

# AoM Sixth Form

## Student Newsletter

### *Ashton on Mersey 6<sup>th</sup> Form v Bolton School Greater Manchester U19 Semi Final*

What an incredible season the 6<sup>th</sup> form football team are having after registering their eleventh consecutive win to reach the final of the county cup, thanks to a 2 -1 victory over Bolton School in the semi final. The match was staged at Carrington, the magnificent training ground of Manchester United FC and thanks must go to Mr Moloney and Mr Bushell who organised and arranged for the fixture to be held there.

The match started on a terrific pitch with clear blue skies. Ashton, under the watching eye of the MUFC youth team players were clearly up for the game and looked intent to establish the upper hand in the opening minutes. Some neat interchanges of football was being played as the AoM team moved the ball around at pace meaning Bolton failed to settle and gain control of the ball. Martin Winstanley demonstrated his ability early on as he picked up the ball deep inside of his half and used his pace to carry the ball to the edge of the Bolton area before being dispossessed. Winger Aaron Best bought the ball down superbly on his thigh on the edge of the area and his volley looked to be heading towards goal before a deflection sent it wide.

The pressure and intensity of Ashton's play signalled their intent to progress to the final. Every Bolton player was closed down instantly and AoM were first to all the knockdowns meaning that all the play was in their opponents half. A huge throw in by Reece Gilseman went straight to his target Matthew Warburton whose control on his chest and turn was text book stuff. Warburton had made a great angle for himself and dispatched his shot like all good centre forwards do, across the keeper and into the bottom corner of the net for Ashton to take the lead.

Best, as always, was looking powerful and after taking on a couple of defenders shot at the keeper which was saved. Winstanley was first to react and get to the ball but was unfortunate to watch as his shot went over the bar from close range. Ben Shawcross showed his bravery by throwing his head at the ball inside of the area and taking a boot in the face in the process to earn his team a corner. The resultant corner taken by Dale Whittam was headed in by Warburton for his and Ashton's second of the game.

At this stage of the game it looked as though AoM could go on to dominate and build upon the promising start they had made. Bolton had different ideas and began to show how they reached this stage of the competition and got back into the game. They were looking more and more dangerous and eventually capitalised. A long ball from the defender over the Ashton defence was brought down brilliantly by the centre forward and his shot mirrored the control to score past keeper Robert Leach. Bolton thought that they had found a weakness in the Ashton defence and tried to play the ball over the top on a number of occasions. The defensive trio of Gilseman, Rory Bradbury and Tom Clarke dealt with this comfortably and set attacks up from the back. Leach was also on full alert as his excellent positioning allowed him to sweep up any danger. As per usual Stefan Kordeki and Joe Gubba were working hard in midfield both when in possession and when without.

The second half began and yet again Ashton started brightly looking the far better team. Kordeki and Gubba were linking up well and Whittam was managing to get on the ball more and more to try and create opportunities for his team including a long range effort that went over the bar without troubling the keeper. Warburton picked up the ball on the right hand side and took on his marker before crossing low into the area. Best did well and made a great run into the area to meet Warburton's cross but couldn't control his shot that went over the bar. Shawcross found Whittam after a strong tackle but he dragged his shot wide. On the hour mark Mike Murphy replaced the injured Tom Clarke in the centre of defence and quickly asserted himself on the game by tackling the Bolton centre forward and setting up yet another attack. A poor clearance by the Bolton keeper landed at the feet of Whittam who adjusted his feet and shot from 35yards with the keeper in his line. Unfortunately his shot hit the crossbar and went over the bar yet again.

The pitch was big and beginning to take its toll on both teams. Anthony Tierney replaced Winstanley up front and his fresh legs and pace made a vital difference for the last 15minutes. Kordeki drove forward with the ball and passed to Tierney who turned brilliantly to beat the defender but shot was saved by the keeper. Whittam was involved once more, his powerful drive was tipped over the bar. Nathan Stuart came on in central midfield for the final 5 minutes of the game to add a bit of steel and ensure that Ashton gained the victory they deserved. The final whistle blew and AoM had successfully made it through to the final.

The team have a busy climax to the season as they are playing in the Trafford league final at Altrincham FC on Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm Kick Off and also in the Greater Manchester final on Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> 8pm Kick Off at Ashton United FC. Two vital games which will determine whether they end the season with some silverware.

Well done to all the lads that were involved, let's push on from here and end the season on a high by doing the double!

