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Uniform

As all students will be wearing blazers from September, the School Council have decided that the Prefect Uniform should consist of a special tie to denote their status. They held a competition to design the tie and the winning design seen here was created by **Andrew Roberts 11JL**. The new ties are currently in production and will be available for purchase by the end of term at the usual price of **£3.50**.

Crocus Walk 2009

Twenty eight staff undertook the gruelling twenty six mile walk around Chester on Saturday, in memory of Mrs Ross, for breast cancer research. I'm pleased to say that we all returned safely, with the odd blister or two! If you have not already made a donation, you can either send cash or cheque (made payable to The Bankfield School) in an envelope marked 'Crocus Walk 2009' into school or on line www.justgiving.com/crocuswalkforceliaross. Any support towards our £3000.00 target will be greatly received. Well done and many thanks to the staff who took part, especially to Miss O'Rourke for organising us all!

Carole Owen

Headteacher

Maths GCSE Exam

The Unit 1 GCSE Maths Exam for Year 9 students will take place on Thursday 11 June 2009 at 9am for students in the sets below :

- **9c/9d**
- **9f/9g/9h**

Congratulations!

Rebecca Oldfield spent her work placement with Halton Borough Council helping to create their 'In Touch' Magazine.

Well Done **Rebecca!**

Becca learns on the job

>> Working 9 to 5

Keen journalist and Bankfield student Becca Oldfield is learning the daily business of the press office, during her two-week work experience placement at Halton Borough Council.

She's been doing several different things to get the full taste of the office, including writing all the articles on this page of InTouch! She's been to meetings about 'Cycle to Work' and the Mersey Gateway and learnt how the Web Team make sure the Council website is working properly.

When asked about her two weeks she replied, "It's been really good on seeing how everything operates and comes together. All the team are really nice and it's a great environment to be in, everyone gets on so well and I'd happily work here after I leave school, that is if there's a job going!"

Halton Borough Council Press Officer Mark Allen said: "It has been great having Rebecca here for a fortnight and she has been a real help. It is always useful to have a young person's perspective on the work we do and bounce ideas off."

Becca pictured with Paul Martin, Diane Hunter and Alan Graham from Communications & Marketing

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Be SunSmart in the Summer Sun

Those most at risk are people with fair skin, lots of moles or freckles or a family history of skin cancer. Know your skin type and use the UV Index to find out when you need to protect yourself.

Spend time in the shade between 11 and 3
The summer sun is most damaging to your skin in the middle of the day.

Make sure you never burn
Sunburn can double your risk of skin cancer.

Aim to cover up with a t-shirt, hat and sunglasses
When the sun is at its peak, sunscreen is not enough.

Remember to take extra care with children
Young skin is delicate. Keep babies out of the sun, especially around midday.

Then use factor 15+ sunscreen
Apply sunscreen generously and reapply often.

Free Cycle Training Available

As part of the 'Bike Week 2009' Celebrations, Halton Borough Council is offering free 'Bikeability' cycle training sessions.
The training will take place at Victoria Park in Widnes on **Saturday 20 June 2009**,
12.00—1.30pm Beginners Session
1.30 – 3.00pm Intermediate Session

The beginners' session is for those who are not yet accomplished riders. They may be on stabilisers or have Recently come off them. This session will look at building confidence, balance and stability in the hope of getting them ready for the next level of training.

The intermediate session is for those who can already ride without stabilisers. It will look at building up skills around control, observations, signalling and manoeuvring. Both sessions will be in line with the National Standard and those completing the Intermediate session will receive a certificate and badge.

Places are limited, so if you are interested in this training, please contact the Neighbourhood Travel Team (NTT) on **0800 1953173 or email ntt@halton.gov.uk to register.**

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that there are adapted 'Wheels for All' bikes which can be used for pupils with a range of disabilities/learning difficulties, as they include tricycles, hand cycles and even ones that carry wheelchairs. These will be displayed on **20th June** at the above event and can be booked every Wednesday between 12.00am and 3.00pm by contacting
Hermine Briffa or Phyllis Nener of Cycling Projects on **01925 234213 or www.cycling.org.uk.** Also, we are in the process of arranging training for volunteers so they can take groups out themselves, which will open up the days and times when people can use the bikes. If anyone is interested, please contact Rose Armstrong on **0151 471 7600 or email rosemary.armstrong@halton.gov.uk**.

Wednesday 24th June 2009—The Bankfield School Hall, Widnes
Friday 26th June 2009—The Brindley Studio, Runcorn
7.30pm start
Tickets £8/£6 (concessions)

Please collect all tickets from the venues on the evening.

Come and try wheelchair basketball!

At Kingsway Leisure Centre on Saturday 27th June 2009 and Brookvale Leisure Centre on Sunday 28th June. Both sessions star at 12.00pm—3.00pm. Sessions to be run by qualified coaches and all equipment supplied.

Everyone welcome, regardless of ability!
(non wheelchair users welcome)

Halton Citizens Advice Bureau in partnership with Halton Borough Council's Extended Services Team

Halton CAB is now working in partnership with Halton Extended Services to help parents and carers of school age children by:

giving information on almost any problem

giving practical help such as filling in forms

empowering people by giving them the knowledge to ensure that the same problem does not happen again

The service offered by the CAB is

Free
Confidential
Independent
Impartial

If you would like to make a referral to the CAB please contact us direct on **0151 257 2443**
Alternatively, speak to a member of your child's school staff or your Extended Services Development Worker, Jenny Simmons on 0151 420 5482.

"I can express my emotions clearly and openly to others and in ways appropriate to situations".

"I can deal with the feelings I have if I am Unsuccessful"

Dates For Your Diary

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