

# COLLEGE TIMES



## 3G PITCH DEVELOPMENT COMPLETE



**A** £1m third generation (3G) artificial grass pitch (AGP) and stadium development has been finalised in Stockton.

Stockton Town Football Club and Stockton Sixth Form College are delighted to showcase the new facility, which includes an impressive all-weather 3G AGP, dug outs, floodlighting, turnstiles and spectator stand, located on Bishopton Road West.

The development has been funded by the Premier League & The FA Facilities Fund (PL/FA:FF), Sport England and the Premier League through the Football Stadium Improvement Fund (FSIF). The facility will be fully complete in July with the addition of new changing blocks, toilets, modern refreshments room and a seated spectator stand.

The use of the facility will be shared between the two organisations, with additional time set aside for community use. College students will have access to the pitch for sports lessons, enrichment, volunteering opportunities and team sports whilst the club will be able to provide the best facilities for all of its teams and also be able to expand the provision of its popular sporting initiatives, including:

- Additional sessions of the popular 'First Kickz' programme for 3-7-year-olds from across the local community.
- Development of a new girls' football teams and girls only training sessions.
- 'Just Play' sessions for local school pupils and college students, every weekday from 3.30-5pm for the 11-18 age range.
- Saturday Morning Club for local youngsters aged 7-12 years, where any child can turn up and take part in organised coaching sessions.

The facility can also be available for hire to local sporting teams and community groups.

Martin Hillerby, Chairman of the volunteer-led Stockton Town Football Club, said: "We are absolutely thrilled with the new 3G stadium development and committed to ensuring its place at the heart of the sporting community in Stockton.

"Stockton Town can now be considered home to the best sporting facilities outside professional football in the North East.

"We will continue working to ensure the Football Club is a hub of sporting activity in the borough by expanding our vast range of community projects and raising football aspirations right the way through our 21 teams."

Joanna Bailey, Principal at Stockton Sixth Form College, said: "It has been a short few months watching the tremendous progress of the development and we are extremely pleased with the results. We are delighted to be able to have such an amazing facility on our doorstep, helping to enrich students' education both in and out of lessons.

"We believe the facility will bring no end of benefit to local schools and our local community."

**APPLICATIONS  
STILL BEING  
ACCEPTED**

# BUDDING ENTREPRENEURS SUPPORT LESS FORTUNATE

Students have helped support female entrepreneurs in over 35 third world countries by raising more than £600 for the charity Wild Hearts.

The 'Micro-Tyco' business project is an international programme which allows individuals across the world to practice their business skills. The aim of the project was to raise as much money as possible from a £1 seed fund over a one month period, with all profits going to those without the financial resources to set up their own business.

Students set up cake stalls, popcorn stands, henna tattooing, chocolate fountain stalls and car washing to raise as much profit as possible.

The winning group was made up of five first year students, Aminah Ayub, Hasina Hussein, Rhys Kidd, Azeem Mustafa and Demi Poppleton, who successfully raised around £300.

Hasina Hussein, an ex-Ian Ramsey Academy student, said: "We had to put our entrepreneurial skills to the test and raise money by thinking of original ideas to engage students. The experience was really worthwhile as the money we raised helps women build their own businesses, hopefully then enabling them to pull themselves out of poverty."

**SAIRAH YOUNIS**

# ART SHOWCASE

The Art and Textiles department are going crazy for the highly anticipated Exhibition which will be taking place on 7th July, 5-7pm at the college. Currently the second year students are finishing their Unit 3 and 4 projects in time for the event; the heat is rising as it has to be the most spectacular one yet!

What will make this one the best one so far is the fact that all the students' projects are so different; which is wonderful. I myself am completing my project on 'Wearable Art' and 'Festivals', which I hope visitors will find entertaining. When visitors see my section of the exhibition I want them to get lost in the expression of my work because the colour and concepts incorporated will satisfy your need for something different.

Chloe Platten, another second year Fine Art student, is fulfilling her projects of 'childhood' and 'culture'; hoping to display her wonderful ideas in a very creative and unique fashion so that in September she can secure her place on a foundation course at CCAD.

Lauren Dodds, a fantastic textiles student, has created stunning designs which are related to 'royalty' and 'Ibiza culture' projects. Unfortunately Lauren won't be attending the exhibition as she will be completing work experience in Spain at the time, however we shall make sure her work is displayed like its quality; beautifully.

Finally, you will not want to miss this exhibition because Dan (Art and Textiles teacher) will once again be bringing his mother's homemade Red Velvet cupcakes! From experience I can gladly say they are amazing! On behalf of the department I would like to express our gratitude to Dan for all of his hard work this year - he really deserves the praise. Hope to see you all there!

