



# Grey Matters

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**ABOVE:** Ben Dalziel took this photo of Elvet courtyard when he was in the third year of his Computer Science and Mathematics degree in 2006. It uses the auto stitch technique to give an amazing panorama looking north towards Elvet South.



# A Letter from the Association President

DEAR ASSOCIATION Members,

Grey College continues to inspire and develop amazing people at such a pace that it is often difficult to take the time to stop and appreciate the milestones that are achieved on the journey, this year we were afforded such an opportunity by way of the College's strategic review. It gave me the opportunity to think about the contributions the Association has made to the College over the last few years and to where we can add significant value in the future.

I wanted to take a little time at the start of this issue to share with you some of the things I reflected on when I sat down to write a short report that would form part of the review.

Over the last twelve years the Association has seen three Presidents who have all contributed to the significant expansion and refinement of our activities to meet the wide and varied interests of our growing membership base through a larger programme of events. This was facilitated by raising the Associations subscription for the first time in 30 years, as a result, Grey College has a strong and committed Alumni Association that has undergone a radical transformation putting it in to a position to continue grow and support the College and all its members in future years.

Historically Grey College Association only offered one event each year, this was a reunion in Grey College each Easter, and whilst it had a loyal following the Association wanted to increase its reach and In 2000 Grey Matters Magazine was established under the guidance of the Victor Watts and his aides and provided a spark that has reignited Grey Association making it one of the strongest alumni groups in the University. Since 2000 the Association has introduced:

- ❖ Grey Matters Magazine;
- ❖ the Business Angels Support Network;
- ❖ an annual London Reunion;



ABOVE: *Thomas Cliff, Association President*

- ❖ the Association Website;
- ❖ an Annual Careers Weekend for current students;
- ❖ additional budget for student bursaries
- ❖ Sponsored Formals; and
- ❖ Has continued to develop its ties with the University, the College and all its common rooms.

As a result of these initiatives the Association has very few opt-outs from subscriptions and has a much higher profile within the College than it ever has before. Our introduction of activities for current undergraduates has encouraged many to get involved in Alumni events soon after graduating and has resulted in the number of individuals wanting to contribute to future events. Over the same period the Durham reunion has grown and now attracts well over 100 alumni and guests annually.

In 2011 the Association changed the distribution method for Grey Matters magazine from post to electronic saving the association a further £4000 per annum which we have immediately reinvested into the college through adding additional travel bursaries for students and further sponsored formal. There are a couple of articles relating to the results of the travel bursaries in this issue.

There is still a lot to do, I want to continue to develop the association and work with the younger members of our alumnus to make our events more appealing to our new members whilst maintaining the elements that continue to make our association one of the most active and engaging in the University. Last year the London Reunion was publicised exclusively on our linked in and face book pages and attracted over 100 to an informal drinks evening in central London. I would encourage all of you to use social media to stay in touch with the Association, where we will keep you up to date with goings on and events during the year. The links are:

- ❖ [Facebook](#)
- ❖ [Linked in](#)

Of course none of this would be possible without the ongoing support of the College and the assistance of the association's

Executive Officers and to all of them I offer my thanks.

Finally I want to take this opportunity to ask you to join us to continue to make Grey College the best and most connected College with its alumni in Durham, whether its attending a one of our reunions, becoming a Business Angel, contributing to the next edition of Grey Matters, holding your own smaller reunion or by making a donation to the next phase of the Jubilee Development Project, I'd welcome your support. Grey is a great place and I want everyone who wants to, have to opportunity to continue to make it so.

**THOMAS CLIFF**

*Association President*



*ABOVE: Front and Side View of the Development project at Grey College*

# A Year in Grey College

PROFESSOR TOM ALLEN MASTER OF COLLEGE GIVES HIS THOUGHTS ON A YEAR AT GREY

Since the last issue of Grey Matter, we've been through the two graduations in Durham, in July and January. I would like to congratulate all of our students on their success, including our outgoing JCR and MCR Presidents, Josh Turner and Mattie Biddulph. We welcomed a new group of freshers and incoming postgraduates, all of whom have settled in well. Our two new common room presidents, James Mullinder (JCR) and Alex Kelsall (MCR), are doing an excellent job keeping the Grey spirit alive and well with the new students.

