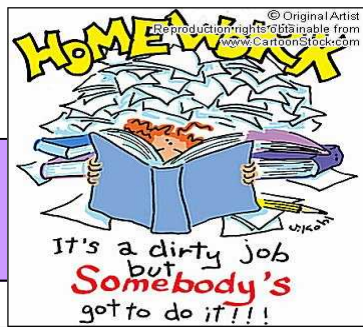


Student Newsletter



Should you be claiming EMA? Claiming even £10 per week may not seem a lot now. You may lose out on large grants and bursaries when going to UNI. For more information read the article below. It may seriously affect your future!

Started getting EMA from September? If you go on to university afterwards, there are plans to guarantee the maximum grant to help with living costs. You'll also need to meet the usual eligibility rules for higher education financial support.

Thinking about uni? Grants to help with living costs

If you're 16, 17 or 18 and started a course in September, EMA could help out with any money worries while you're learning. If you qualify, you'll get EMA payments of up to £30 a week.

Sorting out the financial side of learning can make a real difference - letting you focus on your course and concentrate on doing well.

If you decide to take your education to the next level, you're likely to get the higher levels of grant when you're at university. What's more, for students who started getting EMA from September 2008 there are plans to offer a guarantee so they know exactly where they'll stand financially if they go into higher education.

The Higher Education Student Support Guarantee : Many higher education students get help with their living costs through the Maintenance Grant or Special Support Grant. These don't have to be paid back.

Exactly how much grant you get usually depends on your household income. But if you started getting EMA from September 2008, you could qualify for the Higher Education Student Support Guarantee.

Provided it's approved by Parliament, the guarantee will mean that students who started getting EMA from September 2008 and then go on to university could qualify for the top level of grant whatever their household income - as long as they meet the terms and conditions.

www.direct.gov.uk/en/EducationAndLearning/UniversityAndHigherEducation/StudentFinance



Congratulations to all the Sixth Formers who helped raised a massive £400 for Children in Need. The feedback from the day was really positive and has most certainly set the standard for future charity events. How can we top throwing sponges at the teachers? Waxing boys very hairy legs which was painfully funny, especially Rory Bradbury having a wax strip stuck to his head! How different did Sam Screeton look having straight hair? (I nearly called him Samantha Screeton!) Thank goodness it was only for one day! The tutors thanked Laura for her sponsored silence. As well as the cake sale, face painting (we had a few dodgy Pudsey bears on student's faces) and the yellow and red dress code, the whole event was a real success! A Big Thank you to everyone, especially all the people who got very wet! (Please hand in any outstanding sponsor money to Sonja Evason)



Media cameras are now available for loan via ISite. A personal barcode is required for this, the cameras are loaned to you the same as a book. Please be very careful with these and make sure you don't let anyone else use the camera whilst it is loaned to you. You are responsible for any damage caused.



JET, Business & Law Students, take a trip to **BARCELONA** – July 2008

Barcelona, capital of Catalonia, is Spain's cultural centre. This bustling, lively, historic city has an excellent range of art museums, fine architecture, historic monuments and amusement parks. Scattered around the city are unique works by the architect Gaudi. Barcelona is not only is a huge cultural centre but Southern Europe's business capital, "the driving force of Southern Europe"

So what are we offering you!!!!!!

We are offering the opportunity to spend 3 nights/4 days in Barcelona visiting attractions such as "La Borsa" the stock exchange, the port of Barcelona to see the daily catch being auc-

tioned to restaurants, a visit to "Mango" the international high street retailer to see how they do business with Europe and lots, lots more! All these trips are to be confirmed and discussed with you, before being booked to see what you feel you would enjoy the most and benefit from the most.

** All the trips support the learning of your course, over the A2 period.*

We will also enjoy what Barcelona has to offer outside of our direct studies through engaging with the Spanish culture and lifestyle during the weekend and evening opportunities. Again we are happy to discuss what you would like to gain out of this experience and organise evenings and weekend activities that we will enjoy as a

group; such as a trip to the Neu Camp, the home of FC Barcelona, relaxing on the beach, shopping at the Olympic harbour, eating Tapas and taking in some traditional Flamenco entertainment or exploring the architecture of Gaudi.

