

VOL Students go for Gold!

In October Mrs Cowburn and Miss Leonard were fortunate enough to accompany eight of our VOL representatives to the annual Student Voice conference held at Canon Slade School.

Wow, did the Turton students do us proud! They participated in a number of workshops such as fundraising, Fair-trade and leadership skills. Students were also lucky enough to listen to two really powerful, motivational talks from mountaineer Jamie Andrew and Olympic gold medallist Roger Black.

Jamie survived the horrendous experience of losing all of his limbs after an accident whilst on a climb some years ago. He gave an uplifting and inspirational account of his life and left our students truly believing that the only constraints preventing people achieving their goals are those we place upon ourselves.

Roger, who represented Britain in numerous athletics championships throughout the 80s and 90s spoke about achievement being relative and how opportunity was everything, encouraging them to grab every opportunity that life threw at them.

It's clear to see that our students listened to every word and will surely take this advice with them throughout their lives.

A big thank you to all students who attended the conference, they were excellent ambassadors for our school and showed the local community just how exceptional the young people of Turton really are!

Kelly Leonard - Assistant Headteacher



National Baking Week Bolton Hospice's Bake-a-thon

17th October - 23rd October 2011

Foody sixth formers and 10S4 donated ingredients and made cakes and biscuits throughout the week to raise money for Bolton Hospice. Altogether, through their kindness and hard work they raised £62.97.

Thank you to the teachers and students who contributed their time and effort for this worthwhile cause.

**Catherine Dower
10S4 Form Tutor**



Billy visits Child Development!!

A big thank you goes to 7 month old Billy (and of course his mum Bryony and grandma Mrs Smethurst) for visiting a Year 11 Child Development lesson in preparation for their Child Study Controlled Assessment. It gave all students an insight into the importance of using development milestones when observing physical, intellectual, emotional and social development. A bonus was that Billy also had the cute factor!!

Rachel Reynolds - Technology



FRANTIC

Frantic Assembly create thrilling, energetic and unforgettable theatre. On the 24th of November we had the privilege of working with this highly esteemed theatre company for a day. The workshop was based around devising physical theatre for which this group is renowned. Physical workouts, technical lifting and creative devising were just a few of the many factors which made this day enjoyable. We took away techniques which will be exceptionally useful for our devised theatre examination work and for university auditions. Even though many of us woke up the day after aching from head to toe the workshop was definitely worth it.

**Jenny Yates, Holly Stevens and
Will Chambers - Year 13**



Christmas Market

The Parents' Association with the support of VOL held their annual Christmas Market on Friday 25th November.

Thanks to everyone who helped out on the night or turned up and supported us. We raised a fantastic £2,215.

Andrea Lomax - PA Chair

Key Global Dates

- 01/12 World Aids Day
- 02/12 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
- 03/12 World Day of the Handicapped
- 10/12 Human Rights Day
- 18/12 International Migrants Day
- 27/01 Holocaust Memorial Day

Turton High School Media Arts College

Newsletter

THANK YOU

I must offer a huge thank you on behalf of everyone in school to the Parents' Association, VOL and the great many staff who helped us raise well over £2,000 at the Christmas fair and put on a really enjoyable evening for the hundreds of visitors who attended.

The small, dedicated team of Parents' Association members who organise all these events for us are worth their weight in gold! If any new parents would like to join them, you will be assured of a warm welcome. (Contact: andrealomax@hotmail.co.uk)

The parents were ably supported by a fantastic group of VOL students and others from Year 7 through to the Sixth Form, who had been

baking, wrapping, making, rehearsing, collecting... you name it, they did it! Staff from the Student Centre, Learning Support, Technology department, Pastoral leaders, caretakers, Catering department and the Events crew all gave a willing hand. Our new Assistant Head, Kelly Leonard, who looks after VOL, was completely overwhelmed by the response.

Meanwhile another term of hard work draws to a close. Students and staff alike will be looking forward to a well-deserved rest. Charlie and his chocolate factory cast, crew and helpers will no doubt enjoy a particularly long slumber but what a show they put on for us. The team of directors, ably led by Jeanette Bimpson, put in many double and triple shifts to get the production ready in time and the students repaid them

handsomely with their amazing energy, talent and good humour.

Well done to everyone involved.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2012 to you all!

