



Chelsea School Newsletter



Rugby boys fly to victory

Forget stereotypes. The rugby boys were again victorious in the Chelsea School's annual Dance Rivals event. Sleek, athletic and as co-ordinated as a rowing eight in full flight, the team put on a dazzling display of choreographed physicality. Now in its sixth year, Dance Rivals drew 13 teams and hundreds of spectators to Eastbourne's prestigious nightclub Atlantis on the pier and this charity event raised over £3,000 for the Chelsea Children's Camp.



The rugby boys in action

Children's Camp uses the money raised to take a group of young people listed on Northamptonshire's social services register as "at risk" on a week-long educational and activity holiday. Last year seven students studying at Chelsea School led 14 young people aged 8-15 on a trip to the Wales / England border where the group spent time scaling the Black Mountains, Gorge Walking, Abseiling and Pot Holing.

Harriet Goss, former PE student and now a teacher at Davison High School for Girls in Worthing, said: "I'm so proud of everyone involved. The dedication and drive from everyone involved has been amazing and it shows that students do take the time to do positive things in their spare time, be it dancing in elaborate outfits to raise cash or taking a group of children up a mountain!"

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Diary of a leisure placement

Work placement seems such a long time ago but reflecting on those events of 2007 gives me enormous pride and pleasure. I transferred on to the Sport and Leisure Management BA (Hons) from Loughborough University. During my second year on the course, and after an intense preparation module, we were thrown into the leisure industry to see if we could pull together all the things we had learnt from our first year and a half at University. I managed to secure myself a placement at the Sussex County Sports Partnership Trust (SCSPT) with the Marketing and Communications team working on the Sussex sporting events. I'm not going to lie to you: walking into an office full of professionals for the first time was a daunting experience, especially as I wasn't quite sure what was expected of me. However, everyone was very helpful and welcoming and after a few days I was signing off my emails as the Events Officer! Alongside the marketing manager, we collectively organised and prepared for the 2007 events calendar, including The Parallel Youth Games, The Sussex X-treme Youth Games and launched a new Sussex event The Gatwick Diamond Games, a London 2012 Olympic legacy event. Throughout these events I liaised with a number of important sporting figures including Olympic athletes and key decision-makers from Sport England.

Once it was time for me to leave the SCSPT, I realised it was a line of work I was very passionate about and I made it my ambition to return to this sector. I continued to volunteer for the next month, working on more events such as the Sussex Sports Awards. When returning to University all the students shared their experiences and it was clear that everyone had learnt a lot about the organisations they worked for, the sporting industry and, more importantly, themselves and whether it was a direction they wanted to follow - or definitely did not want to work! Almost every student has stayed in contact with their host company and some have even secured part-time employment. As for me, I am applying for the Events Officer post at the SCSPT in a month so please keep your fingers crossed for me!!



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Fuelling the flame

Chelsea School has launched an inspiring series of talks and events over the next four years leading up to the London 2012 Olympics. The first event, *Fallen Ideals*, the Annual Sport Journalism Lecture, is on 17th April and will be given by Andrew Jennings, one of the world's leading investigative journalists. In his 30-year career Jennings has produced groundbreaking documentaries for the BBC's *Panorama* and Granada's *World in Action*, has written extensively for media across the globe, and published books on corruption in world sport that have been translated into 15 languages. In 1999 at the UN in New York he was presented with the inaugural Integrity in Journalism award by OATH, a group of Olympic athletes. He has also been honoured by the Royal Television Society and received a gold medal for best international documentary at the New York TV Festival.



To Russia with... the sport Oscars

Did somebody say Sport Science degrees offer limited opportunities? Lecturer Dr Gary Brickley has just attended the 2008 Laureus Awards – the sports Oscars – in St Petersburg, Russia. Gary has been involved with the Great Britain Paralympic cycling team since 1999 and this year two of the riders, Darren Kenny and Sarah Storey, were shortlisted for an award. Darren rides in the cerebral palsy category and a number of our BSc. and MSc. students have helped with work alongside Darren in the labs in Eastbourne. Darren is a multiple world record holder and is going for five golds in the Beijing Games. Sarah, who rides in the locomotor category as she does not have a fully-formed hand, is world champion in the pursuit and is an exceptional time triallist too. Gary said: "Being an invitee of a nominee was a great experience. We had the pleasure of meeting sporting legends such as Shane Warne, Lewis Hamilton, Mark Spitz, Ed Moses, Kip Keino, Boris Becker and the South African rugby union team and many others."



