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Bankfield News

"Bringing Out The Best!"

Dear Parent/Carer

We had a great start to the new term this week despite the cold weather! It was also good to have Miss Wooley back in school. This is a very busy term with a number of events for you as parents. These are detailed for you on the calendar for this term on page 3 of this newsletter.

Building Schools For The Future

Students from both out school and other secondary schools participated in a visit to The Sorrell Foundation led by Miss Flavin and Miss Lees. You can read Sean Banner's (Chair of the Student Council) account of their visit to London below.

Yours sincerely

Carole Owen

Headteacher

Our Trip To The Sorrell Foundation, London. By Sean Banner



The School, Halton BC and the Sorrell Foundation organised a learning engagement programme with the aim for learners to produce their own creative design brief to be presented as part of the School's vision documents to directly influence the design of Bankfield as part of the Buildings Schools for the Future initiative.

The first stage of this programme was a trip to the Sorrell Foundation at Somerset House in London. Learners identified the top three challenges they would like their architects to solve in the design of the new school. Learners then visited inspirational sites along the South Bank the trip ended with a ride on the London Eye to see the sites of London.



Learners will continue this programme at the school liaising with their architect to develop and consolidate their ideas and then return to Somerset House to produce a creative brief for the school, which will be printed and published professionally.

We attended a trip to the Sorrell foundation in London. The aim of the trip was to highlight the parts of the school that we wanted to change and improve.

On arrival we were treated to a nice dinner and some free time. The first day was very busy we visited a number of sites to admire the architecture. We were then subjected to a number of fun and interesting workshops, which ultimately ended in us giving a presentation about what we want to change about the school most.

After this we went on the London Eye which was a fantastic experience as you can see 360° view of London. To end the excellent day we faced a tedious 6 hour coach journey. With the exception of the journey it was a very educational and unique experience





The International Astronomical Union (IAU)

The International Astronomical Union (IAU) has launched 2009 as the International Year of Astronomy (IYA2009) under the theme "The Universe, Yours to Discover". IYA2009 marks the four hundredth anniversary of the first astronomical observation through a telescope by Galileo Galilei. It will be a global celebration of astronomy and its contributions to society and culture, with a strong emphasis on education, public engagement and involvement of young people, with events at national, regional, and global levels throughout the whole of 2009.

Check out the websites for different events and how you can get involved.

www.iya2009.com

www.astronomy2009.co.uk

International Astronomy Year at The Bankfield School

Bankfield is going to join in this celebration of Astronomy by offering a range of activities to students at the school, to other local schools and to the community. There will be an Astronomy focused specialist week later in the year where all departments will show how their subject relates to astronomy.

Through out the year we will also be inviting guest speakers and extra curricular activities. So keep an eye out in the newsletters for what is happening at Bankfield, a look at what can be seen in the night sky and astronomy facts and jargon buster.



Week Commencing 12 January 2009

Year 8 Learn2Learn



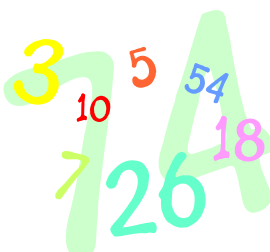
This week, students will learn how to ...

explain some reasons why learning is important for me now and in the future

Year 7

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Maths GCSE Exams



This week, students will learn how to Classify characteristics Of success under the 5 R's heading

IMPORTANT !

Please note the Maths Unit 1 and Unit 2 GCSE examination has now been scheduled for :

3rd March 2009 for Year 9, 10 & 11

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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JANUARY

Mon 12th **Biology GCSE Exam**

Thu 15th **Chemistry GCSE Exam**

Thu 15th Y9 Parents Evening

Mon 19th Y7 Halton Basketball (Home)

Mon 19th **Physics GCSE Exam**

Thu 22nd Y8 Halton Basketball (Home)

Mon 26th Y9 Halton Basketball (Home)

Thu 29th Y10 Halton Basketball (Home)

FEBRUARY

Thu 5th **Year 8 Parents Evening**

Fri 6th **Year 11 Annual Report to Parents**

Fri 13th **Close for Half Term**

Sat 7th—Mon 9th Auschwitz Trip

Fri 13th—Sat 21st Ski Trip

Mon 16th—Fri 20th **Half Term**

Mon 23rd School Re-opens

Thu 26th **Year 9 KS4 Options Evening**

MARCH

Tue 3rd **Maths GCSE Exam—Unit 1 & 2 (Year 9/10/11)**

Wed 4th **GCSE Science Exam**

Thu 12th **Year 11 Parents Progress Check Evening**

Thu 26th **Year 10 Parents Evening**

Wed 25th—Tue 31st Celebration Assemblies

APRIL

Thu 2nd School Closes

Fri 3rd INSET Day (School closed to students)

Mon 6th—Fri 17th **Easter Holidays**

Mon 20th - Fri 1st May Year 10 Work Experience

Thu 23rd **Year 7 Parents Evening**

Thu 30th UKMT Junior Challenge Year 7 & 8

MAY

Mon 4th May Bank Holiday (School Closed To Students)

Mon 11th—Mon 22nd June **Written GCSE Examinations Begin**

Mon 18th—Fri 22nd **Year 7—Year 10 Internal Exams Week**

Fri 22nd School Closes

Mon 25th—Fri 29th **Half Term**

JUNE

Mon 1st School Re-opens

Wed 3rd Summer Concert

Mon 22nd **Written GCSE Examinations Finish**

Thu 25th Bankfield Ball

Fri 26th INSET Day (School Closed to Students)

JULY

Fri 3rd **Year 7 & 8 Annual Report To Parents**

Mon 6th—Fri 10th Celebration Assemblies

Tue 7th **Year 6 Induction Day**

Fri 10th **Year 9 & 10 Annual Report To Parents**

Tue 21st School Closes (School Re-opens Thu 3 September 2009)