John Porteous - Headteacher



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Turton Win the Real Business Challenge



The Real Business Challenge (RBC) is a national enterprise competition run by Coca-Cola Enterprises (CCE) and part of Get Set, the official London 2012 Education Programme. Open to Year 10 students, the challenge is fun,

engaging and aims to help learners develop a range of skills that should give them a competitive edge in today's job market. Turton were lucky enough to be selected to take part in the RBC North West Final, which took place at the Reebok Stadium on Friday. A team of eight Turton students worked alongside Coca Cola business representatives on a live project, pitting their wits against other local schools...and won!

The project was all about promoting recycling and littering less in the run up to the Olympic Games, and creating a legacy that would last beyond 2012.

The team were judged in four main areas: their business plan; their radio advert; their billboard and their presentation to the judges. They produced excellent work in all areas and were crowned North West Champions. The billboard they produced will be developed by Coca Cola and will actually appear in this area in the run up to the Olympic Games!

The talented team now get to compete in the National Finals at Wembley and we wish them all the best.

Angela Golland - Y10 Pastoral Leader

Turtifying Halloween

We've been Turtifying Halloween in VOL by sharing the TMAC ethos through the medium of pumpkins!!!

A big thank you to all our students who took part in the event. It truly shows that we have some outstanding individuals at Turton as well as some excellent team workers and a HUGE number of students who want to contribute to our community in all the right ways!!

A special mention must go to our three winners Joseph Maroney, Angel Thomas and Georgina Worrell.

Kelly Leonard - Assistant Headteacher



Future Chef Competition

Students from all years entered the competition and the dishes produced were of outstanding quality. Staff from the school kitchens, governors and leadership judged the competition and were extremely impressed with the high standard and skills shown by the students. Well done to all who took part. School heat winner Ben Cartwright Year 9 went through to the regional heats held at Runshaw College. He had a budget of £6.00 and produced a homemade tuna burger and tartare sauce served with sweet potato and parsnip cubes followed by tarte tatin and vanilla cream. Ben really enjoyed the experience of cooking in a professional kitchen and did fantastically well. Congratulations Ben!

**Catherine Dower
Head of Food Technology**



We are delighted to announce that we have just subscribed to an exciting new service called GCSEPod, which we believe will be of great benefit to our students. GCSEPod provides over 185 hours of high quality GCSE revision across 13 subjects, in the form of audio-visual podcasts.

The podcasts are available through our school secure website (VLE) at www.tmac.uk.com/moodle. Students can choose to watch the podcasts online on their computer or mobile device or, if they wish, download the podcasts to their mobile device to watch when they don't have internet connection.

It is important that students only visit the GCSEPod site through the link on the school VLE. Students must enroll on the 'Electronic Resources' section

Turton Students give Senna Pole Position

The Media & Film department took 38 students to The Cornerhouse in Manchester on Tuesday 15th November. The morning session was led by Roy Stafford who presented an introduction to Documentary Film making. This was followed by a screening of the remarkable story of Brazilian motor-racing champion Ayrton Senna. The film uses archival footage to follow his rise and tragic death at the age of 34 and by the end of the film Mrs James and Ms Terrace searched frantically in bags and pockets for tissues, failing miserably to hide their obvious emotions. In the afternoon students discussed issues of narrative, representation and audience in groups before presenting their findings to the other schools.

This was a fantastic day and students gained valuable guidance for their AS & A2 exams. Well done to everyone who took part.

**Caroline James
Head of Media & AST**

and it is here they can find further instructions on how to register and some help videos too. They can then watch and download any of the podcasts they require for FREE.

When students choose a podcast to download, an email with an embedded link to the podcast will be sent from GCSEPod to their school email account. Students with Apple devices should simply click on the link when at home, save the podcast into iTunes and sync with their iPod, iPhone or iPad. Students with Blackberry or Android devices should simply click the link in the email, save the file to their computer, connect their device via USB to their PC or Mac and then drag the GCSEPod video files into the folder named 'Video'.

If you have any problems or questions about the service please contact Caroline James, who is leading the roll out in school.

**Caroline James
Head of Media & AST**

Operation Christmas Child



The students and staff at Turton worked together to create 92 shoeboxes full of goodies and essentials that were collected on Tuesday 8th November 2011. The shoeboxes were taken to the local Operation Christmas Child warehouse and are now on their way to Belarus in time for Christmas. Through the efforts at Turton, 92 children, over a thousand miles away, will feel the love, compassion and generosity we have sent with our boxes. I'm sure all those involved this year will have a lump in their throat on Christmas Day when they think of the difference they have made to a child's life, when a child receives the love sent to them, all the way from Bolton.



