



Dear Parent(s)

YEAR 11 LEAVING DATE & RECORDS OF ACHIEVEMENT EVENING

The Records of Achievement Evening will be held on Thursday, 14 May 2009 at 7.00 pm in the School Hall, Year 11 pupils having finished for study leave that afternoon. This celebration, which begins with a Eucharist, has always been a most moving and enjoyable occasion culminating in the distribution of the Records of Achievement. Attendance is compulsory for Year 11 pupils and their parents are most welcome. Usual regulation uniform should be worn and girls are reminded that make-up and jewellery are not allowed.

BEST WISHES TO PUPILS IN YEAR 11

We would like to wish our Year 11 girls every success in the forthcoming GCSE examinations. They have been very good ambassadors for the school over the last five years and we are delighted that so many have indicated that they will be continuing their education with us in the Sixth Form. I would like to add my personal best wishes to every student and to each family they represent: the exams coming up may seem daunting, but we all have every reason to face them with full confidence.

Once on Study Leave, students may occasionally need to come into school for further help with revision, *etc.* Whilst we are keen to ensure all our students are well supported during this period, pupils should not turn up at school unannounced: it may be that the member(s) of staff they need to see are unavailable, and in any case we cannot take responsibility for pupils if we don't know they are coming here.

If students do need to see a teacher, therefore, please ring first and make an appointment. Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

BEST WISHES TO PUPILS IN YEARS 12 AND 13

We wish farewell to all our pupils in Year 13 who leave us next Friday with fond memories of their time here. Year 13 has been an excellent year group and we will miss them. They have been outstanding ambassadors for the school and great rôle models for our younger students. I am sure the whole community of Archbishop Blanch School will want to join me in wishing them and their families every success both in the summer exams and in the future. Please keep in touch.

Students in Year 12 start their study leave next Wednesday and I would like to take this opportunity of wishing them well in their forthcoming examinations. They will return to school on Monday, 15 June.

NEWS FROM THE DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Ms McGowan would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and friends of Year 11 Drama pupils for all their support of the late rehearsals, line-learning, borrowed costumes and props etc for the recent practical examinations. All the girls worked extremely hard and there were many memorable moments in each of the performances.

Megan Colfar and Erin Evans-McIntyre Year 11 have successfully auditioned for the National Youth Theatre and will be working with them for two weeks in London this summer. They've done particularly well as auditions (open to people age 14-21) are held across the country and less than 100 are usually chosen. Well done girls.

GOOD LUCK!

The following Year 10 pupils will be involved in the 'Make it Enterprising' Grand Final at Ribby Hall in Lancashire today. After winning the Merseyside heat at Land Rover Jaguar in 2008, they will be competing against other heat winners from around the country. I am sure that the best wishes from all pupils and staff at Archbishop Blanch will be with the pupils - Rebecca Ball, Eleanor Davies, Laura Ford, Jayne Envis, Hannah Keiley, Anna Parry, Olivia Ryan and Hannah Whiteside. Thanks go to Mr Jones, D&T Teacher, who will be accompanying the girls.

**OPEN EVENING FOR
YEAR 7 2010 ADMISSION
MONDAY, 6 JULY, 6.00 PM**

CONGRATULATIONS

HEAD GIRL & DEPUTY ELECTIONS

Congratulations to Eilish Clarke (12PM) who has been elected Head Girl for the coming year and to her Deputies Simone Kay (12RC) and Elliot Hughes (12AB). We wish them well in their year of office.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our retiring Head Girl, Hannah Spiers and her Deputies, Ameer Cox and Zoya Sharples, for their marvellous work in the school this past year. Their unfailing enthusiasm and dedication have been much appreciated - they have made a real difference. What a team!

ROTARY INTERACT

Congratulations also go to Emma Slattery (12SE) who has been elected to serve on behalf of the School's Interact Club as President.

Again my thanks go to the retiring President, Janice Hawkins and her team for their hard work and efforts with fund raising.

CHILDREN IN NEED

It was good to receive a card this week from BBC Children In Need thanking us for our "amazing contribution of £1,300." They offered their congratulations to us on being one of the top 700 schools in the UK that raised funds for this charity. Congratulations and well done to all those involved.

A 'TASTE' OF THINGS TO COME!

Congratulations to Rachael Davies, Sophie Doyle, Aimee Johnson, Hannah Olsen, Zoya Sharples and Claire Turner on their successful completion of the TASTE Education Programme accredited by Liverpool Hope University. These Year 13 students were presented with their certificates by Professor Bill Chambers, Vice Pro Chancellor (External Relations and Widening Participation). The Students were commended for their tremendous enthusiasm, dedication and commitment in undertaking this programme which involved weekly work experience in a primary school, attending lectures on education issues and completing a portfolio. This experience has confirmed their decision to become teachers and we wish them well in their future endeavours.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Congratulations to our Young Enterprise team - ABS-YES who took part in the Young Enterprise area final held in Southport last Wednesday. Secondary schools from the Liverpool area presented their business projects to a panel of Merseyside business experts. As winners of the Liverpool heat, ABS-YES went through to the Merseyside final, winning Best Presentation and Best Company Report for the whole of Merseyside, competing against schools from the Wirral, Sefton, St Helens, Knowsley and Halton. The team also won Best Trade Stand, Best Business Company and Elisabeth Chandler won the Best Student Overall in the Liverpool heat.

The ABS-YES company products and services on offer were:

- A children's book - to inspire and encourage children to take care of the environment in a fun and exciting way
- An exclusive events management service - for younger children
- Production of high quality business cards

The children's book, entitled "Ants' Big Sweep" was created by ABS-YES with a storyline about ants who tidy up Liverpool with the help of other creatures. The book has been illustrated by pupils from Year 7 and Year 8.

The panel of judges commented on the innovative product and the professionalism of the Archbishop Blanch School students. Well done to the ABS-YES Team - Sammy Akande, Megan Barker, Francesca Bird, Lizzie Bowker, Elisabeth Chandler, Amy Cubbon, Abby Harrison, Jessica McGanity, Sarah McGuinness, Georgia Morgan, Abigail Powell, Hannah Rimmer, Hayley Roberts and Sian Robinson

CHILDREN MARTIAL ART CLASSES

We have been approached by Soma Martial Art Academy to inform you of some children's martial art classes that are being held in the Anfield and Walton areas. They do not charge a monthly fee; it is purely a pay as you go basis. Training fees are priced between £3.30 and £3.50. Classes are held at Anfield Sport and Community Centre every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 7pm until 8pm and at Oakfield Road Methodist Church every Tuesday and Thursday, 6pm - 7 pm.