



NEWSLETTER

8th October 2018

Headteacher Message

May I begin by expressing how proud I was to accompany our Key Stage 4 pupils to a production of Macbeth at The Lowry Theatre last Thursday evening. As Macbeth is a standard study piece, this particular evening was extremely popular with school parties and, as you would expect, Ashton on Mersey pupils outshone all other pupils with respect to their focus and behaviour. A huge 'Thank you' to Mr Harper, our Curriculum leader for Performing Arts, who arranged this great experience.



Andrew Shakos
Executive Headteacher

May I take this opportunity to please ask for your support in ensuring that our pupils are organised and fully equipped for the day. We have recently noticed an increase in the number of parents visiting our reception to leave PE kit, lunches, snacks and books that had been left at home by the pupil. By supporting our pupils to pack their bags the night before and revisiting them in the morning to add any healthy snacks, lunch and/or drinks, they will learn to become more independent and it will remove the need for parents to leave their already busy schedules to drop things off at school.

We hope you enjoy this week's newsletter! Wishing you health, happiness and every success, Mr Shakos,

Ashton on Mersey Sixth Form OPEN EVENING

Thursday 15th November 2018
6pm – 8pm

Year 7 Welcome Evening

For all Year 7 parents, it is Year 7 Welcome Evening this Thursday which gives you the opportunity to receive an update from your child's form tutor regarding how well they have settled into secondary school life.

AOM EVENT DATES

11th October - Year 7 Welcome Evening

3.30pm

19th October - School Closes

29th October - School re-opens

6th November - Presentation Evening

15th November - Sixth Form Open
Evening

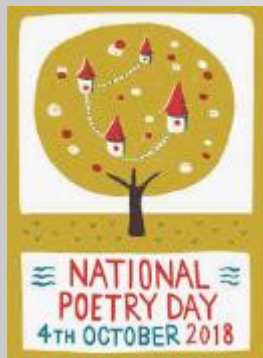
26th November - Year 11 Mock GCSE's
(2 weeks)

6th December - Year 10 Progress
Evening

6th December – AOM Christmas
Markets 6-8pm

20th December – School Closes for
Christmas

National Poetry Day 4th October



Pupils in Years 7 and 8 were treated to a poetry reading by Fred Varden. Fred has been writing poetry for 18 months and performs at local venues and festivals. He explained how he gets his inspiration from different places and challenged pupils to take part in next year's poetry competition.

Head of Year Messages

Year 7

Year 7 have had another great week, it was great to see so many enjoying the Flowskate session organised by Mr Doody on Monday. It's also great to see so many of our pupils participating in afterschool clubs and teams. Just to remind all parents, it is the Year 7 Welcome Evening on Thursday, 11th October. Thank you Dr Fox - Assistant Headteacher / Head of Year 7

Year 8

Year 8 are currently working well and their attitude to learning is fantastic. Please be aware that attendance in Year 8 is a slight concern and we need to stress the importance of being in school every day to access the best education. Year 8 forms are competing in the form league every half term, which includes points for behaviour, attendance and achievement. Please can you be utilising the Show My Homework App; if you have any problems please visit help.showmyhomework.co.uk or call 0207 197 9550. Thank you – Mr Holbrook - Head of Year 8

Year 9

Year 9 Art homework has been highlighted as exceptional this week, see the picture of Saveena and Daisy with their work. Please use the 'Show my Homework' app to monitor your child's homework to make sure it is all being completed to a high standard and on time. I hope this focus on 'doing well' in Year 9 continues. Thank you Miss Ellis – Head of Year 9



Year 10

Year 10 continue their great start to the school year, the pupils have settled in well to their GCSE classes. Please can I ask that you support your child by ensuring they attend every single day. Attendance has taken a slight dip and it is crucial that your child doesn't miss out on any valuable content which is delivered in lessons. Can I also take this opportunity to remind you that the deadline for Work Experience paperwork is Friday 14th December. The pupils need to be actively looking for a suitable placement and securing these as soon as possible. All paperwork needs to be returned to school (Student Services). As always thank you for your continued support. Miss Roberts - Head of Year 10

Year 11

The attendance of our Year 11's is not where we would like it to be. Please can I ask that you ensure your child is in school everyday possible. This is a critical year and we are offering afterschool revision everynight until 4pm. Please encourage your child to attend as this will stand them in good stead for the mock exams scheduled for December. Thank you for your continued support Mr Carey – Head of Year 11

