



Head's Newsletter

Dear Parent(s)

THAT WAS THE WEEK THAT WAS!

Following the extraordinary weather last week, I would like to thank Mr Coumbe, our Senior Facilities Co-ordinator, and our site team for their tremendous efforts to clear the school grounds so that we could open safely last Monday. One of my memories from this event is the sight of JCBs clearing the snow from the grounds. Our new website was a very useful means of communicating the status of the school throughout the week and I would urge parents to continue using this facility for the latest information on school events. (www.abblanch.com)

CAROL SERVICE

The Carol Service at the end of term was a most moving and inspirational start to the Christmas season. My thanks go to Mrs Loveland, Mr Moss and the Music Department, our pupil readers, instrumentalists and singers who worked so hard to provide us with such a memorable evening.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

A number of our Year 11 pupils took their English and Mathematics GCSE Examinations early in November. The results were published yesterday and I would like to congratulate both the girls and their teachers on their fantastic results. Congratulations also go to Year 10 for their modular Science results and to their teachers.

I am pleased to report that we had a 100% pass rate from all Year 10 Food Technology pupils who took their Level 2 Certificate in Food Safety in December. Well done girls!

PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

Best wishes to Victoria Atherton and Olivia Beesley who will be taking part in the prestigious Liverpool Law Society Public Speaking competition next Wednesday.

EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE

Monday, 25 January 2010:

School will close at 3.00 pm to accommodate the Year 10 Parents' Meeting. Could you please make arrangements for your daughter to leave school at this earlier finish time. The 600 bus will be available at 3.00 pm but not the 646. The 646 bus will arrive at its usual time (3.45 pm) and any pupil wishing to catch this bus can stay in Homework Club until the bus arrives.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR MUSIC GALA CONCERT

Please note that there is to be a change of date to our annual Gala Concert, which was previously published to take place on Wednesday, 10 February. We are in the process of sorting out a new date and will publish this in the next Newsletter.

IMPORTANT DATES/ FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<u>25 January</u>	3.15-6.00 pm	Year 10 Parents Meeting
<u>27 January</u>		Clergy Lunch
<u>1 February</u>	7.00 pm	Parents' Association Meeting
<u>3 February</u>	6.30-8.30 pm	Prospective Sixth Form Evening
<u>12 February</u>		Break for half term (15-20 February)
		Ski trip 13-20 February
<u>22 February</u>		All pupils return to school at normal time
		Year 10 Work Experience until 8 March
<u>24 February</u>	3.15-6.00 pm	Year 7 Parents' Meeting
<u>1 March</u>	7.00 pm	Parents' Association Meeting
<u>2 March</u>	3.15-6.00 pm	Year 8 Parents' Meeting
<u>25 March</u>	7.00 pm	Parents' Association Disco for Years 7, 8 and 9
<u>1 April</u>	PM	Easter Service in School
		School closes for the Easter Holiday break

Please see reverse for details of the
Sixth Form Open Evening
(Email recipients can access this via the
link - www.chooseblanch.com)