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Dear Parent/Carer,

Halton Duke of Edinburgh Awards Ceremony

I was delighted to attend with Mr Rice and Miss Flavin to celebrate the success of our students together with their parents .

Congratulations to our Bronze Award Winners in Year 10 and our Silver Award Winners from Year 11.



Bronze Award Winners

- Daniel Amson (10SF)
- Chloe Bond (10MJE)
- Aimee Cornwell (10MJE)
- Olivia Durr (10MJE)
- Kate Hanley (10YORO)
- Lauren Hegarty (10YOR)
- Nikita Jackson (10SF)
- Daniel Laws (10RJJ)
- Jak Lynch (10FW)
- Jack Pickles (10FW)
- Joshua Steadman (10FW)
- Rebecca Stokes (10 MJE)

Silver Award Winners

- James Brown (11NS)
- Sasha Hanley (11NS)
- Natalie Howard (11MJ)
- Harriet Jones (11JCF)
- Rebecca Laws (11KLH)
- Daniel McCormick (11NS)
- Laura McDowell (11MJ)
- Lauren Peel (11MJ)
- Katherine Plumb (11JCF)

PARENT/CARERS EVENING

- 26th Jan Yr 8 Consultation Evening
- 23rd Feb KS4 Options Evening
- 1st Mar Yr 10 Consultation Evening
- 29th Mar Yr 11 Progress Check Evening
- 26th April Yr 7 Consultation Evening
- 3rd July Yr 6 Induction Evening

Year 9 Parents/Carers Evaluation

The summary of the feedback we received at the recent Year 9 Parents/Carers Consultation Evening was as follows:

	Strongly agree/agree
1 My child enjoys school	94%
2 Bankfield keeps my child safe	90%
3 Bankfield informs me about my child's progress	90%
4 My child is making enough progress	97%
5 The teaching is good at Bankfield	100%
6 Bankfield helps me to support my child's learning	88%
7 Bankfield helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	94%
8 Bankfield makes sure my child is prepared for the future (changing school, year group, finishing school/going to college or into employment)	94%
9 Bankfield meets my child's needs	94%
10 Bankfield deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	95%
11 Bankfield takes account of my suggestions and concerns	94%
12 Bankfield is led and managed effectively	94%
13 Overall I am happy with my child's experience at Bankfield	91%

TERM DATES 2011/2012

- Friday 10th February**
School closes for half term
- Tuesday 21st February**
School re-opens to students
- Friday 30th March**
School closes for Spring Break
- Tuesday 17th April**
School re-opens to students
- Monday 7th May**
School closed for May Day
- Friday 1st June**
School closed for half term
- Monday 11th June**
School re-opens to students
- Thursday 19th July**
School closes for summer

INSET DAYS

- Monday 20th February 2012
- Monday 16th April 2012
- Friday 29th June 2012



I am delighted that the feedback is so positive and thanks to parents who responded for their time and support. There were 2 comments for further improvement which we will look to address over the coming months.

Year 8 Parents/Carers Consultation Evening

We look forward to seeing those of you with a son/daughter on Thursday evening between 4.00-7.30pm.

Yours sincerely,

Carole Owen

Headteacher

Science Fact of the Week

Did you know that it is easier to smile than to frown? There are about 40 muscles under the skin of the face and you use almost all of these to make a deep frown but only about half of them to show a broad grin.



Chess Club

Come along to Chess Club on Thursday 3.15pm-4.30pm in S8. Learn how to play and compete in timed battles.



Frisbee and Football Club

Frisbee and Football Club will run on Tuesday 2.50pm-4.15pm in the Sports Hall.

Rugby Club

Rugby Club started this week and got off to a fantastic start. There was an excellent turnout and all those who came along thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Kurtis, the Community Rugby Coach, was delighted with the effort and enthusiasm displayed by all the girls who attended.

We are currently in the process of organising some fixtures with local schools, so please ensure that you regularly check the PE notice board for details of all the forthcoming fixtures.



Maths Revision

The Maths Department will be holding Year 11 Maths revision sessions on **Wednesday afternoons 2.50pm – 4.00pm** in the run up to the GCSE Examinations in March.

The following sessions have been scheduled to take place on the dates detailed below:

- Wednesday 1st February 2012**—NUMBER
- Wednesday 8th February 2012**—ALGEBRA
- Wednesday 22nd February 2012**—HANDLING DATA
- Wednesday 29th February 2012**—SHAPE, SPACE AND MEASURE



PRIESTLEY COLLEGE UPDATE:

Priestley College's next Open Evening is due to be held on Thursday 2 February between 6.00 and 8.30 pm with the Principal's presentation at 6.30pm.

The application deadline for Priestley is **Wednesday 29 February**

TRAVELLING TO PRIESTLEY:

Halton Borough Transport are introducing a new service direct to and from Priestley from Widnes that will travel down Liverpool road. Students will be able to buy a weekly or monthly pass. The current weekly cost is £12.50. Further details will be available direct from Priestley and/or Halton Borough transport from May.