Mr Szmid



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Would you like to support the team at Ashton United Football Club? John Canny and myself will be taking the minibus to pick up and drop off the teams supportive fans. I only have 14 spaces left. This will be first come first serve! The bus will be leaving from school at roughly 7pm, if you want to follow in a car with family or friends you are more than welcome.

Join in the fun and support your team—Cheerleaders male or female welcome!!  
Put your name on the notice pinned on the common room notice board.



**Attendance** - There are many reasons students are absent from lessons, some very genuine and some not so genuine. I thought you may be interested to read each tutor group's attendance figures.

- 12DS 96.3% attendance
- 12EM 95.2% attendance
- 12RW 96.3% attendance
- 12RB 94.2% attendance
- 12SL 92.5% attendance
- 12LH 94.5% attendance

A league table for students will be on the common room notice board



Ashton on Mersey School Sixth Form, Careers and Healthy living convention  
July 6th, 7th & 8th July 2009

After a jammed packed year of exams, hard work, blood, sweat, a few tears and plenty of moaning along the way. The Sixth Form has organised three great days in the Summer which will leave you surprised, shocked and full of useful information, exhilarated and more importantly equipped to make some big decisions over the Summer. Here are some of the activities taking place.

The effects of smoking and drugs  
on the heart

Beer Goggles - can you walk straight  
with them on!

Teenage drinking and relationships with the police

Drinking and driving—The worst thing that can happen? This will shock you?

Driving too fast - see for yourself what can happen (not for the faint hearted)

UCAS registration

Army soldiers push you to the limit.

Teenage Mum and Dad telling you what it's really like having a baby  
too young!

Mock interviews with a real employer

Personal statement writing

Team building event which is lots of fun and involves getting very wet and dirty!

Apprenticeships

Remember school closes for the Summer break on 17th July, after exams and coursework is completed we are back to business as usual going straight into A2 work and BTEC students will be topping up work aiming to get to the next level. So if anyone was thinking about sunning themselves on a beach, make sure it's after the 17th July!!!!

# Feeling stressed - Help is at hand

AoM Sixth Form have organised a workshop for our AS students which will help you understand stress and cope with stressful situations, the session involves the following:-



What is stress?  
Fight of Flight?  
Relaxation techniques?  
Reducing stress plan  
Revision techniques

This will take place on Wednesday 6th May between 1:30pm –3:30pm, the notice board in the common room has all the details of where and when.

P.S I have five spare places on this work shop if any BTEC student would like to join in?

## A Level Business studies revision conference, Manchester Central Hall, Monday 27th April 2009

AoM Sixth Form A Level Business Studies students attended an excellent revision conference in Manchester on Monday 27th April. The conference was well supported with nearly 200 students from around the region seeking guidance and advice for their forthcoming exams in May and June.

The conference was led by the A Level business studies senior examiners. The session opened with an explanation of how students should approach the demanding skills for their A Level of analysis and evaluation using a variety of short scenarios. He invited responses from the packed audience and our max Douglas was courageous and enthusiastic enough to offer his point of view. A keen interest in all matters relating to business will help all students achieve higher grades, but offering alternative views is essential.

A young and talented lady, Natalie Heywood, who was a contestant on the 'Last Millionaire' described her path to starting two successful businesses which enthralled a captive audience as she received a warm round of applause.

A short test on topics studied this term followed where most of our students did very well. Later there was a quick fire quiz and Hannah Williams won a selection of chocolates for the girls with her precise and accurate answers.

The conference was a really excellent beginning to the revision planning required by our students if they are going to achieve their potential. They need to take heed of the guidance from the examiners and they will have every chance of success. A final thought, "Invest zero, return is zero, invest 20% return is 80%" this is something to consider as you plan for a challenging exam season. Good luck to you all.

Roy Waters

## Message from Aidan Moloney

The exam season will soon be upon us. Are you doing all the work you need to be doing and revising properly. I am aware that some of you feel we are being extra strict at this point but we need to ensure that you are doing all you can to a succeed. A few extra study periods in the Sixth Form never killed anybody and for many has been the difference between success and failure. I know that some of you are starting to feel the pressure - **I feel it for all 70 of you** - but the best thing to do when the heat is on is face the challenge and step up to it. I have every confidence that you will not let yourselves down. If I can offer any support or guidance at this time please knock on my office.

## Remember

" Hard work is the only way to go. Strive to be the best you can be and remember that when you try your best, you can't ask any more of yourself, and people can't ask more from you"

A Moloney

