

## Sporting Digest!

### Basketball – Jamie Jumps To Glory!

The aerial power of Jamie Glen and Charlie Cuthbert is proving too much for the competition as Turton's Under 16's remain undefeated so far this season. Indeed, Jamie has recently received national recognition of his ability, with a call up to the U16 England Basketball Squad. Many congratulations, Jamie on this fantastic achievement.



### Rugby – Cai Eyes Success!

Despite gutsy performances from both sides, Year 10 and Year 11 were eliminated from the Powergen trophy. Year 8 and 9 are currently hard at work in training and are shaping up nicely under the watchful eye of Year 12, Cai Anderson, who has volunteered his services as coach.

### Boys' Football – On a Roll!



School football teams have made a convincing start to the season. Year 7, 8 and 9 have all progressed to the next round of the Bolton Schools' Cup, while Year 10 and 11 have enjoyed great success in their fixtures, though for both, their cup run came to a disappointingly premature end.

Congratulations to a quartet of Year 9 students – Matthew Farnworth, Seb Halstead, Rizwan Patel, and Connor Wilson – on their selection for the U14s' Town Team.

### Girls' Football



As ever, participation at training sessions has been fantastic, though new recruits are still welcome. The combined Year 7/8 team is through to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Round of the Greater Manchester Cup, sweeping past Rivington 5-1, and edging out Derby School, Bury, in a titanic 4-3 battle.

## Netball

Yr 7-11 have had a formidable start to the season, with all teams still involved in the Bolton Schools' Competition. However, it was a case of déjà-vu for the Year 11 team as for the fifth successive year they finished as runners-up to Bolton School in the Bolton Schools' tournament.

## Dance

Dance Club is proving as popular as ever, with 64 girls regularly attending, all of whom are currently focussed on choreographing a routine for Christmas. Mrs Costello, about to depart on Maternity Leave, would like to wish all GCSE and A-Level students good luck in their preparation for their exams.

## Golf – A Stirling Effort

It was something of a family affair for Turton as the brothers – and sister – Stirling (that's Louisa, Anthony and Ian) took little time in dismissing a strong Merchant Taylor team in the first round of the Lancashire School K.O. Competition. However, Ross McNaughton, Tom Sanders and Aaron Gandy were unlucky to go down to Winstanley College.



There is further glory for Louisa Stirling who has been crowned Bolton Ladies' Golf Champion 2005. Not to be outdone, brother Anthony has taken the title of Bury U18s' Champion. Well done to both!

## Badminton – Racquet Up!

Badminton Club is proving enormously popular with all age groups, though new members are welcome to join Mrs Mullin on a Wednesday night. We've entered two sides into the U16 League, under the leadership of Year 11's Sam Bancroft.

Chris Mullin—Acting Head of PE

## Year 11 Presentation Evening

Students from last year's Year 11 gathered at the Albert Halls earlier this term to celebrate their outstanding success in their GCSE exams. In his address to students and parents, Mr Porteous warmly praised the students for reaping such fine academic rewards, but was just as keen to honour the contribution that they made to the cultural, social and sporting life of the school.



Anthony Bond and David Turner, who each scored among the Top 5 in the country, pictured receiving their certificates from Sandy Holt.

Guest of honour at the event was local kick-boxing legend Sandy Holt, and following a highly entertaining speech, Sandy gave a demonstration of his audacious skills, before showing off the ultimate party-trick: doing press-ups using merely a single thumb.

For those students choosing not to remain at Turton in the Sixth-Form, it was a final chance to gather with classmates and tutors to give each other a well deserved pat on the back, and to wish each other well in the future, and the evening was richly enjoyed by all who attended.

Jo Elliott—KS4 Pastoral Leader

## Students Get 'Frantic' About Workshops!

Drama and Performance students from Year 10 to Year 13 were put through their paces earlier this term by members of 'Frantic Assembly' Theatre Group who delivered two one day workshops on the demanding art of physical theatre.

Though draining, it was a fun-packed and stimulating day, with students going through complex theatrical routines and learning new physical games. The skills developed will play a vital role in the devised examination work that is now under preparation.

Amy Collins—Year 13

## Blazers of Glory!

The refectory at Bolton University saw scenes of competitive frenzy earlier this term when it played host to the North West heats of the Kids Lit Quiz. At stake was a place in the national finals in Newcastle and a shot at the World Finals, to be held next year in New Zealand.

As quizmaster Wayne Mills talked the teams through the mouth-watering itinerary for the New Zealand trip, including a tour of the spectacular location of 'Lord of the Rings', the supervising teachers could be seen visibly willing on their teams that little bit harder.

Turton entered two teams, drawn from students in Year 7 & 8, and as Turton's Team 1 surged into an early lead both myself and Mrs Sprawling could be seen mentally packing our suitcases for the long journey down under.

