



Christmas Newsletter

Madras College Newsletter

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Rector's Note

At the end of term and the approach of Christmas it is difficult to think of much other than the continuing building and accommodation problems at Madras. In each of the last three years we have had a major problem: first the large lumps falling off the South Street building, then the realisation that the more modern parts of the school were mainly clad in asbestos-bearing materials, now the need for rewiring and electrical upgrading in the PE block at Kilrymont Road and the pool at South Street. "What next?" is an obvious question. "Nothing", the hopeful answer.

On the positive side, however, the School Board has been very active in working with council elected members and officials to start planning for the future accommodation needs of our school or our catchment. Indeed there is a recognised need to look more widely at the secondary education provision for the whole of northeast Fife. It is also reassuring that in the work being undertaken throughout Fife to address the recent electrical problems safety has been put at the top of the agenda. It has been made clear to us that the work will be carried out as quickly as possible and with close regard for the safety of pupils and staff. Meantime it has to be noted that the PE department is doing superbly under difficult circumstances and that the pupil response has been excellent. The standard of social dancing, one of the few remaining activities possible at present, has also reached new heights. The offers of help from neighbouring establishments have also been very gratifying.

On a broader front we should also note that the essential business of school life continues. Fourth years have just completed their prelim examinations and their work placements. Seniors start their prelims two weeks into the new term, so the pressure is also on for them. Many

of the initiatives taking place at the moment in the junior building are described in this newsletter. Staff are involved in several large development groups covering central aspects of our work within the School Plan: the curriculum, behaviour support and groundrules, independent learning, professional development, record-keeping and "pupil-tracking" as it is now called, and information technology. Meeting outside normal timetable hours these groups involve a high proportion of staff, and are separate from and in addition to the normal departmental and standing committee meetings which also take place after 3.30 pm. Pupils have been increasingly involved this session in consultation on many issues, directly or via council representatives.

There is, therefore, a general feeling of hustle and bustle, of running to stand still, and of not having much time to think. This is why Christmas is so important, in providing us with an incentive to pause, to reflect.

'Sheltering from wind and rain in a stone-age cave, using resources sparingly, sleeping for much of the time, getting spears and tools ready for the spring, telling stories and playing simple games, our ancestors knew nothing of the fun of a modern Christmas, the slaughter of immature trees, the tacky baubles, the piles of unnecessary presents, the surfeit of food, the bombardment of tasteless music, the parties, the sales.' Thus might start a comparison of ancient and modern midwinter customs by someone who has completely missed the point that Christmas is and usually has been a quiet time for most people. The rush and bustle in advance of the festivity only accentuates the sudden calm that should descend, the family gatherings, the common time together. It is a time to relax, to unwind and to take stock – at least for

the lucky ones not working, not ill, not caring for others 24 hours a day.

If Madras was thought of as a large family, then, how would it take stock? What kind of year has it been? Would these be some common items?

- Has everyone been given a chance to shine?
- Have we hidden any talents under a bushel?
- Have we taken responsibility for our own actions?
- Have we been good neighbours?
- Have we made the best of the present difficulties?
- Have we thought of the plight of others?
- Have we thanked those who have helped us?
- Have we given a little charity to help others a lot?
- Have we worked for peace and goodwill?
- Do we have our own ambitions, our own star to follow?
- Are the spears ready and sharp for the challenges next spring?

Enjoy making your own list during what we trust is a happy, restful and reflective festive season.

**Fife Council
Severe Weather Closure
Information**

By 7.30 am information will be available from three sources:

- a) ITV Teletext page 373,
- b) Fife Council Winter Line 08701 261266,
- c) Kingdom FM Radio (95.2 and 96.1),
- d) Radio Forth (97.3),
- e) Radio Tay (102.8 and 96.4).

St Andrews Fencing Club

On Saturday 12th October four pupils from the school, Ben Dowman, Sean Pitman, Jonathan Hart and Philip Woollins (all S1) entered the Fife Schools Open Foil Competition in Dunfermline. Ben made it through to the final and came back as the proud owner of a splendid silver medal. All boys acquitted themselves very well in the tournament.

The Scottish Secondary Schools Fencing Competition gave St. Andrews fencers the opportunity to represent their school at Inverkeithing earlier this month. Sean Pitman, foil, and Christopher McCall (S2), epee, gained the points to put the school 12th, an excellent result with only one age group, each working with only one weapon. Ben Dowman, Philip Woollins, Matthew Wright (S1) and Alexander Evetts (S1) also performed very well indeed.

