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# IT'S GOOD TO TALK

Pupils at SGS have been fortunate to enjoy visits from speakers as well as opportunities to practise their own speaking skills.



## POETIC LICENCE

Acclaimed poet Mike Garry broke off from his national tour performing in front of thousands with punk poet John Cooper Clarke to talk to pupils in the school library just before the half-term break. Mike, who's a regular visitor to the school, spoke to Fourth Year classes as well as a mixed group of pupils about his background and sources of inspiration, and entertained his audience by reciting some of his poems – including works commissioned by Manchester United.

The importance of reading and writing for pleasure was another theme of his visit, and he left children and staff feeling inspired, motivated and entertained by his words.

## IT'S ALL FOREIGN...

In November, SGS took part in the sixth Northern Schools Modern Foreign Languages Debating Competition, fielding teams in French, German and Spanish. Upper Sixth Formers Kayleigh Hart, Toby Jones, William Byrne, Kris Fisher, Annabel Gowrie and Hester Martin gave outstanding performances, debating convincingly in their respective languages. Both the French and Spanish teams performed very well, winning a number of their debates.

The German team, consisting of William Byrne and Kris Fisher, won their group and went through to the final, where they succeeded in arguing their motion persuasively and articulately and brought home the German trophy.



William spoke of how much work he did with the teachers in preparation for debating in a foreign language:

**"We practised our debating skills a lot, but I didn't expect to win as the standard of the competition was very high!"**

## SCIENCE IN THE LIBRARY

The library's Café Sci sessions, delivered by Sixth Form pupils and leading academics were a great success during the Autumn Term.

Dr Tim Burnett from Manchester University's Material Science department led a talk about cork and other interesting everyday materials. Pupil Alice Carr explained:

**"With involvement from the group, Dr Burnett took the audience on a journey through cork's history and what makes it a unique natural material. We would like to thank him for kindly giving up his time and contributing to Café Sci's success."**

Sixth Form pupil Quintus Carr reported on the Physics department's trip to CERN, and discussed the impact their work has had on our lives. Quintus talked to the pupils about the discovery of the Higgs-Boson, an often confusing subject which he managed to explain clearly, before outlining future research areas for CERN.

Fellow Sixth Form pupil Fiona Hollin led a talk on a high performance material, silicon carbide, explaining how the material is made, its properties and its uses. The boys and girls also had the chance to take a close look at some used car brake pads and learn more about how they work. The term's events were rounded off with an enlightening talk by Alastair Paterson about astronomy and a second interesting talk by Fiona Hollin about the Northern Lights.



## ON THE RADIO

A group of Upper Sixth Form pupils were alongside senior Labour figures in the invited audience of a Radio 5 Live debate hosted by Victoria Derbyshire during the Labour Party's annual conference in Manchester. Among the political luminaries in attendance to answer questions from

the audience were MPs Michael Meacher, Shadow Justice Secretary Sadiq Khan, former Cabinet member John Denham, Shadow Welsh Secretary Owen Smith and former Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport Ben Bradshaw, alongside a number of union leaders.

Accompanied by Mr Davies, Head of Art, SGS Sixth Formers have become regular attendees at the often-heated debates when the party holds its conferences in Manchester.



## UNITED NATIONS AT LUNCH

Pupils lower down the school had the chance to get their teeth into a 'world crisis' at the lunchtime mini Model United Nations General Assembly, aimed at those new to debating. Pupils arrived at the General Assembly to be told that an outbreak of a mutated strain of a rare zoonotic virus, that could cause death in humans, had been discovered in bats in northern Africa.

Those participating were charged with each representing a UN country and forming alliances with like-minded states in order to draw up a resolution to the problem.

The conclusions were then discussed the following week in a joint debate with the seasoned Sixth Form MUN members. This was a great opportunity for the younger children to gain debating experience.

