



Two golds at British Swimming Championships



Achieng Ajulu-Bushell
Double gold medallist
British Championships 2010

The 2010 British Swimming Championships proved to be the most successful yet for Plymouth College swimmers.

Leading the way was Achieng Ajulu-Bushell who took two senior British titles and secured selection to the European LC Championships in Budapest and

the Commonwealth Games in New Delhi.

David Gregory won bronze in the 50m backstroke and a place in the European Junior Championships in Helsinki.

The strong performances of a number of other swimmers also resulted in call-ups to national teams at both senior and junior levels, including Grant Halsall, who will represent the Isle of Man in the Commonwealth Games and Great Britain in the European Junior Championships, and Christian Homer, who will represent Trinidad and Tobago in the World Youth Olympics in Singapore. James Young and Calum Jarvis will also represent Great Britain in the European Junior Championships. Many of the swimmers broke national, regional and age group records.

As well, Director of Swimming, Jon Rudd, has been selected as Great Britain Coach for the European LC Championships.

Plymouth College wins Student Investor for a second time!

Sixth formers Jessica Evans, Susannah Kellagher, Bobbie Moore and Tom Watkins have won the national final of Student Investor. 'Ladies Go Long' walked away with £2000 for the school, £200 each and an educational trip to New York. This is the second time Plymouth College has claimed the top spot in this prestigious competition and the third national business competition won by the school in the last 12 months.

Run by the ifs School of Finance, more than 40,000 students from 1,000 schools participated in this year's competition.

With eight teams making it to the national final, the first challenge was to design a sustainable activity or event in a school – the Plymouth College team came up with the idea of holding a Ball where all the electricity for the event was powered by people on bikes. The final challenge of the competition was to give a presentation on 'How socially useful is banking?'.

Team member, Susannah Kellagher, said: "The ifs Student Investor Challenge has given me a very practical insight into the world of finance and allowed me to explore the many issues and challenges it faces today. I have enjoyed every step of the competition, from learning how to research companies and markets to understanding the wider impact of financial decisions on the economy".

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Plymouth College team wins chemistry challenge

Year 8 pupils James Douie, Paul Vallis, Kevin Vandabona and Jeremy Eason have beaten 16 schools from across the South West to win the Salter's Chemistry Festival Challenge.

Held at the University of Plymouth, the competition participants had to identify a crime suspect using chemical tests and chromatography methods. The Plymouth College team walked away with a set of molecule modelling kits as their prize for coming first.

The day came to a lively end with a demonstration of explosions by guest lecturer and firework expert, Roy Lowry.

South West speech and drama trophies for Robert

Plymouth College pupil, Robert Davies, 12, has won the 'Humorous Verse Speaking' category at the Torbay and South West England Speech and Drama Festival.

Held at the Palace Theatre in Paignton, Robert recited 'Darren's Car' by Michael Rosen. As a category winner, Robert was invited to take part in the Champions'

Show at the end of the festival where he picked up the Adjudicator's Choice Award for Verse Speaking.

Robert has speech and drama lessons at school with Zoe Vigus.

"I am delighted with Robert's achievement at the festival", said Zoe. "It is fantastic to see all his hard work rewarded in this way."



Outstanding Achievement Award for young business star

Sixth former, Jessica Evans, has added yet another award to her growing collection of business plaudits. The 18-year-old has been awarded an Outstanding Achievement Award at the Devon Young Enterprise Awards, held at Crealy Adventure Park in Exeter.

The award comes on the back of winning three national business competitions in the last twelve months – Jessica was a member of Affinity, the Young Enterprise company that won the national event last year and she was in the Plymouth College teams that won Make Your Mark and Student Investor. She was also runner-up in the national Apprentice Challenge.

Jessica was invited to the Devon Young Enterprise Awards to give a talk about being part of Affinity, the company that launched and sold the innovative book of family-friendly walks, Pambles.





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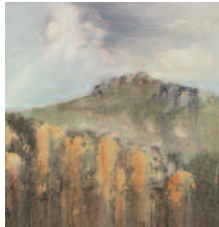
Plymouth College pupils raised £1470 for Cornish disaster relief charity, Shelterbox. The money is enough for three boxes – each box contains a 10-man tent and supplies for six months.