QUAD THEATRE

After months of rehearsals the production of **Children** was performed at the beginning of October in South Street Quad Theatre to full audiences. The play was devised and written by S2 and 3 pupils with help from Miss Dewar and some S5 pupils. It was an exciting and unique look into the life of children from toddlers to teenagers featuring ten small scenes beginning with 'The Sandpit' and ending with 'The Sixth Year Ball'. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the practice and performance and from the responses of the audience, which consisted of parents and teachers, they enjoyed it too.

A Trip To RAF Leuchars

A group of S1-S3 pupils thoroughly enjoyed a charity Open Day at RAF Leuchars at the beginning of the month. There were guided tours of various planes and a parachute and motorbike stunt display as well as a range of light-hearted activities. The RAF personnel organised a superb event much appreciated by pupils and staff.

Litter Lift

A few weeks ago you may have read on the front page of the Citizen an article on a litter initiative that some junior pupils were carrying out in the Scooniehill Road area. We are pleased to say that we met with some measure of success. Through assemblies we had informed pupils in the Kilrymont Road building that we would be litter lifting on certain days and sought their support to put more litter in the bins. Less litter was collected on the second lift and even allowing for windy weather, we collected only three large bags as opposed to five the previous week. With the support of Jane Hutchinson, Fife's Rubbish Free Zone Co-ordinator, we shall monitor the situation in future weeks and continue the initiative in the spring.

In addition the school has registered for the Tizer Can Challenge and will be recycling aluminium drink cans during the year in both buildings.

Definitely to be ...

In September, blessed with good weather, twenty senior and one former pupil and staff headed south for Stratford-on-Avon for a theatrically packed long week-end. This happy band of brothers managed to include two productions of Shakespeare-Pericles and King Lear, a tour of all places connected with the bard, a backstage tour of the two Stratford theatres (a must for all those keen to tread the boards) and still had time for some shopping in the town centre. It was a wonderful trip and hopefully can be repeated in years to come.

Rotary Inter-House Debate

This annual event was as keenly contested as always with considerable deliberation required by judges Ian Black, Alec Clark and Wilson Sibbett before the winners were announced. The motions debated were:

"This House would smack children"
"This House thinks Christmas is a waste of time and money"
"This House would rather be brainy than beautiful"

After enjoying refreshments the judges joined the contestants and supporters to announce the winners.

Proposer	John-Jo Ryan
Opposer	Catriona Kay
2nd Proposer	Sarah Dunn
2nd Opposer	Mairi McInness
Chairman	Hamish Findlay
House Shield	Blackfriars

Stanza Poetry Festival

Last term as part of the **Stanza Festival of Poetry**, Roddy Lumsden, a former pupil, returned to give a series of workshops and a reading of his own poetry to senior pupils. This was a great success with pupils and staff enjoying his distinctive blend of teaching and recitation. Also, seven S1-S3 Pick-up-a-pen Club members and two S6 pupils accompanied Mr O Darge, Principal Teacher of English, to St Andrews Bay for the launch of Stanza's Creative Writing Education Programme.

And, talking of former pupils, those of you who have been watching **River City** on BBC 1 may not be aware that Raymond Henderson is Paul Samson who attended Madras in the Seventies. Even then and especially in SYS English his literary and dramatic talents were evident. We wish him a long and successful run.

New Technology

We now have a **fixed digital projector and interactive whiteboard** in the South Street building. This allows us to project the display from a computer screen onto a large whiteboard at the front of the room. The board is touch sensitive and a finger can be used to control the display in the same way as a mouse.

Diagrams can be moved about on the board by the teacher or a pupil, answers can be entered or changed, the teacher can access pages prepared earlier, while remaining at the front of the classroom. We are impressed with the versatility of this new technology and are enjoying exploring its capabilities.

Staff Notes

At the start of session Mr G Murray took up the Acting APT Art and Design post to cover for Mrs Houston's maternity leave. In October Mr R Simpson was appointed Head Janitor, replacing Mr Findlay who has been on secondment in Glenrothes for the last three years. Mrs A Sturrock became temporary teacher of Art and Design, and Mr S McArthur temporary teacher in the department of Special Education. Mr K Duncan was appointed to the vacant post in Design and Technology. In November Miss L Drummond was appointed to the Drama post vacated by Miss L Dewar. Lastly, we say farewell at the end of term to Miss J Ritchie, School Office, who leaves us after seven years to take up a new post in Ninewells Hospital. She goes with our thanks for her excellent service and our good wishes for her future career.

