



Head's Newsletter

Dear Parent(s)

TRANSPORT SURVEY

We are continuing our endeavours to obtain the services of a school bus for the West Derby and Croxteth areas of Liverpool. To assist us with this, would parents who live in these areas please complete the questionnaire on the reverse of this Newsletter as to whether this would be a welcomed service. In order to give us evidence, your assistance in completing the questionnaire would be greatly appreciated.

PARENTS' MEETINGS

As we have now finished the season of Parents' meetings, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the staff for their organisation, preparation and hard work. Attendance by parents at these meetings has been very encouraging and we appreciate the support parents give us in the education of their daughters and sons.

LENT

School celebrated the beginning of Lent with a Communion Service on Wednesday.

Throughout Lent we will have an early morning Communion Service each Thursday morning at 8.00 am in the Quiet Room. Parents, pupils and friends are very welcome to join us for these services.



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The P A will be holding their monthly meeting on Monday, 2 March at 7.00 pm in school. All parents are welcome to attend.

The Parents' Association are holding an Easter Bingo on Thursday, 19 March with lots of lovely prizes. Eyes down 7.30pm. Look out for more details in the next Head's Newsletter.

TRIP TO TRAFFORD CENTRE

Pupils from Year 8 enjoyed a trip to the Trafford Centre on Tuesday. The trip was a great success and several members of the public commented on the conduct of the pupils, saying they were exemplary. Pupils collected lots of geographical data such as shop surveys, pedestrian counts, transport surveys and questionnaires while they were there.

A 'TASTE' OF EDUCATION

Several members of our Sixth Form are involved in the TASTE programme with Liverpool Hope University, which is for students intending to go into primary teaching. Interventions are arranged by Hope including visits to primary schools and work experience in primary schools over a period of time. Hannah Olson and Zoya Sharples attended a TASTE Education Intervention organised by Hope on Wednesday evening. Professor Bill Chambers, Pro Vice Chancellor, dropped in to speak to the students and was impressed by their calibre and commitment.

GALA CONCERT TO CELEBRATE MUSICAL ACHIEVEMENT

Wow! What an evening it was! I'm sure all who were able to attend our Gala Concert on 11 February will have been as thrilled and delighted as I was with both the standard of the music and the huge number of pupils who took part. Many, many thanks to Mr Moss and the Music team for all the hard work, effort and dedication that are necessary to make such an evening possible; and many thanks too to the marvellous audience who supported the students and staff so magnificently.

GOOD LUCK!

We would like to give our best wishes to Elizabeth O'Connell and Emily Parry from Year 11 who will be competing in the final of the Liverpool Law Society's Public Speaking Competition on Monday, 2 March.

SCHOOL VOUCHERS

A reminder for you to collect the 'Books for Schools' tokens which you will find every day in The Times and Sunday Times and on the top of Nestlé cereal boxes. Collection boxes are in reception. It would be great if you could encourage any family or friends to collect on our behalf.



ARCHBISHOP BLANCH SCHOOL TRANSPORT SURVEY FOR RESIDENTS OF WEST DERBY/CROXTETH AREAS ONLY

(Please return completed to the school office)

We are continuing our negotiations with Merseytravel and individual bus companies to improve public transport provision to/from Archbishop Blanch School and the areas of West Derby/Croxteth. In order to add strength to our argument, it is important to receive as many responses as possible.

Does your child experience difficulty with public transport services to/from ABS?	YES	NO
<p>If you have answered YES please state:</p> <p>District travelling from: _____</p> <p>Bus Company: _____ Bus Number: _____</p> <p>Time of departure to school: _____ a.m. Time of arrival home: _____ p.m.</p> <p>Nature of difficulty:</p> <p>Is there anything you think could be done to improve the situation?</p> <p>If a School Bus was made available, would your daughter/son use it? YES / NO</p>		
Would you be prepared to write a letter to Merseytravel supporting the school in its quest to improve transport links to this area of the city?	YES	NO

Thank you for participating in this survey. We shall take our findings to Merseytravel and the outcome will be published at a later date.

Name of daughter/son: _____ Form: _____

Signature of parent: _____ Date: _____