Alas, it wasn't to be. The Turton team had already identified students

from Carlisle's Austin St Friars School as tough competition based entirely on the intimidatingly flamboyant piping on the cuffs of their blazers. And the kids with the posh cuffs stormed back to steal the lead and book their place in Newcastle.

Turton were narrowly edged into fourth place, following a tie-breaker, but did steal some glory as Year 7's Hannah King won several of the



between round spot-prizes with a peerless display of knowledge. Well done to all those who took part, and particular thanks to Mrs Sprawling who co-ordinated the entire event.

Ian Bland

## Music News

### Masonic Youth!

Prior to the 8<sup>th</sup> December all that members of the Brass Ensemble knew about Masons was something to do with a funny handshake. Never such innocence again. That was the evening on which they performed the first of a brace of Christmas celebrations at Masonic Lodges, the second following on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> at the Farnworth Lodge.

### Yamaha Live Event

Bolton Arena might seem an unlikely venue for probing the underbelly of the pop and rock business, but that was the location of the Yamaha Live! Event on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December. Thirty Year 9 students visited the event, an initiative combining the fields of entertainment and enterprise, where they got the chance to try out instruments and learn more about the business of creating and marketing music. Following the day session, many of the students, ahem, rocked the night away at a gig organised in conjunction with the event.

### Xmas Concert

Never mind what Advent calendars or the Christmas edition of the 'Radio Times' might tell you to the contrary, many of us know that the festive season doesn't truly begin until all the Turton combos have come together for the annual jingle Jamboree that is the Christmas Concert. At time of writing we're still in the thick of rehearsals but, as ever, we anticipate a Christmas cracker (complete with one or two dodgy hats, and even a dodgier joke or two). The event promises vocal solos aplenty, and even a piece of Turton musical history in the making as the Junior Big Band are joined by a vocalist for the very first time, Year 7's Hannah King going where no one has gone before!

John Parkinson  
Head of Music



## Shine on Shandelle!

Congratulations to Year 9's Shandelle Bibby, who was recently nominated for an award for Outstanding Achievement at the National Awards for Community Contribution. Shandelle became one of the youngest Apprentice Trainers in the Young Movers group, a voluntary organisation dedicated to improving the quality of life in local communities. She was commended for her determination and willingness to give up her own time for the benefit of others.

Well done Shandelle!

## Turton Training Choir

Calling all choristers! Turton Training Choir currently boasts twenty members, aged between 6 and 11, drawn from a number of local primary schools, and Musical Directors Helen Rigby and Jacqueline Tinniswood are keen to enlist new recruits. During the last twelve months, the choir, who are given support by Turton as part of our specialist school remit, has been involved in five concerts organised by Bolton Music Service, and has seen two of its members promoted to Bolton Junior Youth Choir.

Rehearsals take place at Harwood Meadows Primary every Wednesday between 4-5pm, further details from Bolton Music Service on 333533.

Jane Hampson  
Head of Music Service



Year 7 & 8 linguists haggle with stallholders at Manchester's European markets.

## Emma Excels!

Former Turton student Emma Deaville was honoured at the recent Annual Dinner of the Bolton Society of Chartered Accountants, gaining the highest marks in the Advanced Stage exams.

**Gourmet Christmas Meal**

Around 60 of our guests enjoyed a sumptuous meal at Bolton College on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November, and collected raffle prizes including a £60 Saks voucher, wine and other seasonal treats.

**Hooch and Bench Fashion Show**

Those of you with a penchant for designer togs should be clamouring for a ticket for our fashion show, to be held on Thurs. 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. Last year's event was heavily over-subscribed, so you're urged to book early. Tickets are £1.50 each.

**Women's Pamper Evening**

Calling all companies promoting products or services in the field of women's health, wealth, or beauty! This event is pencilled in for May 2006, and if your company is interested in getting involved, then please contact the PA.

**Mock Interview Scheme**

Many thanks to all those who generously gave up their time to assist with this always successful scheme. Particular thanks to Penny Elger for coordinating the scheme this year, and to John Ireland for his many years of service to the scheme.

**Future Plans**

We've plenty of plans and ideas for the future, but are always eager to welcome new faces and voices. Please try and join us next term on:

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February:** Parents' Forum at 6:30, PA meeting 7:30-9pm  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April:** PA meeting 7-9pm

**Contact the PA:**

Deborah – 811357 or email Deborah@hey01.freereserve.co.uk  
 Lesley – 305011  
 Jane - 306771

**Deborah Hey**

**Voices Out Loud!**

Welcome to 'Voices Out Loud', tmac's freshly re-branded forum for giving students a chance to get a grip on the levers of power. Students keen to stand took to the hustings and delivered their manifestos to their tutor groups, before each form then elected one male and one female member to represent them on the council. Successful representatives were given training delivered by Schools Council UK in partnership with Bolton Healthy Schools Programme and Connexions. Pupils developed skills in group leadership, problem solving, cooperation and committee planning.