The new tuition fees and the relaxation of admissions quotas has made this a challenging period, but the University continues to do well. We've had some growth in student numbers, with Grey expecting around 290 freshers next year, which is up from about 230 five years ago. This will, of course, make it more difficult to accommodate our returners over the short to medium term. However, the University has plans to develop new colleges over the next few years, so the pressure on accommodation should ease after a few years. Within the College, we are doing our best to make sure that the students are looked after. The refurbishment of the Oswald Block has been completed. Through the generosity of one of our alumni, we've been able to construct a new extension in the centre of the Oswald quad. This has allowed us to move the snooker table and free up much-needed space to expand the gym. We still have ambitious plans for Fountains Hall, and with the enlarged gym we will now concentrate on making it a centre for music, theatre and the arts.

Grey is as busy as ever, with the JCR running everything from annual fireworks, Grey in the Community, and too many formals, bops, sports and societies to mention all of them.

The MCR and SCR have organised an excellent series of seminars, talks and events, including a standing-room only talk on the Higgs Boson  
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ABOVE: Tom Allen, Master of Grey College

given by Professor Alan Martin, the President of our SCR. Not only was the Holgate Room completely full, but we had a live internet audience as well! Henry Dyson continues to ensure that Grey is a centre for art in Durham, with exhibitions of art by Richard Pottas, David Carson Shaw and Bob Barron; not only do the exhibitions add to the life of the College, but they help to support talented artists from the region.

Over the last year, we have welcomed a number of visiting fellows to the College. Currently, Dr Mithun Mitra is visiting from the S.N. Bose National Centre for Basic Science, Kolkata, India. He is working on Durham colleagues in mathematics and biophysics on problems relating to DNA cyclization and packing in cell nuclei.

In Michaelmas, Professor Péter Érdi joined us from Kalamazoo College in the United States, to work on aspects of complexity theory. Professor José Seade, an expert in topology from the Institute of Mathematics, in the National University of Mexico, was also at Grey in Michaelmas, as our Alan Richards Visiting Fellow. Jose's wife Teresa was with him; a noted artist, she used her time in Durham to add to her portfolio, which she will be exhibiting at Grey next year. Last Easter term, Professor Roy MacLeod, Professor Emeritus of (Modern) History at the University of Sydney, became closely involved in College life during his period as a Senior



Fellow with the Durham Global Security Institute. We were also fortunate to have Ann Rachlin and Iain Kerr with us to help develop music in the College; we will be equally fortunate next term, when they will be returning.

Finally, on January 20, Canon David Kennedy gave a memorial service in the Lattin Chapel for Victor Watts, Senior Tutor and Vice-Master of Grey College from 1984-89, Master from 1989-2002 and Dean of the Colleges from 1999-2002. He joined Grey after he was already well-established at Durham, as he began as a lecturer in English Studies in 1962

and was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 1974. I never had the honour of meeting Victor, and so it was good to meet so many of his friends and family at the service. Listening to them share their memories of him made me aware of how much the College gained from Victor over the years, and how much we lost when he passed away.

**PROFESSOR TOM ALLEN**

*Master, Grey College*

## Senior Common Room News

**PROFESSOR ALAN MARTIN ON THE GROWTH OF THE SENIOR COMMON ROOM**

The Senior Common Room has generated a very exciting atmosphere this year, with many activities and events, and many new members from both inside and outside the University.

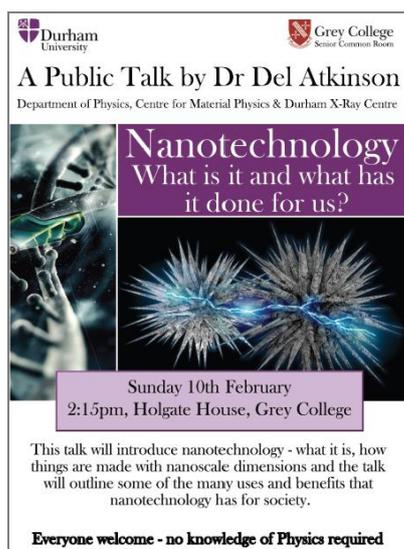
The Wednesday formal dinners continue to be a success, especially the novel SCR / post-graduate joint dinner. The SCR Guest night heralded the remark about the dining experience "Grey was the best eating place in Durham".

