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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thanks to those of you who attended Year 8 consultation evening last Thursday with a particular thank you for those who completed the evaluation form. The data taken from these is currently being analysed and will appear in next week's newsletter.

Year 10 Parents/ Carers Consultation Evening

The letters are being sent home to those of you with a son/daughter in Year 10 for the evening on **Thursday 1st March**. We look forward to seeing you then.

The Bankfield Mile

Our school will be hosting its first 'official' Bankfield Sport Relief Mile on **Sunday 25th March**. It will be a great opportunity for the entire school community to get involved and raise funds for such a worthy cause. We will be hosting the 6 mile, 3 mile and the famous 1 mile races at staggered times starting at 11am on the day.



The event is now LIVE on the Sport Relief website for anybody to register. To register go to www.sportrelief.com and search using the schools postcode. Students and family members will also be able to register via their form tutor. For more details contact Rebecca Smith, Community Sports Manager, on 0151 424 5038 option 6.

PARENT/CARERS 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

Yours sincerely,

Carole Owen

Headteacher

Film Studies to be Premiered to Year 10 Students Next Year

For those Year 9 students currently thinking about their option subjects for next year, there is some exciting news that GCSE Film studies is being launched in September.

For those students who love watching and talking about films, this course gives the chance of studying and discussing films from Hollywood and Britain, as well as films from other cultures and countries.

This course will allow students to learn more about how films are made and sold, and give them the chance to experiment with a wide range of creative processes involved in making and marketing films.

Students opting for this new subject will focus on the language of film, film organisations and film audiences through their coursework and examinations.

Mr Jervis who is delivering the subject said, "This is an exciting new subject which will get students thinking deeply about films. There will be a lot of writing involved to read and analyse film, so it will be suited to those students who have good English skills."

For further information on this subject, students are advised to read more in the Year 9 Options booklet as well as attending Options Evening 2012.



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



Netball Match Report

Year 7 girls played a netball match against St Chads at home on **Tuesday 24th January**. The team played well in the first half but we could have improved our passing and shooting. In the second half we used better tactics and went on to score more goals than we had in the first half. The team worked hard and took whatever chances came along. However, in future we need to be more aware of where we are throwing the ball. The match ended in a 7-1 victory to Bankfield.

Well done to Emily Brown (7JL) player of the match and Eden Vaughan (7FJ), who played extremely well. Also, well done to Barbaranne Severs (7BH) who was new to the team.

Match report by Caitlyn McLean 7JL

On **Wednesday 25th January** Year 9 girls also played a match against St Chads. The team played great in the first half and in the second half we also played exceptionally well; we marked our opponents and made good use of the space that was available to us and went on to win the game 18-0. Player of the match was awarded to Louise Smith (9NB).

Well done to all the team-an amazing effort from all.

Match report by Tia Pinnington 9JO

Year 9 School Games

The Year 9 School Games continued in great style on **Monday 23rd January**, with an excellent Basketball competition played in the true spirit of the Olympics!

Congratulations to Turkey (9HB) on winning the round robin tournament, with Ryan Scheepers and councillor Kieran Matthews as standout performers. Bolivia (9JO) finished in second place and Iceland (9NB) in 3rd. A great tournament which was enjoyed by all members. An extra special mention must go to The Netherlands (9LG) who even provided supporters supporting banners to aid their team!!

A big thank you to Miss Smith and Miss Gordon for their support and Jordan Stapleton (Year 11) for assisting refereeing the matches.

Mr Bourke



Halton Graduate Internship Programme 2011/2012

- Are you a Halton resident?
- Are you a graduate?
- Are you unemployed?
- Looking to gain practical work experience and enhance your career prospects?

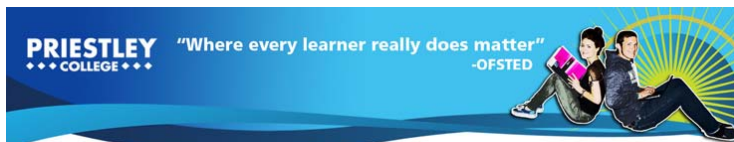
If so Halton People into Jobs can help you!

We are currently looking for local graduates to take part in Halton Borough Council's Graduate Internship Programme. The Graduate Internship Programme will provide graduates with unpaid work experience in an appropriate placement with a Council Department that will help enhance their personal employment prospects. Graduates will get 1:1 information, advice and guidance and support throughout the programme with travel and lunch costs. This is an excellent opportunity to gain practical experience in your field that can help you take your first steps to your future career goals.

'My graduate internship has allowed me to gain an insight into how my studies can be applied to the working environment in the public sector.'

Marc Hindle-Banks, Bridge and Highways Maintenance

All disciplines and degree classifications welcome to apply. For more information, please contact David Samuels or Vikki Clarke at Halton People into jobs on 0151 471 7516 alternatively please email us on david.samuels@halton.gov.uk or clarkev@halton.gov.uk



PRIESTLEY COLLEGE UPDATE:

Priestley College's next Open Evening is due to be held on Thursday 2 February between 6.00pm and 8.30pm 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



Year 7 School Games – Basketball

The second Year 7 school games competition on **Monday 23rd January** saw the five Year 7 forms compete in a round robin Basketball competition. The standard of Basketball played was very pleasing and all countries should be proud of not only their attendance but their performances. After some very tight games involving a number of last minute baskets, the winners were Mexico.

