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Dear Parents/Carers

HPV Vaccination

I know that many of you have given consent to PCT for your daughter to receive the course of vaccinations commencing on Wednesday 7th October 2009. I also am aware that the tragic death of a 14 year old girl in Coventry shortly after receiving this vaccine will have caused you great concern for your own child. Below is a copy of a letter I received from the Health Protection Agency in relation to this situation:

29 September 2009

Dear Colleague,

You will have heard of the tragic news that a 14-year-old girl was taken ill at a school in Coventry shortly after receiving the HPV Vaccine, and later died. A full and urgent investigation into the death is underway.

The HPV vaccine, Cervarix, has a strong safety record. Several million doses have been given around the world and more than 1.4 million in the UK. Very rarely you will expect someone to have a severe allergic reaction to a vaccine, just as with food or any medication. The estimated rate of such severe allergic reactions is 1 in 1 million vaccine doses. We do not know, at this stage, whether this was the cause of this girl's death but it would be one of the possible causes being investigated.

As a purely precautionary measure, stocks of Cervarix vaccine from the batch that the girl received have been removed from nationwide stocks until the results of the investigation are available. The Department of Health will inform doctors and nurses of the results of the batch testing as soon as they are known.

The Department of Health has advised that the HPV vaccination programme will continue. The Health Protection Agency supports this advice. Parents can get further information on Cervarix from their school nurse, GP or at www.immunisation.nhs.uk.

Yours sincerely

Rosemary McCann

Dr Rosemary McCann
Consultant in Communicable Disease Control

I hope this letter assists in reducing your anxiety as the scheduled vaccinations are due to be continued. If you wish to contact me in regard to this, please do not hesitate to do so either by letter, or email: norah.thomas@bankfield.halton.sch.uk and I will respond to you accordingly.

I will pass on any further information as soon as it becomes available.

Yours sincerely

Carole Owen

Headteacher



i am learning

I am happy to announce that as a school we have recently subscribed to the new internet based revision system 'i am learning' and that your child has been allocated a user account! As a school we are committed to raising attainment and improving exam results for all of our learners through the use of quality resources. We have invested in the 'i am learning' revision system, which replaces SAM Learning, for all our students and we firmly believe that by using the account your child will see an impact on results.

What is 'i am learning'?

'i am learning' is an internet based revision system which means that it can be used on any computer with internet access. It works best as part of an overall revision programme and so it will be used both inside of lessons and by students outside of school hours. If you do not have a computer at home with internet access we will be making arrangements for use of school machines after school and we recommend the use of other services with internet access such as libraries, city learning centres and community centres. Your child will have been given their unique login details and will be shown how to access the system for revision.

Access

Your child can access 'i am learning' either by visiting the website www.iamlearning.co.uk or via links on our website www.bankfield.com or the school's Virtual Learning Platform vlp.bankfield.com. Their unique username is made up of their forename and surname i.e. JohnSmith; and their password is their date of birth in the format DDMMYYYY i.e. 01021993.

If you have any questions regarding 'i am learning' or the school's Virtual Learning Platform please contact your child's form tutor or their ICT teacher.

We do hope that you will encourage your child to take full advantage of the account and help us to realise the potential of this system to raise results.

Mr M Draycott
ICT Manager

Open Evening

Just to remind parents and carers of all Year 6

children that our Open Evening is on **Wednesday 7th October at 6.30pm.**



Games Club on the Wii

every Wednesday in S3.
2.50pm until 4.00pm.

Mr Greathead

Bankfield on the Wire



On **Wednesday 30th September**, WIRE FM's long serving Pete Pinnington came to The Bankfield School to show students the different aspects of radio.

The DJ who has been a popular voice on the radio station for over 10 years spoke of the skills required in presenting, what his role is like and the odd awkward moments when interviewing celebrities! Students looked at how a show is structured and the links needed by presenters between different items. This included students having a go themselves at presenting the weather and introducing the next section of the show.

Accompanying Pete, was Dave Monk, a creative writer for Wire FM who focused on creating radio advertisements. Following his discussion on how advertising works on the radio, students were then invited to be creative themselves by planning and writing a script for a radio advertisement to promote The Bankfield School's Open Evening which is taking place on **Wednesday 7th October**. The range of ideas for the advertisements was brilliant with different scenarios created to promote the event. Finding a winning advertisement proved difficult, but the script written by **Jack Evans, Will Andrews, Robyn Lingham** and

Taking to the Mic - Sean Hayes takes his turn at presenting looked on by Pete Pinnington

Rachael Hayes was chosen by Mrs Owen for its original format whilst promoting the key messages.

The winning advertisement will be aired on Wire FM up to the Open Evening on Wednesday 7th October.