Year 11 Revision Study Programme

Year 11 have made a great start to the academic year. To support them throughout their GCSE's there will be after-school study sessions for them to attend. Please see the attached programme for Term 1 if your child is in Year 11. As an extra incentive Year 11 can collect study stars for every session that they attend. The aim is for each Year 11 pupils to secure bronze, silver and gold levels of study. At each level pupils will receive a pin for their lapel and will be entered for additional rewards



AOM PE Update

'I've missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times, I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.' (Michael Jordan)



Open Morning

The PE department was buzzing with visitors thanks to the pupil leaders who were great at interacting with the Year 6 parents, sharing their positive experiences at our school.

Cross Country

18 runners competed at John Leigh Park. Year 7 - Tom finished 4th, Year 9 - Izzy came 2nd and Year 10 - Lucy 4th in their races. Thank you to Mrs Evans and Mr Szekley for their support on Saturday morning.

Football

Well done to U15 Girls team who competed in a friendly U16's competition. This was a good opportunity in preparation for their up and coming ESFA National Cup games, starting next week.

Year 8 A team remains unbeaten after their thrill seeking game. The team came from 3-0 down to draw 3-3, then win 13-12 on penalties against Fred Longworth High School allowing them to progress to the next round of the ESFA Nation Cup. Well done to 'Player of the Match' Keane who made the winning save during sudden death penalties.

Sixth Form also remain unbeaten securing a victory against Burry College 5-0.

SHRED

New skiing / snowboarding lessons started this week with 35 pupils attending. Some places still available. Detail via Miss Cooper or Student Services.

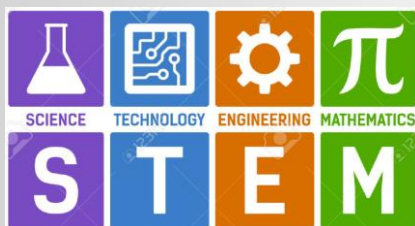
Community

AOM PE department have linked up with Sale West Community Centre to deliver a Leadership qualification during enrichment. Our Sixth Form students will be volunteering in the community within a few weeks as part of the programme.

Coming soon: Total Ninja! Details to follow.

Parents: If you would like to support the PE department with our voluntary programme of fixtures, practice and recreational sessions, please contact Mr Doody. All support is very appreciated.

Keep up to date: See the school website with the Extra Curricular Timetable and PE Fixtures Calendar under Helpful Links.



We run an incredibly diverse range of options enabling our pupils to select from a range of courses unavailable in most other local secondary schools. Our curriculum is further enhanced by a range of clubs including our exemplary STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) club. We are looking to build on the schools links with Industries related to our courses –this could be Engineering, Construction, Science, Computer Science, Business, Photography, Graphic Design or related industries.

We are delighted by the fact that many of our pupil's relatives work in these industries and also know through experience the power of pupils being able to engage with real life case studies. To further enhance these learning opportunities we provide we would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to any parents or carers to add their support to these courses. In the past this has included offers such as:

Ambassador Roles: Industry experts may wish to share experience of their area of expertise with pupils or support after school sessions in a related activity.

Work Experience: We are always seeking out new and diverse work experience places for both our pupils in school and in Sixth Form, to provide the most suitable and meaningful experiences. Similarly, businesses and industries that can provide site visits give pupils an excellent taste of the working environment.

Materials: Excess materials and offcuts too small for industrial use are often suitable to provide additional opportunities to pupils. Construction materials, sheet material pieces and graphic/ printing offcuts have all been donated in the past.

If you feel able to help in any of the ways listed above or have any other ideas please contact the school on 0161 9731179 and speak to Mr Peet or email on office@aom.trafford.sch.uk.

Yours Faithfully,

Stuart Peet
STEM Co-Ordinator, Teacher of Engineering.

Show my Homework

We launched 'Show my Homework' with all pupils this term. A PIN code and log in details for parents/guardians are on a sticker in all pupil planners. Please look out for these and download the **Show my Homework App** to your mobile devices / tablets using your Parent PIN. We hope this initiative will enable you to follow your child's homework more closely and allow you to support their independent work at home.