**LAUREN RAYNOR**



# CAITLIN SETS HER SIGHTS ON THE STATES

Caitlin Hannan, 18, of Stockton Sixth Form College is flying off to America for a year of working, studying and travelling. Caitlin has been accepted on to the Cultural Care Au Pair initiative which is a cultural exchange experience regulated by the US Department of State, where she will be working for an American family looking after two children under the age of seven.



Caitlin's journey starts in August when she flies to Long Island, New York, for her initial training, then jetting to Birmingham, Alabama to meet her chosen family face-to-face. Flights, accommodation, and living costs are all covered by the role, which also includes a \$200 weekly wage.

Caitlin said: "I met Cultural Care through a college talk held on our Focused Fridays, where we are encouraged to think about our next step and how we can make ourselves more successful. I applied straight away and had to film a video of why I thought I would be good at the job.

"I was delighted to be chosen by my family, who I have now met on Skype a number of times. They seem lovely - I can't wait to get started now!

"I've always wanted to go to university and still aspire to do so, but I wanted to do something which involved working and travelling beforehand. This is the perfect opportunity. I think I'll eventually apply to study Law at university, but I hope to gain all sorts of life experience in the meantime."

Rachel Angus, Vice Principal at Stockton Sixth Form College, said: "Caitlin has excelled in her A-level subjects and has made the very brave and potentially life-changing decision to grab this opportunity with both hands.

"We are committed to broadening our students' horizons and giving them the opportunity to apply for once in a lifetime programmes which will set them up for a bright future. We wish Caitlin the very best of luck!"

**MILLY HUTCHCRAFT**



# STUDENTS PUT BUMS ON SEATS

Last month, Stockton Sixth Form College students joined their counterparts at Prior Pursglove College in a charity challenge which saw them sit in every seat at the Riverside Stadium.

The event aimed to raise money for the MFC Foundation, a sporting initiative that works across Teesside to help people of all ages raise their aspirations in sport, education and health through a variety of activities.

The event was set up by Prior's event team - a dedicated group of students who aim to assist in organising and running charity events for all students at the college. It marked the first time that both colleges have worked together since they merged. The team went on to successfully complete the challenge by sitting on all 34,990 seats within the stadium with hours to spare ahead of that night's vital 2-1 victory over Reading.

Principal, Joanna Bailey said: "I am delighted that students on both sites of the merged college have committed to supporting the excellent work of the MFC Foundation. The vision behind the merger is to secure the college's viability for the longer term in order to even further enhance the opportunities available to young people in our area. This is a fantastic example of what the students on both sites can achieve by working together - the first of many I am sure."

**JAMES GREGORY**



# CLASS OF 2016

As exams are on the horizon, students are preparing for a busy last few weeks at college. Our second year students are in the process of deciding what they would like to do and where they would like to go after leaving college. A large proportion of students have taken the path of university with many students receiving offers from top institutions such as Durham, Newcastle, York, Manchester and more. We also have a number of students choosing to go into apprenticeships, foundation years, the British Armed Forces and some extra special destinations:

- Oli Ross has successfully secured his place on a prestigious programme with one of the UK's leading accountancy firms at PricewaterhouseCoopers. This is a college leaver's programme which provides a fast track route for aspiring accountants.
- Dominic Joynes and Chloe Hooker, two full-time BTEC Sport students, have accepted offers to study at Durham University. They have both gained places on the Sports Exercise and Physical Activity course starting September 2016.
- One of our second year students Caitlin Hannan has secured an amazing opportunity with the Cultural Care Au Pair initiative, where she will be working in the United States.
- Dmytro Drobisher arrived in the UK in 2012 speaking only basic English. He enrolled at Stockton Sixth Form College in 2013, completing his GCSEs and progressing on to study A-levels. Dymtro has since received an unconditional offer to study Computer Science at one of the country's most prestigious universities; Newcastle University.
- Eight of our second year students will be heading to Spain in June to start their Leonardo work experience working at a hotel resort on the Costa Brava coast!

Results day will be held on Thursday 18th August and until then the second year students have a busy month of deadlines, revision and important exams ending with the annual Leavers Party to celebrate all their hard work. Good luck!

**MILLY HUTCHCRAFT**

Second years, we are exceptionally proud of what you have achieved during your time here and hope this is reflected with your results in August. We wish you all the very best of luck for the future, whatever your career path. Keep in touch!

**RACHEL ANGUS, VICE PRINCIPAL**



# FIVE MINUTES WITH: STEPH HOUGHTON MBE

**E**ngland Women's captain Steph Houghton guided England to their best FIFA World Cup result at any level since the England Men's team lifted the World Cup in 1966. **JAMES GREGORY** has been lucky enough to interview Steph nearly a year on from that incredible run in Canada and discover what impact the competition has had on young women, how special it is to be captain of both club and country and the rise in popularity of the women's sport.

## 1. WHEN YOU WON THE FA YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD IN 2008, DID YOU BELIEVE THAT YOUR CAREER WOULD TURN OUT THE WAY IT HAS?

