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# Bankfield News

*"Bringing Out The Best!"*

Dear Parents/Carers

### Open Evening

School was a hive of activity on Wednesday evening as staff and students proudly displayed their work as we opened our school to prospective parents/carers and their children. I was in a very privileged position as I received so many fantastic words of praise on behalf of everyone. Thanks to everyone for their effort in making the evening such a success and those of you who also showed interest by coming to see your child's work.

### School Council Elections

Election fever has come to Bankfield early as students elected their new representatives on Friday! At the time of going to print, we still await the outcome of the count, conducted by our Year 11 Prefects. The hustings, video's and speeches of all the candidates have been a pleasure to see and listen to. I am delighted that so many of our students have put themselves into the limelight. Well done to everyone below:

YEAR 7		YEAR 8		YEAR 9	YEAR 11
BANNER, Matthew	McDOWELL, Charlotte	AMSON, Daniel	LAKE, Michael	HOLME, Rebecca	BATE, Scott
BELL, Nathan	METCALF, Chloe	BOWEN, Alex	LONGSTAFFE, Connor	LAWS, Rebecca	BRADY, Fay
BOYLE, Andrew	REYNOLDS, Taylor	DAVIS, Emily	McCARTHY, Sam	NAUGHTON, Daniel	MORRIS, Michael
BROWN, Liam	RIMMER, Callum	FOWLER, Fletcher	MIRI, Joseph	PLUMB, Katherine	MOSS, Jake
CLARKE, Reece	ROBINSON, Rebecca	GORMAN, Dylan	PICKLES, Jack	<b>YEAR 10</b>	WATSON, Adam
DAVIES, Holly	SCHEEPERS, Ryan	HEGARTY, Lauren	REYNOLDS, Courtney	ANDREWS, Alicia	
DYAS, Courtney	SMITH, Louise	HOWE, Danielle	STOKES, Ellis	BRERETON, Amy	
HUGHES, Nikita	WARE, Amy	HUGHES, Joshua	WOOD, Adam	BURKE, Katie	
McADAM, Ruby		HUGHES, Joshua		HUNTER, Leon	
				MILLER, Darren	

### Musical Success



Congratulations to **Daisy Hogarth 9WA, Megan Sutch 9WA and Shannon Tillett 9MJ** on passing the Associate Board of the Royal Schools for Music, Grade 1 clarinet examination. We look forward to listening to their next performances!

### Year 11 Parents/Carers Consultation Evening

This will be taking place on **Thursday 22nd October**. Letters and appointment sheets will be sent home later this week. We look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely

*Carole Owen*

Headteacher



# Shakespeare Schools Festival



Sixteen pupils from the Bankfield School will stage a highly original thirty minute interpretation of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' at the Contemporary Urban Centre in Liverpool on **Thursday 15th October 2009 at 7.00pm**. Tickets are £5.00 each. This is part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival, a celebration of the works of Shakespeare throughout the land involving sixty five theatres, five hundred schools and ten thousand young people. This is the school's fourth production for the festival following 'The Taming of the Shrew', 'The Merchant of Venice' and 'Julius Caesar'. Our version of the play centres on one of the four main plot strands in the play: the argument between Oberon and Titania—the King and Queen of the fairies - and how Titania is tricked to fall in love with the mortal Bottom, who has been magically transformed into an ass! To emphasise the fairyland angle of these scenes, we have partly set the play in Cottingley, Leeds, in 1917. Some of you may remember, from the film 'Fairytale', how the schoolgirls' Frances Griffiths and Elsie Wright took five photographs of fairies at the bottom of their garden. This ignited a fierce debate—by everyone from Harry Houdini and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle – about whether fairies really existed. Eventually Frances admitted the first four pictures were faked, but the fifth one **was** real... Now remember everyone, keep saying 'I do believe in fairies, I do believe in fairies, I do, I do, I do...'

**P Kennedy**



YEAR 7 OUTCOMES	YEAR 8 OUTCOMES	YEAR 9 OUTCOMES
I can describe what starting in a new school feels like and why I have strategies to deal with any uncomfortable feelings. I can understand why I might have mixed feelings.	Over this half term I will show I can take other peoples' feelings and thoughts into account when I make decisions.	This half term I will explain my strengths and limitations without undermining myself or alienating others.



## IMPORTANT CHANGES TO HOUSING BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT

There are changes being made to Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit regulations that come in to effect on **2nd November 2009**. The changes mean that Child Benefit is no longer taken as income in the calculation of Housing Benefit and Council tax Benefit for families who are responsible for children.

It is anticipated that families who receive a low income and have not previously made a claim for Housing Benefit or Council Tax Benefit may now receive some assistance with their rent or Council Tax. A lot of families in the borough may not claim assistance they are entitled to receive as they are not aware of important changes to legislation like this. More information can be found on [www.halton.gov.uk/benefits](http://www.halton.gov.uk/benefits).

The European Day of Languages was on **26<sup>th</sup> September 2009**. Year 7 Bankfield students celebrated this occasion by designing t-shirts to encourage people to learn a new language. There were lots of fantastic entries but the following students deserve a special mention. **Ellie Thomas 7LJE, Thomas Whitfield 7IF, Kyle Keggin 7LJE, Mollie Birch 7JL and Jessica Terry 7LJE**. These students won a special pen and a badge. The winner was **Victoria McMahon 7LJE** whose entry can be seen here. Along with her other prizes, she wins a t-shirt showing her design. Well done to all students who designed a t-shirt – it was a very difficult choice!

**Ms C Halcrow (Head of Modern Languages)**



## Dates For Your Diary

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  
 Thursday 29th April—School closes  
 Friday 30th April—**INSET** Day (School closed for students)  
 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