. The girls were given the task of re-creating their facial features (linked to the Y1 'Ourselves' topic) on a white paper bag, using a variety of craft and collage materials. The parents were able to provide support, make suggestions and lend much-needed extra pairs of hands, all of which were greatly appreciated by both girls and staff. Everyone had a very enjoyable and productive time and the girls were justifiably proud of the finished results.

Forward Dates

March 21-23	School Play: 'Oliver Twist' at Merlin Theatre
Easter	Trips to Normandy, Russia, Ecuador and Galapagos
May 2-3	Y3/Y4 production: 'Myths and Magic'
May 10	Senior School German Play
June 19-20	Junior School Play: 'The King and the Crow' at University Drama Studio
June 22	Sports Dinner, Baldwin's Omega
June 28	Senior School Music Evening
July 4	German Play at Crucible Studio
July 9	Junior School: Summer Celebration
Jul 13-Aug 2	Australia Sports Tour

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