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Extra – Curricular Timetable Autumn Term 2009 – 10

Times	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
8.00-8.30am			Y10 & 11 Weight training	Fitness Suite	Y7,8 & 9 Fitness training	Fitness Suite	All Years Racquets & Basketball Club	Sports Hall		
After school Revision/ Coursework	OCR Science	S17	OCR Science	S2	Astronomy	S17	Physics	S17	ICT	S10
	Biology	S18	ICT	S10	Biology	S18	Biology	S18	Homework Club	Library
	ICT	S10	GCSE Catering	N7/8	OCR Science	S2	Chemistry	S2		
	Homework Club	Library	Y9 & 11 Languages Coursework	H11	ICT	S10	Maths Y11 (Foundation)	H4		
			Homework Club	Library	Homework Club	H5	English Revision	N16		
			Eco Club	H19		Library	Homework Club	Library		
After School activities	Y10 & 11 boys Football	Sports Hall	All Years Rugby	Sports Hall	Y8 boys Football	Sports Hall	All Years Girls Fitness	Fitness Suite	Y7 boys Football	Sports Hall
	Art Club	H23			All years Dance	Gym	Y9 boys Football	Sports Hall	All years Hockey	Gym
					All Years Netball	Gym	All Years Girls Football	Gym	All years Drama	C1
					Art Club	H23				
					All years Languages Club	H12				

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YEAR 7 OUTCOMES	YEAR 8 OUTCOMES	YEAR 9 OUTCOMES
I know everyone in my class and have worked with someone I haven't worked with before I feel confident to cope in my new school	Over this half term I will make a conscious effort to put my self in some one else's place so as to understand what they are feeling	This half term I will explain my strengths and limitations without undermining myself or alienating others

English GCSE Revision

To all Year 11 Students
The English Department are holding revision sessions over the next 5 weeks on **Thursday evenings in N16**. Letters have already been sent out with details of the sessions. The focus will be exam practice for Paper 1 and Paper 2. You are all encouraged to attend as this will help to improve your grades!
Mrs Boyd-Rugen



Congratulations to **Nikita Jackson 8SF** who has achieved new personal bests in her swimming competitions as follows:
200m Individual Medley-3mins 26secs
100m Breastroke-1min 44secs
100m Freestyle-1min 26secs
 You're a star!



Just a reminder to all parents/carers to please keep collecting the 'Let's Grow' vouchers from your local **Morrisons** store in support of our new Land Based Course. For every £10 you spend in store you will receive one voucher. Also on selected products you can get extra vouchers on the packaging and if you keep any receipts that have a 'Let's Grow' code on them, we can add them to our vouchers as well.



There are **Free** short courses on offer at Riverside College, Runcorn Campus, available to anyone over the age of 25 years, who have been out of work for 6 months or more. They are designed to develop skills and enable people to get back into the workplace. The courses cover the following areas: **Warehousing, Customer Service, Hospitality & Catering, Business Administration, Health & Social Care, Supported Teaching & Learning (Teaching Assistants), Security**. For further information, please contact Angela Woodward on 0151 257 2099.



Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 7th October—Open Evening (6.30pm)
 Thursday 22nd October—Year 11 Parents Evening
 Friday 23rd October—School closes for half term
 Monday 2nd November—**INSET** day (school closed for students)
 Tuesday 3rd November—School re-opens
 Thursday 19th November—Celebration Evening at the Foundry
 Friday 18th December—School Closes for Christmas
 Monday 4th January 2009—School re-opens
 Thursday 14th January—Year 9 Parent/Carers Evening
 Thursday 4th February—Year 8 Parent/Carers Evening
 Thursday 11th February—School closes for half term
 Friday 12th February—**INSET** Day (School closed for students)
 Thursday 25th February—Year 9 Options Evening
 Thursday 25th March—Year 10 Parent/Carers Evening
 Friday 26th March—School Closes for Easter
 Monday 12th April—School re-opens
 Thursday 22nd April—Year 7 Parents/Carers Evening
 Monday 3rd May—School closed for May Day
 Friday 28th May—School closes for half term
 Monday 7th June—School re-opens
 Friday 25th June—**INSET** Day (School closed for students)
 Tuesday 6th July—Year 6 Induction Day and Parent/Carers Evening
 Tuesday 20th July—School closes for Summer

I choose Halton!

On **Wednesday 14th October** all year 11 pupils will be going to the 'I choose Halton' event held at the Kingsway Leisure Centre. This has been arranged and paid for by Halton Borough Council. The event aims to provide all year 11 pupils with information about what their options are when they leave school. There will be information from all the local Colleges and Universities, as well as advice on career paths and financial issues. Pupils will travel to and from the venue on coaches provided by the organisers, therefore there will be no cost incurred. If you do not wish your child to attend the event or if you have any further questions, please contact myself at the School.
Mrs Wrigg

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