## WEEKEND DEBATE

Over 250 students from around the North West spent a weekend at SGS for the school's 6th Model United Nations Conference, where delegates debated topics ranging from workers' rights in Africa, biochemical warfare and the independence of central banks to the rights of indigenous people.

The event involved many hours of careful planning and was organised by a small team of Sixth Form students with help from English teacher Miss Spence and Psychology teacher Mr Browne.

Over the course of the weekend, every delegate represented a UN country and debated international issues which they had researched in advance. On the Sunday, delegates were thrown into an emergency crisis session on trade sanctions in Iran, which they debated sensitively and thoughtfully. The scenario was made even more real by the showing of a very professional video made by Upper Sixth Former Alex Longson. Miss Spence said:

**"The weekend was a tremendous success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved."**



## VISIT FROM A GOLDSMITH

The Goldsmiths' Company Director of Technology and Training, Peter Taylor, visited school for a tour of the Art and Technology facilities where he offered practical advice to the children and was impressed by displays of the Second Year pupils' jewellery projects.

Mr Smith has most recently led the development of the Goldsmiths' Centre, a brand new space in central London for jewellers and craftspeople which includes training

facilities, workshops, exhibition space and a café. SGS hope to make a return visit in the near future to help give pupils an insight into the work of the livery company.

The school has retained close relations with the Goldsmiths since its foundation in 1487 under the terms of the will of Sir Edmund Shaa, Mayor of London and Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths.

# HOLDING COURT

Aspiring lawyers had an enjoyable yet nerve-racking experience at the Sir Rhys Davies Schools Mock Trial Competition at Manchester Crown Court. The group took on the roles of barristers (complete with wigs and robes) and witnesses, as they battled other schools in front of professional judges in actual court rooms.

Being scored on the quality of their advocacy and the believability of their testimony, SGS won two out of three trials. Bury Boys were defeated by a high-quality performance from barristers Peter Smith and Joanna Boon. Joanna with Andrew Ward, aided by Lisa Font's turn as a French eco-warrior, then saw off St Bede's by a narrow margin.

Sadly SGS were edged out of the group winners slot on points but History teacher Mr Moore commented,

**"I was delighted by how well the team acquitted themselves in a high-pressure environment. They prepared carefully and have learnt a lot about what it takes to reach the top of the legal profession."**



# ORCHESTRAL MANOEUVRES

Music continues to play a vital part in the life of the school...

## MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Musicians in the Senior School have performed a number of lunchtime recitals for parents and their fellow pupils this term. These allow them to showcase what they have been learning, with those who are just beginners playing alongside the more accomplished, giving everyone the opportunity to gain performance experience in a relaxed setting.

The first recital of the Autumn Term saw guitarists open and close their session with ensemble pieces involving the whole group. Individual musical choices ranged from traditional Spanish guitar to more contemporary Oasis tunes and a duet of Leonard Cohen's *Hallelujah*, arranged by Fifth Year pupil Francesca Henderson who performed the piece with Fourth Year Arjun Takiar. Parents thoroughly enjoyed the chance

to see their children performing and fellow pupils were able to see what their friends get up to in their lessons. Saxophonists, pianists and trumpeters all had the opportunity to showcase their talents over the following weeks, with guest appearances from two Junior School pupils, including Sam Curwen who played *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer* on his trumpet.



## EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

The orchestras, bands and choirs worked hard to produce two wonderful concerts shortly before the end of term.

The Autumn Concert saw the school musicians showcasing a range of musical styles, including cinematic themes from *Gladiator* and *Schindler's List* by the First Orchestra and String Orchestra and songs from *Mary Poppins* and *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* sung by the Junior Singers. Smaller ensembles played bossa-nova classic, *Desafinado* and arrangements of popular Lady Gaga songs, while the Orchestra also played pieces by Sibelius and Dvořák. Parents and Governors were very impressed by the musical talent displayed by the children.