Classics

While the Greek Club flourishes in the Kilrymont Road building, with greater numbers now, due to the Classics Video section, there is greater growth in South Street at Lunchtime Greek too, confirming Madras's position as one of the few schools left in Scotland teaching and presenting in Classical Greek.

We have enjoyed a visit from Mrs E Heimbash, a Latin teacher from Washington DC, who was most interested in the pupils' work and commented generously on the atmosphere in the department.

Language Teaching Poster Prize

Sarah Gillespie (S2) was outright winner in this year's S.A.L.T. (Scottish Association of Language Teaching) award with her imaginative poster design celebrating St Andrews and Fife.

Congratulations to all pupils who entered this competition and the Modern Languages Department would like to thank The Art Department, especially Mr Murray who motivated his S2 Art class to produce a wonderful range of posters in French, German and Spanish.

Fundraising

Our first fundraising event was the **MacMillan Coffee Morning** in South Street, organised by the school's Interact group. A sum of over £300 was raised—a successful start to our Charities Campaign.

Over £620 was raised in the school for BBC Children in Need. Pupils bought vouchers for Have-a-Hat Day and were allowed to wear a stylish hat all day, even in classes!

Pupils in S6 and in the Department of Special Education visited classes in aid of the Earl Haig Fund and raised well over £300. We are delighted with the response of all concerned.

And finally, the school supported **Cornerstone in Cupar**, a Homeless Trust in North East Fife, by collecting in the region of 700 items of food and toiletries for Christmas food parcels. A big thank you to staff and pupils for all your contributions.

Ski Club

This term the club successfully took 22 pupils and 2 members of staff through 6 hours of beginners lessons at Hillend in Edinburgh. Most participants are now skiing at the equivalent of level 3 of the UK Snowsport Awards and are keenly anticipating a good ski season at Glenshee in 2003.

S5 Representative Group

A committed group of up to 15 pupils meets every Wednesday lunchtime with Mrs Easingwood, Fifth Year Head, to put forward their points of view about school life and issues.

Mrs Easingwood wishes to thank these pupils for their lively and constructive ideas - which range from suggestions about lack of bag storage space for boys, the decorative state of the girls' locker area and the functioning of the water fountain, to ambitious plans for social events. They work hard at schemes to benefit the whole pupil body. The Talent Show organised when they were in Third Year has never been forgotten - and pupils in the Kilrymont Road building still benefit from the picnic benches which were brought with the proceeds from that event. That event brought out the crowds. So it is disappointing to report that the Group's plans for a Disco in November this year had to be abandoned through lack of pupil support. However, the Group refuses to be discouraged and will be back with more schemes in the New Year.

The Wednesday lunchtime meetings are open to everyone and anyone in fifth year. You don't have to be a regular member, just turn up! Come along with a grumble, a moan or - better still - a bright idea and you will be made welcome.

SCHOOL BOARD

Many readers will know that the Madras School Board under its chairman Professor Peter McKiernan has been engaged for over a year in dialogue with Fife Council and many other bodies over **the future of our overcrowded school and of secondary education in this area**. The Board has been trying to inform and consult parents and others by means of **open meetings** held in various locations in the school catchment area, to date in Tayport and in St Andrews. **The next such Forum is to be hosted by Wormit PTA in Wormit Primary School at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 29 January 2003, and all are welcome - wherever they live.**

The Madras College School Board is trying to establish what people want for the future pupils in our area. It has **not** taken up a position favouring any particular option. Various of these are, we understand, being investigated by Fife Council. We would urge all interested to **attend the Forums** and to **make their view known** to the Board (via the Secretary, Mrs Morag Wilson, at Madras College, South Street).

The overcrowding in both Madras buildings is becoming so serious that **action must be taken very soon** by the only body that can, viz. the education authority, Fife Council if pupils' education is not to suffer.