Lots to play for in Year 7 Dodgeball on **Monday 30th January**. Keep up the hard work .



Year 7 Basketball Match Report

On **Monday 23rd January** as part of the school games competition, Great Britain went head to head with Zambia. Great Britain made some great passes, the team worked extremely well together and the game ended in a 6-0 victory to Great Britain. Danny Hamlett scored two baskets and Emily Abbott scored 1 basket. The teams were awarded 2 points for each basket scored.

In the second game Great Britain took on Botswana in yet another spectacular performance. Both teams played well throughout and the game ended in a 0-0 draw. Great Britain went on to play Mexico and secured another win. The match ended 10-8 to Great Britain. However, in the final game Great Britain were eventually defeated by Tunisia who won 6-0.



Great Britain displayed excellent team work and eventually finished in 3rd place. Well done Great Britain!

Match report by Alice Pickles 7PK

Year 7 & Year 10 Halton Basketball Finals

Bankfield hosted the Halton basketball finals on **Wednesday 25th January**. The Year 7 final was contested between the two qualifying schools St Chads and Sts Peter and Paul with St Chads winning 13 – 8.

The Year 10 contest saw Bankfield up against St Chads. This was an excellently fought match with some high quality Basketball on show. Bankfield held the lead at half time by 2 points, but unfortunately St Chads managed to sneak back into the game to win 10 – 8. Well done to Alex Benson, Chris Boyle, Ethan Lenehan, Sam McCarthy, Wyatt Allison, Jacob Towns, Connor Hughes and Jak Lynch for an outstanding effort.

Mr Lewis

Olympic Fact of the Week

The oldest ever Olympian is Swedish shooter Oscar Swahn, who won his sixth Olympic medal at the 1920 Antwerp Games at the age of 72 Years and 280 days old.



Geography Revision

Calling all Year 11 Geography Students!!

There will be a revision session every **Monday 3.15pm-4.00pm** in H19 for any students resitting the Extreme Environment topic this year. Please encourage your child to attend.

Mrs Wrigg

Delme Herrimans Half-Term Charity Basketball Day



Warrington player-coach Delme Herriman was a member of England's 2006 Bronze Medal-winning Commonwealth Games team.

Last week Delme Herriman was in school offering expert advice and coaching to our Year 10 students . Basketball coaching with Delme will be available, for anyone who is interested, in school over half term . Please see below for full details.

Join ex Pro and former England International Delme Herriman, on a fun day of basketball coaching, in aid of National Charity After Adoption.

Friday 17th February
@ The Bankfield School, Widnes

10-1pm- Years 4, 5 & 6

1-4pm- Years 7-11

Cost £10

All funds raised go to Charity

For more information or to book your place contact Rebecca Smith, Community Sports Manager, on 0151 424 5038 option 6.

Girls Rugby Club

Last week at girls rugby club we had another excellent turnout with girls from Year 9 joining us— a big thank you to all those who attended. Some of the girls have enjoyed the club so much that last Tuesday night they went along to the Stobart Stadium and signed up with Widnes Vikings to play for the Moorfield Angels.



Miss Thompson

8AA's Olympic Ring Challenge

The students of 8AA were set the challenge of recreating and displaying their own version of the Olympic rings using the 5 well-recognised colours to represent the flags of our nations.



The students researched the history of the Olympic rings and began by brainstorming initial ideas of ways in which they could re-design the iconic rings using any media available to them.

They set on the idea of making fairy cakes and decorating the tops with a variety of fruits, sweets and decorative shapes in icing dyed with food colouring to represent the 5 colours. Using their knowledge of degrees and angles within a circle they calculated and concluded they would need 24 cakes in each ring and so had to produce 120 fairy cakes in order to display all 5 rings.

The blue team decorated their 24 fairy cakes with blueberries, Skittles and M&M's. The yellow team used custard, banana and Smarties. The green team chose grapes, Skittles, and icing. Team red used strawberries, icing, edible glitter, Skittles and Jelly Babies; while the black team decorated their cakes with melted chocolate, Milkyway Stars, blackberries and icing.

Miss O'Rourke, head of PE, visited the kitchens once the challenge was complete to admire 8AA's enthusiasm for the 2012 Olympic games; she thought the hard work and inspiration the children had shown was excellent!

"We were really excited to see it all come together in the end and couldn't wait to taste them because they looked so good!" Pupils of 8AA. Mrs Owen said "They tasted as good as they looked. They were absolutely delicious!"

Miss Meredith

School Games Results

Below you will find details of the positions so far:



YEAR 7	Form	Points	YEAR 8	Form	Points
1st	7FJ	20	1st	8DJC	12
2nd	7JL	14	2nd	8AA	10
2nd	7WL	14	3rd	8YG	8
4th	7PK	10	4th	8CBW	6
5th	7BH	4	5th	8MM	4
			6th	8HP	0



YEAR 9	Form	Points	YEAR 10	Form	Points	YEAR 11	Form	Points
1st	9HB	20	1st	10NJL	10	1st	11JCF	20
1st	9NB	20	2nd	10SF	8	2nd	11LR	18
3rd	9LG	16	3rd	10YOR	6	3rd	11LO	16
4th	9JO	14	3rd	10MJE	6	4th	11NS	12
5th	9LJE	10	5th	10RJJ	4	5th	11KLH	10
6th	9AL	2	6th	10FW	2	5th	11MJ	10

