

NEWSLETTER

Summer 2011

Well done everyone!

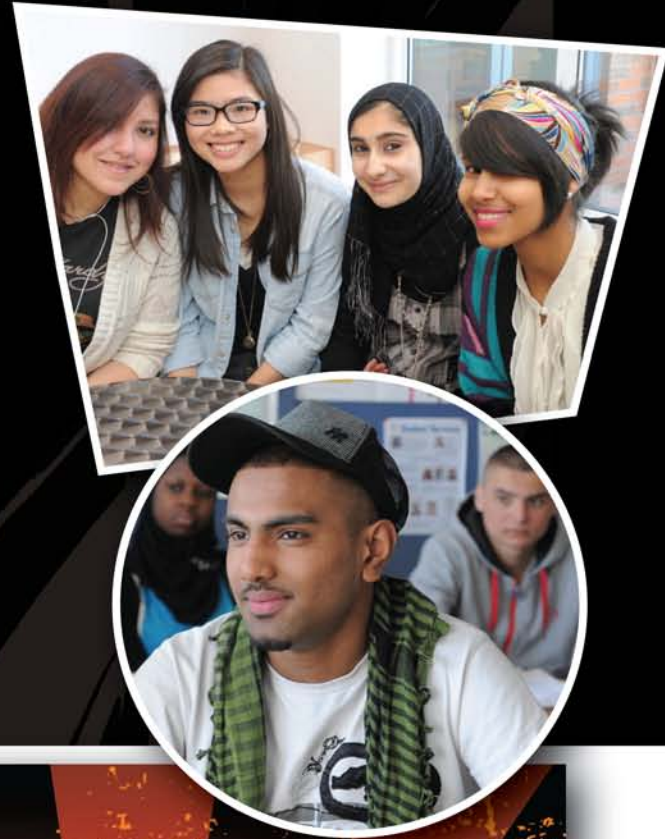
So, now that the examinations are over and we are taking stock after a very busy year, we thought we'd produce a final newsletter for the year to serve as a great reminder of what makes Cadbury so loved by its students. In fact, it's been a very successful year for Cadbury: with a record number of students, over 560 applications for university, new partnerships with local schools and universities, new facilities for 2010 and more building work taking place over the summer months to refurbish half of our classrooms in readiness for September 2011.

Of course, the quality of teaching and the student experience continues to be exceptional – and last Summer our students outperformed those from every other college or sixth form centre in the area. So, I hope that you enjoy reading this last newsletter of the academic year, and if you were one of the 900 (out of 3000 applicants) who were successful in applying for a place at Cadbury for 2011-12, we look forward to meeting you on the enrolment days of 31st August, 1st and 2nd September. Have a great Summer break!

Jeremy Rogers
Principal



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Calling all writers

September 2011 will see the launch of the Cadbury College eMagazine - 'eCAD'.

The magazine will be produced by the students for the students with standard and special features. Any student at the college can contribute material and articles and there will be a student editorial group set up in September to oversee the launch of the first edition.

So if you want to get involved and make your own contributions, just let us know.



An exercise in team building

Each year students are nominated by staff or they can nominate themselves to become a 'Student Rep'. Student Reps are actively involved in events across college and areas of the curriculum.

This year as part of their induction training Student Reps went on a team building event spending an action packed day at Top Barn in Worcester. The activities included zip lining, high level ropes and team challenges. The aim of the day was for students to learn all about successful team work including leadership, communication and

problem-solving skills and to challenge themselves individually and as a group.

"I had a great day at Top Barn, it was good to get to know all the other reps, we actually had a laugh working in our teams, even though mine didn't win it was a great day!!"

Jordan Wagstaff



Being positive about being negative

Envision provides young people with the opportunity to make a difference. The Truth about Youth Awards is an event run by Envision which aims to challenge and change the negative perceptions of young people.