Details of all courses available at Priestley can be viewed at www.priestley.ac.uk





Community Sports at Bankfield

Community Sports at Bankfield welcomes 'Wheelchair Rugby'. Wheelchair Rugby is a fully inclusive sport, open to anybody who is interested.

The sessions will be run by National Wheelchair Rugby Players who currently play for 'Merseystorm'. Sessions will run every **Saturday at 10.00am -12.00pm** in the Sports Hall.

For further information contact Rebecca Smith, Community Sports Manager on 0151 424 5038 Option 6.

Year 9 School Games - Dodgeball

The Year 9 School Games got off to an impressive start as all forms and their countries were represented on the **Monday 16th January**. In a highly competitive contest there were only 2 points separating the top three teams.

The winners were Iceland (9NB), who just edged out Holland (9LG) and Turkey (9HB). Bolivia (9JO) were competitive throughout but a special mention must go to Saudi Arabia (9LJE) and Argentina (9AL) who only had 2 participants each in their teams, yet still managed a couple of surprise victories.

A big well done to Ciaran Fahey and Kai Smith (Saudi Arabia) and Nathan Bell and David Clarke (Argentina). Standout performers were Jordan Schofield (Iceland), Lewis Astles (Holland) and Ryan Scheepers (Turkey).

A big thank you to Miss Gordon for her help and support.



Year 8 School Games – Hockey

The Year 8 School Games Competition commenced on **Monday 16th January**, on what turned into a bitterly cold evening. Despite the weather conditions the standard of hockey was very impressive, and it turned out to be a very close contest; so close that the top two countries, Fiji and China could only be separated by goal difference, with the eventual winners being China (8DJC).

Year 8 and 10- Widnes Basketball Competition

On **Wednesday 18th January** Bankfield hosted the Year 8 and 10 Basketball competitions. The competitions were played in a competitive but equally sporting and friendly manner. The Year 8 competition turned out to be a tight affair with few baskets scored. However, Wade Deacon managed to find the basket at key times to win the Year 8 title.

The Year 10 competition was a two horse race between Wade Deacon and Bankfield. After some fast, end to end games Bankfield ran out eventual winners and will represent Widnes in the Halton final next week.

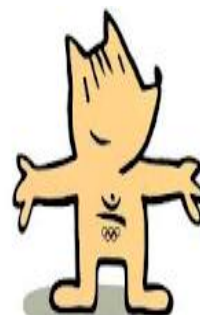
Well done to all students involved.



Circuit Training

Circuit Training will run on Mondays 5.00pm-6.00pm –everyone welcome.

Contact Rebecca Smith, Community Sports Manager on 0151 424 5038 Option 6 for more information.



Olympic Fact of the Week

Sprinter Ben Johnson was sent home from the Seoul Olympic Games, 1988, in disgrace after the Canadian/Jamaican tested positive for anabolic steroid drugs after his "world record" 100m victory. This was probably one of the most infamous scandals in Olympic history.

Netball Match Report

Year 8 girls played a netball match against Sts Peter & Paul on **Wednesday 18th January**. We were winning 2-1 at the end of the first half, **Anna Brewin (8MM)** scored both goals. When we came out in the second half we had all settled in to our roles and the team were communicating more, which helped us pull together and improve our game. We scored a further 3 goals and the match ended 5-2 to Bankfield. Well done to **Anna Brewin (8MM)** who scored all 5 goals.

Thank you to everyone who played; a special thank you to **Shanice Pook (8CBW)** who stepped in at the last minute for an injured player. A big thank you to Miss O'Rourke and Miss Lethbridge for coaching us and Sts Peter and Paul for hosting the event.

Report by **Emily Hughes 8MM**

Year 7 girls were involved in a match too on the same night . We played well in the first half but the other team had one more player than us, which made the game more difficult. We played better in the second half , a talk from our coach at half time helped us focus. The game ended in a 10-1 victory to Bankfield.

All the girls worked well together as a team –they are all superstars!

Report by **Autumn Tupshafski (7FJ) Emily Brown (7JL) and Eden Vaughan (7FJ)**

Viking Cash Back into Super League



WIDNES VIKINGS

VS



Friday 3rd February 2012

Kick off 8pm at the Stobart Stadium

This is a **SPECIAL OFFER** for your School to be part of the first game in Super League XVII in partnership with the Valhalla Foundation.

On the day price ~~£35~~ (1 Adult 1 Child)

Vikings Price **£12** (1 Adult 1 Child)

For every TICKET sold **£4** is donated back to School

Support your Team. Support your School

If you wish to purchase tickets please return the slip below to the Finance Office by **Friday 27th January 2012**

Vikings Ticket Order Form

Students Name:

Form :.....

I/We would like to purchaseticket(s) and enclose cash/cheque for £

Signed:

Date:.....