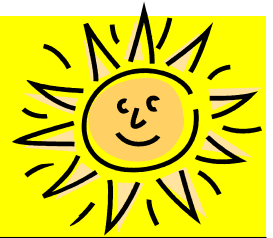


BLAKESTON SCHOOL SUMMER NEWS



Term Dates 2008 - 2009

Autumn Term 2008

Monday 1st September - Training Day

Tuesday 2nd September - Training Day

Wednesday 3rd September - Thursday 23rd October

Friday 24th October - Training Day

Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October – Half Term

Monday 3rd November - Friday 19th December

Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January – Holidays

Spring Term 2009

Monday 5th January - Thursday 12th February

Friday 13th February - Training Day

Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February - Half Term

Monday 23rd February - Friday 3rd April

Monday 6th April - Friday 17th April - Easter Holidays

Friday 10th April - Good Friday

Monday 13th April - Easter Monday

Summer Term 2009

Monday 20th April - Friday 22nd May

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May - Half Term

Monday 1st June - Friday 17th July

Monday 20th July - Training Day



Work Experience Student ~German Exchange~

Franziska Wudi joined us in May 2008 as part of a German work experience exchange scheme organised by Mrs. Anne Smith, Head of Modern Foreign Languages. The party consisted of about 16 students accompanied by one of their teachers.

Franziska opted to experience work in the Administration Department of the School and was given an oversight of the whole function including Assertive Discipline, Pupil Behaviour Tracking, Finance, Reprographics, General Administration and Examinations.

She enjoyed herself and wrote saying*“I was here from Germany for my work experience. I'm 16 years old and I'm living in a small town named Emmelshausen. I enjoyed the time at your school because I worked with lovely persons and learned a lot of things about your school system which is a little bit different to mine. Also I want to say that I like the relationship between students and teachers at your school. I want to thank all teachers and all the people in the Office for the great time at your school!”*

Franziska was presented with a Certificate of Achievement and a few mementos of her visit to Blakeston. We too enjoyed Franziska's visit and wish her well for the future.

Uniform

Remember Uniform is not an option and we expect students to be appropriately dressed at

all times.



School uniform can be bought from either Rawcliffes, Prince Regent Street or Elizabeth Embroidery in Richardson Road.

Shoes should be black, trainers **are not uniform**.

Jewellery is not part of the uniform either and should not be worn. Remember a uniform grant can be applied for if you are in receipt of the appropriate benefits, claim forms are available from the school office.

School Dinners

From Monday, 8th Sept 2008 the cost of school dinners will rise to **£1.85 per meal**

Army Ninety Year 9 pupils spent the day at Marne Barracks in Catterick at the Army Exhibition for Schools, aimed at giving a greater understanding about the available careers in the Army.



The Yorkshire Regiment reconstructed a Mock Battle and the Parachute Regiment also 'dropped' in.

A great day was had by all and no one ended up in the Guard House!

PUPIL SUPPORT CENTRE - GROUPWORK

• Trip to Newham Grange Leisure Farm - 3rd July 2008

Year 7 pupils who took part in Self-Esteem group work in the Pupil Support Centre were rewarded with a trip to Newham Grange Farm for their excellent behaviour and hard work throughout the course. Pupils: Adam Jones, Adam Harper, Joseph Davies, Luke Henderson and Stephen Devlin.



• MFC Business Enterprise Course - Jan 2008

Well done to all the pupils who passed this course which was OCR accredited. A trip to Middlesbrough Football Club for the presentation awards and a buffet tea for the lucky participants. Pupils: Kieran Walsh, Alice Harper, Michael Lloyd, Ryan Rudd, Charlene Wright, Sam Cruse and James Lile.



• CONNECTIONS - Now! Project - May 2008

Well Done! to all the boys who took part in the construction courses. A presentation evening was held at the Arc for the pupils and their families with buffet and entertainment provided. All pupils were presented with a £10 gift voucher and a certificate of participation. Pupils: Ben Armstrong, Liam Waterfield, Andrew May, James Campbell, Jordan Barrowman, Ryan Rudd.

SEPTEMBER RETURN TO SCHOOL

• We return to school on Wednesday, 3rd Sept. 2008.

• The new Year 7 pupils start school at 8:40am.

- Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 start at 10:20am and should go straight to their tutors.
- Remember the class changes & the room where your tutor will be.

We Came, We Saw, We Photographed



In May, six year 11 students were asked to participate in a GCSE Photography course led by Mr. Hann. This term long course was completed in 12 school days and the students went on two field trips to Hartlepool Headland to record photographs of the buildings / landscape and to Castle Eden Walkway to take portraiture photographs in natural surroundings.

Each student presented 8 to 12 shots which were used in two separate PowerPoint presentations including written explanations followed by completion of a ten hour controlled test based around structure in plants.

All six students **passed** the course and despite the short timescale everyone enjoyed it and gained a basic knowledge of photography.

Upon seeing the work the external examiner asked if could use them as examples and show the board of examiners as he was very pleased with the results and the work produced.