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St Just gallery exhibits at Plymouth College



Great Atlantic Art, based in St Just, exhibited the work of two local artists in the school Art Haus earlier this term. Great Atlantic Art is known as much for its travelling exhibitions as for its gallery in Cornwall.



Artist Carrie Taylor's collection featured a series of paintings entitled "Hedgerows and Flowers", while Mark Spray showed paintings, drawings and etchings from his "Prometheus, Dartmoor Tors & Weathering" project.

Masterclass tackles Spanish language skills

Spanish scholars have had the chance to improve their language skills at a masterclass held at Plymouth University. Pupils from Year 9 through to Sixth Form joined students from across the city at the one-day event.

The ice-breaker session saw participants introduce themselves in Spanish before moving on to some good old grammar.

Other activities included a comprehension exercise based on a passage from 'El colegio de María', and a task that saw the students write the story of 'Caperucita Roja' ('Little Red Riding

Hood') in Spanish. The day finished with a series of trebalenguas (tongue twisters). Everyone had to say their favourite one as quickly as possible whilst being recorded. Very entertaining!



Business teacher is Teacher of the Year

Economics and Business Studies teacher, Jonathan Shields, has won the Royal Air Force Secondary School Teacher of the Year Award in the South West final of the Teaching Awards. He will now attend the National Finals in London in October.

Also Head of Sixth Form and International Baccalaureate Diploma Co-ordinator, Jonathan is best known for being the driving force behind the school's phenomenal success in business competitions. Since joining the school ten years ago he has steered pupils to victory in nine national and 53 regional competitions.

In 2009 he was awarded the Enterprise South West award for his overall contribution to enterprise education in a secondary school, and in April he was given an Outstanding Achievement award by Devon Young Enterprise in recognition of his work as link teacher with 2009 national winners, Affinity.





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Good year for Ten Tors

With no interruptions to training, despite the snowy start to the year, Plymouth College's Ten Tors teams started the 2010 event strong, organised and well prepared.

Fielding 35-mile and 45-mile teams, the pupils set off on the Saturday morning in good walking conditions – cold and damp! The 45 team produced the best result for many years being the first home on Route R at 9.28 a.m. on the Sunday morning. The 35 team also put in a strong performance arriving back two hours later.

A further six pupils got involved in the Jubilee Challenge, the one-day event for young people with special needs. They assisted a team from the Brook Green Centre.



Coast to coast walk raises more than £1200



Ed Hirst, Luke Wheeldon and George Monk, all aged 16, trekked 200 kilometres across Devon to raise £1225 for Dame Hannah Rogers Trust and The Lady Taverners.

In what the boys describe as mostly 'horrendous conditions', the 4-day expedition took them from Mothecombe on the south coast to Lynmouth on the north, tackling the challenging terrain of Dartmoor and Exmoor en route.

Covering about 30 miles a day and carrying all their kit, the boys had to battle thick mud, gale-force winds, driving snow and rain, topped off with very cold temperatures.

"Although it was tough, I think we all knew that we could finish", said Ed. "The weather was unseasonably bad but the thought of all the money that had been pledged by friends and family for our chosen charities kept us going."

Navy cadets take rowing trophy for second year running

Plymouth College Combined Cadet Force was blessed with a glorious day for its annual rowing race. Held at Jupiter Point, the rowers battled against each other and the clock to lift the prestigious Geoff Fabian Memorial Cup – the race was introduced after the death of Acting Contingent Commander, Commander Geoff Fabian (RN retired), in 2007.

For the second year running a team of Navy cadets, captained by Jonathan Coyte, were the triumphant winners. They were presented with the Cup by Headmaster, Dr Simon Wormleighton.



Café feeds French practice

Year 8 pupils got a taste of French cuisine and a chance to practise their language skills earlier this term when they set their classroom up as a French café.

With a range of French foods on offer, the pupils had to take turns being customers and waiters, speaking only French for the whole lesson. They then had to fill out comment sheets on what they had eaten and drunk to practise vocabulary, spelling and tenses.

