

# Solway Community Technology College Newsletter No.24

## Exam season has well and truly arrived!

Our Year 7 to 10 pupils start their school examinations this week, slotted into the Year 11 external examination timetable. A stressful time for all which will last until after 20<sup>th</sup> June. Could I ask parents to ensure pupils are well prepared; revising thoroughly each evening for these important papers, bringing all the necessary equipment with them to school and reading the questions carefully. They should take regular breaks from revision, which should always be in a well lit, quiet room so they can concentrate.



May 2014

Summer weather brings with it certain seasonal issues. We have noticed an increase in the amount of litter being strewn around the top of our drive overnight, presumably from the passengers and owners of the cars that gather in the Discovery Centre car park. It would be so much more responsible of them if they were to take their rubbish home to dispose of sensibly. If you have any influence over them I would appreciate some support here.

Year 10 have now taken on the role of Prefect, in and around school at break and lunchtime leaving the Year 11s to concentrate solely on their studies and exams. Year 9 are now applying to be trained as Peer Mentors for next year's Year 7 pupils. A great opportunity for them to support the younger pupils in their transition to secondary school.



Mrs Schafer's Year 8 English group helped with the planting for the Community Garden, in preparation for Silloth Green Day. I am sure the story telling chair will be greatly admired.



I cannot believe that our Year 11s are on the point of leaving us... How time flies!  
The Hoodies look fabulous! Great choice of colour.



Mrs L Baird  
Headteacher



## Silloth Green Day – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2014

Silloth's annual Silloth Green Day will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May. Starting in the morning at 10.30am with the official opening of the Community Garden, followed by story telling in the garden from the new story telling chair, carved lovingly over many months by the Silloth-on-Solway Woodcarving group led by Clive Firth. A Gruffallo Treasure Hunt will follow the story telling session, organised in the new garden by the local Nursery.

Afterwards, families can enjoy a fun-filled day organised by Friends of the Green, including live music, rides on the donkeys, a Punch and Judy show, Balloon Making, Face Painting and Cooking Demonstrations from local celebrity cook, John Crouch. Silloth's wonderful water play area will be open for the children to splash about in. There will also be some local produce, and some vintage vehicles on the Green. The exciting new group, Silloth Sequins Morris dancers, will be performing. In addition, families are invited to bring their dogs along to take part in a Family Dog show.

Performances/classes will take place from 1.30. Judges are looking for the dog with the waggiest tail, the dog in the best condition, and the dog with the best 6 legs (dog plus owner), also the dog most like its owner, best veteran over 7 years old, dog with the funniest fancy dress, the one the judge would like to take home, and the dog doing the best tricks. All dog owners invited to bring their pet along to take part. The Holme St Cuthbert's History group will be showcasing some of their vintage photos and inviting conversations. The closure of the railway in Silloth will play an important part this year since the 50 year Anniversary will be on 7th September 2014. Bring along any of your own vintage photos and reminisce. In addition, everyone is invited to bring along old photos associated with Silloth and the local airfield. Come along and tell your story of the War Years in Silloth. All local memories are important for inclusion in the new Heritage Lottery Funded project called 'Silloth: The Impact of World War 2.'

**Further information:** [fog@sillothgreen.co.uk](mailto:fog@sillothgreen.co.uk)



## Solway Gardening Club in Full Bloom

Now that our polytunnel has been fully built, and **Mr Tatlock** has manufactured some brilliant staging for it, our twice weekly gardening club is now up to full strength. **Mrs Rowlands** and **Mrs Tallontire** hold twice weekly gardening sessions at 12.30 on a Monday and Wednesday, and have a group of year 7 girls who are doing a great job planting seeds, seedlings and small plants. So far we have planted tomato and cucumber plants donated by **Mrs Hoodless**, cabbages and cauliflowers donated by **Mrs Wood** (Natalie's mum) and lettuce, peas, radish, beans and lots of other seeds which we have planted in compost donated by **Bank Mill Nursery** in Beckfoot. We also have a big strawberry planter full of strawberry plants, which the whole group are very excited about eating! We are looking forward to using the produce from our garden in the school kitchen in the coming months.