Music Notes

Work has continued behind the scenes for the 80 pupils involved in the Piping and Drumming Programme, aided by the new CD Rom teaching resource developed by Mr S Bayne. Public performances for the Pipe Band included the Beating of the Retreat for St Andrews Day although many who turned up to hear the combined local bands arrived too late – the publicity not matching the reality. This was unfortunate as it was an excellent performance!

Wind Band, Orchestra and Pipe Band have been out and about again, raising funds for their forthcoming tour of the Rhineland. The public response has been excellent and we thank all who have contributed so generously.

The school heat for the annual Rock Band competition attracted four bands this year, perhaps a smaller turn-out than usual, but not lacking in quality. The competition is judged by a randomly selected group of senior pupils and the winners who go forward to the Regional competition are *The Velocettes* who sang *By The Way*.

Due to circumstances very much beyond our control – leading to severe accommodation problems - it was not considered feasible to put on the Christmas Concerts this year. However, the Music Department has been able to redeem something in the form of a souvenir CD 'Gaudete – A Christmas Sampler'. Enquiries to Music Department.

Preparations are well under way for the Modern Languages Department annual S3 Easter visit to France.

IN THE MEDIA

As you will have seen in the St Andrews Citizen, the Madras College has returned to its pages. The Diary Committee, composed of staff and pupils, aims to go to press twice a term with news and views from round the school. If our Newsletter readers would like to submit any information on Former Pupils we would be delighted to hear from you.

Drugs Awareness

Class Acts Promotions were the visitors to the Kilrymont Road Assembly Hall on the 19th November and presented the hard-hitting multimedia production, RUSH. In a forty minute fast-paced show the S2 pupils were confronted with situations about the effects of drugs misuse on a family in Northern Ireland. This production was ideal extension material to the Drugs Education programme running at the moment. At the end the pupils were given the opportunity to answer questions raised in the play. The members of the cast were impressed with the maturity of the comments.

EXCHANGES

Alita Barber, Anna Melnick and Mitchell Bourne were hosted by the Ennis, Kennedy and Kinnear families from August to October. They quickly merged into the Sixth Year and were eager to be involved in everything that was happening. Cultural visits were arranged and the girls even went to Germany to stay with a relative. Tim Ennis, James Kennedy and Ben Kinnear are now looking forward to studying at Mount Sentinel High School in British Columbia from January to March, and being snowboarders are excited to hear there have been good falls of snow in the area.

Rebekah McNight from Great Valley High School, Philadelphia, USA, was hosted by Catherine Aitken from August to November. Again great friendship developed and Catherine will travel in January to America to stay until May.

Ten pupils from Upper Arlington High School, Ohio will be hosted in February by Fifth Year pupils. This is the fourth year of the exchange and the Sixth Year pupils who visited Ohio in October are passing on details of their life-changing experience.

Applicants from Fourth Year will be invited in February for the summer 2003 exchange with Ohtawara, Japan.

Field Trip

In mid-September the Advanced Higher Geography class of twelve went to the Lake District with Mrs Thomson for their annual fieldwork weekend. This was again a success and the group managed to complete many surveys and investigations into the area's human and physical landscapes. The success of the trip was largely due to the hard work of the group in advance. Much planning and thought was put into the investigations. The actual weekend allowed the pupils to complete one third of the unit rather painlessly! Even the weather was great for the trip! Ben Kinnear, a keen member of the class, advises everyone to take Advanced Higher Geography, even just for this section of the curriculum!!!

Debating

Three teams have qualified for the second round of the 'Courier/Royal Bank' Junior Debating Competition. Well done to Claire Field and Lindsay Forbes (S2); Sarah Gillespie and David Watson (also S2) and Daisy Radford and Alison Colvin (S3).

At South Street, Stuart Ball (S6) and Thomas Foster (S6) are through to the second round of the ESU Debating and Soapbox Public Speaking competitions. In Public Speaking, Sarah Dunn, Keir Lawson and Michelle Thaddeus (all S4) have also won through to the second round. Sarah and Keir were joined by Tom Corcoran (S4) and Kirsty Topping (S6) representing the school at the Dundee University Debating Competition.

Modern Studies

Mrs. Brown's Advanced Higher class enjoyed an inspiring trip to the Sheriff Court in Dundee to strengthen their knowledge of the practice of Law and Order. They were fortunate enough to have the chance of interviewing a sheriff who was presiding over a jury trial which the group had observed. This interesting experience has encouraged one of the group to apply for Law at university and the whole class agree that it was extremely worthwhile to see the theories of Law and Order put into practice.