Just a week later, musicians entertained another full house with Christmas classics alongside Simon and Garfunkel, Bee Gees arrangements and *The Simpsons* performed by the Brass Ensemble, Chamber Choir and Chorus, Concert Band, Big Band and Wind Orchestra. The finale from the specially-commissioned 525th Anniversary Orchestra and Choir performing *Festive Celebration*, composed by saxophone teacher Mark White, was a fitting way to draw this anniversary year to a close.



## THE BASS LINE

Following a rigorous audition process, Third Year pupil Alex Jones has been chosen to play double bass for the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain. At just 13 years old, Alex is one of the orchestra's youngest members, with the majority of the participants being aged 17 and 18.

Alex will perform with the orchestra for the first time in January and, among many other exciting appearances, will play in a prom at the Royal Albert Hall next August. Alex is thrilled:

**"No-one normally gets in to the orchestra at my age. It's an honour to have been picked, especially as I was up against lots of others at the auditions! I'm really looking forward to the courses and concerts that I'll now be taking part in across the country."**

As well as the double bass, Alex plays piano and bass guitar and performs in the Hallé and Stockport Youth orchestras – being a co-principal and the youngest member of the former.

Alex is also a regular in the SGS orchestras and bands, and still finds time to play rugby for the school and keep up with his academic work.



# JUNIOR SCHOOL

A busy term in the Junior School has seen children perform well in sports and enjoy plenty of interactive classroom activities...



## HELPING OTHERS

Donations of food parcels were brought into school in October for the annual Harvest Festival, and following the assembly, Year 3 pupils delivered parcels to older residents of Stockport and The Wellspring Kitchen.

In November the children enjoyed coming to school wearing a variety of coloured socks, tights and ties to support Children in Need.

Charities Rep and Reception teacher, Mrs Turner was very proud:

**“What impresses me most on these occasions is the pupils’ enthusiasm to help other children. They raised in excess of £350 from the event.”**

The boys and girls also raised over £470 for Francis House in November, selling stationery, toys and accessories over a couple of days in school and they wrapped up a charitable term by collecting toys for the Salvation Army’s Christmas Appeal.

## TWELFTH NIGHT

The Young Shakespeare Company brought Shakespeare to life when they visited the Junior School. The theatre company performed *Twelfth Night* through active storytelling which made the tale accessible to the Year 5 children and gave them the chance to take small speaking parts in the play, encouraging them to explore the motives, thoughts and feelings of the characters throughout. This was the perfect introduction to their work on Shakespeare as they begin to look at his plays, which will conclude with a performance by the children in the courtyard in June.



## BACK IN TIME

Year 5 children travelled back to the nineteenth century when they found out what a day at the Stockport Grammar of Victorian times would have been like.

After paying a penny for their schooling on arrival, the Victorian-dressed children took part in an assembly before they headed to lessons which included Art, Scripture, Maths, Handwriting and reading the works of Charles Dickens.

The boys and girls played traditional Victorian games such as marbles and hoopla during breaktime and they were treated to a lunch of soup, a sandwich and, if they were good, an apple!

Singing and drill practice finished off the day, and there was also time for the crucial austere portrait photographs to be taken of every child and their teachers.

Chester Bowden had a great day:

**“I liked that it was so different to now and you got a taste of what it was like in the old days. The best fun was watching the teachers being strict!”**

## GOING SWIMMINGLY

The Junior School swimming team enjoyed great success amongst some of the best junior swimmers in the north-west at the AJIS Swimming Gala, making it through to fourteen different finals and coming away with a selection of medals.

Harvey Jones took away Golds in the 100m and the Medley Relay and Silver in the Freestyle Relay; Ben Foster won Golds in the 50m Breaststroke and Medley Relay and Silver in the Freestyle Relay; Henry Keigher won Gold in the

Medley Relay and Silvers in the 25m Butterfly and Freestyle Relay; Jack Buchanan was awarded Gold in the Medley Relay; Joe Davidson won Silver in the Freestyle Relay; and Ruby Mellor took away a Bronze medal for the 25m Front Crawl.