Gary with Lewis Hamilton

Students present at national conference

The top undergraduate and masters Sport and Exercise Science students presented their project work at the recent national student conference of the British Association of Sport and Exercise Sciences (BASES). Full report in next month's newsletter.



Oli Gibson, Robbie Green, Hannah Gregson, Kate Cartwright, Julie Hunt, Emmanuel Defever at the BASES national student conference

Trailblazing sports writing exam

Brighton University, one of the "trailblazing" centres for the National Council for the Training of Journalists, has been one of only two colleges to try it out a new dedicated Sports Writing exam. "Initially we asked for six volunteer year three students, though when 20 put their hands up, we thought why not?" said Jackie Errigo, course leader.

"The exam was in two parts, the first a match report. Students watched a DVD of an under-16 football match between Scotland and Northern Ireland. This was a smart idea: in a match like this, no-one had any preconceptions, no-one had any knowledge or pre-conceived ideas. The students had to write 150 words at half-time and 250 words at full-time. Part two was broken down into three parts: a round-up, questions for a (fictitious) interview with the Sports Minister, and a general knowledge Q&A.

"The exam was well-structured and did what it set out to do - test different skills and areas of knowledge effectively. Working like this with the NCTJ ensures the Brighton degree is at the forefront of sports journalism training. There's one more thing to add: all our students passed. And that was nice, too."

"I chose Brighton because of its fantastic reputation and the atmosphere I felt when I visited. I wouldn't change anything about my time at Brighton. I love it here and it was definitely the right choice for me"



Sarah Turner
Physical Education
BA (Hons) with QTS

'The Pebble', the official newspaper of the University of Brighton Students' Union, now available online
www.ubsu.net/



Zane Lowe and Jack Peñate headliners at two-day festival

You may think that Eastbourne is not an obvious location for a two-day music festival but you'd be wrong: things are changing. Over a two-week period in March, Eastbourne festival brought together local artists, musicians, dancers, comedians and community groups from all sectors of the community. The musical highlight of this cultural celebration was unforgettable for more than 2,000 Eastbourne music fans and included a two-day musical extravaganza enough to make any city envious. Some of the most respected names in modern music descended on the Winter Garden for the first-ever Festival Live.

On the first day indie pop icon Jack Peñate headlined the main stage accompanied by Radio One's eclectic DJ Zane Lowe. On the second day of the festival, the headlines were drum n' bass stars Pendulum, DJ Hype and MC Verse.



Jack Peñate headlines Eastbourne music festival

After a flawless performance from Peñate, he described his day as inspirational, enjoying the Eastbourne pier and all its amusements and started talking about returning next year to perform for us once more. There has already been a rumour of a three-day event in 2009 fusing indie, rock and dance with world-class DJs and artists. To get a further insight check out www.eastbournefestivalive.com for full galleries for both nights along with some film footage.

Stephanie Mison

Bursaries

For information about income-related bursaries and scholarships for elite athletes, talented performers and disabled athletes and general finance information:

www.brighton.ac.uk/prospective/undergrad/fees

Eastbourne Social Life

So, you've survived a Monday night session at the Funktion Rooms, you've had Tuesday to recover and now you fancy another night on the tiles. Well, look no further than Eastbourne's very own pier. I'm not suggesting a moonlight walk on the boards with a few cans; I'm talking about Atlantis nightclub, which is situated at the tip of the pier. After a few swift ones in The Shore Bar, just opposite the pier, it's time for all the scantily-clad students to wish they had brought that jacket with them as they brave the chilly sea breeze to begin the trek to Atlantis. Don't let this put you off because if you can brave the gales you will soon find yourself at the entrance where you can expect to pay just £1.50 to get in. The nightclub boasts three bars and has a large dance-floor. Wednesday nights are also the sport team socials so Atlantis is always guaranteed to be swarming with the university's sport stars dressed in ridiculous outfits. Next month: how to have fun on a Friday!