The event aims to recognise and celebrate the amazing work of the young people of Birmingham. From renovating a care home garden and inter-generational events, to promoting healthy living in primary schools and performing plays to challenge the negative



perceptions of refugees; these 16-18 year olds have taken the initiative and show dedication to their cause. This year Cadbury was nominated in four categories. The awards ceremony took place at Edgbaston Cricket Club on 7th July to celebrate the hard work and fantastic achievements of over 500 young people that took part in the Envision this year. During the last academic year these young volunteers have carried out over 130 community projects in their local neighbourhoods bringing about positive change on issues they care about.

We are proud to announce that Sumaya Gurhan was awarded 'Student of the Year'. Part of a Cadbury Sixth form team, Sumaya led her team to produce a play, titled 'Nobody'. The play highlighted the negative stereotypes surrounding refugees and asylum seekers. Sumaya worked around the clock to organise and motivate her team; taking part in script writing, rehearsals, music coordination, creating marketing material and acting as a narrator in the play. Sumaya has also helped at other Envision events.



Activities just for fun!

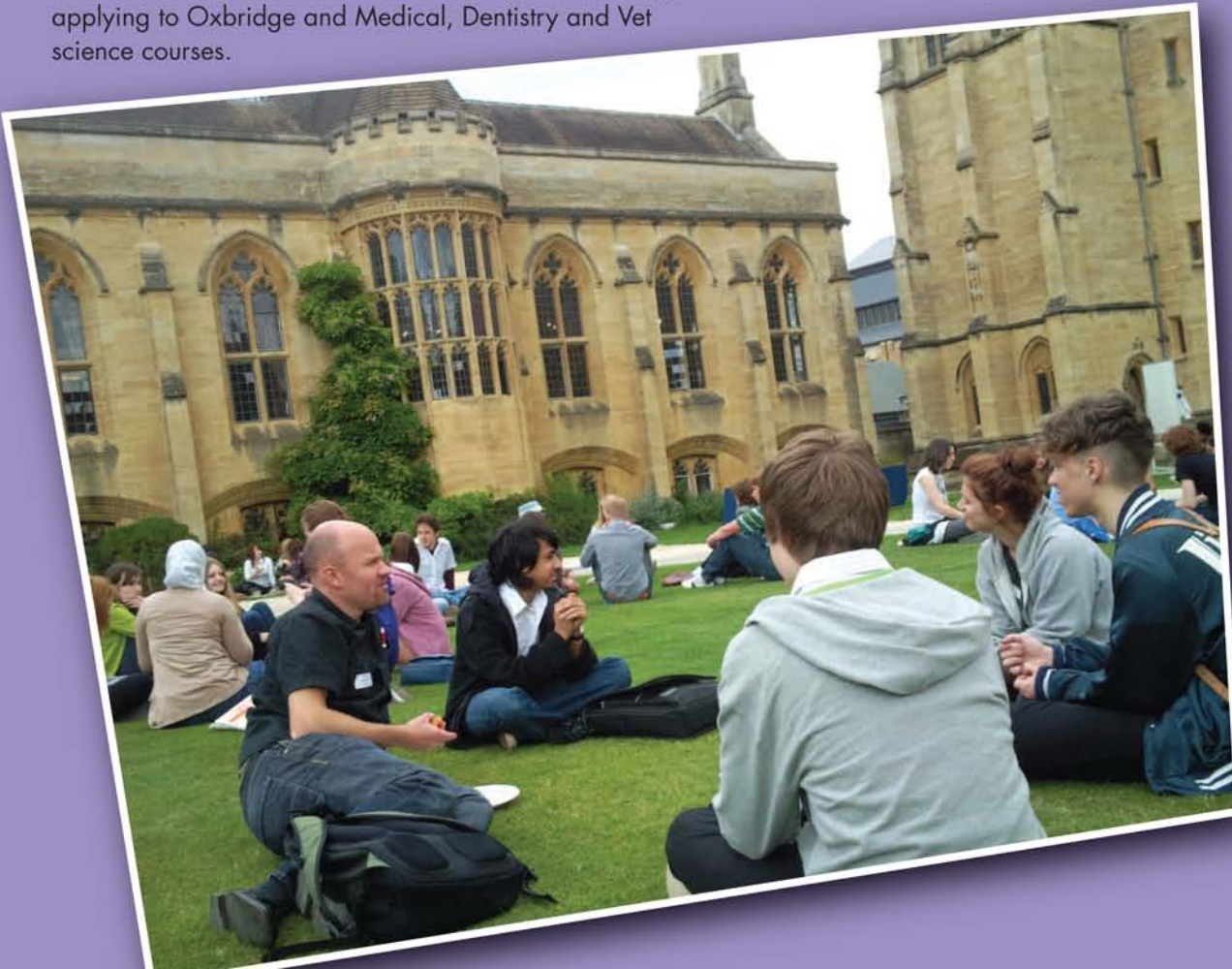
Each year towards the end of the Summer Term many students are on subject based trips or over seas visits. For those students who are not involved in trips or visits, Cadbury College offers students the opportunity to enjoy some fun activities. Students could try their hand at something different: cake decorating, jive dancing, guitar lessons, go-karting, Safri Park, a day in Stratford, Laser Quest at Star City, studio recording sessions and much more...



