



Summer 2006

SHEFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

# High Flyer

## Scholarships, Sponsorship

### Proving our Girls are the Best

**T**wo students from the Sixth Form have successfully applied for Travel Scholarships this year. These scholarships are awarded on the strength of written applications and are competed for fiercely.

**Saramay Le Page** put forward an outstanding application to be awarded the top **Independent Schools Travel Association** travel scholarship of £1300. In her application Saramay explained how grateful she was for the educational opportunities SHS had given her and how she wanted to give a little back to those much less fortunate than her. Saramay is taking a Gap Year before university during which she will be spending 5 months living and working in a Primary School In Kenya. It will be very different from SHS: resources are few and classes are large but Saramay is looking forward to the challenges which lie ahead.

**Clare Sutherland** was awarded both a **Trust Travel Scholarship** and one from the **Independent Schools Travel Association**. Clare, who hopes to be studying Engineering at Cambridge in October, is going on a four-

week expedition this summer to Greenland's virtually uninhabited East Coast with BSES. She will be camping in a challenging wilderness environment and taking part in research projects including Glaciology, Botany, and Surveying. Already an experienced climber, Clare also hopes to learn mountaineering ice techniques, traversing glaciers and attempting an unclimbed peak.

**Clare** will be sponsored on her university course by Siemens VAI UK and this will also enable her to gain practical engineering experience working for the company during the summer vacation. Siemens approached SHS because they wanted to recruit **high-calibre young women** into engineering.

● **Charly Oakley** has been awarded a **Music Scholarship at Bristol University** where she will study Veterinary Medicine.

● **Rachel Panniker** was short-listed for the **Akroyd Open Scholarship**, for students educated in Yorkshire – a first for SHS.

*From top: Saramay Le Page, Clare Sutherland, Charly Oakley and Rachel Panniker.*



## 'Papillon' Flies to Success



**O**n Thursday 18th May, SHS Young Enterprise company 'Papillon' won the South Yorkshire final of the annual competition. For this they had to produce a company report, a trade stand and give a presentation to the judges – all useful skills for the business world.

In addition to the **Best Company** award, **Emma Heap** won the prestigious **Best Managing Director** award. She was complimented on the tenacity and enthusiasm she displayed in ensuring the team fulfilled its potential.

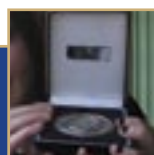
The girls now move on to the **Regional Final** in York on 20th June – from where the winning team will represent the county at the national finals in the Savoy Hotel in London.

*Emma (centre) holds her Best Managing Director award.*

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Can You See What It Is Yet?

# Politics at Sheffield High

Friday 28th April saw the visit of rising star of the Liberal Democrat Party and newly elected Member of Parliament for Sheffield Hallam, **Nick Clegg** to Sheffield High School's prestigious sixth-form centre. In front of a packed audience of Sixth-Formers and year 11 girls he outlined his job as an MP focusing upon his criticisms of Charles Clarke, who at that stage was in the middle of the crisis in the Home Office. Nick Clegg had spent most of the week calling for Clarke's



*Richard Caborn speaking.*



*Nick Clegg at SHS.*

resignation and a matter of hours after Mr Clegg's appearance at Sheffield High School, Clarke was to be sacked from his Cabinet job.

His afternoon ended with a photo call, like all true politicians. He also emphasised his commitment to visiting the High School on a more regular basis, providing future insights on the role of an MP and hopefully encouraging future politicians from Sheffield High School.

A whole-school Assembly on the School's Birthday, 10th March, was addressed by another Sheffield MP. **Richard Caborn**, Minister for Sport, came to congratulate SHS on their prestigious sports award: Best Independent School of the Year. In his speech he gave a sneak preview of the government's plans to host a mini-Olympics each year in various British cities, leading up to the 2012 London Olympics.

## Our Brilliant Music Teachers

Sheffield High School has an amazing team of highly qualified visiting music teachers, and two of them have been in the limelight recently.

Our singing teacher, **Vivien Pike**, was awarded an honorary Doctorate by Sheffield Hallam University (along with the likes of Sir Robert Winston, Derek Jacobi and Jenny Murray) for her continued work with singers, particularly in South Yorkshire but also nationally and internationally. Over the years, Vivien has taught hundreds of young singers, one of the first being Lesley Garrett. She is an external examiner of singing at degree level and a regular tutor for the National Youth Choir of Great Britain. She has worked with soloists and choirs all over the world and she adjudicates regularly for several International festivals and at the Choir Olympics. She is a Churchill Fellow and a council member of the association of British Choral Directors. She continues a very busy schedule of adjudicating and conducting the award-winning choir, 'Cantores Novae'. Many of her former pupils are singing professionally, teaching music and conducting their own choirs...and she teaches at our school!