Gemma Nash

Eastbourne is a terrific place to attend University. You seem to have the best of everything around here. You've got the seaside right at your doorstep, plenty of sunshine and amazing scenery like Beachy Head. When I first came to Eastbourne I thought there wasn't much to do around here but after a couple of months of finding your way around you discover that there is so much to keep you occupied. Eastbourne has a good choice of nightclubs and pubs. Every Wednesday you have the sports socials which mainly involves dressing to a theme and is always funny to see around the town.

Appearing in and around Eastbourne soon...

Jose Gonzalez, Dara O' Brien and Jimmy Carr. If these artists don't interest you, don't worry: Brighton is only 30 minutes away and they have some amazing concerts. Concerts have been staged since September by the likes of David Gray, Kanye West, The Wombats, The Fratellis and The Pigeon Detectives. For comedy you have had acts such as The Mighty Boosh, Lee Evans and Omid Djalili, to name a few. So as you can see there is plenty to keep you occupied if you want, not to mention the usual Monday, Wednesday and Friday student nights. And when you want to chill out after a night out you can just go for a walk along the promenade and get fish and chips on the pier.

Liam Moloney

American football, athletics, basketball, canoeing, cricket, football, kickboxing, kung fu, motorsports, mountaineering, ski and snowboard, triathlon and surfing...what do all these have in common? They are all sports clubs available at the University of Brighton. To find out more about the full list of clubs and societies visit www.ubsu.net The student union also promotes the formation of new clubs and societies.

"I chose to study Sport and Exercise Science at Chelsea School as I had heard of its high reputation. I wanted a degree that meant that I would not only come out with a degree, but one with an excellent reputation"

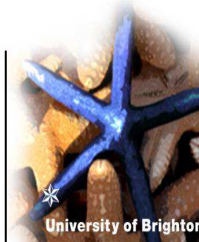


Hannah Gregson
Sport and Exercise Science BSc (Hons)

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Meet the Chelsea School student ambassadors...

Martin Wilkinson

"I am currently in my third year of Physical Education BA (Hons) with QTS degree. I chose to study my degree at the University of Brighton because of the facilities that are available, the reputation and credibility of the course both here in Britain and internationally. I have really enjoyed studying and socialising in Eastbourne."



Sarah Bagshot

"I come from a village in the New Forest in Hampshire and am in the third year of the Physical Education BA (Hons) with QTS degree which I am absolutely LOVING! Since coming to university in Eastbourne I have had the most enjoyable time of my life and tried lots of things for the first time, such as taking up lacrosse and going on the year one Ski trip. I have also made some of the best friends and shared so many memories which keep me amused for hours. The course is brilliant, the people are friendly and the surroundings are stunning!"



Helena Callow

"I am a second year Sport and Exercise Science student at Chelsea School. I am originally from Bromley in Kent so not too far away. The course offers such a wide variety of areas to study from physiology to the interesting realism of psychology. It's a great time to be studying this degree right now as it's a top headliner in the news. Health and fitness is the future and Chelsea School gives a great opportunity to engage in this area."



Jo Clark

"I am in the second year of the Sociology of Sport and Leisure degree. I chose to study here because of the course and the great facilities and friendly atmosphere. I have absolutely loved studying here. The nights out are great; the course is everything I expected and more. I have met so many great people who I know will be friends for life and they have made the experience even better. There is a vast amount of modules to study which means there is something for everyone. The kind, relaxed atmosphere and the fact that everything is on your doorstep makes it a great place to study. I highly recommend it!"



All applicants offered a place to study at Chelsea School will be designated a student ambassador who will keep in touch by email, answering questions about the course, living in Eastbourne etc. If you have been offered a place and would like a student ambassador to contact you, email Marilyn Doust at m.i.doust@brighton.ac.uk

For all the latest news and previous newsletters visit the Chelsea website www.brighton.ac.uk/chelsea and click on **News and Events**

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Sep 29 - Dec 12

Spring
Jan 5 - March 27

Summer
April 20 - June 12

More ambassador stories next issue...

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