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# Bankfield News

*"Bringing Out The Best!"*

Dear Parent/Carers

I hope you had an enjoyable half term break. School was open particularly for student in Year 11 who attended additional revision and coursework sessions. It is good that so many staff are able and willing to run these classes during their holidays.

## Auschwitz 2009

It was a privilege for me to accompany our history students together with Mr Moss and Miss Marshall to Poland during the weekend before half term. It was a great asset to have Mrs Nurse with us too as she could translate her native Polish into English which helped us enjoy the native customs and cuisine.

We all were profoundly affected by the experience of visiting two of the three Auschwitz Concentration Camps and a synagogue, as well as The Jewish Quarter; in an area that once was the Ghetto and the Jewish Museum. Although we were prepared to be moved by the visit, what was particularly terrifying was the size of the camps and the incredible planning that enabled the organisation of the 'Final Solution' and its extermination of millions.

We also visited the site of Plaszow Camp which was one of the many less well known concentration camps. Students showed great respect and tremendous empathy throughout the whole trip. Many of them gave poignant readings from the writings of those who were affected by The Holocaust. The writing of Martin Niemoeller was read by Jason Nield as we lit candles at the memorial shown below was especially moving.

*"First they came for the communists, & I did not speak out because I was not a communist;  
Then they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out because I was not a socialist;  
Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out because I was not a trade unionist;  
Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out because I was not a Jew;  
Then they came for me, and there was no one left to speak out for me"*

The group also visited the factory of Oskar Schindler, who saved many Jews and was the subject of the film 'Schindlers List'. Finally, we enjoyed the sights and shops of Krakow which is a very beautiful city. I am sure that all of us will remember the experience for a very long time to come.



## Ski 2009

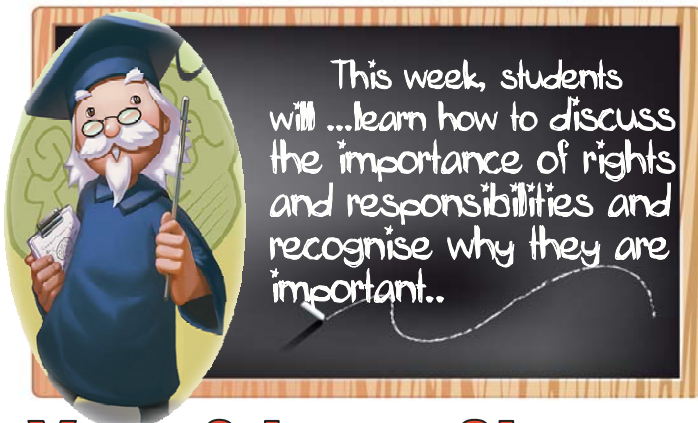
Mr Ross, Miss Holland and Miss Knowles led our annual ski trip to Italy during the half term break. I look forward to hearing the stories of spectacular 'wipeouts' and stylish skiing from all involved.

## Options Evening

**Wednesday 25 February** is the date for students in Year 9 to come to find out about KS4 courses available for September 2009. I look forward to seeing you then.

Yours sincerely

*Carole Owen*  
Headteacher



## Year 8 Learn2Learn



This week, students will learn how to ..... identify some ways to overcome barriers to achieve my goal.

## Girls Football Sessions

**Year 7 & 8 Girls football**  
**Every Friday From 5pm –6pm,**

## Smoke Free Awareness Event

Wednesday 4th March  
10am—12pm  
Or  
1pm—3pm  
**Halton Stadium**

**DID YOU KNOW...**

- Children's exposure to second-hand smoke in England has approximately halved since the late 1980s.
- Around 1/3 of smokers (4 million people in the UK) continue to smoke near children.
- Smoking by parents is the principal determinant of children's exposure to second-hand smoke.
- 17,000 children under the age of 5 are admitted to hospital every year with illnesses resulting from passive smoking.

**We would like to invite you to a training event to raise awareness of the impact that second hand smoke can have upon children and young people, and highlight what access and support is available through smoking cessation support services**

Reserve a place by e-mailing  
Children&YP.TrainingCalendar@halton.gov.uk  
or by ringing 0303 333 4300 extension 3522

February 09							March 09							April 09							IMPORTANT DATES						
M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa	Su							
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		Mon 4th					May Bank Holiday (School Closed To Students)
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		Mon 11th - 22nd Jun					Written GCSE Examinations Begin
23	24	25	26	27	28		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30					Mon 18th - Fri 22nd					Year 7-Year 10 Internal Exams Week
							30	31														Fri 22nd					School Closes
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																						Thu 26th					Year 9 KS4 Options Evening
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																						Mon 1st					School Re-opens
																						Wed 3rd					Summer Concert
																						Mon 22nd					Written GCSE Exams Finish
																						Thu 25th					Bankfield Ball
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																						Fri 3rd					Year 7 & 8 Annual Report To Parents
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																						Tue 7th					Year 6 Induction Day
																						Fri 10th					Year 9 & 10 Annual Report To Parents
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