



Stockbroker qualification on offer at Plymouth College

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The Economics and Business department at Plymouth College is adding another qualification to its portfolio - the Securities and Investment Institute's 'Introduction to Investment Foundation' Certificate.

The qualification, which has to be passed to become a professional stockbroker, compliments the Economics and Business Studies A Level and the Financial Studies Diploma already run at the school. Nine pupils from the Lower Sixth have signed up to the first course, which is likely to take about six months.

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German department takes 'Karneval' to Prep School

Mask-making, games, quizzes and singing were just some of the fun activities undertaken by Year 6 pupils at Plymouth College Preparatory School when the Plymouth College German Department hosted a Karneval day for them. Dressed in carnival costumes, the children celebrated the German festival with a mixture of learning and fun activities. As well as mask-making for a carnival-procession finale, the children played games with maps of Germany and got to grips with the language through learning traditional songs and taking part in a quiz.



Chaytors win inaugural Lang Cup

Light drizzle failed to dampen spirits in the inaugural school cross-country event. Involving the whole school for the first time, Plymouth's Central Park was awash with the red, blue, green and yellow shirts of the school Houses.

With different distances for Years 7 and 8, Years 9 and 10, and Year 11 and Sixth Form, Chaytors (blue) were the first House to clinch the Lang Cup with a runaway 24 points. Palmers (red) came second on 16 points, Dales (yellow) a very close third with 14 points and Sargents (green) claimed just 6 points.

In the seniors' race, Kosuke Takeuchi (Upper Sixth) was the first to finish the 4.6 km course with Sarah Palmer (Upper Sixth) the first girl home and sixth overall. Jon Coyte was the first Lower Sixth boy and Sarah Marchant the first Lower Sixth girl. Jake Libby and Zoe Malone took the Year 11 titles.

At intermediate level Ellery Jones (Year 10) took the top spot in the 3.3 km race with Megan Woodrow



the first Year 10 girl. Oli Cleneghan was the first Year 9 boy and Saskia Wormleighton took the Year 9 girls' title.

The juniors covered 2.3 km, which saw Dominic Day first past the post for Year 8 boys, Emily Dinnis for Year 8 girls, and wins for Sahila Kellet and Annabel Norris in Year 7.

Retired teacher, Graham Lang, who coached the school cross-country team for many years, presented the Lang Cup to Chaytors.



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Pupils celebrate Chinese New Year with lantern procession

The Chinese New Year was celebrated in style at Plymouth College with a colourful lantern procession.

Made during Art Extra, the after-school art club run by teacher Dana Roberts, the lanterns were made from natural willow and covered in 'wet strength' tissue paper. They were lit with LED lights.

Lantern-makers from across the year groups were joined in the procession around the school grounds by Chinese students who were celebrating the Year of the Ox – one particularly impressive lantern was even shaped as an ox! Other participants helped the procession on its way with the beat from a number of wooden and metal instruments.

Container on its way to The Gambia

Computers, bicycles, medical supplies, tables and books are just some of the many items donated to fill a large container destined for The Gambia as part of Plymouth College's Gambia Aid Project.

Relocation to new offices at Salt Quay House saw local law firm, Foot Anstey, donate a number of old computers. Medical supplies came from St John Ambulance and both Plymouth College and Plymouth College Preparatory School cleared out a mountain of unused tables and chairs. As well, Plymouth College parents and staff donated books, stationery, bedding, clothing and even a bath!

The container was paid for by various school fund-raising initiatives including the recent acoustic evening, raffle and art sale. Local removal firm, Brays Removals, provided the services of two employees (Stuart and Rob) to load the container. They were helped by David Compton, Plymouth College's Gambia Project Co-ordinator, and a number of pupils.

The contents of the container will be distributed during the school's next visit to the West African country in October.



Pupils test law firm's IT equipment

Nick Butcher, Huw Ayling-Miller and Shogo Usuki have got some hands-on experience in information technology by helping local law firm, Foot Anstey, test their equipment as they move into new offices at Salt Quay House, Plymouth.

Over two weekends the Lower Sixth pupils (pictured with Foot Anstey's Julia Green), who are studying ICT at AS Level, unpacked, connected and tested desktop computers to ensure they were working before staff moved in. They tested an average of 70 computers a day.

The project is part of a partnership between Plymouth College and Foot Anstey, which will also include visits by Foot Anstey staff to teach the pupils about the application of information technology in the workplace.



Photographs win ski trip for Harry

Harry Ross, 15, has won a ski trip to Switzerland in a photography competition run by First Eleven magazine. He won the competition with a series of photographs documenting the lives of village children in The Gambia after visiting the West African country with Plymouth College last year.

