



ASHTON ON MERSEY SIXTH FORM NEWSLETTER

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all students

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Message from Mr Worsfold

The first full term has flown by and Christmas is already upon us. Generally, the progress reports are very positive and I hope that they will give you an insight into where you are at with your studies at present and make you think how you can improve. The students with AS exams in January will be working hard revising over the holidays, please use your time sensibly. The holidays will also be a good opportunity to catch up on BTEC work and try and improve your current grades. To help with this, the sixth form will be open on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd December.

The recent half term has been a busy one with events such as Children in Need, Presentation Evening, Enterprise Day, Duke of Edinburgh trip to Lyme Park and the football team having a good run in the Greater Manchester and National Schools Cup. I would like to congratulate all students involved in these activities and also thank Mr Taylor and Mr Parry who had their legs waxed for Children in Need (it will go with their fake tan now). I would also like to thank Mrs Mottram and her enrichment group for making hundreds of mince pies for the sixth form carol service. Congratulations to Mr Bradley who has taken a new job with the Technology Department in the main school.

On a personal note, I want to thank all staff and students that have made me very welcome in the sixth form. I hope you all have an excellent Christmas and wish you all the best for the new year.

Thanks,

Mr Worsfold



Always here

A large number of students will be looking forward to Christmas and the festivities that come with it- the eating, drinking, presents and parties. However for some, this can be a stressful time, a time that brings back bad memories or feelings of sadness. Whatever may be the reason there is always someone here to help. If you do need someone to talk to over the festive period, please feel free to use the email studentservices@aom.trafford.sch.uk. This address will be checked daily.



Ten Top Tips for Revision

- The earlier you can start your revision the better
- Set a revision timetable
- Set a place for revision- if you need silence, try to ensure that you can get this .
- Take regular breaks
- Try to revise one set of topics/one section of notes together.
- Develop your own technique for revision- different things work for different people.
- Read, memorise and summarise your notes.
- Revise with a friend- if possible exchange ideas, discuss points of view and test each other.
- Make a set of revision cards for each topic.
- If you come across a topic that you are unsure of, discuss it with a teacher at the next available opportunity.

Good Luck to all students in your January exams.





These student have all achieved 100% attendance for the year so far. Well done!!!



*Mellissa Anderson, Charlotte Bent,
Matthew Cliffe, Samuel Dexter,
Joe Friar, Sam Gallagher,
Rebecca Hibberd, Daniel Holbrook,
Liam Leach, Kirstie McConville,
Mike Murphy, Will Parkinson,
Katy Reynolds, Callum Rothwell,
Lee Savage, Paul Simons,
Chris Starling, Chris Stockton,
Nathan Stuart, Antony Tierney,
Amelia Walton, Tim Wormald,
Callum Yates*



EMA—January Bonus

As you are aware, you may be eligible for a January bonus payment provided you have:

- a satisfactory attendance record;
- made satisfactory progress against your learning goals;
- been enrolled prior to, and received a weekly payment by, 31 December 2009; and
- returned to study after the Christmas/New Year break.



Once the bonus payment has been approved, payments will be automatically generated from **Monday 1st February**. This means that the earliest date you will receive your January Bonus payment is **Thursday 5th February**.

Overdue Library Books


Please can the following students return their library books so that others can benefit from them:-

Ashleigh Youd
Tom Grimshaw
Megan Nicholson
Rebecca Clarke

Data Collection Sheets

Please can the following return their data collection sheets to Mrs Flowers ASAP:-

Nicole Donaghy, Alex Gilsenan, Richard Gregson, Max Holt, Niall Holt, Channel Lomas, Michael Mulholland, Jake Sheedy, Chris Stockton, Ben Stokes, Chris Whiteside, Martin Winstanley, Callum Yates, Claire Alexander, Jack Barber, Charlotte Bent, Aaron Best, Kelsie Bevin, Rory Bradbury, Benjamin Brooks, Sam Cartwright, Harry Chester, Amy Collier, Matt Diamond, Sam Diamond, Chris Dinsmore, Max Douglas, Laura Falconer, Reece Gilsenan, Tessa Griffiths, Tom Grimshaw, Stefan Kordecki, Aaron Massey, Kirstie McConville, Alex O’Gara, Jake Polhill, Sam Roberts, Ben Shawcross, Michael Shea, Lee Smith, Michael Sorbie, Zakia Tahir, Antony Tierney, Charlie Watts, Dale Whitham, Alex Will, Sam Wright, Ashleigh Youd and Conni-Lea Youd.



Careers Update

Year 12 Law Visit

Y12 Law students have recently been visited by Barrister Ian Mercer, of Chavasse Court Chambers in Liverpool. Ian, a former Royal Navy Officer, with experience in all areas of criminal work including courts martial and military law, gave students an insight into his daily working life and his perspective on the difficulties faced by students today looking for pupillage. His knowledge was both helpful and insightful ... giving some excellent responses to the student's searching questions. In fact, Ian commented to Mr Barnes on how impressed he was with the candid nature of the questions!

This visit certainly gave more life and understanding to the module on the Legal Profession, and such was the enthusiasm of the students ... the discussion carried on through their break!

A letter of thanks, written by the students, has been sent to Ian, partly in recognition of the fact that his visit to Ashton involved a two hour journey through gridlocked traffic!

Mrs Berry

Careers

Year 12 Work Shadowing

In the New Year, Y12 students will be receiving information on the Work Shadowing programme, where students will spend a week at a work placement during the week of 28th June - 2nd July 2010. Unlike the Work Experience in Y10, we ask you this time to source your own placement, in an area in which you aspire to work in the future. You may want to start speaking to businesses or workplaces, over the Christmas holidays, that are relevant to your future plans. Further information will be available from Mrs Berry.



This term has seen a number of Y13 students applying, through UCAS, for a university place next summer when they leave Ashton. The Careers team have worked with these students, through the often daunting process of form filling and writing of personal statements that accompany the applications. On occasions it may have seemed a up-hill struggle to some, to 'sell themselves' to prospective universities, in the required 47 lines ... not an easy task and not one that comes naturally to the average 6th Former! However, we are now being rewarded with a shower of offers being made to practically everyone...some students being successful with all five of their choices! The next step is to work hard to achieve the required grades that the universities are requesting.

Useful Websites for students

merlinhelpsstudents.com

www.student911.com

www.nus.org.uk

www.ucas.co.uk



The Christmas Quiz 2009



1. Many people claim that the first unofficial football international between Germany and an England/Scotland team was played on a Christmas Day. The playing field was found between what?
2. "Who" catches the Grinch red handed stealing presents?
3. True or False, Good King Wenceslas was not a King.
4. Who wrote A Christmas Carol?
5. What does Cinderella's Fairy Godmother turn into a coach?
6. In 1973 which song did Slade have a Christmas number one with?
7. Everyone knows the Band Aid Christmas song, but what year was it first a number one?
8. How many of Snow White's seven dwarfs can you name?
9. If you were born on Christmas Day what would your zodiac sign be?
10. Which country gives Britain a Christmas tree every year?
11. In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" what was the first gift sent on the sixth day?
12. Who sang "Driving home for Christmas"?
13. What did The Killers demand that the man in red not do to them in 2007?
14. Name two of the three reindeer whose names begin with D. Bonus for all three!
15. Kevin is left behind in Chicago at Christmas in which film?
16. What two words are normally pre-printed on Christmas gift tags?
17. What is the word for wine which has been heated and spiced?
18. In the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" what were there two of?
19. Who originally sang the Christmas song called The Fairytale of New York?
20. May I wish you all a felicitous festive season, what does felicitous mean?