Our cello teacher, **Liz Hanks**, has also been celebrating success with her band 'Grandadbob' which was recently tipped as the next best thing in the 'going up' section of the Sunday Times 'Style' magazine and tracks of their latest album were played during prime time on Radio 1. Already an outstanding classical cellist (both with her quartet 'Silver Strings' and as a soloist) Liz plays electric cello in the band and is also in great demand as a session musician. Check out her websites: [www.silverstrings.co.uk](http://www.silverstrings.co.uk) and [www.grandadbob.co.uk](http://www.grandadbob.co.uk)

German teacher **Clare Wallace** is also an accomplished cellist, and one of **The Extreme Cellists** who perform remarkable musical feats for charity. This summer, between 24th July and 4th August, they will visit all 42 English cathedrals with the aim of playing on the roof! It will involve over 1900 miles of travel, visiting almost every county in England, climbing countless stone spiral staircases.

Why? Firstly, because they are mad (their words!) and they like a challenge and secondly, and more importantly, to raise money for two charities: Shelter and Aspire.

## Referee Kirsty

**S**ixth-form student, **Kirsty Anderson**, is a football referee! She officiates at the Sheffield Wednesday Academy every Sunday and was recently selected as assistant referee for the Sheffield Hallam Women's Challenge Cup Final. She was awarded a medal for officiating at this game between Sheffield Wednesday and Doncaster Rovers Belles. An unusual – and perhaps trend-setting – extra-curricular activity. Well done, Kirsty!



## The Stars! – Cheerful Cheerleaders

**O**n 6th May, Cheerleaders from across Sheffield travelled to Manchester to compete in the UKCA National Championship. There were over 5000 cheerleaders taking part and the energy, spirit and sportsmanship was amazing.

It was SHS's first Cheerleading Competition and the team came 5th in the Junior A category. This was a wonderful achievement since the girls have been cheerleading for only 12 weeks and competed against very experienced teams. The name they chose (The Stars) proved very appropriate.

At the Sheffield Cheerleaders' Presentation Evening, SHS were presented with the School Club Link Award for the development of the Sport of Smiles in school.

The team is coached by Adele McCarthy and three Y11 girls: Ashley Dudill, Rosy Whitworth and Polly Fowler. Adele McCarthy writes:

"You have some very talented pupils and the teacher support is great to see. Some pupils have the potential to make the UK team."



## Year 2 'Does a Rolf'

**I**n the lead-up to Victorian Day, Y2 had been learning about famous people in History, one of whom was Mary Seacole, a nurse who was a contemporary of Florence Nightingale. Inspired by Rolf Harris' versions of Henry VIII and The Mona Lisa, the Y2 girls created an enlarged version of her portrait as painted by A C Challen in 1869. A copy of the original picture was divided into 32 smaller squares with everyone completing a section using oil pastels. The squares were then carefully put together to create the finished masterpiece – over one and half metres in height! Everyone was very proud of the finished portrait – a real team effort.



## Y1 Explore their Heritage

**Y**ear One clocked in for work by stamping their cards at Sheffield's Traditional Heritage museum on Ecclesall Road. They went on to browse the shops, which included 'toys were us', an old forge and a pharmacy. A bygone Pollards coffee shop set the stage for the girls to dress in turn-of-the-century clothes and experience being shopkeepers or customers, paying in old shillings and pence for their battered tins of coffee and biscuits. Then the girls rolled up their sleeves and washed tea-towels and shirts using traditional soap, washboards and dollys in a barrel.

# Staff and pupils raise over £1000 in the 'Race for Life'



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## Summer Entertainment

All Year 3 & 4 girls put on a sparkling performance at their annual Melbourne House concerts. The evenings were a delightful celebration of the Arts - comprising singing, instrumental music-playing, poetry recitals and dance. It was lovely to see such a vast array of talent and enthusiasm displayed by the girls and a thoroughly enjoyable time was had by performers and audience alike.

## Forward Dates

<b>14 September</b>	Prize Giving at Sheffield City Hall 2.30pm
<b>6 October</b>	FOSH Quiz Night
<b>11 October</b>	FOSH AGM
<b>13 October</b>	Y7 Open Afternoon for parents
<b>17 November</b>	FOSH Craft Fair
<b>18 November</b>	Sixth Form Open Morning
<b>21 November</b>	Concert at St Marks
<b>22 November</b>	Sports Dinner
<b>5 December</b>	Christmas Band Concert
<b>6 &amp; 7 December</b>	Movement Evening
<b>13 December</b>	Carol Service at Ranmoor Church