Swimming teacher Miss Atkinson was delighted:

**“All the swimmers performed superbly and it was a very successful day for the school.”**

Read about Junior School Canoe Club on p10.



## CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

The youngest SGS pupils kicked off the seasonal celebrations with their performance of *Busy Busy Bethlehem*, which saw the Nursery and Reception children come together to tell the nativity story, complete with dancing angels and plenty of singing.

Next came the Key Stage One production of *Prickly Hay* and Key Stage Two performed at the Junior School Carol Service at St George’s Church in front of their families.



## WHEN IN ROME

The Year 4 children dressed as Roman citizens for a day and took part in many different activities. ‘Commander’ (aka Mr) Thorley, from the Senior School, drilled the children in true Roman army style. He told them the story of the history of Rome and about life as a Roman soldier. Sixth Form Classics students brought in a range of artefacts for the boys and girls to look at, including a working catapult and the children were shown how to be a ‘testudo’ – a tortoise – a formation that protected advancing Roman troops.

Great fun was had by all, especially Libby Wolstenhome:

**“I was really excited! We made shields and learned about mosaics, making our own mosaic pattern with small pieces of paper and black card.”**

## TOP RUNNERS

There was a fantastic turnout of Stockport Grammar Junior School pupils from Years 2 to 6 at the Woodbank Park Schools Cross Country competition, with current team standings giving the Year 5/6 boys 1st place, Year 5/6 girls 3rd, Year 3/4 boys 6th and Year 3/4 girls 5th position.

Joe Davidson won the Year 5/6 boys’ race for the second time in a row and the boys’ team has kept three runners in the top ten for each race. Other top ten runners were Year 6 Daisy Hanson, who came 7th and Year 3 Patrick Wilkinson, who came 10th in his race.

# HOME AND AWAY

Boys and girls have benefited from the valuable experience of lessons outside the classroom...



## EXPLORING MANCHESTER'S HISTORY

Historians from the Lower Sixth experienced a thought-provoking and challenging dose of local history on a guided tour of Manchester.

Moving from the Midland Hotel to the Co-op building via Grand Central, the Free Trade Hall, the Royal Exchange, Lincoln Square and Chetham's School of Music, the students were exposed to a heady mix of ideas – from pig-farming to communism with Liberalism, Chartism, Fenianism, women's suffrage, Quakerism, Capitalism, the Co-operative movement and Radicalism along the way.

The boys and girls learnt about the political passions of the nineteenth century, considered contemporary parallels and gained a clear understanding of this area's central place in the intellectual ferment of the time.

## ON THE BATTLEFIELDS

During the October half term holiday, almost 80 Third Year pupils set off on the History department's annual trip to the WWI battlefields in Northern France and Belgium. The group began their trip in Lille and the site of the 1916 Battle of the Somme. Pupils visited sites and museums including the Underground Museum in Albert, the Lochnagar Crater and Newfoundland Park where pupils saw the trench system first hand, walking through them and learning from their guide about the horrors of this warfare. They visited the Monument to the Missing at Thiepval and some smaller cemeteries.

In Belgium, they laid a wreath and heard The Last Post at the Menin Gate in Ypres and visited the Flanders Fields Museum. They walked through the trenches in Sanctuary Wood and a number of the cemeteries. In both France and Belgium, several pupils found memorials to relatives, which gave a true sense of the reality of this conflict, given that it happened long before any of the group were alive.

On Remembrance Day, over 100 Old Stopfordians joined pupils and staff at SGS in a Remembrance service before attending a reunion lunch and listening to a talk from some of the children who had visited the battlefields. The guests were also entertained by Fifth Year and Sixth Form Jazz ensemble *Lady Cha-Cha*.



## MATHS INSPIRATION

A group of budding mathematicians travelled to the Royal Northern College of Music to listen to a talk by three eminent Maths professors who brought a new and entertaining perspective to the subject.