## Girls' group residential

The Year 11 girls were taken to Isthmus cottage in Keswick by Sarah from Wigton Youth Station as a culmination to their sessions in school throughout the year.

Monday evening: The group went to Theatre by the Lake to watch 'Dancing at the Lughnasa'.

Tuesday: The girls took part in a raft building activity in the morning, the group was split into two and then had to build a raft out of four barrels, six wooden posts and some rope. Everyone got stuck in once they had a design in mind, learning how to tie different knots and problem solving when things weren't going quite to plan! The girls then took their rafts onto the lake to see if they would work and although both rafts were fab the girls ended up getting soaked!



Tuesday afternoon, after some well deserved lunch and a bit of drying off the group went off on a Ghyll Scramble. They had a fabulous time challenging themselves and pushing each other along the ghyll.

Tuesday evening: The group enjoyed a roast chicken and beef dinner and a delicious chocco cheesecake after a hard days graft! We watched a film and chatted about the days' events.

Everyone had a brilliant time and the weather stayed pretty fine for them the whole time!



## Email

If you wish to receive school letters and the newsletter by email and you are not already on our mailing list, or should you wish to comment on anything in this newsletter, or give us your views on any other school matters please email

[office@solway.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:office@solway.cumbria.sch.uk)

## Spot the difference!

**Mr Sunter** is now 5 months into his yearlong weight loss programme in association with Trail Running Magazine UK and has already lost a staggering 4st 5lb in weight! His new found passion for running & living a healthy lifestyle is starting to rub off on the staff & pupils at SCTC as there is now a pupil & a staff running club led by Mr Sunter. Some of you may have seen his appearance live on ITV news in March to which he said "The support from the kids & staff at school make it really easy to stay motivated" and he swears by that still!

Remember you can follow his progress every step of the way by "liking" his page [www.facebook.com/trailrunweightloss](http://www.facebook.com/trailrunweightloss).



## Boulder Adventures

Over the final weekend of March **Mr Sunter, Mr Green & Miss Malkinson** headed to North Wales for an adrenaline packed weekend of activities with 24 Year 11 pupils at Boulder Adventures. After arriving on Friday night we settled down to an evening meal freshly prepared by the centre staff before bed. After a hearty breakfast the group were split into 2 groups and headed off in opposite directions to complete their activities. Group 1 with **Mr Sunter** went rock climbing & scaled a 30ft rock face, whilst Group 2 with **Mr Green & Miss Malkinson** headed off to Vivien Quarry to complete a 100ft abseil. Then mid-morning the 2 groups switched. After meeting for lunch we were all then charged with the task of creating a raft from barrels, rope & planks of wood that had to support the whole team whilst completing a challenge... this didn't go quite so well! 1 hour of construction time still wasn't enough to make a raft that stayed afloat for more than 5 minutes.

After a fantastic day of action packed activities we again settled down for a superbly home cooked meal and followed this with a DVD night! There were some very tired bodies and some people were asleep by 8pm.

After packing the buses our whole party headed northwards to one of North Wales' most infamous Gorge walking locations. After being split into groups once more both teams head up the Gorge, covering just short of 2 miles. Over the 2 miles there were slides, jumps & waterfalls all of which added to the amazing activity & to finish it off there was a 15ft jump from a boulder into a deep pool!

Heading straight off from the Gorge we eventually made it home at around 7pm after stopping at the services for a KFC, Subway or McDonalds, for some I think this was the highlight of the weekend.

A fantastic weekend was had by all involved and some of the pupils really overcame some of the major fears. The countdown is on until Year 10 are going away!!!

Many thanks to all staff for giving up their weekend.



## Community running club

There has been some real interest from members of the Silloth community about starting a beginners running club. **Mr Sunter** has agreed that this would be a fantastic idea and he is proposing that a trial group begins on a Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. The session will start at 12pm and will only last for around 35 – 40minutes in the first instance.

This will be a very basic group designed for people with very limited experience of running but are keen on getting a little fitter for the summer.

If you are interested in joining this club then please email [Run@solway.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:Run@solway.cumbria.sch.uk) for more information and to book your place.

