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Open Evening Tuesday 20th October

Open Evening took place on Tuesday 20th October and was a real success! Thank you to all those students who helped out on the night. We received some really great feedback about the attitude and presentation of the Sixth Form building and our students, so well done!

It was wonderful to see the whole building full of people. The classrooms with presentations and displays gave a true representation of our students work. Many visitors commented on how well students sold subjects. A member of staff said that Becky Clarke was so good at selling that she could sell ice to Eskimos!

If you know of any student who would like to come and see Sixth Form but wasn't able to attend on the Open Evening, then please ask them to contact school to arrange to look around.



Reading around your subjects...

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development said in a report in 2002 that reading for enjoyment is more important for educational success than a family's socio-economic background.

It is extremely important in the Sixth Form as it is blatantly obvious in any exam if you have read around the subject. This does not involve reading a subject book from cover to cover. You may be up to date after having read some of the journals available. You may well have been reading the newspapers.

However, reading an occasional chapter from titles in your subject area will help you to understand the subject better and improves your chances of obtaining a good grade.

When you go to University you will be expected to reference your sources of information. Universities will expect you to refer to printed sources, as well as electronic.

Some students have had problems with relatively simple vocabulary within certain subjects. This is one result of not reading a broad range of material. The style of writing that some students have would be improved if you read more widely.

As far as school sixth forms go we have a really good selection of subject related stock in the isite.

We have an increasingly good collection of fiction, which includes a good chick lit selection and some popular non-fiction titles. We welcome suggestions as to titles that the isite should stock.

What can we do to encourage you to read more?!!! Would you like a reading group? What do you choose to read at home? How can we help to encourage you to read?

Congratulations to all students who were awarded star of the week this half term..



What could you do next half term to get your name here?

Year 12 Visit by PKF Accountants

PKF is a top-ten firm of accountants and business advisers with offices all over the country including the one on Queen Street in Manchester.

PKF

Chartered Accountants
& Business Advisers

On Monday 5th October, Miss Williams and her Year 12 BTEC National Diploma in Business group received a visit from a partner and supervisor from PKF Accountants in Manchester.

The group received a talk about what the company does and then completed a case study activity about a business situation.

This case study is used by PKF to select employees when they are recruiting and the accountants commented on the excellent range of ideas that were generated by the class.

The afternoon gave the pupils an interesting insight into the world of accountancy and raised a lot of interesting questions which the accountants were happy to answer.

Do you have anything that you would like to contribute to the newsletter- sports fixtures, reports, general info? Let Claire know if you have anything to say?

Study Week is here

It's arrived and I know many students are beginning to feel the jump from GCSE to AS and from AS to A2. Study week will be the perfect opportunity for you to catch up with any outstanding work, reading or even to get yourself ahead of the game.

Whilst you will need to study to keep yourself up to date with your studies, ensure that you do put some time aside for 'me' time. That way you can feel fresh, confident and raring to go after the break as you will be up to date but also had just the right mix of study and social time.

This may be an ideal time for those taking exams in January to begin to plan a study/revision programme so you know what and when you need to achieve certain targets.

Whatever your plan is, enjoy and we will see you back on Monday 2nd November at 9am!

LOST PROPERTY- WE SEEM TO BE ACQUIRING MORE AND MORE LOST PROPERTY. IF YOU HAVE LOST ANYTHING OVER THIS HALF TERM, THEN PLEASE HAVE A LOOK TO SEE IF IT IS IN LOST PROPERTY. IF YOU HAVE LOST ANY KEYS/ IPODS, ETC, PLEASE SEE CLAIRE



Football Results

Our football team seems to be on a bit of a winning streak. Look at these results....

7/10/09- AoM v Oldham College 10-3

(Northwest College League)

Man of match- Dale Whitham

14/10- AoM v Fallibrook 9-0

Men of match- Ben Shawcross and Matthew Warburton.

(English Schools Round 2)

Well done guys!

**Don't forget!-
Reply Slips for Barcelona are due back
on Friday 7th November.**

Barcelona Trip July 2010

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, beaches and amusement parks. Scattered around the city are unique works by the architect Gaudi.

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

3nights/4 days

Direct flights from Manchester

Sightseeing

Shopping

2 trips of your choice to support your academic programme

A full programme of evening entertainment

Message from Mr Moloney

Many thanks for your efforts throughout this half term. Although it has been very hectic I am very happy with the way that many of you are approaching your work commitments and the general maturity that many of you display. It is a real shame that some of you let us down on occasions and fail to look after the premises as well as you should or commit to the work ethic we expect of you!

That aside the many students who helped us out on Tuesday at Open Evening were fantastic ambassadors for the 6th Form. The feedback we have received from our visitors has been very positive and reflects the effort you put in.

Please spend some of the half term break revisiting your work from the first 8 weeks and organising yourself for the learning in the next half term. The best students realise that learning is ongoing and that very few of the top learners take a break for holidays! For many of you the January exams are now very close.

Remember hard work is the only way to go!

