

Student Newsletter

I hope you all had a great half term and used the time wisely to catch up with work or prepare for the busy autumn term.

On review day this week your tutors will have shared your expected target grades for your courses. These are minimum target grades which we expect from you and it would be brilliant if many of you smashed these targets.

Please take every opportunity this half term to make use of the Sixth Form facility. More time spent in the LRC and less time in the Common Room will reap massive rewards.

Staff as always are very willing to support you in your studies. If you are unsure please ask for help, stay behind and do your work in the LRC. You are also very welcome to use the common room facilities in the early evening. The AS exams are imminent and with BTEC assignments now due it is essential that you stay motivated and keep on top of your workload. If you do fall behind please knock on my door for a chat.

Thanks and have a great Halloween, and good luck to those sitting exams over the next fortnight.

Aidan Moloney

Director of Sixth Form



Student Profile

Name: Danny Ready

Age: 16

Birthplace: Wythenshawe Hospital

Interests: DJ'ing, producing and graphics.

Favourite part of the Sixth Form: Common Room.

What do you do at the weekend? Go out with my mates or chill out in someone's house (Evan's). I Play Lacrosse for Lancashire and Brooklands

Plans after school?

I am definitely going to Uni to study graphics.

Ashton on Mersey Sixth Form Rugby

The school has been drawn at home to Ramsay GS (Isle of Man) in the first round of the U/18 Cheshire Cup. Training Sessions will be scheduled and fixture date published as soon as the fixture is set.



Xmas Party

The Christmas party has been confirmed with the restaurant and 65 seats have been booked. Please pay your £15 (you can pay in £5 instalments) to the Student Service office; this will pay for all your meal on the night and a free gift! Don't miss out. There are limited seats available, first come first serve.

Dress Code

Just a gentle reminder about the dress code policy, in particular the ladies who do incidentally look smart but some seem to be missing a suit jacket, the dress code is there for a reason. Please do not let this become an ongoing issue. I am sure you don't want to look like one of these lovely ladies!



Football Match review

Ashton on Mersey 6th form team entertained local rivals Sale Grammar on 29/10/08. After a 2 week break between their last games the boys were determined to gain 3 points in this derby match.

The visitors started brightly and were a goal up after 10 minutes. This appeared to give the AoM lads a wake up call as they finally started to produce the type of football they are capable of and Sale were unable to cope with the fast tempo pass and move football.

The equalising goal came from a through ball down the channel for Dale Whittam to drive his shot hard a low into the bottom corner of the near post. AoM took the lead moments later after a good exchange on the edge of the area between Matthew Warburton and Whittam who produced a fine piece of skill to knock the ball past the defender and finish again in the same spot as his first. Ashton were inspired by

to see his shot blocked on the line after controlling the ball on his thigh and then volleying from the edge of the area.

AoM's third goal came thanks to another fine piece of individual skill by

Warburton who went on a maizey run taking on three defenders thanks to some fast footwork before firing a shot just inside the area to beat the Sale keeper. However, just before the break, Sale pulled a goal back from a corner. Some sloppy marking allowed their player a free header inside the 6 yard box to make the score 3 - 2 to Ashton at half time.

The second half was a completely different story as Ashton failed to turn up and come anywhere near as close to replicating their first half performance. At times it looked embarrassing as an average Sale team dominated the play and looked the more determined to get a result. This determination proved to be the deciding factor as Sale equalised from the penalty spot when Tom Grimshaw mistimed a tackle in the area. The visitors took the lead thanks to a quick break and some lacklustre defending. They then capitalised again thanks to Ashtons poor performance to make the Score 5 - 3.

The only positives from the second half performance was when Joe Gubba hit the bar with a clever chip from outside of the area after seeing the keeper of

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Some points of interest

- A Level Mock Exams will be in November
- Progress Report is sent home, pre Christmas holiday.
- Monday 10th November @ Manchester United, Presentation Evening.