Fife Student Tutoring Programme 2003

Once again, Madras will take part in this very successful scheme, which offers students at the University of St Andrews the opportunity to volunteer as helpers in schools over the winter term. The scheme is administered by liaison between Mrs Marion Thomson, Fife Education Industry Officer and Mr Stan Farrow, Associate Director of Admission at the University.

Many schools accept 3 or 4 student volunteers. Because of the size and location of our school, we will welcome a group of 20 into our classrooms from January. The students nominate the subjects they can offer expertise in, which this year are likely to range across English, Maths, Modern Languages, Classics, Geography and History.

The students offer us a minimum of one afternoon a week, but many give us far more, fitting in with requests from teachers for support for individuals and groups of pupils ranging from mixed ability classes in first year to help with Advanced Higher dissertations.

The result is a very productive two-way process, where pupils and teachers benefit from extra assistance, while the students, many of whom are considering training to enter teaching, gain practical experience and knowledge of life in our large comprehensive school.

St Andrews Week Art Exhibition

This is a main event of the celebrations where adults and school pupils are invited to submit work for the exhibition and each year prizes are awarded in both age categories.

This year two of our pupils received prizes for their artwork. Libby Brewster (S6) was given First Prize for her ink self-portrait. Second prize went to Largoward Primary for their St Andrews Pipe Band collage and third prize was awarded to Lauren Fraser (S4) for her still life painting. And there's more ...

Sarah Gillespie (S2) has also won The Royal Bank of Scotland Award 2002/2003: Friends of the Royal Scottish Academy in Edinburgh. She will, however, have to wait for the outcome of the prize-giving ceremony of this prestigious competition to be held in Edinburgh in February to learn if she is 1st, 2nd or 3rd.

This national competition was judged by a panel made up of the president of the Royal Scottish Academy, HM Inspectorate and representatives from the Royal Bank and Edinburgh College of Art.

In the senior category, Krystin Ingram (S4) has been awarded a Highly Commended Certificate of Merit.

Ola, Ola!

Madras has been awarded the prize for secondary schools in the **Competition for Spanish Magazines** organised by the Consejeria de Educacion. The award was presented in Edinburgh to Laura Towns, Katie Withams (S3) and Ross Fulton, Anna Wowk (S4) on 29th October when both the Spanish Consul General and the Consejero de Educacion from the Embassy in London were present.

PTA

By popular demand, a repeat of last session's very successful Quiz Night was run in the Kilrymont Hall on Friday 15th November. Eager teams pitted their wits against Mr Harvey Munn's varied and teasing questions and enjoyed a very sociable evening together.

Good though the occasion was, there would have been room for a few more participants. We do hope to see you all out in large numbers at our next big fundraiser, the Race Night on March 28th.

The next meeting of the PTA is Curriculum Matters on 11th February, timed to offer parents an update on some subject developments for Standard Grade and Higher Still Course Choices. The meeting will therefore be particularly useful to parents whose children are currently in second, fourth or fifth year.

50-50 Club Winners:

Mrs G Ford Blebo Craig

Mr W Kay Newport-on-Tay

Maths Challenge 2002

The UK Senior Mathematical Challenge is an annual Maths Contest run by the UK Mathematics Trust. This year there were 60,400 entries from over 1573 schools from all parts of the UK. The contest was held on Tuesday 12th November with 70 of our students participating. Awards are set nationally. This year the top 6% gained Gold, a further 13% gained Silver and 22% gained Bronze. Our results this year were a creditable 3 Gold, 10 Silver and 13 Bronze awards. These results continue the long tradition of excellent awards gained by Madras College contestants in this competition. Our award winners are to be congratulated on their effort and enthusiasm.

Out and about

In October, 18 Advanced Higher Physics pupils attended a Physics Day in the University of St Andrews. In the same month forty S4, 5 and 6 pupils attended a Sound lecture in the same university department.

On-Line Archives

Address:

www.madras.fife.sch.uk/archive

We are keen to receive any items of historical interest connected with the school to add to the school's archive or any information concerning former staff or pupils that may be of wide interest.

Items now on-line are: The catalogue of the Madras College Archive; the various histories of Andrew Bell; Former Pupils; Former Staff; History of the School and The Picture Gallery.

We hope to hear from you!!