Liz Brennan - Learning Support

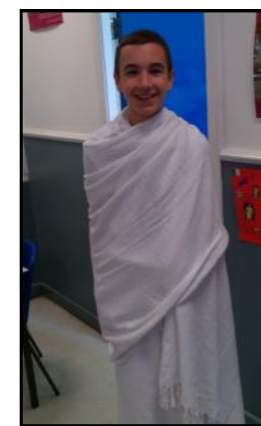
Bringing the Community into Turton

The beginning of November brought various visitors into the Faith and Ethics department. To coincide with the festival of Eid some Year 9 classes had the opportunity to learn about the pilgrimage of Hajj through talking to Khadijah and Yunus, both of whom have been on this religious journey to Mecca. The classes really engaged with this opportunity and asked some insightful questions about this potential once in a life time experience, it also gave them an opportunity to reflect on places which are important in their lives.

Some Year 8 students also had the opportunity to talk to Jay, a member of the local Hindu community about Ahimsa, the concept of not harming.

This was a great opportunity for them as this is the topic of the Humanities Homework Challenge so it really brought the subject alive and resulted in some mature debate.

The department would like to thank Bolton's Interfaith Council, as without them we would not be able to arrange such fantastic opportunities.



Thomas (Year 9) wearing Ihram (clothing worn whilst on Hajj)

**Jeanette Edge -
Head of Faith & Ethics**

Sixth Formers in Court!

We had a fantastic time at Liverpool Crown Court on 12th November 2011, competing (as we do annually) in the Bar National Mock Court Competition: a national competition organised by the Citizenship Foundation.

Students from across the Sixth Form worked hard with Holly Patterson, a local Barrister from Kenworthy Chambers in Manchester, to moot two Crown Court cases in front of real Crown Court Judges. The competition provided our students with the opportunity to hobnob with many professionals from the legal profession and to gain skills in public speaking, courtroom etiquette and debating. Many congratulations to Khansa Taha, Hannaa Ali, Becky Singleton and Dean McDermott, who took on the rather formidable Barrister roles; to Anna Blythe (Defendant) for managing to get a 'not guilty' verdict,

despite the fact that the judge said she quite obviously did it; Maida Zenkic, Nihal Kaloo, Jacob Fear, Jorden Parton, Elizabeth Parr and Hannah Wooldridge made standing in the witness stand look easy; and Beth Hodgson for her organisational skills as Court Clerk and Usher. Year 11 students Taylor Smith and Ryan Curley also came along to sit in the Jury and to get a taste of one of the many extra-curricular activities available in the sixth form. Many thanks also to Mrs Aspen (Second in English) for her support on the day.

**Anna Cook
Assistant Director of Sixth Form**



Off to see the wizard!

The English department took Year 7 to the Octagon for their annual Theatre trip, early in December. In-house critics were very positive about the experience.

"It was more modern and suited to children."

"It was fun because they made it all about our own area, Bolton."

"I liked how they interacted with us, talking to individual people in the audience."

"It was really funny and well-rehearsed."

"I like it because it had good drama in

Ode to Turton

*As I made my way through Turton High,
The feeling that has grown,
Of laughter, love and learning friendships,
Now comes our time to mourn
When the month succumbs, our time to leave
A sense that we're re-born.
Into the world of young unemployment
The situation in which we are thrown.*

*As I made my way through Turton High,
The excited eyes that pass,
Of young and vulnerable, Year seven children,
Large futures out in mass,
Compulsory subjects with not much choice
No revision mastered tasks
Unlike us, our social lives strained
To revise and get a pass*

*As I made my way through Turton High that old familiar sight
Teacher, friends, all smiling, regarding
Some futures 'O' so bright
I look around and see these faces
I have grown to love in spite
Of afflicting confrontations with fictional divinations,
Together our year shall unite*

*As I made my way through Turton High
Emotions could explode.
All I ask is a bit more time
I really do implore
I'd utilise another year
A year used to explore
An in depth envision into more subjects
That now time can't afford*

*As I made my way through Turton High
We've blossomed from young flowers
Just one more day is all we have
A few more precious hours
An aging building outside, but hear
what lies within?
Secrets, love, a myriad of powers
This building I'm proud to call ours*

Liam Hodgkinson - 11T3

it, which will help us with our lessons."

Lucy Cartwright 7T3
Cameron Duxbury 7T1
Sam Hill 7T3
Gabrielle Mannifield 7T3
Daisy Bali 7T3

Sarah Rogerson—2nd in English