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Young biathlon star takes South West Championship title

Myles Pillage, 12, has followed up his British Schools biathlon title in March with a win in the MPAGB



(Modern Pentathlon Association of Great Britain) South West Biathlon Championships.

The Year 7 swimming scholar topped the Youth D Boys category with 2548 points, winning the swim and coming second in the run. Competing against 47 top club and school athletes in the region, Myles has qualified for the national championships being held in Liverpool in July. The Plymouth College team, which included his twin brother Alex Pillage and James Murphy, took the silver medal spot and have also qualified for the national event.

No stranger to winning, Myles was the British Schools Biathlon Champion in Year 5. He took the 50m freestyle title and record at the IAPS National Swimming Championships when he was in Year 6 and clinched bronze in the National Triathlon Championships the same year. He then went on to win silver and bronze medals at the 2009 National Swimming Championships and earlier this year he won and broke the record in the 50m fly at the National Arena League Cup final in Sheffield.

Squash and Racketball Academy launched at Plymouth College

An academy offering top-class squash and racketball coaching and facilities has been launched at Plymouth College in partnership with England Squash and Racketball. The Plymouth Squash and Racketball Academy is the brainchild of fitness instructor and squash coach, Steve Perrins, who wanted to ensure regional-standard squash opportunities remained available in the city after the closure of Westcountry Squash.

As part of the project, Plymouth College's two squash courts have been refurbished with funding from England Squash and Racketball. Three further venues in the city will also be part of the Academy so that all abilities, from beginners to elite players covering different levels of the National Coaching Scheme, can be catered for.

Plymouth College will be the school clubs' link and the Academy hub.

Rain stops MCC and Plymouth College cricket match...again!

With much frustration the match between MCC and Plymouth College came to a very early and damp conclusion for the third year running – the annual match against Plymouth College is one of a series played by MCC on their tour of Devon and Cornwall.

Despite rain breaks, five overs were played before lunch. MCC's and Heathcoat's Liam Lewis batted superbly, scoring freely straight and in the mid-wicket region. Ollie Mulberry, however, produced the "champagne moment" with a stunning direct hit from deep fine leg, demolishing the stumps and running out one of MCC's openers.

After lunch the original match was abandoned and a T20 match started. Despite losing a wicket, caught behind Callum Cload off Ollie



Mulberry in the first over, MCC raced along with former Torquay and Devon player Andy Hele playing some wonderful shots.

Alex Hill once more showed Plymouth College's excellence in the field knocking the stumps over from extra cover and effecting a run out. The heavens then opened and the match and day were abandoned.





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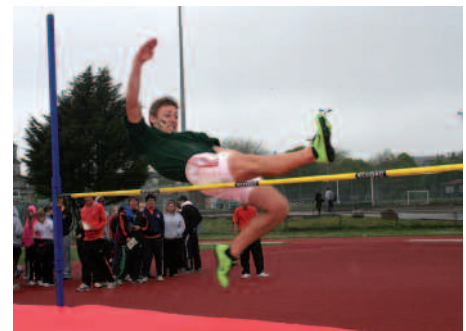
Dales lifts senior sports day cup

The weather was none too kind to the athletes taking part in this year's Senior Sports Day but spirits and performances failed to be dampened by the heavy drizzle.

Julia Hayes was awarded the Victrix Ludorum and Josh Tolan received the Victor Ludorum for their winning performances in the 100m. Julia also set a new senior girls' record for the 200m in a time of 27 seconds.

Other strong performances came from Georgina Barrington, who broke the senior girls' record for both shot putt (9.20m) and discus (27.14m), and George Stephenson, who took the senior boys' shot putt title with an impressive 9.54m.

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U14 rounders team is unbeaten

It has been a good season for the U14 rounders team who, as we go to print, have won all of their matches. So far this term they have sailed through matches against Stover, Exeter and Ivybridge.

In other year groups the U12s convincingly beat Ivybridge while the U13s had to settle with a draw. The U15s had a nail-biting match against Stover which ended in the Plymouth side winning by just half a rounder.

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