SPORTS NEWS

Swimming

Special mention is due to our swimmers who took part in this term's Fife Schools Swimming Championships where, for the second year running, Madras gained the award of **Best Secondary School**. Winners are as follows:

Boys 11 years:	S1	Fraser Clark	50 m Backstroke	1st
			50 m Breaststroke	1st
Boys 12/13 years:	S2	Keith Simpson	100 m Breaststroke	1st
	S1	Scott Ronaldson		
	S2	Jonathan Watters	4 x 50 m	1st
	S2	Keith Simpson	Freestyle Relay	
Boys 14/15 years:	S2	David Littlejohn		
	S4	Sanjee Jayasekera		
	S4	Craig Gilmour	4 x 50 m	1st
	S4	Alistair Nisbet	Freestyle Relay	
Boys 16 years +:	S5	Andrew Littlejohn		
	S6	David Taylor	100 m Breaststroke	1st
Girls 12/13 years:	S1	Carrie Simpson	100 m Backstroke	1st
			100 m Freestyle	1st
Girls 16 years +:	S1	Carrie Simpson		
	S6	Nicola Carstairs	4 x 50 m	1st
	S6	Alison Rowe	Freestyle Relay	
	S6	Zoe Murney		

What an achievement!

Hockey

For the first time in a number of years a boys' hockey team played its first fixture against St Leonards, winning this encounter 3-2. It is hoped to increase the number of fixtures against other schools as there is a large turn-out at practices.

The senior girls' team were runners-up in the School's Anniversary Tournament but later in the term won the Fife Schools Competition. The S3 girls were runners-up in the Regional Junior Tournament.

On the individual front, Nony Mordi (S4) has been chosen as a member of the Under 16 Midlands Squad and has also been picked to train with the Scottish Squad. Well done Nony!

Several pupils from S2, 3 and 4 are in the Under 14 and 16 Fife Development Groups.

Road Relay

In the **Fife Schools Road Relay Championships** last term the school won three shields, were runners-up in two and in total gained 9 team golds, 9 team silvers, two individual gold, three silver and three bronze. (Andrew Evans and Ruth Dunn (S1) - gold; Brendan Seenan, Susan Smart (S1) and Rory James Scott (S5) - silver; and Sophie Murphy (S1), Craig Moir (S2) and Christopher Dunstan (S5) - Bronze.

Football Coaching

The Scottish Football Association recently held their Early Touches Coaching Qualification at Buckhaven High School. Grant Blackwood, Colin Mullins, Stuart Campbell (all S6) and Michael Cunningham (S5) successfully completed the course and are now looking to become involved with football in the school and local community.

The Beautiful Game

It has been an exceptional start for the First X1 who have won 13 out of their 14 matches this term and currently top the East Section of the league; they are in the semi-final of the Fife Cup, the last 16 in the Scottish Cup, defeating Lenzie Academy 3-0 in the previous round. Mark Brown (S5) has played for Fife Schools Under 18 team against North of Scotland and Perth and Kinross, winning both matches.

And, a first for the school: congratulations to Vikki Manzie (S6) who refereed the school fixture against Dunbar Academy in the Scottish Cup.

AWARDS

Last May, Tom Barbour (S3) gained acceptance through audition to go on a 2-week course at Easter 2003 with the National Youth Theatre in London. Only 180 young people between the ages of 13 and 21 (out of 4000) are accepted.

The school Awards Committee in October approved the following nominations for Individual Dates:

Athletics: Craig Moir (S2), Freya Marks (S3), Kyle Allan, Amy Gibb, Andrew Kinnear, Victoria Kirkwood, Nony Mordi, Nene Udofot (all S4) and Christopher Dunstan (S6).

Golf: Sienna Fernie (S6);

Hockey: Nony Mordi, Gillian Reid and Fern Smith (S4).

Achievement Awards: Table Tennis for Scotland - Lindsay Forbes (S2); Tennis for Scotland - Steven Birrell (S2).

AWARE

Fourth year pupils have recently experienced the world of work through the AWARE programme. They are offered a 5-day placement in a variety of workstations from beautician to barrister, from green-keeper to garage mechanic, from carpenter to chartered accountant! Two hundred and thirty seven took up the experience and the feedback from employers and staff who have visited the pupils on placement has been extremely positive. Needless to say, the pupils themselves had a very enjoyable experience.