well-attended by people within the University and by the general public. Indeed we are now often filling the lecture room in Holgate House. We have had opportunity to live stream two of the talks "The Higgs boson and the Large Hadron Collider" and "Lindisfarne Gospels Durham" and have, as you will have noticed, advertised them to the Alumni. The feedback from you has been encouraging, and we are only sorry that we are unable to stream more talks. We hold three or four talks a term.

The SCR have introduced family events, where parents can bring their children of all ages.

These have attracted SCR members who otherwise find participation in College life more difficult. At these events, members of the JCR have been particularly helpful in entertaining the children. The termly Art Exhibitions are another event which has enriched the College and fostered interactions beyond College boundaries. We are very grateful to Henry Dyson for putting these on. You are very welcome to come to these exhibitions and to join the artist at a preview (but please notify [Henry@henrydyson.co.uk](mailto:Henry@henrydyson.co.uk)).

The liveliness and success of the SCR of your College is due to a truly remarkable executive committee, who have managed to create a wonderful family atmosphere which extends an especially warm welcome to all those who



**ABOVE:** A poster for one of the recent and increasingly popular SCR talks held in Feb 2012

SCR Sunday talks on a variety of subjects of topical and timely interest are increasingly

wish to come. It goes without saying that we would particularly welcome Grey Association members who would like to join the SCR. Membership of the SCR entitles you to the use of the comfortable Senior Common Room itself, where you can call in for coffee etc. You are also able to sign in for one, or more, of the weekly formal meals (the dates are given on the events list on the Grey SCR website [www.greyscr.co.uk](http://www.greyscr.co.uk)), and to book in for other meals at the College. Also, accommodation in

the College may be booked, subject to availability. The annual subscription is £20 for single, and £30 for joint, membership. To join, or to seek more information, please visit our website. Alternatively, you may join by contacting Peter Swift, the SCR Treasurer and Members Secretary ([treasurer@greyscr.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@greyscr.co.uk)).

ALAN MARTIN

*President, Senior Common Room*

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** It is with great sadness that I must inform members of the Association of the death of Felix Cembrowicz in September 2012. Felix graduated in 2005 with a 2.2 in Law and had been a fantastic member of the College and will be remembered for being a key member of the rugby team and a great friend to all who knew him.

## Contributions

If you would like to contribute to Grey Matters, perhaps with memories of your time in Durham, pictures past and present or anything else that may be relevant to our alumni, please contact the Editor and archivist, Foster Neville



# Grey College Trust

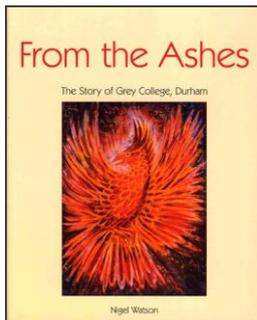
The Grey College Trust was set up for the benefit of Grey College in the 1980s and plays an important role in supporting Grey College, its students, its fabric and its development. Various appeals have been launched and developed under its auspices. Currently we have The Jubilee Development Appeal.

If you wish to give money to the College and you do so through the Trust then for every £100 you give we can claim an extra £20 in the Gift Aid scheme if you are a UK



taxpayer. If you would like to leave something for the College in your will you may do so by a bequest to the Grey College Trust. You may specify how you would prefer the money to benefit the College and be assured that the Trustees will do their very best to honour your memory and your wishes. You may also give something in your own lifetime, specifying how you wish the money to be spent. For further details please contact the Master.

## From the Ashes



From the Ashes by Nigel Watson is the illustrated history of Grey College - its genesis, buildings, masters, dons, fellows and students and will be enjoyed and treasured by anyone associated with Grey College.

It is available from the College by completing the order form below or by emailing Kellie Stephenson, College Secretary, on [k.l.stephenson@durham.ac.uk](mailto:k.l.stephenson@durham.ac.uk).