Oxford Uni visit

This was part of a Sixth Form College Open Day. The students gained an understanding of the application process and what it would be like studying at Oxford. The day included presentations from academic staff and current Oxford students and a tour of the University's Colleges. Cadbury College offers a substantial programme of support for students applying to Oxbridge and Medical, Dentistry and Vet science courses.

A group of potential Oxbridge students visited Oxford University's Mansfield College on 1st July.



Just the Italian job...

Geography and Geology students embarked on a fantastic visit to Italy in July. Their first excursion was to Mount Vesuvius set in the beautiful scenery of the Bay of Naples.

Considered an active volcano, it is the only volcano on mainland Europe to have erupted within the last 100 years. Next stop was Pompeii to observe the destructive impact of the volcanic eruption of Vesuvius in 79AD which buried this town under a mantle of pebbles, mud and volcanic ash. Today, the site has been preserved with original streets, houses and work of art on display.

This was followed by another action packed day with visits to Solfatara and Pozzuoli.

Whilst visiting Solfatara, students had the opportunity to stand within the ash filled crater of this active volcano. Jets of steam, bubbling hot mud, jets of sand caused by the escaping gases and fumes and crystallised rock formations were experienced first-hand.

Before the journey home a day was spent relaxing in Sorrento, a small town in southern Italy with 16,500 inhabitants. The town overlooks the Bay of Naples with breathtaking panoramic views and interesting historical and religious architecture.



Adam Hagan Ex Student Success Story



Studied A Levels in Computing, English Language and Media Studies at Cadbury College (2006-2008)

Adam has just graduated with a First Class Honours Degree in Computer Science from Aston University

During his degree course he worked with the following programming languages: JAVA, JSP, Lisp, RISK, XHTML and CSS

His final year project was an investigation into the motivation of students for using social networking based collaborative learning.

He is now employed with Asidua, a software consultancy and services company, in Solihul as a Graduate Engineer.



Congratulations... another MA for Cadbury staff

After 3 years of part-time study, Helen Maddison (Head of English) has been awarded an MA with Distinction in Shakespeare and Education from Birmingham University.

"As part of the course I experimented with, and analysed, different ways of teaching Shakespeare to sixth form students - work which should hopefully prove very useful." Helen

Zooming in on photography workshops

Local photographer Pete Ashton has been visiting Cadbury College to deliver workshops to our photography students. Students have been learning a technique called "Through the viewfinder"- www.tvpete.com. Where they have been using their Nikon Digital SLR cameras but also adding a second lens by using old, manual duoflex cameras, to look through. The resulting images have that distorted, vintage look.

(www.peteashton.com)



Yael Collins

Ex Student Success Story

- Yael studied at Cadbury from 2006 to 2008.
- She completed A Levels in Sociology, Law and Geography.
- She studied Sociology at Manchester Metropolitan University and graduated in 2011 with a 2:1.
- Her dissertation in her final year was entitled: "Invisible victims of crime - people in prison - a family's perspective".



Yael said that Cadbury College was "a fun place to be" where "learning support helped with coursework and revision". Her advice to Cadbury Students is to "Manage your time well: put your work first but make time for fun as well." She added: "Putting the work in pays off".

