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# Bankfield News

*"Bringing Out The Best!"*

Dear Parents,

Year 10 Work Experience.

Congratulations to all Year 10 students who returned to school today after successfully completing their two week work experience . We will be sharing the highlights with you after students have reviewed their experiences.

We have received a letter from a member of the public regarding one of our students whom she had the pleasure of meeting during a bus ride recently. **Mrs Griffin**, an ex student of Bankfield, wrote:

*"I have recently been a passenger on a HCT Bus which I often travel on and there was a member of your school on work experience also travelling , what a helpful, friendly young lad he was too! We had a conversation regarding Bankfield as I am a previous pupil of Bankfield from 1984—1989 when **Mr Rutter** was my Headteacher.*

*The young lad is **Dean Cowley** and he is originally from Belgium. Once again, I must emphasise on his excellent manners and politeness, he says he is studying both French and Spanish and I really hope he goes a long way in his future occupation! Well done Bankfield! You have a good pupil there!"*

Well done to **Dean Cowley, 10CH** for being an excellent ambassador for our School.

*Carole Owen*

Headteacher

## VOICE AWARDS

On **Monday 27th April** 3 students from Year 9, **Perry Keeley, Rebecca Sutch** and **Samantha Filkins** along with **Miss Flavin** visited the Stobart Stadium for a very special afternoon. We were delighted that **Mr Williamson**, our Vice Chair of Governors was also there to witness our achievements and celebrate with us.

Throughout the day there were some excellent performances and most schools in Halton attended. There were representatives from Halton primary and secondary schools all there to collect awards.

**Bankfield won an award for Healthy School** and another for **Student Voice** which our 3 students collected along with 2 certificates. It was a fun afternoon and many people attended.

We are very proud of this achievement and will display our Healthy Schools Plaque in a prominent place in school.

Report by  
**Perry Keeley, 9YG**  
**Samantha Filkins,**  
**9RJJ**



# DARWIN DAY AT BANKFIELD

On **Saturday 25th April 2009**, The Bankfield School hosted an event to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the publication of Charles Darwin's *The Origin of Species*, where KS3 students from Halton Borough attended.

The KS3 gifted and talented students took part in an informative programme of activities focusing on four National Curriculum linked areas including English, Science, Fine Art and Dance/Movement and how this related to Darwin's great voyage and discovery of evolution.

After reception, the students were split into groups, with each group taking part in 4 different master class activities:

- In English, students studied Darwin's diaries
- In Science, students looked at the survival of species in different climates
- In Dance and movement, students looked at ways of representing parts of Darwin's Journey on *The Beagle* and what he found on arrival at The Galapagos Islands
- In Art, students used different techniques, including tea-bag waxing to produce booklets.

At the end of the day, in front of parents, students spoke about their work, and gave performances of the pieces they had completed in the Dance and Movement workshop.

**Mr Molloy** who was involved in organising the day said, *"It was a thoroughly enjoyable day; all students worked well together on the different activities. I would like to thank The Bankfield School Prefects for their help in making the day a success."*

**Rebecca Sutch 9YG** said, *"I really enjoyed working with students from other schools on the different projects."*

Students from: The Bankfield School, St Peter and Paul's Catholic College, Fairfield High School, Halton High School and The Grange took part in what was a successful and memorable event.

Thanks to **Mr Molloy**, **Miss Woolley** and **Mr Head** for their support of our Science Gifted and Talented students.



# STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAMME



- Are you A Parent Of A Year 7 or 8 Student?
- Are You Finding Their Behaviour Difficult to Manage?
- Are You a Student in Year 7 or 8?
- Are You Struggling To Cope With Your Feelings?

The Strengthening Families Programme is aimed at helping young people and parents deal with problems associated with adolescence. It has proved to be effective in building skills and changing behaviour, for both parents and young people.

## What Can You Expect?

- A friendly group of parents, carers and young people who all want to make a difference to their family life
- 7 weekly 2 hour sessions
- The sessions will use DVD clips, discussion and fun activities to explore the issues that face families and ways of tackling them

The programme looks at a range of topics and risk factors:-

### For Parents:

- Encourage Good Behaviour
- Using Consequence of Actions
- Protecting Against Substance Misuse
- Handling Stress and Peer Pressure

### For Young People

- Setting & Achieving Goals & Dreams
- Dealing with Stress, Peer Pressure & Conflict
- Appreciating Parents

Sessions will be held on **Wednesday afternoons at 3.30pm—5.45pm** starting on **Wednesday 3rd June 2009**  
If you would like to know more, please contact **Miss Miller or Miss Ainsworth on 0151 424 5038**.

## HALTON CHILDRENS INFORMATION SERVICE

We have recently received a number of very informative booklets for parents and carers regarding childrens disabilities. If you have children with a disability or know someone who is caring for disabled child, you can request the booklets from **Halton Childrens Information Service on 01928 704509**.

The new information booklets are on following conditions:

- Autistic Spectrum Disorders
- Cerebral Palsy
- Deafness
- Down Syndrome
- Rare Conditions
- Learning Disabilities
- Multi Sensory Impairment
- Speech and Language Difficulties
- Visual Impairment
- No Diagnosis



The booklets are also available to download from [www.earlysupport.org.uk](http://www.earlysupport.org.uk) for more information and advice on disability issues, please contact **Rebecca Hayes on 01928 704 509**

## SEAL WC 4 May 2009

**Year 8**

**"I can communicate my thoughts and feelings in a clear and straight-forward way."**

**Year 7**

**"I can explain and celebrate my strengths and achievements"**

## Dates For Your Diary

May							May Events & Important Dates	
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	4th May Bank Holiday (School Closed)	
				1	2	3	11th Written GCSE Exams Begin	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	18th-22nd Y7-Y10 Internal Exams Week	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	22nd School Closes	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25th-29th Half Term	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31		
June							June Events & Important Dates	
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	1st School Re-Opens	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	3rd Summer Concert	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	22nd Written GCSE Examinations Finish	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	25th Bankfield Ball	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	26th INSET Day (School Closed To Students)	
29	30							
July							July Events & Important Dates	
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	13th / 14th / 15th Mary Poppins Drama Production	
				1	2	3	3rd Y7/Y8 Annual Report To Parents	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	6th-10th Celebration Assemblies	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	7th Y6 Induction Day	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	10th Y9/Y10 Annual Report To Parents	
27	28	29	30	31			21st School Closes	
School re-opens Thursday 3rd September 2009								

'Bringing out the Best'