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## Junior Common Room News

JAMES MULLINDER ON AN AMAZING FIRST YEAR AS A THE LEADING INDEPENDENT JCR

As usual, this year has been a positive one for Grey JCR. We have established ourselves well as a charity and are now starting to see the real advantages of being an independent charity both from the freedom it gives us and the additional challenges and learning it provides as we continue to carry out our day to day business. It has been our first full year of independent operation and we have quickly adapted our practiced to meet the requirements placed on us by the Charity Commission and the University, however this has all been part of us adapting to running the JCR like a business and both Nicole, the Finance and Commercial Services Officer (Treasurer to those of an older vintage), and I have worked with the other Trustees to ensure that we are building a firm operational foundation for our successors.

Our successes so far have been many and varied. Grey in the Community held their Sports Days for disadvantaged youths in the local area, with support from the Mayor and Mayoress, and receiving high praise from all concerned. Special mention must go to Lauren Sweeney for her continual efforts and dedication to organising this day. Our social events, such as bops and a revamped Cheese and Wine night for Finalists, have been expertly executed by our wonderful Social Secretary Jemma Drake – she has undoubtedly been one of the best Social Secretaries we have had, and received outstanding praise from College Staff and students alike. Perhaps the highlight of the year so far was Induction Week (previously known as Freshers' Week) which again received incredible compliments from a wide variety of staff not only in the College but also the campus, including members of the Colleges Division and the Dean of Durham Cathedral. Mention must go to Caroline Small and Phil Kelvin for spear-heading the events throughout, as well as the Fresher Helper, Welfare, Tech and Social Teams.



*ABOVE: Mully and Nicole the JCRs two sabbatical officers brace the Durham elements for a quick photo session*

The new sabbatical position, Finance and Commercial Services Officer, has undoubtedly been crucial this year. Nicole has fully committed herself to the role and I don't think anyone could argue that she isn't the best possible person we could have asked for to fill the position. Along with others, she has revolutionised the way the JCR goes about its financial business, streamlining our accounts and cash handling processes. Nicole has put in place a management reporting process which is detailed and clear and has drawn attention for the University Treasurer, in her capacity as chair of the College Council who commented very positively on the presentation of accounts. In short, she deserves the highest recognition for her work – if she didn't already have honorary life membership to the JCR she would win it all over again and more. We will be conducting the review of this position soon, though I think the vast majority of students who have come into contact with her will agree that the role is now necessary and is adding an incredible amount of value to our JCR.

Finally, I would like to comment on the recent rise in tuition fees. Students are now paying an extraordinary amount to be at this prestigious University and this amazing College, and there was worry before the year started that this would affect involvement in

events. While JCR involvement is not at an all time high, there certainly has not been a reduction. This is a credit to event organisers and Nicole, who have worked hard to ensure that prices have been fair and value for money. I would summarise their approach in a simple sentence – not the first deal, but the best deal.

In short, the JCR is yet again flourishing and providing for members. We are all exceptionally proud to belong to this JCR and College; I can only see a bright, healthy and fun-filled future. As always, this is down to the people more than anything. I have never been more honoured to be part of an institution than I am in belonging to Grey.

**JAMES MULLINDER - MULLY**

*President, Junior Common Room*

## Grey College Association - Reunion 2013



The annual Grey College Reunion will take place on the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at Grey College. The Grand Reunion Dinner will be held on Saturday 23 March, attendance at the dinner is free for anyone who graduated in 2012.



Contact email/phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Accommodation</b> <i>(all prices per room per night, including breakfast)</i>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>23<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>
Single standard room	£30 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Single en-suite room	£40 <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Grand Reunion Dinner</b> <i>(excluding wine)</i>	<b>£35</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Years you Studied at Grey College** \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Completed booking forms and cheques (made payable to "Grey College Association") should be sent to Kellie Stephenson at Grey College, South Road, Durham DH1 3LG; phone 0191 334 5591; or by email: k.l.stephenson@durham.ac.uk

# Business Angels

STEVE GREGORY - YOUR COLLEGE NEEDS YOU

The 'Business Angels' scheme continues to lead the way within the University, it is still recognised as the biggest and most successful scheme in Durham and has now been replicated by nearly half the other Colleges. Whilst others are still starting out our own scheme goes from strength to strength attracting more angles and more views than we ever expected when we started.