For this she carried out a questionnaire and interview based study about the thoughts and experiences of people with relatives who were in jail.

HE Day - BIG Success

The College hosted a HE Day on 28th June with over 50 university subject talks for students to choose from. It helped inform the students as to possible career and progression opportunities and the day was very successful and rewarding for both students and guest speakers.



University speakers commented on how 'attentive, bright and creative' the students were and the excellent hospitality provided by the college.

We are... *Creative* Arts



The Exhibition

On the 23rd June the Cadbury Colleges Creative Arts Department showcased the work of their A level Art, Photography, Graphics, Product, Textiles and BTEC 3D Design students to the public.

The Lord Mayor, Anita Ward, was specially invited to open the exhibition where over 200 guests attended. The exhibition showed a variety of Art and Design pieces ranging from 3 Dimensional furniture designs to painted canvasses. The event was organised to give the exhibitors an opportunity to experience being part of a "real life" exhibition and to give future students a taste of what they can achieve at Cadbury!

Leanne Watkins (Curriculum Director) and Lydia Maher (Head of Creative Arts) and her team worked tirelessly with their students to make this a really special event; made more special by Music and Drama students who provided live performances throughout the evening. The whole event was recorded by Media students for posterity!



Other "stars" of the event were the Graphic Communication students who were selected to exhibit their work at the Royal Academy of Arts Summer Exhibition: Samuel Broderick's "where does all the money go" and Liam Basford's "Crucifixion"





The Textiles Department exhibited a "Cat Walk" show, to present the work from their Fashion Students. The models walked down the runway accompanied by a live performance from M.O.D, a student to look out for in the charts of the future!





We are definitely in tune with our school partnerships

In July Cadbury held 'An Afternoon of Music' in conjunction with; Park View Business and Enterprise School, Selly Park Technology College and Perry Beeches School. The afternoon was a great success and enjoyed by all.



Young Physicist of the Year

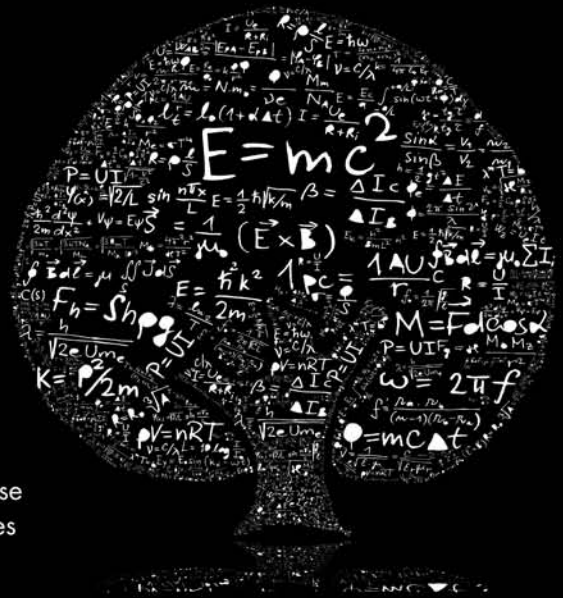
Yiwen Zhang (Mendy) was nominated as an Ogden Trust Young Physicist of the Year and was awarded her prize and certificate at an awards ceremony on 6th July.

The University of Birmingham hosted the event in their Physics and Astronomy department as a celebration of the talents of exceptional students studying Physics in all of the Birmingham and Solihull schools.

The evening included a talk by Dr David Evans who is the UK spokesman for the ALICE experiment at CERN and the awards were made by Mr Tim Simmons, the Chief Executive of the Ogden Trust. The Ogden Trust's educational bursaries and grants were first conceived by

Peter Ogden during 1998 and launched in 1999. The Trust's aim is to maximise the educational opportunities available to young people wishing to study physics.

This it achieves through the sponsorship of:- talented students studying physics at sixth form and undergraduate level, undergraduate and postgraduate students who wish to become physics teachers, programmes and projects supporting science teaching in primary and secondary schools.



Do you know of any family or relatives that studied at Cadbury? If yes, we would like to hear from them and they too could be featured in the next edition. (enquiry@cadcol.ac.uk)



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