

BAYSGARTH NEWS

Good News for Baysgarth Students!

August saw the arrival of the G.C.S.E. and 'A' Level examination results and there was a great deal to smile about at Baysgarth School. The G.C.S.E. results were the best ever with 59% of pupils achieving five A* to C grades, which well and truly exceeded the Government set target of 55%. Technology and ICT students achieved excellent results and Applied Science and Performing Arts students also did particularly well. These superb results followed on the back of the 'A' Level grades which were announced a week earlier and saw a 100% pass rate, allowing all Sixth Formers to gain places at Universities of their choice. Head teacher Colin Saywell said, "We are absolutely delighted with our exam results for this summer, testimony to the commendable attitude and application shown by our pupils and the excellent support and guidance provided by our staff. Well done to everybody."

Baysgarth Receive FA Charter Standard Award

This year it has been evident that the work that Baysgarth School does for football, in school and in the community, is paying dividends. The success of our football teams is evident, with all our teams still being unbeaten in all competitions this season, and with a growing participation in our football clubs. In recognition of meeting the high standards of the English Football Association, the EFA has awarded Baysgarth School the FA Charter Standard Award for providing football in and out of school, and also for our excellent



work and commitment to the game. As part of this we were invited to be presented with the award at half time during the England U19 v. Romania U19

International match at Glanford Park. On Sunday the 14th October 2007 we took a group of 30 pupils to the match to see England's finest young talent take Romania apart. When the half time whistle went Mr Wright, Mr O'Mara, Mr Sprakes and Miss Hodge, along with the captains of the school football teams (Alex Hodson, Ben Parkin, Lewis Barnes, Sam Smith, Sharna Bennett and Nicola Knapton) made their way down the tunnel and onto the illustrious turf of Glanford Park Stadium, following none other than the Legend himself, Sir Trevor Brooking. Baysgarth's staff and students were then presented with the Award on the pitch by Sir Trevor (or 'Sir Trev' as we affectionately called him) in front of around 4000 spectators. Sir Trev then posed for pictures with staff before leaving, but not before Mr O'Mara could give Big Trev some tips on not playing the long ball!

Croeso i Cymru (Welcome to Wales)

After a false start and a nail in the minibus tyre, the long journey to Newgale on the southern tip of Wales began for a courageous group of Sixth Form students from Baysgarth. The sun was shining and the local scenery was stunning, and the first challenge began: how to buy

shopping from the local Tesco store to feed 17 hungry mouths for three days – and how could we all agree? Our accommodation was a large self contained house in a VERY remote area, surrounded by open fields and with no mobile 'phone reception. What more could our parents want? We had to cook, clean and entertain ourselves for three days! There were numerous games of cards, music and plenty of laughs. Mr. Scruton and Mrs. Valentine produced Spaghetti Bolognese which went down a storm! We spent a day in the picturesque surroundings of Tenby on the coast and enjoyed the sun, sea and sand, with plenty of shopping, too. There was also a chance for the students to spend some time dabbling into the attributes of 'A' Level photography and English, as an induction and refresher into the courses. A great time was had by all involved, and special thanks must go to Mrs. Valentine and Mr. Scruton for coordinating the trip, who even received a special present for their efforts. Here's to the next trip! Jack Danson 12CH

Baysgarth Sixth Form helps to create a huge stir!

Friday September 28th dawned to see members of the school's Sixth Form, aided and abetted by their tutors, Lisa Walker's fantastic cake-making mum and the Head of Sixth Form, Sarah Valentine, surrounded by a fantastic selection of delicious cakes ready for sale. Their aim was to raise money to donate to McMillan Nurses and their charitable event. This time around, as it was pay-day, the students targeted the adults! The result was a total sell-out and therefore £100 was raised in the twenty minute morning break slot. Well done to you all! There will be more charitable events to follow as part of the Baysgarth Sixth Form's 'Help in the Community' programme.

Never a Dull Moment

This September sees the greatest number of extra activities ever on offer within the school at lunchtime and after school. To date fifty different clubs are being run each week and the opportunities are open to everyone, including parents, as on Wednesdays the LRC is open until 7pm, when parents and carers can join Baysgarth students to use the facilities. So, if a pupil at Baysgarth wants to be a cheerleader, dance, read, play sport, sing, act draw or compute, you're in luck! The bonus is that there are free buses every Tuesday and Thursday should you live in the villages. (Editor's Note: *Ultimate Frisbee* sounds great fun to me!)

Baysgarth Association: Calling all Parents!

As a parent you are automatically a member of Baysgarth Association P.T.A. This membership does not obligate you to bake cakes, make endless cups of tea or become involved with a wild and wacky fundraising scheme. You have a choice whether or not to become an active member of the P.T.A. and this year has seen a fantastic increase in Committee members. We see a very exciting year ahead. This year the Baysgarth Association will be organising: Social Events; Coffee Mornings; Bag Packing for Fund Raising, and other events. If you require any further information please contact Secretary Sharon Lee on 01652 661680 or Linzi Codd at Baysgarth School 01652 632576 ex 250.

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