Our continued success is thanks to our existing angels and to those who continue to publicise the scheme, including the fantastic efforts of the JCR's Career's Rep, Maddie Leaf. As a result, more and more students are contacting Angels, and the addition of 23 of the 2012 leavers has brought the number of Angels to over 400. In the last twelve months, we have offered advice and support to four other Colleges who are considering following Grey's acknowledged lead in this area.

If you are not yet an Angel there's still room for plenty more support for our own scheme, we need Alumni who work in areas we don't yet fully cover (like Performing Arts, Advertising, Marketing, and medicine amongst

others) in fact, all volunteers are welcomed! Our retired Angels can perhaps talk about a variety of companies and the special requirements of senior management, whilst the more recent graduates offer advice on company training schemes, recruitment procedures and the importance of Internships. Where you live is not important (all contact is through e-mail) and we have a fair number of Angels living outside the UK. Our experience so far is that most Angels minimal contact from students (one or two enquiries per year), but the feedback we get from those using the system is that the information on the site is incredibly valuable and answers the majority of the questions our students have, so please don't hold back on how much information you offer in your web-site entry!

If you are already an Angel, PLEASE can you check that your profile is up to date, especially your e-mail address. Any updates should be sent to me, Steve Gregory, so that I can make sure it is uploaded to the system as quickly as possible.

The now annual Careers Workshop in November has become another well-established (and much appreciated ) service for students offered by Alumni for which volunteer presenters are always welcome. In addition, we are always looking for Alumni who are prepared to review and polish CVs submitted by current students, and we hope to arrange a VERY realistic Assessment Centre to help students get that special edge over other applicants for the best graduate jobs.

For more details, please contact me via e-mail at: [stephen.gregory@durham.ac.uk](mailto:stephen.gregory@durham.ac.uk)

STEVE GREGORY

*Association Secretary*



## Life after Grey – why I took up the Teach First challenge

ELIZABETH BREWER - GREY COLLEGE GRADUATE 2006

How much you achieve in life should not be determined by how much your parents earn. Yet in the UK it usually is. This needs to change. If you grow up in a low-income community you will not have the same chances in life as your wealthier neighbour. You are less likely to get good marks in school, find a decent job and lead a happy, healthy life. This is wrong. We all have the right to a decent education.

As a final year Physics student at Grey in 2005-2006, I'll admit that aside from thinking about how I could make sure I got to my 2pm lectures on time whilst still managing to watch most of *Neighbours* in the JCR, the majority of my thoughts were centred around completing my Masters project and my looming final exams. Although I was aware that educational disadvantage existed, I had been very lucky with my education, culminating in my gaining a place to study at Grey, and hadn't directly experienced this disadvantage myself.

One afternoon in the second term of my 4<sup>th</sup> year (most probably after *Neighbours*!) I noticed a poster on the wall outside the JCR for something called 'Teach First'. I was curious. Teaching was definitely not a career I had considered pursuing, but I did enjoy volunteering and working with children, and I loved my subject. I also knew I wanted to use my degree for a really valuable purpose and I wanted to make some kind of difference in the world with the opportunities I had been given at Durham. I certainly didn't think that poster would change my view on education and its inequity completely.

Having looked into Teach First further, I found out it was a charity, who worked in partnership to recruit dynamic, passionate individuals and to support them to raise the achievement, aspirations and access to opportunity of pupils from low socio-economic backgrounds.



ABOVE: Elizabeth Brewer, Grey Alumna

Teach First trainees joined a Leadership Development Programme, involving teaching for a minimum of two years, achieving a PGCE and wider leadership skills training. After the two years, more than half of these individuals continued to teach within schools in low-income communities, with many moving into middle and senior leadership positions. Others would continue to work towards the vision from positions within government, industry and their own social enterprises, demonstrating a life-long commitment to ending inequality in education from both inside and outside the classroom. All the while, the charity was committing to join many individuals and organisations already working tirelessly to improve the lives of young people. Their vision was that no child's educational success should be limited by their socio-economic background and they were willing to work incredibly hard to ensure that every young person could be given the same chances in life, regardless of their background.