Having read one of the professors, David Acheson's books already, Sixth Former Matthew Hughes said:

**"It was lovely to put a face to such an enthusiastic and passionate person, who manages to explain numerous aspects of complicated maths in fun and simple ways."**

Professors Rob Eastaway and Colin Wright spoke about the mathematics of TV game shows and also the complicated mathematics behind juggling. Each speaker engaged with all the students, even giving opportunities to win prizes – with one of the SGS students walking away with a teddy bear!

Matthew added:

**"I would definitely recommend the trip to pupils in future. It was a great experience and pushed the boundaries of mathematics beyond the syllabus."**



## OUTWARD BOUND IN DERBYSHIRE

First Year pupils spent three adventure-packed days on the annual induction trip to Hartington Hall, an ideal base from which to explore the surrounding countryside. The boys and girls learnt about the plague village of Eyam before travelling to Matlock Bath for a thrilling cable car ride to the Heights of Abraham, where they explored the Great Masson Cavern and listened to stories about the lead miners.

A day at Chatsworth, viewing the *Beyond Limits* sculpture exhibition in the gardens and the treasures in the house, made for an enjoyable second day, and the GPS trail around the Fernilee Reservoir in the Goyt Valley on the morning of day three left everyone tired but proud of their achievements.

Mrs Lawson, Head of First Year, always accompanies the trip:

**"This residential is an essential bonding experience for the new pupils who have only been with us for a few weeks. They return to lessons after Hartington noticeably more settled, confident and independent."**

## WELCOMING GERMAN VISITORS

Pupils from the Fifth Year hosted 28 pupils from Germany as part of the annual exchange with a school in Bad Segeberg. The continental visitors were in Stockport for nine days and were formally welcomed to the town by the Mayor at a Town Hall reception.

The German children spent two days with their exchange partners in school and, on the other days, they explored

the north-west with trips to Liverpool, Chester and Old Trafford, before returning to spend the evenings with their host families.

The new friends are keeping in touch and look forward to being reunited when Bad Segeberg host the SGS pupils during the February half-term break.

## FIELD TRIP IN THE LAKES

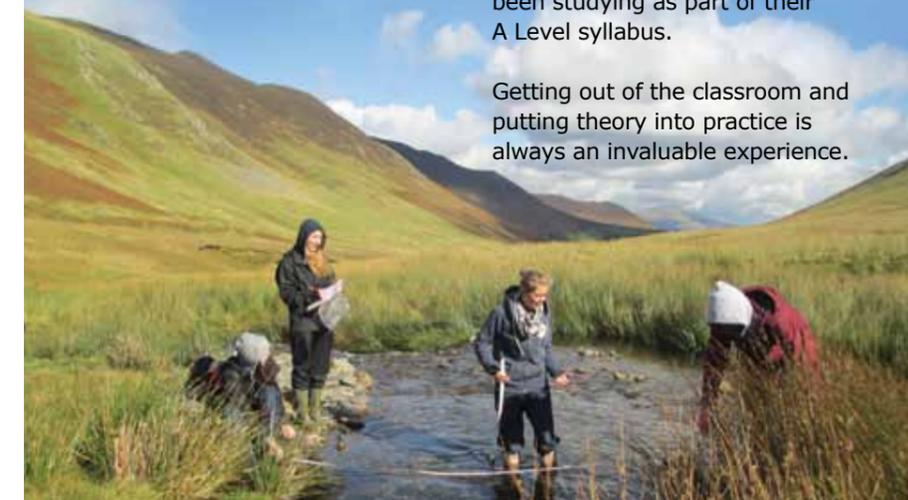
Geographers from the Lower Sixth donned their waterproof trousers and headed up to the Lakes for a couple of days studying rivers, flood defences and glacial landforms.

Based at the Blencathra Field Studies Centre near Keswick, the trip's first major activity was at Keskadale Beck, where pupils put on their wellies and took to the river to collect data.

The area's recent history of flooding also gave the geographers something to investigate, as Keswick's newly-upgraded flood defences serve as a great case study for the pupils.

