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Bankfield News

"Bringing Out The Best!"

Dear Parents/Carers

The end of this very busy term is fast approaching. The main events which I hope to see you at are our annual 'Christmas Concert' on **16th December** at 7pm, our Celebration Assemblies at 9am on **11th—17th December** and our Post-16 Public Meeting on **10th December** at 6.30pm.

Unauthorised Absences

I feel I must remind some parents that they are responsible for ensuring the regular and punctual attendance of their child of compulsory school age in accordance with Section 7 of the Education Act (1996). In order to ensure that all our students receive the best education, we, together with the Local Authority will issue a penalty notice of £50.00 if a request for a holiday is not authorised by myself. This drive will take effect from **30th November 2009**. Any holiday requests received after this date and not authorised by myself will incur a penalty notice of £50.00.

Also any student who fails to attend school for 10 or more sessions (including morning and afternoon) without the school receiving any notification, will also receive a penalty notice of £50.00.

Fireworks

Year 7 have recently been enjoying a "Firework" theme in all of their classes. They were encouraged to make their own Roman candle fireworks in Science and were assisted in all their other subjects by their teachers. For example, Maths helped them make the cartridge for the gunpowder and ICT designed the label. In RE they researched the history of fireworks and their use in worship. Drama and PSHCE reinforced the importance of safety to keep everybody informed about the dangers.



Yours sincerely

Carole Owen

Headteacher

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Internal Exams Timetable 8th – 17th December 2009

DATE	LESSON	LESSON	LESSON
Tues 8th	Lesson 1 French 9e	Lesson 4 RE – Yr 10 short course, 1hr	
Wed 9th	Lesson 1 French 9a	Lesson 3 Biology – 11n & 11d, 45 mins	Lesson 4 & 5 English Paper 1, 11d, 11g & 11h 2 hours These students to have early lunch and sit exam 12.50 – 14.50
Thurs 10th	Lesson 1 Chemistry 11n & 11d, 45 mins	Lesson 2 Physics 11n & 11d, 45 mins	Lesson 3 Chemistry 10d, 45 mins
Fri 11th	Lesson 1 English Paper 2, 11d, 11g & 11h 9am start, 2 hours	Lesson 4 & 5, Option Y, Art & French, Astronomy, History, Childcare & Catering – 1hr, 30 mins Geography – 1hr No ICT exam These students to have early lunch and exams to start 12.50	
Mon 14th	Lesson 1, Option X, Music, Textiles, Childcare, Graphics 1hr 30mins, PE – 1hr 45mins ICT, Business, Drama & Media – no exam, normal lesson.		
Tues 15th	Lesson 3 & 4 Option Z Art, Spanish & Geography – 1hr History & Res Materials – 1hr 30mins, PE – 1hr, 45 mins Business, Drama & Media – no exam, normal lesson		
Wed 15th	Lesson 4 PE – Year 10 short course, 1 hr		
Thurs 17th	Lesson 1 All Yr 11 - PSHCE exam 9am start		

WAG TAIL WORKSHOP

The English Department recently arranged for 3 students to take part in a writing 'Wag Tales workshop'. This was held on **Thursday 18th November** and **Tuesday 24th November**.

Jasmine Earl, Katie Jones & Natalie Wallace were invited to take part in this event which was held at Runcorn Library where they met and worked with Michelle Gayle, a successful recording artist and actress in the popular soap 'Eastenders'.

During two afternoon sessions they had the opportunity to develop their writing skills using the latest Blueberry handsets. After reading excerpts from Michelle's text message novel they responded through discussion, writing and text messaging whilst making new friends and sharing ideas with students from St Chads RC High School



YEAR 7 OUTCOMES	YEAR 8 OUTCOMES	YEAR 9 OUTCOMES
I can describe how it felt to leave my old school. I can talk about the things I miss about primary school and can manage the feelings of loss	Over this half term I will make a conscious effort to put myself in some one else's place so as to understand what they are feeling	This half term I will make reasonable adjustments to my expectations of myself in light of the expectations of others

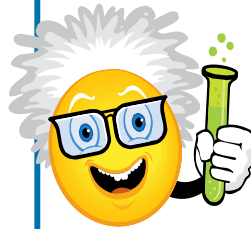


CHEERLEADING

Come along to a new and free activity held every Tuesday in the Sports Hall at 3.15pm. This is open to both boys and girls and all year groups are welcome.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

Approximately 120 boxes were collected from school on Friday 20th November. The students were fantastic in the support of this appeal and some even gave up part of their lunchtime to help load the boxes. An enormous thank you to everyone who was involved.



SCIENCE FACT OF THE WEEK!!

LAUGHING CAN BURN OFF 6 CALORIES PER MINUTE!



CHILDREN IN NEED

Congratulations to everyone who helped raise money last Friday. We managed to collect a total of £185!!

Well done!



Dates For Your Diary

Mon 7th December—Yr10/Yr11 Textiles Trip-Clothes Show
 Fri 11th December—Y7/Y8 Grade Cards
 11th –17th December—Celebration Assemblies
 Wed 16th December—Christmas Concert
 18th December—School Closes for Christmas
 Mon 4th January 2009—School re-opens
 Thurs 14th January—Year 9 Parent/Carers Evening
 Thurs 4th February—Year 8 Parent/Carers Evening
 Thurs 11th February—School closes for half term
 Fri 12th February—**INSET** Day (School closed for students)
 Thurs 25th February—Year 9 Options Evening
 Thurs 25th March—Year 10 Parent/Carers Evening
 Fri 26th March—School Closes for Easter
 Mon 12th April—School re-opens
 Thurs 22nd April—Year 7 Parents/Carers Evening
 Fri 30th April—**INSET** Day (School closed for students)
 Mon 3rd May—School closed for May Day
 Fri 28th May—School closes for half term
 Mon 7th June—School re-opens
 Fri 25th June—**INSET** Day (School closed for students)
 Tues 6th July—Yr 6 Induction Day and Parent/Carers Evening
 Tues 20th July—School closes for Summer

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