I was blown away by what I read. I couldn't believe that only 1 in 10 teachers would consider working in the types of schools Teach First teachers work in. I couldn't believe that 96% of pupils from independent schools progressed to university whilst only 16% of those eligible for free school meals had the same opportunity. I couldn't believe that nearly 50% of children in the UK claiming free school meals wouldn't achieve ANY passes above a D grade at GCSE. I felt that something had to change and that I had a responsibility to be a part of that change. I applied to Teach First and in March 2006, I received an offer to teach science as part of the 2006 cohort in North West London.

My two years on the Leadership Development Programme were a whirlwind ride! There were many highs and also some big lows over the two years, but I wouldn't change it for the world. I met so many inspirational teachers in my school who were just as committed as I was to giving their all to these pupils. I also had the privilege of teaching some amazing children, including some who were far more intelligent than I am and some who were experiencing some very difficult circumstances in their homes and communities – crime, violence, drug and alcohol problems, gang culture, racism, lack of parental engagement (or even living in another country to their parents), the difficulties of learning English as a second language, the stigma of learning difficulties... yet they still came to school every day and sat in my lessons and (most of the time, at least!) tried their best to learn science.

There were days when I felt I had failed my pupils, when I felt like my lessons were bad, my behaviour management was flawed; Teach First and my school were there, however, to support me every step of the way with comprehensive training and development throughout my two years. In contrast there were days when I was on top of the world – when a pupil gave me a Christmas card to say thanks; when one of my students got a B in their GCSE when they were predicted an F; when I took my class to HSBC head office in Canary Wharf to meet some investment bankers and they said they felt more inspired to aim for A\*s in their GCSEs. As I progressed through my two years, taking on more responsibility including running the physics teaching provision for the whole school and developing a science club for primary school pupils, these moments of success became ever more frequent.

At the end of my two years with Teach First I was incredibly tempted to stay in the classroom, but I decided instead to apply the skills and knowledge I had developed in a different way and work for the charity itself. I now co-manage part of our Recruitment team with a focus on increasing our recruitment of STEM-specialists (and not just new and recent graduates – 25% of our cohort are career changers!) as well as expanding our cohort to 2000 by 2015.

I decided to write an article about my experiences for Grey Matters because I feel educational disadvantage is one of the greatest problems in the UK today, and I believe that we are all part of the solution – even if that's just being aware of the injustice that's happening in some of our schools across the country.

You can find out more about Teach First and ways to support us at our website [www.teachfirst.org.uk](http://www.teachfirst.org.uk). If you'd like to discuss our Leadership Development Programme in more detail, please contact Alison Jones, Teach First's dedicated Durham recruiter at [ajones@teachfirst.org.uk](mailto:ajones@teachfirst.org.uk).

# Grey Award Report – Student Enrichment Programme

KATIE DOUGAL - UNDERGRADUATE GREY COLLEGE

This summer, with the financial support for the Grey Association, I travelled to the USA to work for the Arc of Westchester's summer enrichment programme which took place at Manhattanville College, in upstate New York.



The programme consisted of four stages. Firstly, an orientation week for myself and ten other British councillors which taught me many useful life skills including how to react to difficult situations, how to get the best out of people and also some official US training in caring for the disabled and vulnerable. We then conducted a week long theatre programme called 'Echo on Stage'. A group of 25 17-30 year olds with learning disabilities performed a show at the end of the week for their parents, in which I choreographed and assisted on stage. The programme then became an academic summer camp for these youths and their school friends, to come to class with us and learn how to make the most of their lives; whether it was encouraging personal hygiene or discovering their career aspirations and trying to help make these happen through interview technique advice and teaching appropriate behaviour in social

situations. Finally, we headed further upstate to 'Taconic Outdoor Education Centre' to enjoy two weeks on a lake, living in log cabins, where we would relax and party with some truly inspirational young people.