On the last day of the trip, an uphill walk to Easedale Tarn near Grasmere provided magnificent views of some of the area's glacial landforms, which the pupils have been studying as part of their A Level syllabus.

Getting out of the classroom and putting theory into practice is always an invaluable experience.



# SPORTING CHANCE

Boys and girls are excelling in sports both in and out of school....

## OPEN WATER CANOEING

Members of the Junior School Canoe Club headed down to Manchester Canoe Club on the River Goyt for their first ever taste of the sport on more challenging open water, a dramatic change to the calm of the school swimming pool.

On arrival, the children were greeted with plenty of rain, but with the help of Year 5 teacher and former professional canoeist Mr Johnson along with several parents and British Canoe Union coach, Nathan Stevenson, the paddling got under way.

Finley Nolan, Alastair Paterson and David Paterson, experienced paddlers from the Senior School, also showed the Junior pupils and regular helpers at Canoe Club how it's done with style.

All pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves, learning to balance, steer and stop their canoes, before a successful game of canoe polo finished the evening off.

Year 6 pupil Alex Curwen said:

**"I really enjoyed it! The coaches helped us to improve our technique and the best part was when we played canoe polo."**



## RUGBY HONOURS

After a strong start to the year by the school rugby teams, Fourth Year pupils Tom Power, Ned Barlow, Louis Jones and Max Lederweg have been selected to represent Cheshire U15s.

In addition, Tom O'Mahony, James Gilboy and Sam Haley made it into the Cheshire U16s, with Tom and James also selected for the North U16 Assessment weekend.

Tom Morton, James Webster and Andrew Ward have been selected for Cheshire U18s with Tom awarded a North U18 trial in late December. Currently training with Sale Sharks EPDG are Tom O'Mahony, James Gilboy, Sam Haley, Tom Power and Louis Jones, while Tom Morton is a member of the Sale Sharks U18 Academy.



Last year's Rugby 1st XV captain and England U18s player James Flynn made his debut appearance for Sale Sharks in November in the team's LV Cup game at London Irish.



## COUNTY NETBALLERS

Five of the school's best netballers have been selected to play for Cheshire after impressing the county squad selectors while playing for the school teams. The girls and the squads they've been chosen for are:

Josie Napper – U19s Cheshire Satellite Academy; Alice Payne – U16s Cheshire County Squad; Olivia Ronnie – U16s Cheshire County Squad; Sarah Gaskin

– U16s Cheshire Satellite Squad; and Lily Wolstenholme – U14s Cheshire County Squad.

First Year Megan Taylor has also been selected to play for the Greater Manchester U13 Squad, a real achievement as she's only just 12.

## NATIONAL CANOEING CHAMPION

Canoeist Alastair Paterson is a British National Champion after finishing as the highest C1 point-scorer in the Canoe Slalom First Division. He has since been promoted to compete against Olympic-class paddlers in the Premier Division, with his first race being on the Lee Valley course which was used for London 2012.

His opponents' Olympic achievements are something Alastair would like to emulate as he aims to qualify to represent Team GB in future Games in 2016 and 2020.



## HOCKEY STARS

### COUNTY PLAYERS

The hockey girls made a brilliant start to the season with England and High Performance Assessment Camp call-ups for some of the top players and progression for SGS teams in the National tournaments.

Sophie Hall and Emily Spencer (U17s), Holly Hunt (U16s) and Lauren Hunt (U15s) were selected to train with some of the country's finest coaches at a High Performance Assessment Camp led by the England Hockey Board. Holly Hunt and Emily Spencer both made it through to the next assessment stage ahead of the National U16s and U18s squad selection.

Meanwhile, First XI goalkeeper Martha Watson, who represented England at U18s level earlier this year, has been invited to attend an England U21s assessment camp.