Pupils from the school have been visiting the Gambia for more than 20 years and have worked and helped to fund a number of projects, including the recent building of a health post in Bissary Mardi. The trip that Harry went on in October also involved making improvements to the village's sanitation by digging 14 long-drop toilets about 10 feet deep.



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Acoustic evening raises money for The Gambia

A fund-raising concert with music ranging from indie/rock to folk was the brainchild of Plymouth College sixth former and budding singer/songwriter, Jamie Mead.

Hosted by Plymouth Sound Radio's Hana Best, the line-up included acoustic performances by Harry Stephenson and Ed Hirst, and a folk set from Chelsea Orme-Williams and Ella Thurston.

Used to headlining Plymouth Sound's high profile events that can draw crowds of up to 28,000 people, Jamie was equally pleased to perform his Oasis-influenced indie/rock set to a packed audience in the Meade-King Hall.

Ticket sales, an art sale in the foyer and a raffle organized by teacher Mrs Russell-Copp raised £180 for the school's Gambia Aid Project.

"We have a lot of talent in the school and it was great to be able to showcase it in this way and raise money for a good cause at the same time", said Jamie. "We had some excellent feedback and I must say a big thank you to Plymouth Sound for their support."

Double success in music festival for singer

Dan Snowdon (Year 11) has won two singing classes in the Saltash Festival of Music, Speech and Drama. His success in Saltash follows a win in the Plymouth Festival at the end of last year.

Singing 'Silent Worship', Dan took the top mark in the Boys' Solo Under 17 class. His rendition of 'On the street where you live' from 'My Fair Lady' gave him his second win in the Song from a Show Under 17 class.

Currently working towards his grade 6 singing exam, Dan has singing lessons with Brian Gerry. In the future he hopes to go to music school and ultimately wants to perform in the West End and on Broadway in shows like Oliver and West Side Story.



Music exam success

Helen Taylor in Year 9 has recently gained Grade 8 Recorder with Distinction.

Sophie Brown in Year 10 has achieved Grade 5 Horn with Distinction, Grade 7 Trumpet with Distinction and Grade 7 Piano with Merit. Maria Thaller in Lower Sixth has passed Grade 7 Flute.

Helen, Sophie and Anne-Marie Morozow

(Lower Sixth) all took part in the Plymouth Youth Music Service Royal Marine Band Day workshop and concert in early March, and Bridget Luff (Lower Sixth) is through to the Singing and Acting final of the London College of Music 'Music Theatre' competition in April. The top prize is £2,000.

Nina passes ballet exam with distinction

Nina Jackson, 17, has passed her Grade 5 Ballet with distinction. Dancing since she was three years old, Nina trains with SJS Dance Academy in Tavistock and Stoke Climsland.

Her Royal Academy of Dance exam consisted of Bar (warm-up), Ballet, Free Movement and Character. She had to undertake two dances, which were marked on presentation and accuracy.

An Upper Sixth student, Nina is planning a gap year after her A levels when she will go to France to perfect her French. She also hopes to fit in a ski season and travel further a field, possibly to Australia and New Zealand.

Although not yet decided on what she wants to study at university, Nina is considering French with Dance or Drama, or Community Arts.



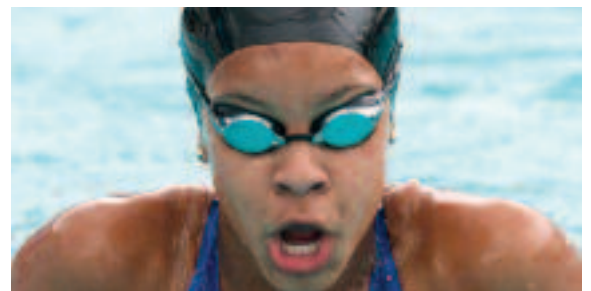


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Eight national relay titles for swimmers

Plymouth College's swimming team returned triumphant from the English Schools' Swimming Association's relay finals held in Gloucester. Swimming in nine of the twelve finals, the school clinched eight titles and claimed silver in the other.

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Kenyan Sports Award for Achieng

Swimming scholar, Achieng Ajulu-Bushell, 14, has won the Most Promising Female Athlete Award at the Kenyan National Sports Awards.

The prestigious accolade comes after Achieng won two gold medals and one bronze medal for Kenya in the Africa Senior Swimming Championships in Johannesburg just before Christmas.

Girls beat boys in Comic Relief netball match!



A fast-paced and highly-competitive event was inevitable when the girls challenged the boys to a game of netball to raise money for charity.

The boys' green team beat the girls six goals to four, but the boys' blue team lost three goals to nine, giving the girls an overall victory of thirteen goals to nine. A total of £58.40 was raised for Comic Relief.

