

Dear Reader

HIGHEST GCSE RESULTS IN THE COUNTRY FOR 2 ABS PUPILS!

Congratulations to Elizabeth O'Connell and Sophie Fagan on their outstanding Design & Technology GCSE results.

The girls came first and second in the country respectively in the CCEA Exam Board GCSE results for Product Design and the exam board will be presenting them with special certificates to celebrate their fantastic achievement.

Elizabeth was taught by Mrs Cook and Ms Roberts; Sophie by Mr Jones.

This is a marvellous accolade for the Design Technology Department and the school. Well done everyone!

TERM DATES 2010-2011

A conscious effort has been made this year to sort out term dates as early as is possible in the academic year. We hope that this will help parents to avoid incurring any problems with booking holidays. These are printed below for your information and it would be appreciated if you could keep these dates in a safe place for future reference. They will, of course, be available on the school's website in due course.

The Governors have agreed to follow the dates set by the Liverpool Authority in an attempt to standardise the term dates with neighbouring authorities, thus preventing clashes of dates for families living or working in different authorities.

AUTUMN TERM 2010

Tuesday, 31 August - Friday, 17 December.

Half Term: 25 - 29 October

SPRING TERM 2011

Tuesday, 4 January - Friday, 1 April

Half Term: 14-18 February

SUMMER TERM 2011

Monday, 18 April - Friday, 22 July

Easter Festival Break: Friday, 22 April and Monday, 25 April

Half Term: 30 May - 3 June

May Day: 2 May

LAUNCH OF NEW ABS WEBSITE

We are delighted to announce that our new Website has gone live this week. We hope that this will be of great interest to you and would like to encourage you to visit it on a regular basis in order to keep up to date with the latest and exciting developments at our school. Many thanks to Mrs Coppel, Office Manager, for all her hard work over the past few months in setting up the site. Our web address is: www.abblanch.com

HARVEST FESTIVAL ASSEMBLY

Our annual Harvest Festival assembly will take place on Monday, 12 October. Pupils can bring in their donations of dried, tinned goods and fresh fruit and vegetables can all be brought in on Monday. Any contributions you can make will be greatly appreciated. Pupils are asked to bring these directly to the Hall before morning registration. The Salvation Army will distribute straight away what they can to the needy in the local area. They are always so grateful of our help and support, a large part of which helps towards providing a Christmas day lunch for the homeless.

FABS AUTUMN DRAW

(TO BE DRAWN ON 23RD OCTOBER 2009)

The Friends of Archbishop Blanch School (FABS) has committed funds to several school projects this term and we do hope that you will feel able to support them by purchasing just 2 tickets for a chance of winning these fabulous prizes:

1st Prize - £100 Cash

2nd prize - 2 Tickets for The 39 Steps at the Liverpool Playhouse

3rd prize - £25 Voucher for Fleur Florist

4th prize - 2 Guest Passes for David Lloyd Leisure Club, Speke

TICKETS £1 EACH

If you have misplaced your raffle tickets, please send you daughter/son to the school office.

CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to congratulate Mr Butcher and his wife on the birth of their daughter. Rosa Elisabeth Butcher was born on 30 September weighing a very health 9 lbs. Well done Mum and welcome Rosa!

To Bryony Harrison-Reid, Form 7BA, who was awarded a Silver Medal for completing over 65

hours of after-school activities at her Primary School. Bryony received her prize at the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall earlier this week.

INVESTORS IN PEOPLE

I am delighted to tell you that we have been successful in our bid for redesignation of our Investors in People status. A huge thank you to the 20 members of staff and Chair of Governors who were interviewed by the Inspector. The Inspector was very impressed, commenting on the wonderful ethos and atmosphere in the school and on the quality of the responses of those being interviewed. Special thanks go to Ms Newman who worked so hard to prepare for the inspection and took us so successfully through our redesignation bid. Well done!

'JEANS FOR GENES' DAY

I am pleased to report that school raised £1,150 last Friday in support of the 'Jeans for Genes Day' charity. This is a tremendous amount and I would like to say a big thank you to the Sixth Form Interact Team and Staff involved and to everyone who contributed.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

Parents may remember that I mentioned in my last Newsletter that we are to hold a service of Holy Communion at 8.00 am once every month on a Tuesday. The next Service will be held on Tuesday, 13 October in the Quiet Room and we would like to extend a warm welcome to all our school community to attend.

SPONSORED SWIM

Thank you to those pupils who have already brought in their sponsorship money to school. Could we please encourage those who haven't to collect in the sponsorship money and send it into school as soon as possible. We would like to send our donations to the British Heart Foundation before we break for half term.

GCSE INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 10 PARENTS

Parents of pupils in Year 10 should have received a letter last Monday regarding the postponement of this event. I would like to apologise again and remind Parents that the

GCSE information evening is now to be held this coming Tuesday, 13 October at 7.00 pm in School. As your daughter will have received information during afternoon school on that day, she will not be expected to attend.

INTERACT NEWS

On Monday, 5 October, Liverpool Rotary invited five students from our Sixth Form to lunch at the Adelphi Hotel. The purpose of this was to present Emma Slattery with her chain of office as President of Interact. This was an enjoyable event and the Rotarians were impressed by our students and the work they had done so far in raising money for charity. All five have been heavily involved with the 'Jeans for Genes' day.

FREE ICT CLASSES FOR ADULTS

European Computer Driving Licence: Modules in Word-processing, Spreadsheets, Databases, Communication, Presentation, File Management and Concepts of Information Technology. Classes, which are free, are due to start on Monday, 2 November from 6.30 to 8.30 pm. However, if you wish to take exams, a fee will be payable. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Mrs Sandra West, Archbishop Blanch School office, on 709 1452.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

PA DISCO: The next disco will be held on **Thursday, 15 October, 7.00 - 9.00 pm** in the School Hall. Tickets will be on sale 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.

MORRISONS LET'S GROW

Please send your vouchers into school - 1 voucher for every £10 spent. The campaign runs between 7 September and 1 November.

FREE BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS

We are again participating in the Nestlé Box Tops for Books scheme, which is running between 1 September 2009 and 31 March 2010. Tokens can be found on the top of Nestlé cereal boxes and can be deposited in the collection boxes in school.