With meetings scheduled for December, the council members are raring to turn up the VOLUME and ensure their voice is heard when there's important decision - making to be done. They will also be linking with schools across Bolton to ensure that their insider's perspective on matters affecting schools is properly heard. Muffle them at your peril!



**Jean Squires**  
 Student Voice Co-ordinator

**Self – Defence!**

Any female pupils interested in developing their self-defence skills are welcome to come along to classes on Monday nights in the gym where 5 dan expert Kevin Clark, and level 2 dan Joe Mullin, will teach you how to stay safe on the streets.

**Calendar Amendment**

The Annual Governors' Meeting with Parents will now take place as part of the Parents' Forum on **Tuesday 7th February 2006.**

**Geography Get Out & About!**

**Fun in Formby!**

Formby nature reserve and sand dunes was the destination for 80 intrepid Year 9 students earlier this term. With weather conditions working in our favour, pupils fed the squadrons of red squirrels and enjoyed roaming the dunes, as they developed data collection techniques and team work skills.



**Getting Wise in Morecambe**

"Bring me sunshine," we sang, but in the end we had to make do with freezing fog as Year 12 students visited Morecambe for their recent field trip. Staying overnight in Arnside Youth Hostel, we studied how the sea defences are protecting the area's wonderful coastline. The murky weather did have one silver lining though: it meant we were free to watch Bolton's Monday night clash with Spurs! These two excellent visits are just the start of a virtually national tour of areas of geographical interest lined up for later in the year.

Clare Smith—Head of Geography



**Walmsley Juniors are crowned this Year 6 Quiz Kids Champions by Headteacher, John Porteous.**

**So Here It Is...Merry Christmas!**

School will close for the holiday at 1:05pm on **Thursday 22nd December**, and re-open on **Monday 9th January**. Best wishes to you all!

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**Rights and Responsibilities**

As this autumn term has unfolded we have heard and read a lot of criticism locally and nationally about the "youth of today". They know their rights, allegedly, but take little responsibility for their actions and how they affect other people. Even at Turton we have a tiny minority of students who demonstrate this kind of selfishness and lack of consideration for their parents, their peers, their teachers and the communities they live in. It is our duty to try and educate them in the broadest sense of the word.

This newsletter must address the imbalance of reporting what our young people get up to. You will read here about outstanding achievements in sport, in drama, in music, in competitions and, of course, in this year's exams.

More importantly, you will also read

about a huge charity effort and some wonderful individual examples of community service. Our students are not only bright and talented: they are caring, generous, warm-hearted and compassionate. It is these qualities that will enrich their adult lives as much as any academic qualifications. That is why we are giving the new student voice "VOL", a real say in how we organise school life, our environment, our code of conduct and the curriculum opportunities we provide. Our students have not only the intelligence but also the maturity to play a major part in the further development of the main school and the Sixth Form College. It is a great pleasure and privilege to be working with them.

Finally, I would like to thank Brett Warburton for his kindness and generosity towards our students. In

recognition of their excellent fund-raising efforts on behalf of Asthma UK, he funded a day out at the Reebok for 180 Year 11 students and staff with Paul Ridehalgh, John's dad: a most appropriate way of honouring John's memory.

What better tribute could the year group now offer than to make the very best of their opportunities in this year's examinations and beyond. As the mocks get under way, we hope they will all get down to work and show us what they are capable of?

Wishing you and your families a relaxing holiday and every success in 2006.

John Porteous  
 Headteacher

**Giving Their All!**

After a year dominated by catastrophic natural disasters across the globe, it's little surprise that compassion fatigue has set in amongst the public. Thankfully, not a single trace of the syndrome can be found among the student community at Turton who continue to fundraise for a raft of causes with undiminished energy and inventiveness.

Two of the latest of the many causes to benefit from the unshakeable generosity – with both their money and their time – of Turton students are Aids sufferers in Africa, and victims of the Asian earthquake, proving that geography is no barrier to the generous

impulses that govern our pupils.

Encouraged by Mr Searle and Mrs Elliott, Year 10 and Year 11 students have sold badges and soft toys to raise money for those living in Africa afflicted by Aids. The badges featured a beaded version of the iconic red ribbon, and were made in Africa by those suffering from the disease. More than £1000 was raised in the run up to World Aids Day on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

The recent earthquake in Pakistan and India left a trail of horrific destruction. In the wake of the initial anguish, many of those affected now face a second menace, in the form of a brutal winter. Turton students have responded to this situation by raising over £1105.38 through non-uniform day and collections. Individual efforts were

also made – Year 12's Shawana Badat raised almost £160 through a sponsored fast. Later this month, Mr Khan will be visiting the region of Kashmir, providing relief and aid to some of those affected by the disaster.

The Mayor of Bolton, who has made the Earthquake Appeal his own designated charity, visited school to pay personal thanks to the efforts of the students, which once again proves that the unflattering press which teenagers often receive doesn't tell the entire story.