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- Remember to bring in your application forms and cheques.
- Rugby training Thursday nights, 3:30-4:30pm. Are you interested? See James Dempsey

New starters:

Amy Collier



Kim Hall



Dale Whittam





TRICK OR TREAT!

Happy Halloween

Out and About in Manchester

I've been searching the internet for things to do in Manchester in the evening and at the weekend. Check out the website www.manchester.co/guidebook/ This has tonnes of information about bands, days and nights out, libraries (you may want to study in the John Ryland's library in Manchester) , a dedicated page for students in and around Manchester and other things which may help you with your studies or just something different to do at the weekend.



Why not treat your family or friends

this Halloween to this scrummy

'DEVIL'S PASSION CAKE'

Ingredients: 500g chocolate loaf cake, approximately 5cm thick and 21.5cm long
8 tablespoons double cream
8 tablespoons strawberry conserve
100g fresh strawberries
30g piece plain Chocolate.

Method:

Cut the cake in half through the middle, and using a 7cm wide, 8cm heart-shaped cutter, stamp out 8 hearts. Whip the cream until just peaking and spread over 4 hearts. Soften the jam by beating it and spoon over the cream. Top with remaining sponge hearts. Wash and hull the strawberries, and thinly slice. Arrange over the top of the sponges to cover. Place on serving plates.

To serve: pare away slivers of the chocolate using a vegetable peeler, and sprinkle over the sponges and onto the plate. Serve with a sliced strawberry on the plate.



Work Shadowing

You should have all received your letter regarding work shadowing which is 29th June—3rd July. You are expected to organise your own work shadowing. You may want to start speaking to businesses or workplaces that are relevant to your course or plans. Don't leave this until the last minute. If you do need to speak to someone about this please speak to Mrs Berry.

AIM HIGHER ROADSHOW

On Monday 13th October a group of 6th Form students attended the Aim Higher Roadshow at South Trafford College with Mrs. Berry, our Careers Coordinator. The event is held on a specially adapted bus and is hosted by a recent university graduate who inspires students with a presentation and is able to answer any questions about higher education, student life, finances etc.

Even if you haven't yet decided on a future career path (unlike

Max Douglas who sounds like he has 'a plan') the roadshow is a useful source of information. It is an annual event which we are planning to host ourselves next year. Look out for the 'big bus' parked in the car park!

If you need any careers advice, or advice about further Education, Mrs Berry is based in the LRC. There will be a Further education display in the LRC shortly, it may give you some ideas about your future.

Next year's Students

Lots of work is being done at the moment to cater for next years students both logistically and academically. All questions our next year 12's may have can be answered on Open Evening, however, if you have a friend or relative who can't make this evening please tell them they are more than welcome to phone into Sixth form, visit our website or arrange to come into Sixth Form on another date. The closing date for anyone applying for next year is 30 November 2009. Application forms can be downloaded or obtained from the Student Services office.

I-Site

When using a laptop please can you make sure it is returned to the I-Site desk once you have finished. This is a security issue, we also need to ensure the Laptop is ready to use and fully charged for the next student. The I-Site is a study area and the PC's are there to assist you in your school work, please refrain from playing games on the PC's and use your time effectively.

Children in Need

The Student Council have put together some ideas to raise money for Children in need and would like your input.

Dress down for £2

Cake Sale at lunch time

Throw a wet sponge at the teacher! See Hannah W

Wax the boys (or girls!) legs in the common room. See Beth Lawrence

Sponsored sit in a bath of beans (outside) for the whole day. See Beth Lawrence

Do you have any ideas? If so, get involved, see Hannah Williams or a Student Council member today. (Sponsor forms from Hannah Dixon)

Wii & PS3

Any student who wishes to use the Wii or PS3 please bring in your own games. We are not asking to share games or let anyone else use them, that is entirely up to you. Bringing the games into school is at your own risk, any damage to the games will not be the schools responsibility. As more money is raised from the pool table we can consider what games we would like to buy.

