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# Bankfield News

*"Bringing Out The Best!"*

Dear Parents/Carers

## Halton Borough Councils Building Schools for the Future, Wave 6



I would like to inform you that the Department for Children, Schools and Families have given their formal approval to the Halton Building Schools for the Future Outline Business Case. This is a key milestone in the Building Schools for the Future programme, in that it approves the fund of £167 million of capital investment to be spent on Halton Secondary Schools, plus a further £13 million to be spent on ICT in the schools. Opportunities for young people in Halton will be significantly enhanced by this investment in our school.

The next stage of the programme is for Halton, Bankfield and Chestnut Lodge students to appoint a Local Education Partner who will carry out the refurbishment and rebuilding work of our schools. I look forward to involving students, staff, governors and yourselves in the redesign of our school.

## Year 7 and 10 Parents Evening

Thanks to those of you who attended last Thursday evening. It was a useful opportunity for us to share information with each other as your child has started their new key stage.

Our next evening for parents/carers is on **Wednesday 7 October** from 6.30-8.30pm, which is our Annual Open Evening.

This is an occasion for you to come to see exemplary work in all subjects as well as the opportunity for parents/carers with children at Primary School to find out more about transition to Secondary School. I look forward to seeing you there.

## Year 7 Conway Residential

Students and their form tutors will be participating in their team building event next week at the Conway Centre, Anglesey. Thank you for supporting your child by allowing their participation. I hope the weather is kind and look forward to hearing about their experiences on their return.

**Erratum**– There was an error on last weeks newsletter. The new name of our school is **'The Bankfield School, Specialist Science and Applied Learning College, A Gifted and Talented Lead School'**.

Yours sincerely

*Carole Owen*

Headteacher

YEAR 7 OUTCOMES	YEAR 8 OUTCOMES	YEAR 9 OUTCOMES
I will attend the Residential and develop skills in Peaceful Problem Solving	Over this half term I can look at a situation from someone else's view and understand that it might be different to my own	This half term I will explain my strengths and limitations without undermining myself or alienating others



Homework Club is back on again this year in the library. Remember you can have access to computers and books to help you with your homework. There will also be teachers there to help you with anything you need. Don't forget also to book a computer the day before you wish to attend Homework Club.

**Mrs P Boyd-Rugen**

Monday	3.15-4.00	Mr T Edwards
Tuesday	2.50-3.35	Mrs Smith
Wednesday	2.50-3.35	Mr T Edwards
Thursday	3.15-4.00	Miss Greenwood/Mrs Hornby
Friday	2.50-3.35	Miss Greenwood/Mrs Hornby



Just a reminder to all parents/carers when driving in and out of school to please keep to the 10 mph speed limit and be extra vigilant when reversing.

**Mr A Heron**



## Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 30th—Friday 2nd October—Conway Trip  
 Wednesday 7th October—Open Evening  
 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  
 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

## Competition!



This is a national competition open to all students. To enter, you will need to write lyrical poem - a short poem that expresses personal feeling. Please collect an entry form from myself in **N17** and return it to me by **Friday 23 October**. The prize for the top five poets is £100 worth of vouchers each and also the opportunity to win up to £1000 for the school. If you are one of the lucky winners, your poem will also be published.

**Mrs C Smith**