If this sounds like something you would like, Miss Chal-lenor will be visiting tutorials to talk to students.



Ashton on Mersey V St Anne's Academy

After a 3 week break from matches, AoM 6th form team played St Annes Academy in the Greater Manchester U19 cup at home.

Sporting a new kit, AoM made a positive start to the match maintaining possession of the ball and creating numerous amounts of chances. The home team took the lead after 5 minutes due to the pace of Aaron Best down the left wing and his cut back found Dale Whitam who found the back of the net from 6 yards.

The chances continued to come for AoM due to the excellent football they were playing. A great diagonal ball from Tom Clarke found Matthew Warburton who was denied a goal by the St Anne's goalkeeper who turned out to have an outstanding game. Best saw his shot saved following some patient build up play involving near enough the whole team. The resultant corner was taken quickly between Warburton and Whitam who were again denied by the Keeper.

AoM dominated the game leaving goalkeeper Robert Leach to be more or less a spectator. Joe Gubba's left foot strike was fumbled by the keeper straight to Warburton who fired at the keeper and then Best blazed his effort over the bar from close range. Reece Gilsenen had clearly been watching Stoke City this season as his long throw deep into the box was headed narrowly wide by Whittam. The same player was unlucky to see his 35yard shot sail over the bar after spotting the keeper off his line. On the whistle of half time, AoM thought they had scored their second through Warburton only for the referee to judge him to be in an offside position.

The second half continued in the same manner as the first as the home team were showing their class all over the pitch. Gubba broke free only to watch as again the keeper saved well. Gilsenen saw his header cleared off the line by a defender and his defensive partner Rory Bradbury ventured forward only to watch as his fine cross was not met by any of his teammates. Finally the second goal came after Anthony Tierney kept the ball in play, Stefan Kordeki displayed some fine footwork to feed Warburton who calmly finished.

The visitors had their first attack of the game which resulted in a cross/shot finding the back of the net. Ashton continued to pile on the pressure with Martin Winstanley seeing his header rattle the crossbar, Best again having a header cleared off the line and Warburton's lob being cleared off the line.

Overall, it was a fine display of football and result by the home side resulting in the St Annes manager commenting on the strength of the AoM side.

Message from Aidan Moloney

Examinations and coursework deadlines are fast approaching! Are you doing enough to reach your potential? We still have a number of students who are failing to come to terms with our expectations in terms of work commitments and studying. You must now be preparing for your AS examinations and looking to push your BTEC assignments to the higher grading levels. Ask your teacher for support and guidance and make the most of their willingness to help you. Please do not be in a position where you regret not putting in the graft now.

Good Luck with your revision

Aidan Moloney
Director of Sixth Form



Manor Adventure

Deposits are now required for the Adventure Weekend in February. Would you like to be involved in deciding the activities for the weekend? Sonja Evason will be getting together a team of students to agree the activities the group want to take part in over the weekend. Please see Sonja if you want to be involved.

make Your mark
ENTERPRISE WEEK 2008



National Enterprise day Wednesday 19th November.

An excellent stimulating day was had by all. Teams were formed to meet the National Enterprise Challenge 'Make your mark'. Teams worked to a National brief to formulate ideas to meet the 7 core values of the London Olympics in 2012.

The day reached its highlight with all teams 'pitching' their idea to a panel of judges. The judges had a really difficult task as there were several outstanding concepts and ideas. However, after due deliberation Team 9 won the day. The team comprising of: Hannah Dixon; Josh Bullock; Antonia Michael, Melissa Wells-Bowers, Tim Nicholson, Ben Shaw-cross and Joe Gubba. They created an idea centred on an ecological free cycle ride and drop around the London venues after working hard as a team and pitching very professionally.

Enterprise week encourages development and personal team building and is very useful to include when applying for Higher Education opportunities.