



Dear Parent(s)

school office.

PUPIL ABSENCE

I would like to inform our new parents and remind existing parents of the procedure for reporting pupil absence. Parents should ring school on the first day of absence before 9.30 am and should follow this up with a letter on return to school. We have a dedicated line for parents to report pupil absence which has a voice-mail attached to it and all you need to do is state your child's name, form and the reason for absence. The absence telephone number is **706 9760**. By routing such calls to a different number helps the school office deal with other incoming calls more efficiently and your co-operation is appreciated in this matter. It would also be helpful if you could put your daughter/son's name and form on any letters you send into school.

NEWS OF FORMER PUPILS

We were delighted to hear that Rebecca Nahapiet gained a BA (2.1) in History from Leeds University. Despite suffering from Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Rebecca battled through her studies at ABS and achieved excellent results. We wish her well for the future.

ABS POETRY COMPETITION

The English Department are running a Poetry Competition and encouraging all pupils from Years 7 - 13 to take part. The theme is "I remember..." and the closing date for entries is 1 December 2008. Pupils should hand their poems to Mrs Stone or their own English Teacher.

SCHOOL BADGES

We have a quantity of enamel school badges, available from the school office, at a cost of £2 each.

NESTLE BOX TOPS

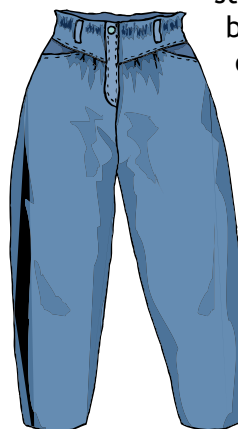
This promotion is running again. Please collect tokens and send them into the

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR FABS SCHOOL REUNION - FRIDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2008

The Friends of Archbishop Blanch School are holding a reunion for ex pupils and staff of all three schools - ABS, Liverpool Girls' College and St Edmund's College. The event will be held at Archbishop Blanch School with an open afternoon (including afternoon tea) and an evening reception (to include a two course meal and musical entertainment). If you are an old girl or ex-member of staff please go to our website (www.abblanch.com) to find the booking form or contact Jeanette Coppell on 0151-709 1452 for more details. Mrs Coppell is willing to take any last minute bookings for the evening reception on Monday, 29 September and will accept bookings for the afternoon tea up to Wednesday, 8 October.

'JEANS FOR GENES DAY'

On Friday, 3 October, the school will be supporting 'Jeans for Genes Day' and all students in Years 7 - 13 will be allowed to wear their own clothes, which must include jeans, for a donation of £1.50. Normal school rules apply regarding the wearing of jewellery and make-up. This event has been organised by members of our Sixth Form and the proceeds will be donated to the 'Jeans for Genes' charity.



Pupils are asked to bring their donations in on Friday, 3 October when members of the Sixth Form will be collecting in the money.

IMPORTANT DATES / FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 7 October

7.00 pm GCSE Information Evening
for Year 10 Parents

20 – 24 October

School closed for half term break

Monday, 27 October

Return to school at normal time

Tuesday, 4 November

7.00 pm Prizegiving in Liverpool
Cathedral for Years 10-13
(Prize winners and Musicians
only in Years 7-9)

Wednesday, 5 November

A M School closed for the morning
session

Thursday, 13 November

3.00 pm Early school closure
3.15 pm Year 8 Parents' Meeting

Wednesday, 3 December

3.00 pm Early school closure
3.15 pm Year 10 Parents' Meeting

Tuesday, 16 December

12.30 pm School closed for the
afternoon
7.00 pm Carol Service in Liverpool
Cathedral

Wednesday, 17 December

12.30 pm School closes for the
Christmas Holidays

Monday, 5 January 2009

School returns at the normal time

OPEN AFTERNOON FOR ADMISSION IN SEPTEMBER 2009

This will be a final opportunity to have a tour of the school and learn more about the admission procedure for entry into Year 7. Please encourage any family or friends with daughters who are in current Year 6 to come along on **TUESDAY, 1 OCTOBER at 2 p.m.**

Miss Griffiths is also holding **ADMISSION CLINICS on the 7 & 14 OCTOBER** during the early evening for any parents who require additional help and advice filling in the application forms. Please ring Mrs Coppell in the school office on 706 9755 to book an appointment.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

PA DISCO: A reminder that the next disco will be held on Thursday, 2 October, 7.00 - 9.00 pm in the School Hall. There is a change of order for ticket sales, which will be available next week at break times on Monday for Year 9, Tuesday for Year 8 and Wednesday for Year 7. Please note there will be no paying on the door.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION AGM: Advance notice that the PA will be holding their AGM on **Monday, 6 October at 7.00 pm** in school.

SPONSORED SWIM

Thank you to all those who took part in the Sponsored Swim in aid of the British Heart Foundation and Archbishop Blanch School last night at the University of Liverpool Swimming Pool. It would be appreciated if sponsor money is sent into the school office as soon as possible.

FIELD OF HOPE FLOWER BULB APPEAL

Thank you to all who placed orders for the above appeal. The bulbs will be distributed the week before half term.