The programme was an extremely rewarding experience, both for myself and the young people who were able to participate. I am very grateful to the Grey Trust for enabling me to travel abroad this summer, and I hope some of the experiences and knowledge I have gained from the summer in the USA can be transferred to my role in Grey as Grey in the Community President this year.



## Grey Award Report – Life in a Recife Favela

JOSEPH LUCAS REPORTS ON HIS TRIP TO BRAZIL, PART FUNDED BY GREY COLLEGE ASSOCIATION



ABOVE - LEFT TO RIGHT: *Roda de Fogo; A friend and me with our host family; Another view of the favela*

For seven weeks this summer I went to Recife, a major city in the northeast of Brazil, where I lived in a favela (shanty town) called Roda de Fogo (wheel of fire).

I was revisiting the community that I had previously spent six months with two years before. I stayed with the same family and was once again completely immersed in the north-eastern Brazilian culture.

My primary activity whilst I was there two years prior was to run a football project. I coached futsal (a variation on football) to boys between the ages of 8 and 15. This project had continued for a year in my absence, but had since folded as the coach had other work commitments. I was able to restart the project for the duration of my stay this summer and therefore was fortunate enough to rekindle past relationships with many of the youth in the favela through the means of football.

As I had previously experienced, coaching these young boys, who had come from very difficult and challenging backgrounds, was not

easy. Fortunately, I had managed mostly to retain the Portuguese that I had learned on my previous visit, and the few weeks that I spent with them playing football was greatly rewarding and a truly constructive time. My teaching and leadership skills were constantly put to the test and thus constantly developed. After graduating from university I hope to teach in less privileged schools; so the experience was invaluable for me.

One initiative, which started in my time in Recife two years ago, was a programme helping the homeless in the centre of the city. I had joined a friend who headed up a similar scheme. Other members of my church in the favela subsequently joined me in this work, before then starting their own project. The project is a great testament to the volunteers, because even though they have so little, they have an incredible desire to help those in greater need than themselves. I was able to join them on some of their outings, and to witness the impact of the work despite its incredibly challenging and often unrewarding nature.

BELOW: *Photos of the football project*





ABOVE: *Football Match*

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incredibly challenging and often unrewarding nature.

I am extremely grateful for the generous funding that was made available. As well as making the trip viable for me, the money enabled me to provide experiences for others. I was able to take four boys from the favela to watch the local football team and also take four others on a three day beach holiday.

Therefore I would like to thank all involved with the Grey Association Award and express my appreciation for their enabling students like myself to undertake such trips and projects over the summer break.



ABOVE: *The church in the favela*

## The Jubilee Development Project Continues

GREY ASSOCIATION SUPPORTING THE FUTURE OF THE COLLEGE

Following the successful completion of the first phase of the Jubilee Development Project in 2012, Grey College Association is proud to be supporting the next phase of this project aimed at redeveloping Fountains Hall to the multifunctional building it was always intended to be.



ABOVE AND RIGHT: *Original Artists Impressions of Fountains Hall c.1960*



In 2012 Grey College Association made an initial donation of £10,000 to the Grey Trust to kick start fundraising and we will continue to work with the College to fundraise, design and ultimately deliver this project over the coming years.

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ABOVE: A sunny day at Kingsgate Bridge