There is also the prospect of starting an evening group up if there is enough interest. There will be a nominal fee of £2 which will go towards supporting school projects.



## 5k race

**Solway Community Technology College** is planning to hold the very first School 5k race on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

There will be 2 races, the first will be an under 16s 3km race starting at 11am with an entry fee of £3 and the second will be a 16+ 5km race for £6. For your entry fee you will receive race number, timings, water & cake after the race. If you would like more information or wish to register your interest then please contact Mr Sunter on 01697331234 or email [Race@solway.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:Race@solway.cumbria.sch.uk) . There will be prizes for the first boy, girl, male & female across the line.





## PE department News

### Brough and Dempsey agree deals

Carlisle United Football Club are delighted to announce that Patrick Brough and Kyle Dempsey have agreed the terms of their one-year contract offers and will stay at the club as first year professionals for the 2014/15 season. Midfielder Dempsey and left-sided player Brough, both Cumbrian born, came through the youth ranks and were offered terms at the end of the April when their two-year scholarship came to a close.

Patrick Brough ex Solway pupil, made a total of four appearances for the club this season, making his debut in the Capital One Cup penalty win over Blackburn Rovers in August, and Kyle Dempsey figured twice, bagging his first outing for the first team in the 3-0 home win over MK Dons in January this year.

“As I said when we made the contract offers, we’re absolutely delighted for these two lads,” manager Graham Kavanagh said. “It’s something we say to every young player, but the hard work starts now.

It’s up to me to get them the game time and pitch time to help them develop and, if they continue to do the work, they will get their chance. Both lads are local and they understand how much this club means to people. That’s a huge advantage in their favour.

I’ve already told them that this is the start of the rest of what I hope are very long careers. It’s up to them where they go with it from here. If they stay focused, grounded and as humble as they have been, and if they keep the level of desire to succeed they both have, then there is no doubt they will be real assets for us. I’m looking forward to working with both of them.”

## Golf

A lucky few of our Year 8 and 9 pupils were given the chance to attend golf lessons with Sillioth’s Junior Organiser **Jimmy Thompson**.

On a glorious Wednesday evening, the pupils were introduced to golf etiquette, divots (of which there were plenty), the interlocking grip, the ball address, the backswing, downswing and follow through. Every one of them listened intently and showed good progress in becoming the next Tiger Woods.....although the flags didn't seem too nervous! There seemed to be a challenge to hit the ball the furthest; Cole, Dean and Shea are all contenders.....although Mr H has their card marked! And I'm sure Charlie actually made one of the balls go backwards....trick shots already.

The lessons are ongoing, anyone interested to see Miss Malkinson or Mr Hansel.

Well done all.

**Mr Hansel**



# Inter-House Competition

## KS3/4 Uni-hoc (1 and 3/4/14)

<b>Newton</b> 100+11	<b>Sharman</b> 100 +17	<b>Dalton</b> 80 + 18	<b>Franklin</b> 60+19
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**Congratulations to  
Newton and Sharman  
who are joint winners of KS3/4 Mixed Uni-Hoc!**

**Points Standing  
after IHC Uni-Hoc:**

	<b>Points</b>	<b>Participation Points</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Franklin</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>1428</b>
<b>Sharman</b>	<b>1180</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>1293</b>
<b>Dalton</b>	<b>1120</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>1245</b>
<b>Newton</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>1061</b>

## Chess

Well done to all the pupils taking part in the Chess Competition; an inter house knock out tournament over the last term. I have been delighted to see a varied range of pupils attending over Tuesday lunchtimes. We reached the semi-finals in the competition last week with **Maddy Yarnold, Josh Wilson, Calum Spence** and **Dylan Parker**. Both games were hotly contested with **Josh** and **Dylan** making it to the final. Bragging rights go to **Dylan** after he won by a narrow margin. Everyone else will have to wait until next year before they get the chance to challenge again for the envious title of **Solway Chess Champion!**



## Congratulations

to Jenny and Steve Kitching on the occasion of their recent marriage. We wish them all the very best.