First and foremost it was a massive surprise! There were a lot of good young players that had made their England debuts in that year, so I was very fortunate to win. Did I believe my career would turn out this way? Probably not, no. I think I'm very lucky to be in the position that I am, especially being captain of both England and Manchester City. I'm very privileged and I'll always want to strive for more.

## 2. WHAT IS IT LIKE BEING CAPTAIN OF BOTH CLUB AND COUNTRY?

Being captain of both England and Manchester City is a massive honour. It's a privileged position to be in and one I take very seriously. I've developed over the past few years to be the best captain that I can be. In terms of both on and off the pitch, I always try and lead by example with my performance whilst trying to be there for the girls all the time as well.

## 3. WHAT WERE YOUR EXPECTATIONS HEADING INTO THE 2015 WOMEN'S WORLD CUP?

I think you just have to take each game as it comes and we knew we had a tough group. As the tournament went on, I think we surpassed all expectations from everyone. We grew in confidence and performed better and better each game. To come away with a Bronze medal was fantastic.

## 4. CAN YOU DESCRIBE HOW MUCH IT MEANT TO HAVE THE BRITISH PUBLIC SUPPORTING THE LIONESSES?

We knew before the tournament that if we were

successful then we'd get a lot more people on board and throughout the tournament we always said we wanted to inspire young girls to play football. Although there wasn't maybe as much talk before compared to after, I think our performance got more people to come and support us and watch us on telly. The reaction since we've been back has been amazing. The increase in crowds especially here at City was fantastic to see and hopefully that will continue.

## 5. HOW DO YOU THINK THE ENGLAND LIONESSES' SUCCESS WILL HELP FUTURE GENERATIONS IN WOMEN'S FOOTBALL?

I think our success in the World Cup allows us to strive for more, we've got the European Championships coming up and we know we want to be competitive and what we need to improve on. I'd say that of course it's going to help us and for younger girls who are coming up through the age group and want to play football. There's a dream there to be had and to be chased. I find that very inspiring for me as a player as with the rest of the girls. If we're successful then it allows more players to continue to play and want to grow.

# STUDENTS VISIT CERN

**S**tudents and staff from Stockton Sixth Form College visited the European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Switzerland in April.

The group of 30 Physics students were joined by six high-flying Year 10 students from The Grangefield Academy.

The trip enabled students to visit one of the world's largest and most respected centres for scientific research and meet with some of the centre's staff, including physicists and engineers responsible for researching the fundamental structure of the universe.

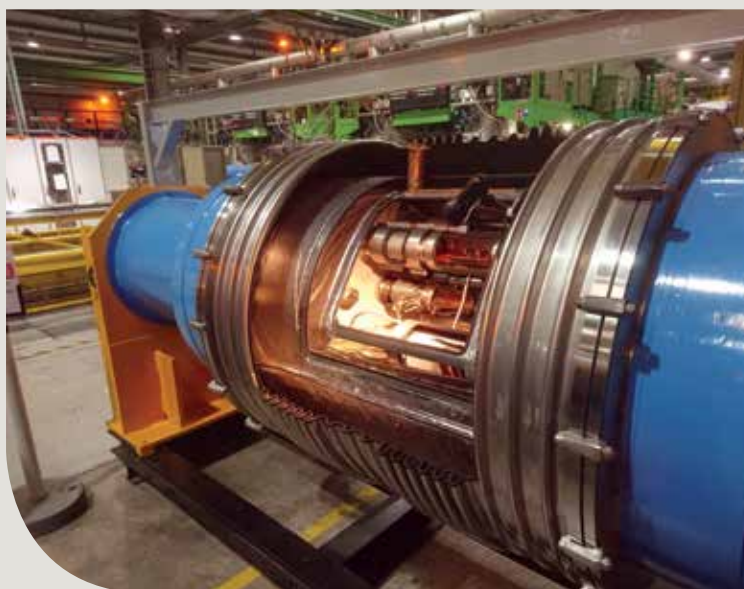
The group were also invited to visit the centre's particle physics laboratory, the largest in the world, and its outstanding research facilities.

Rachel Angus, Vice Principal at Stockton Sixth Form College, said: "This trip has the potential to be life-changing for our aspiring physicists. It provided an exceptional insight into the world's largest particle physics lab and showcased all of the careers available in nuclear research.

"We were delighted to extend the offer of the visit to students at one of our most local partner schools, The Grangefield Academy, and hope it raised their aspirations in science and helped with their future studies, too."

Vicky Pinkney, Vice Principal at The Grangefield Academy said: "We were thrilled when Stockton Sixth Form College approached us about this amazing opportunity.

"By taking part in the visit to CERN, students not only had their eyes opened to the fascinating



world of physics, but by working in partnership with Stockton Sixth Form College it also allowed them to gain a greater understanding of A-level studies, too."

**EDITOR**