Badminton titles for Michael

Michael Haley, 15, has won the U16 Boys' Singles and the U18 Boys' Doubles in the Plymouth and District Junior Badminton 'Ellis' Tournament.

Held at the city's Mayflower Centre, Michael (pictured far right) faced a strong opponent in the singles final and lost the first game.

However, he came back to win the second in a tightly-fought game, which saw some wonderful rallies. Both players exhibited some great badminton and Michael took the game 21-20 with a beautiful backhand drop shot. In the third game the score was neck and neck until Michael finally broke away and won the title with a score of 21-17.

He followed this win by taking the U18 Boys' Doubles title with his partner Matt Elver.

Michael has been playing badminton for about nine years and is a member of the school badminton team, which won the U19 Plymouth Schools' League last term. He is also a member of the Victoria Badminton Club. As well as previously winning the doubles title at U16 level, Michael has also been the U14 Boys' Singles champion.



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Showjumping win for equestrian team

Plymouth College has won the Open Schools Showjumping competition, held at the Barguse Equestrian Centre near St Austell.

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completed two rounds without a single pole down – they were the only team to do this. A second Plymouth College team came sixth with 12 faults.

In the individual competition, Bobbie came fourth and Alex took sixth place.



Fencer wins U13 epee title

Plymouth College fencer, Tim Andrews (centre), has won the U13 Boys' Epee title in the Plymouth U13/U17 Open – the competition was an Allstar Channel Series.

The event also saw Megan Woodrow (right) and Rebecca Razez (left) from Plymouth College share third place in the U17 girls' event. Another Plymouth College pupil, Katie Davies-Gregory, took fifth position.

Involving more than 90 athletes from across the country, the competition was held at Plymouth College Preparatory School and was organized by Plymouth Fencing Club.

All four fencers are part of the school's Modern Pentathlon programme, which also involves swimming, running, shooting and riding.

Bronze medal for table tennis player



Kevin Vandabona, Year 7, has clinched a bronze medal in a Devon and Cornwall table tennis tournament. With 42 competitors in the U13 category, Kevin just lost out in the semi-final but won the play-off to take the bronze medal.

Kevin took up table tennis about two years ago and since moving to Plymouth from Southampton in the New Year, he has been playing at Woolwell Table Tennis Club. Through illness, he had to withdraw from the England U13 trials after the first round this year but hopes to try again in 2010.

U16s are West Of England Sevens champions

Plymouth College U16s have taken the West of England Sevens title. Held in Taunton across three venues, twenty schools took part in the one-day tournament.

From the first game to the last, the Plymouth College squad put in quality performances. With results that included a 40-5 win over Clifton College and a 35-5 victory over Kings Taunton, Plymouth College topped their group without losing a game. They met Bryanston in the semi-final, which they dominated from the first whistle to the last. Constant aggressive defence put pressure on their opponents throughout the game and well-timed passes and quick thinking saw



Plymouth comfortably through to the final with a 40-5 win.

The final against Taunton School was a much closer game. However, the team allowed their opposition such little time on the ball that when a mistake was made they had the ability to ship the ball into open spaces quickly and score. Plymouth College sealed their victory with a 28-12 win.



Plymouth were leading 19-0 at half-time. Tries were converted by captain, Tom Mumford.

U14s win Devon Cup

The U14 rugby team have beaten Colyton Grammar School to win the Devon Cup.

Sweet revenge for last year's final which saw Colyton lift the Cup, Plymouth were always in control against bigger opponents.

First half tries from Ollie Foster and Luke Dickinson, and a fine individual effort by George Haslam, meant that Plymouth were leading 19-0 at half time. Tries were converted by captain, Tom Mumford.

Colyton fought back in the second half but the Plymouth defence was up to the job, conceding just one score leading to a final result of 19-7.



Swimmers retain Plymouth titles

For the fourth consecutive year Plymouth College swimming teams have clinched both the boys' and the girls' titles in the DRSA Plymouth Schools' Swimming Championships.

With the school entering two teams of boys and two teams of girls, Plymouth College took first and second place in both competitions for the second year running - the boys beat Ivybridge Community College into third place and Plymouth High School for Girls took third in the girls' race.



Bronze medals for U16 netball team

The U16 netball team have taken third place in the Plymouth Schools' Netball Tournament.

In what proved to be a very close competition, the girls beat Heles School by 2 goals and narrowly lost to Plymstock to set up a 2nd/3rd place play-off against Kelly College.

With a major height advantage at their scoring end, defence proved



almost impossible against Kelly and the Plymouth team had to settle for the bronze medal position.

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