## Association AGM

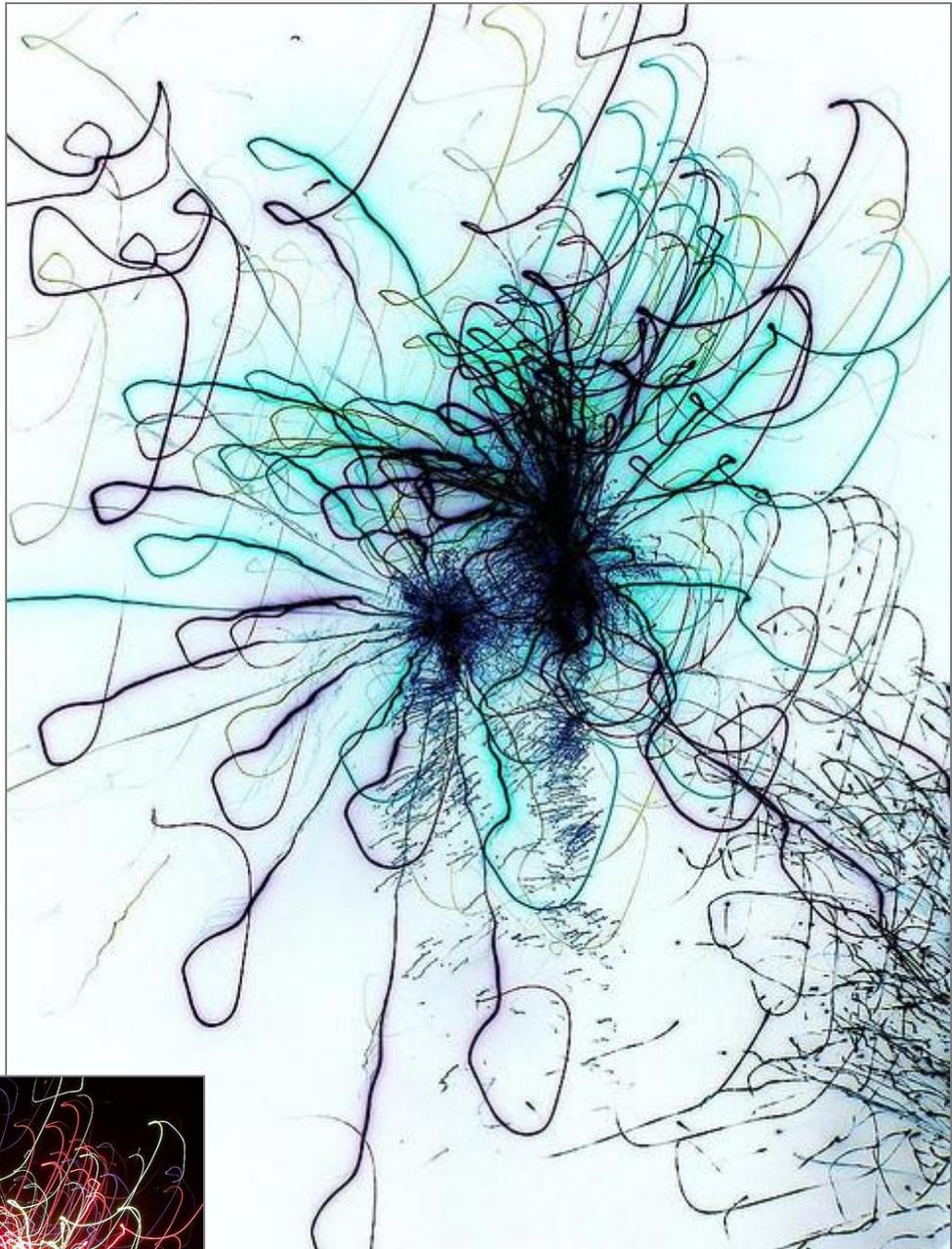
The AGM of Grey College Association will be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2013 in The Pennington Room at Grey College.

### Situation Vacant – Association Treasurer

The current Treasurer, Alan Richards, will not be seeking re-election at the 2013 AGM, after six years in the post. The President Tom Cliff would like to hear from any Association member who is interested in standing for election. The duties include the following:-

- ❖ Maintain the Association accounts on a spread sheet, which has about 25 entries each year
- ❖ Receive monthly bank statements
- ❖ Prepare and sign cheques with the President as co-signatory
- ❖ Prepare a treasurer's report to the Association AGM
- ❖ Liaise with Executive by email and attend Exec meetings when required, normally one each year.

Full details and the agenda are available from our Secretary, Steve Gregory



**ABOVE AND LEFT:** Ruth Bedder took this shot of the Grey College fireworks display in 2008 when she was an undergraduate at St Cuthbert's Society. An incredible shot in its own right Ruth subsequently inverted the shot to produce the image shown above.

Ruth kindly lets Grey College Association reproduce this image here. Although Ruth claims that the photo was really more luck than judgement as she was too busy watching the display to really concentrate on the camera! I think everyone would agree these really are amazing images.