

# Ashton on Mersey Sixth Form Newsletter

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## Sixth Form Car Park

Students have been allocated the parking spaces 31-40. Please use these spaces if you drive to Sixth Form. When these spaces are full you will need to park on the road as all spaces have been allocated.

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## Message from Mr Moloney

Thanks to many of you who have made a real effort to keep standards high in the Sixth Form. Could I please appeal to each of you to ensure you have the correct uniform each day and that you continue to treat the facilities and staff with respect. We are on the countdown to Year 13 leaving in May and it will be very disappointing if standards slip in this period.

I hope you are taking every opportunity to prepare for exams and keep up to date with you target grades. For those taking exams in May, we have already begun to prepare booster and revision sessions including during Easter, so that you can be fully prepared. May I remind all of the BTEC students that no one will be allowed to leave Year 13 until target grades have been hit as a minimum.

Thank you for your continued efforts.

Mr Moloney



## Year 12 Health and Careers Convention

Year 12 will soon be receiving information about the Health and Careers Convention that will be taking place in Sixth Form on Monday 5th—Wednesday 7th July. During this time a number of guests will be coming in to speak to you about various issues facing young people today. We will soon be asking you to complete a questionnaire so that we can identify what topics it would be best to cover during this time.



## AOM 6th Form Football Season So Far

After a terrific first season, the 6<sup>th</sup> form football team were looking to build upon the success they achieved and improve even further. The team were looking to defend their Greater Manchester title by entering the competition again and also entered a North West College league to give them more competitive fixtures whilst the second team would compete in the Trafford league. However the main prize for the season was to compete in the English Schools Cup competition and achieve success on a national level.

The nucleus for the 1<sup>st</sup> team was the same as last season but was boosted further by the additions of classy defender Jordan Best and the pacey attacker Kieran Madden.

The first game of the season was against Audenshaw in the Greater Manchester Cup and the team struggled to get going on the 3G pitch but eventually won 2-1. Game number 2 marked their debut in the North West College league and despite dominating the play, 2 sloppy mistakes meant the game finished 4-4. The team were still not at their best and only managed to beat a poor St Wilfred's team 2-0 again in the North West league. Game number four saw the season kick start as they thrashed Oldham College 10-3 and then made an impact on the English Schools Cup by beating Fallibroome 9-0. Bridgewater school became the next victims losing 8-1 in the English Schools Cup. Matthew Warburton and Dale Whitham were scoring hat-tricks for fun at this stage.

In a repeat of last season Trafford final the team entertained Urmston Grammar and won 6-0. The game was remembered for two reasons. Firstly Robert Leach in Ashton's goal didn't touch the ball all game and secondly Ben Shawcross put himself as the leading contender for goal of the season as direct from a corner he volleyed from the edge of the box with power into the top corner to leave both set of players in amazement! Unbelievable goal.

A trip to Merseyside was always going to be entertaining in the English Schools Cup especially as Ashton went 3-0 down after twenty minutes before Martin Winstanley inspired a remarkable comeback to win 4-3. Baines School turned up looking to fight anything that moved but were beaten 3-0 in the North West league. Cardinal Langeley was dispatched by 5-0 in the Greater Manchester Cup. Another Merseyside opposition were drawn in the English Schools Cup and Maghull School headed back home having being beaten 8-4 in an entertaining game.

Thomas Witton School quite rightly fancied their chances in the North West college league as they too had been unbeaten all season. The top of the league clash saw Ashton victorious 3-1. Dukeries College were outplayed 5-1 in the next round of the English Schools Cup. A friendly against Wilmslow High School saw the team put in a poor performance which lacked the usual quality, effort and determination yet the unbeaten record remained as the score finished 1-1. In the last 16 of the English Schools Cup the team produced a brilliant display to beat George Spencer School 4-1 and progress through to the quarter finals.

The team has now entered the business end of the season as they are in the quarter final of the English Schools Cup, the semi finals of the Greater Manchester Cup and are top of the North West College League. They have some vital games approaching which will determine if they are to win any silverware. The team needs to continue to work hard and stay focused if they are to achieve their potential and goals.



# World Book Day– Thursday 4th March

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World Book Day took place this week on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. This year there were activities based around the theme of Japan as some of Year 7 have been studying "The Young Samurai" by Chris Bradford, [www.youngsamurai.com](http://www.youngsamurai.com). The Sixth Form were included in the activities during tutorial time by doing a Who Wants to be a Millionaire? quiz about Japan and looking at [www.how-to-bow.com](http://www.how-to-bow.com)

Reading fiction for pleasure can improve general knowledge or spark an interest in another culture or activity. We encourage our students to read for pleasure as it has many benefits for helping them to develop as independent learners. Reading for pleasure can also have a positive effect on grades in exams as often students improve in their comprehension skills and also in their use of vocabulary.



## Stars of the Week



## Easter Booster and Revision Sessions

Sixth Form will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the first week of the Easter break. During this time revision and booster sessions will be taking place. This could be an ideal opportunity for you to catch up with any outstanding work or to push yourself towards those higher grades. Details of sessions being run will be published in the next newsletter.



## Something to add?

Is there something that you would like to share with the Sixth Form? Students are welcome to add to the newsletter if they wish to tell other students about something...an activity, sporting event or idea. Please see Claire with any news.

# Pictures....



## Year 13 Leavers Ball

The final payment for the leavers ball is now due, please return your dietary requirements slip and the final payment of £15.50 before the Easter holidays.

## Enrichment

If you want to change enrichment activity, you must advise Claire of this beforehand.

## School Production- 'Our House'

The school production of 'Our House' is being presented on 23rd, 24th and 25th March. Some of our Sixth Form students are taking part in the production—so why not go along and support them?!