

Ashton on Mersey School Sixth Form

Student Newsletter



Fixtures List

Arranged 6th Form Football Matches

28/1/09 v St Ambrose Home (Double points)

4/2/09 v Urmston Grammar away 2pm K.O

11/2/09 v Wilmslow High away 2pm K.O

25/2/09 v Parrswood away 2pm K.O

4/3/09 v St Ambrose home 2pm K.O

11/3/09 v Lymn High away 2:15 K.O

18/3/09 v Sale Grammar away 3:15 K.O

25/3/09 v Stretford Grammar away 3:45 K.O

Greater Manchester U19 Cup 2nd Round TBA

Ashton on Mersey V's St Anselm's (Rugby)

On a cold (freezing actually) afternoon, the Sixth Form Rugby squad, containing a number of Year 11 players made the journey over to Birkenhead to play St Anselm's college in the second round of the Cheshire Cup. St Anselm's have a strong rugby tradition and boast a number of international players as old boys, including Austin Healey (England, Lions) and Chris Saverimutu (Sale, Ireland). Despite history and tradition being on their side, it was Ashton who made the better start, with Jack Barber looking safe at fullback and Sam Diamond working hard at scrum half.

However, playing with a strong wind at their back, it was Anselm's who scored first, following some poor midfield tackling leading to a catch and drive situation at a line out close to the Ashton line.

Undeterred, Ashton really took the game to their opponents and started to win the physical confrontations through hard running and strong tackling. Particularly impressive during this period in the tackling department was Jake Polhill, who managed to line up a number of unsuspecting targets, slamming them to the ground. At the same time Ben Brookes took the game by the neck in attack and literally skittled defenders en route to an unconverted try. Unfortunately, playing so well against a gale force wind clearly took it out of some players, and a late second half scoring spree by Anselm's created a scoreline that gave poor reflection of what had been a very closely fought game.

Final Score— St Anselm's 34—Ashton on Mersey 5

Man of the match—this was awarded to Jack Barber, who was well supported by Tim Nicholson, Ben Brookes and Sam Diamond from the Sixth Form and Connor Huffman from Year 11 who fought for every ball in the line out.



Barcelona
To all students who are going to Barcelona

Your £80 deposit is now due. Please go to the 'Trips office' in the main school and pay Mrs Taylor. There will be a meeting shortly to discuss the trip in more detail. Please look out for this on the information screen in reception. There are still some spaces if you would like to go on the trip.



Launch of Sixth



Over the next few weeks our very own Sixth Form website will be launched.

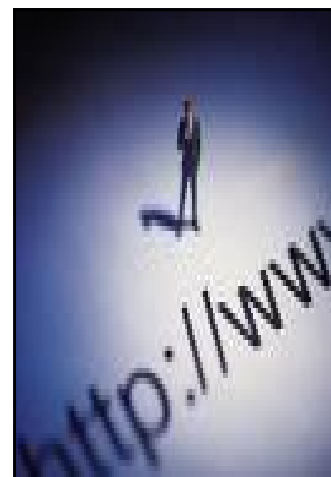
The A level Media class have been working hard in groups to put an informative mini film promoting our Sixth Form. All the films will be available on our website with the option for you to vote for your favourite.

The video with the most votes, will not only have their video as the

Sixth Form's official video but a small prize.

The Sixth Form is also looking for a Student Website Manager who Sonja Evason can work with to make our website useful, interesting and informative.

Are you interested in doing this? or do you have any others ideas for our website? If so please see Sonja, it will be on average one hour's voluntary work per week.





A Simple Fact: Child sponsorship could change Amenata's life

Across Africa, Asia and The Americas there are children like six year old Amenata whose smiles are full of hope, but whose dreams may never be realised due to the grinding poverty they live in.

Amenata is lucky, unlike 115 million other children of primary school age, she attends school. However, her family struggles to earn an income and they often go to bed hungry. Unless things change for her family Amenata may not be able to continue her education, and her dream of becoming a nurse may never be possible.

There are many children with stories like Amenata's, some of which you can read here, and all of them share one thing - the hope that you'll sponsor them and help them realise their dreams.

ActionAid child sponsorship gives hope to thousands of children around the world. As a child sponsor, you'll have the chance to help a whole community take control of their lives and end their poverty. [Become an ActionAid child sponsor today](#) and find out how you can bring positive change to a child like Amenata.

Melissa Wells Bowers
Student Ambassador
26th January – 20th March



- Age - 16
- Lives in Sale
- Likes going out with friends
- Ambition - to be an English Teacher

Objective as Student Ambassador

To make a difference in the Sixth Form, to listen to my fellow students, to organise a fun social event, and to put Action Aid into ACTION.

I am friendly, approachable, and love to get involved. I am looking forward to my time as the Student Ambassador for the Sixth Form and hope I can look back and be happy with my achievements.



Congratulations on passing your driving test.

Well Done Michael Shea and Tim Nicholson on Passing Your test.

Student Council plans:

- Design Yearbook
- Plan prom
- Get water fountains
- Plan social event
- Coordinate end of year convention
- Comic Relief

Message from Aidan Moloney

During the second term we feel that all students should now be familiar with our standards and expectations. Please continue to do all you can to follow some of our key principles.

- Do all work allocated to you by the deadlines set
- Abide by the Sixth Form Code of dress and behaviour
- Treat the building, staff, and each other with respect
- Do your best in all aspects of your work
- Arrive promptly for all sessions and do not leave the premises without permission.

By following these simple guidelines the place will be a centre where all students and staff can continue to thrive. I am eagerly awaiting our first AS results and I hope they reflect the hard work that I know many of you put in. Well done to those students successful in Maths and English GCSE re-sits from November.

**Ben Shawcross
Ben Whitely
Michael Kouris
Chris Dinsmore**

Please now use time you have been granted to improve your work in other subjects. Keep up the hard work

**Mr A Moloney
Director of Sixth Form**



Mixed Sport enrichment

Miss Taylors Mixed Sport's group have really enjoyed this term's mixed sport enrichment. To date they have been playing football, bowling and ice skating. Students now have Laser Quest, and much more to look forward to. All places on mixed sport have been booked up. Are you interested in the mixed sports enrichment? There will be lots of opportunities to take part.