

HIGH FLYER

 SHEFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

SUMMER 2011



▲ India was amazing! That's the conclusion of the 14 girls who visited religious sites in Delhi, Amritsar and Daramshala and saw the wonderful Taj Mahal and Fort in Agra. Travelling by bus, car, train and the inimitable rickshaw, the girls had a lot of exciting experiences, learned many fascinating things and met some inspiring people, including a Tibetan monk tortured by the Chinese who had escaped over the Himalayan mountains into India.



▲ For the last six years, Simon Mozley has enjoyed a successful career as Deputy Head at SHS. Amongst many other things, he has helped steer us through a successful inspection, set up projects with other schools, made us more eco-friendly and planned a scientific/environmental expedition to Peru in 2012 for the sixth form. Mr Mozley has now changed roles, becoming our Business Manager in April, following the retirement of the much-loved Kath White. In his new role he will be in the ideal place to also develop sustainability and reduce the carbon footprint of the school.



▲ Amaka Uchegbu has been crowned the GDST public speaking champion in the National Finals of the Crystall Prize competition. She is the first SHS pupil ever to have won this prestigious award which was established in memory of the late Chrystall Carter, legal advisor to the trust and a strong believer in the power of reasoned argument. Speaking on the topic, 'Justice in this country is too weak' Amaka engaged the attention of the audience for seven minutes with her original and engaging style of delivery. Amaka has also won a seat on the Youth Council.

▶ Lauren Potter has made it back into the England Netball team. This is a real accomplishment as Lauren had a spinal fusion operation in 2010, thereby missing an England tour of Australia, and having to completely rebuild her fitness afterwards. Yet she has played a full game in every U19 Superleague match since the season began in January. Her sister, Amy (right), fought determinedly to join her sister in the England team and has finally made it into the U17 team. She has been selected to compete in her first European Championships in Dublin. Our warm congratulations go to both sisters who really demonstrate our 'Go4It' ethos.





▲ Our Science and Engineering Fair, which was Mrs Ashby's final careers event after almost 20 years, attracted lots of girls and their parents. Past pupils were amongst the delegates, indicating how they had been successful and how current girls could be too. Everyone went away with brochures, leaflets and a mine of information about possible careers.



▲ The North of England CO-Gas Safety's School Poster Competition was recently won by Charlotte Mason (Y7) – the third Sheffield High School pupil in three years to win this prestigious competition! Charlotte's design promoted awareness of the dangers of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. Charlotte received a trophy from Baroness Maddock at the House of Lords. She also met Paul Blomfield, pictured with Charlotte and her winning poster. For winning the competition, Charlotte will receive a prize of £200, plus £300 for her school.



◀ This year for the first time, our Y4 was given the opportunity to take part in a one night residential to Thornbridge Outdoors. The trip was based around problem solving, friendship building and team work. The girls took part in activities such as climbing a cargo net, completing the low ropes course, problem solving, following a nature trail and night line. All the girls taking part had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

► Netballers have again had a very successful season.

The Under 12 team has made a great start to their netball in school in becoming double SFSS City Champions. The U18, U16 and U14 teams took trophies to become the City and South Yorkshire Champions and all three were top 6 in the Region whilst the U14s (right) won a coveted place at the National Finals where they were placed 11th in the whole country. The U18 retained the GDST title of Trust Champions – the second time in succession! Meanwhile the U13 and U15 teams both took SFSS League and Tournament titles and followed this by becoming County Champions in both age groups.

The U13s went on to share the Regional title and the U15 team not only took the Regional title but they also brought home the GDST (Girls' Day School Trust) Plate from the national event played in Northampton. This squad had never won even a city title before and yet they finished winning five titles in one term!





◀ In the inaugural Sheffield Law Society mock trial competition, our sixth form team presented a case in front of his Honour Judge Peter Babb and a jury of lawyers and law students. It involved allegations of an assault causing actual bodily harm. The case for the defence earned a trophy for SHS.



▲ Congratulations to 'Element 17' who won the Best Company Award and 3 others prizes for Innovation, Marketing and Customer Service at the YE South Yorkshire final of Young Enterprise. 'Nebula' also walked away with the prize for Best Communication in a team. Element 17 will now go on to compete at the regional final in York for a place at the National final held at the Savoy hotel, London. This is the third year in a row that SHS has been voted Best Company in South Yorkshire, an impressive achievement! You can support 'Element 17' by buying their 'Trench', now available at Amazon at http://www.amazon.co.uk/Trench-All-One-Water-Resistant/dp/B0050QEVZY/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=officeproduct&qid=1305816094&sr=8-1. For further information, please email element17@live.co.uk.



▲ All of KS2 took part in Happy Puzzle Day. The girls were set a number of challenges that they had to solve in groups. These ranged from double sided jigsaws and balancing penguins to shape rotation games and making giraffes! The idea of the day was to get the children to use their thinking skills, study skills and team building skills to form a solution to the problem. All of the children found the activities challenging but were all able to experience success.



▲ After successful auditions, Alexandra Jones (Y10) and Anita Chandran (Y11) have been accepted into the National Youth Training Choir of Great Britain. Covering the age group 13–18, this choir achieves increasingly high standards of musicianship and excellence in performance. For some young singers membership of the NYCGB Training Choir is a stepping stone into the prestigious National Youth Choir and even a singing career; for others it is a wonderful experience of the enjoyment and satisfaction of singing while still at school. Well done, girls!



◀ SHS trampolinists performed their routines at the National Finals for their 10th time in a row after winning through the regional rounds. Twelve girls from all age groups represented the school, Yorkshire and the North of England in Stourbridge. The U19 and U15 teams came back as National Closed Champions whilst the school trampolining captain, Thalia Caddy, also took the Under 19 Individual National title with Paige Winspear coming in as runner up.



◀ On this year's Y9 Design Day, visiting freelance designer Sam Bailey showed girls how a designer works in industry, from initial ideas and inspirations through to finished fabrics and garments. Taking part in the 'Eco Accessory Challenge,' the girls worked in teams, developing new skills with paper construction. Each team presented their ideas in a fashion show at the end of the day. There were many innovative and creative outcomes!



▲ Three Year 7 girls took part in the regional final of a languages spelling bee competition in Leeds. They had all previously won or been runners up in school competitions. The regional heat of the competition involved learning up to 200 words in the foreign language, then spelling out loud as many as possible in the foreign language in one minute, including accents and punctuation. All the girls did extremely well in their heats, and we are delighted that Klaudia Wyzykiewicz (Spanish), and Hooriya Rizvi (French) will be taking part in the National Final on July 6th at Cambridge University! Bonne chance! Buena suerte!



▲ Rebecca Ridsdale and Jess Lindley, Y10, won a gold medal at the Trophée d'Ecosse in Dumfries in April with their synchronized skating team, Unum, which represented England. They achieved a personal best score and out-skated four teams from Iceland, Scotland and Italy to secure their place as Trophée d'Ecosse champions 2011!



▲ Y6 pupils had 'spring' in their steps when they competed in the Sheffield Schools U11 Badminton Tournament where the doubles pair not only won their event but they also took first and second in the individual competition.

◀ The newly formed SHS Equestrian Team, sponsored by local businesses, entered a dressage squad for the inter-school qualifier held at Reaseheath College, Cheshire, and Alex Chester (Preliminary, P14) and Katie Midgely (Novice, 24) both claimed 2nd place rosettes in their classes, thereby qualifying independently as individuals for the National Finals, whilst the SHS team gained 2nd place and thus earned their place at National Finals too!