### U14S THROUGH TO NATIONAL FINAL

The U14 SGS team, captained by Georgina Dare, won their section of the Stockport Schools Competition and made impressive progress in the National Schools U14s Tournament. In the Greater Manchester round they brushed aside the other teams with some emphatic scorelines before triumphing against local rivals Cheadle Hulme on penalty strokes in the final.

Next up was the North-West Semi Final of the competition, which saw the girls win their games 5-0, 9-1 and 6-0 ahead of a dominant 4-0 victory over Queen Elizabeth in the final stage. They then went onto the North Final in Leeds, which they won, meaning they are now through to the National Final, which is a fantastic achievement. Ms Hindley is extremely proud of the girls:

**"All their hard work and commitment to the team has paid off and they thoroughly deserve their success."**

### FIRST XI

The First XI also did exceptionally well to make it through to the North Final in Leeds after progressing through the National Schools U18s Tournament. Sadly though, their journey ended there, with them winning their first match but losing the second two.

### THANKS...

...to the Old Stopfordians' Association who have generously funded the purchase of 10 hockey masks for the teams.



## DOWN TO A TEE

In another sporting success, the golf team went through to the next round of the ISGA Knockout Cup, with the A team (Theo Whitley, Edgar Noden and Oliver Brady) beating The Grange 2 – 1 in the matchplay competition and qualifying for Round One of the trophy. The Golf Society also took part in the Old Stopfordians' Association Oppida Cup competition in October in which Matthew Hughes won the Junior Competition and the overall best score.

There are now regular sessions at Adlington Golf Centre with David Myers Golf Academy.

# LEADING THE WAY



## COOKING FOR JAMES MARTIN

Celebrity chef James Martin was full of praise for three SGS pupils who cooked for him at the North-West final of the Red Tractor Beef and Lamb Young Chef Challenge.

Entrants had to create an original, healthy recipe for under £10 using beef or lamb mince to be judged on taste, originality, nutrition and presentation. Fourth Year pupils Emilia Biondi and Charlie Kirker and Second Year Emma Winder were shortlisted from hundreds of entries to take part in the Regional Final where James and his fellow judges were amazed by the pupils' creative dishes.

All three children were highly commended for their creations, and James Martin reserved special praise for Charlie, telling him that he had 'real potential' when he tasted his dish of lamb meatball kebabs with a light curry dressing. Charlie was delighted:

**"I was really happy that he liked my dish – he has inspired me to keep cooking. It was a brilliant experience; cooking in a professional kitchen was different to anything I've done before!"**

Over the last three years, several SGS pupils have won the North-West finals as well as making it through to the regional rounds.

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH – TOP OF THE TABLE

In the recent figures released by the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, SGS is listed as having the greatest number of awards achieved in the North West area in 2011–12. With 128 Bronze, Silver and Gold awards having been achieved, congratulations are due to the pupils and staff involved. In 2010 the school celebrated the 20th anniversary of its involvement in the Scheme with a visit from HRH Prince Edward, The Earl of Wessex.



## FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Warren House launched this year's House charity events with a week of lunchtime fundraising activities. 5-a-side football tournaments, benchball, carol-singing and cake sales generated a total of £400 which will be split between Warren's nominated charities for the year, The Rainbow Trust and Macmillan Cancer Care. The remaining three Houses will run their fundraising activities later in the school year.



A coin snake raised funds for Children in Need and festive fundraising included carol singing at Handforth Dean, a Sixth Form Nativity, wearing Christmas headgear on the last day of term and collections at both the music concerts. All the money raised will be distributed to the charities being supported by SGS this year.

## IT'S A CLASSIC!

Classics teacher Dr Zanda has been delighted by reviews of her book *Fighting Hydra-like Luxury: Sumptuary Regulation in the Roman Republic*.

Prior to teaching at SGS, Dr Zanda lectured at Birkbeck College, University of London, and the research for her book was carried out as part of her PhD.

The Bryn Mawr Classical Review finds

**"Admirable concision, sensible analysis of complex problems, and fresh comparative perspective"**

in her study of the Roman Empire's struggle to control conspicuous consumption.