## ClassACT

is a portable, user friendly studio solution for schools. It is basically an easy to use film studio in a box!

Staff and selected pupils along with the Performing Arts GCSE group will be trained to use our new green screen equipment. In future these pupils will teach others to make their own short films and superimpose various backgrounds. It will be a fabulous way to showcase the many activities pupils at Solway take part in as well as augmenting their skills.



Proven to help improve literacy levels as well as assisting in engaging pupils by offering the opportunity to make films within classes is proving to be positively enhancing teachers' pedagogy.

It can be implemented into the entire curriculum to help make school learning in general more fun and easier for those who might normally find a subject difficult. Everything fits into a wheeled storage case. It can be moved around and set up by one person within 5 minutes.

If you would like to hire the equipment please contact Mrs Rowlands at school.

## Action Stations

Selected pupils from Year 8, who have for example motivations above 7, will be taking part in a reward programme led by Inspira. They will have several 1:1 self evaluation and target setting sessions along side a variety of group activities and challenges after school. We hope the programme will support them to make even greater progress in future. One group will be starting this term, the second group next term.

# Calendar 2013-14

## May

19/05/2014 M Physics pm 2&3 1hr each Girls' group lunchtime  
 20/05/2014 T English lit 1 am 1hr 30min Quiz – N  
 21/05/2014 W Criminology visit Fusehill St campus Yr 10  
 22/05/2014 Th English lit 2 pm 1hr 15min Sports Hall Polling Station 6:40 am to 11pm  
 23/05/2014 F History Unit 2 am 1hr 45min RMT pm Year 10 and Year 11  
 Year 7 to11 Levels & Motivations home

### Half term Mon 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

## June

02/06/2014 M Music exam am Exam weeks for Year 7-10 Assembly Healthy Eating  
 03/06/2014 T Eng/English lang Unit 1 am 2hr15min Quiz – S  
 04/06/2014 W RE unit 2 am 1hr 45min / Hosp & catering unit 2 am 1hr 15min  
 06/06/2014 F Biology unit 1 pm 1hr  
 09/06/2014 M Maths 1 am 1hr 45min Vicar - assembly - Samaritans, helping others  
 10/06/2014 T Quiz - D  
 11/06/2014 W Hospitality & catering unit 4 am 1hr 15min Walk for Water  
 12/06/2014 Th Physics 1 am 1hr  
 13/06/2014 F Maths 2 am 1hr 45min  
 14/06/2014 S Whinlatter Day CVQO Cohort 2  
 17/06/2014 T H&SC unit1 pm 1hr 15min Quiz - F  
 18/06/2014 W BACS pm 1 hr Leavers assembly  
 19/06/2014 Th Technology Day - Year 5 / University of Cumbria, Lancaster visit Year 10 / Whole school Prom 7-10pm  
 23/06/2014 M Work prep week / Liverpool University Year 8 p4, Year 10 p5  
 24/06/2014 T H&SC unit 4 am 1hr 15min University of Cumbria Finance Year 10 am in school Quiz – N  
 27/06/2014 F Year 11 Official leaving day  
 30/06/2014 M Year 10 Work Exp week

## July

01/07/2014 T Year 6 day 1  
 02/07/2014 W Year 6 day 2 Roast Dinner day 1:15 Year 6 Parents' Evening  
 08/07/2014 T Quiz – D Final CVQO session Cohort 2  
 14/07/2014 M Olympic Week / University of Cumbria Summer school  
 15/07/2014 T Quiz - F / University of Cumbria Summer school/  
 16/07/2014 W University of Cumbria Summer school  
 17/07/2014 Th Year 7 & 8 ROA and Year 9 Tutor report out to Parents  
 18/07/2014 F **Final end of term assembly**

**School finishes for the Summer break at 1pm**

## August

21/08/2013 Th GCSE Results day from 10am

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## Stamps

Please continue to collect and bring in to school, old used stamps from any letters or parcels you receive. **Mrs Baird** sends them off to raise money for Eden Valley Hospice. A worthy cause.



## Maths Puzzle

First correct completed puzzle to **Mr Hailwood** will receive a praise postcard

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