

Special points of interest:

We wish you a
happy and
productive 2009.

Have you seen the
number and range
of clubs on offer?

Come and join in
and experience
something new in
2009!

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The Finance Academy

Learn Personal Presentation and Networking Skills!



Over the last few weeks, the Year 12 Kingswood Partnership Finance Academy students have worked with a wide range of specialists in public speaking and effective networking. Our students were given the opportunity to work with Jason Flint of the firm Flint Branding Ltd (Design Consultants) to explore their own working styles and to learn how to identify characteristics in others in networking settings in order to communicate effectively and make the most of their contacts.

On Wednesday 22 October, our students were the guests of the Mercure Brigstow Hotel, a four-star hotel in the centre of Bristol, where they experienced workshops in social and business etiquette. The students were tasked with putting their learning into practice over a delicious two course lunch, provided by the hotel. This was then followed by a tour of the facilities and an engaging presentation in the boardroom about how to conduct a meeting. It was a very positive experience for all and the students were praised for the progress they had made. In particular, they were praised for their increased self-confidence and ability to engage in conversation with new people in a business social activity, both verbally and non-verbally, through effective body language and etiquette.

Other activities have included successfully completing a St. John's Ambulance First Aid Course, a presentation from Business Links about how to set up your own business and December saw the launch event for the Partners in Business Student Mentoring Programme. This term will conclude with a guided tour of the new HBOS / Halifax building in Millennium Square.

Meanwhile Year 13 have focused on perfecting their personal statements, presented to the local business community and have attended a presentation delivered by the Institute of Financial Planning on careers in the sector. They also took part in an enterprise workshop, explored the mysteries of Psychology in a training session about effective goal setting, met with mentors, took part in a business skills coaching session linked to Martial Arts and in the New Year will embark upon a second major business challenge facilitated by the Business School at the University of the West of England! They also combined with Year 12 to attend the Distinguished Speaker Series at UWE and two Year 13 students did a superb job when they represented the Finance Academy students during Schools Minister Jim Knight's recent visit to the Kingswood Partnership.



Extra Curricular Clubs

Club	Year group	Where	When
Graphics Catch Up	11	DT 1	Wed 3.15-4.00pm
Flying Start Challenge	9	D&T Block	Thur 3.15-4.00pm
D&T Catch Up	11	DT 5,2, 6, 3	Tues and Thur
Green Power	All Years	D&T Block	Wed 6.30– 8.30 pm
Knitting Club	All Years	DT 7	Thur Lunchtime
Engineering Catch Up	11	D&T Block	After School
Pet Club	7-9	SC 2	Most Lunchtimes
Science and Engineering Club	7-9	Science Block	
Prehistoric Club	7	SC6	
Brownie Points	7	tbc	
Concord Shadowing 8/7	7 and 8	LRC	Tues 3.15 pm
NEAT English Magazine	9	EN1	Tues Lunchtimes
Duke of Edinburgh Award	10	EN5	Tues 3.15 pm
Basketball	All Years	Sports Hall	Thur Lunchtime
Readathon	7/8/9	English Corridor	
Chess Club	All Years	LRC	Wed 3.15-4.15 pm
Set Design/Art Club	All Years	Art Block	Until Feb
Art	7/8/9	Art Block	Tues after school
GCSE Catch up Art	10/11	Art Block	Wed/Thur after school
Choir	All years	Music Rooms/Hall	Tues 3.15 pm
Band	All years	Main Hall	Thur 3.15 pm
Netball	All years	Sports Hall	Tues and Wed 3.15 pm
Rugby	7	Field	Thur
Rugby	8	Field	Wed
Girls Rugby	All Years	Field	Mon 3.15 pm
Girls Kickboxing	All Years	Dance Studio	Mon 3.15 pm
Hockey	All Years	Astroturf	Thurs 3.15 pm
5 a-side Football Boys		Sports Hall	Friday Lunchtime
Golf	All Years		Starting soon
Rugby	10/9	Field	On days without matches
Mock Magistrates Trial	8/9	SR3 (Sixth Form)	Fri, Week B Lunchtimes
School Show Rehearsals	All Years	Drama Rooms	Most Tues/Wed/Thur/Fri
Set Design for A Midsummer's Night Dream	All Years	Art	Fri after school

Clubs change all the time but this is a sample of what is on offer at the moment.
Please take up these amazing opportunities that are on offer to enhance and enrich the curriculum.

Certificate Evening Congratulates Successful Year 11s



Monday 15 December saw all of last year's successful Year 11s invited back to school to receive their GCSE certificates.

It was a fantastic evening and a real celebration of

the achievements of last summer.

2008 was, of course, the year that the school attained its highest percentage of A*- C's, 62.5%, and did extremely well at A-level with a 94% pass rate.

The Head thanked all the students, parents/carers and staff for all their hard work and dedication when working together in

order to achieve these ground-breaking results.

Mr Gregg, who retired last year but who is still a familiar face around school, was the guest speaker and gave a hilarious speech about himself and some of the remaining staff. He also gave some sage advice to all of the students about the future and life in general.



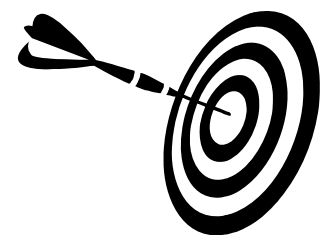
A PDC Lesson

Within PDC this coming term all students will be participating in active and engaging lessons which will enable them to become **Reflective Learners**. This is the third PLTS (Personal Learning and Thinking Skills) theme within the PDC curriculum and involves students evaluating their life experiences, setting goals for their future and providing feedback on their actions to assess themselves and their behaviours.

Initially, students will be asked to set themselves SMART targets, as explained below:

Specific	They say exactly what you need to do
Measurable	You can prove that you have reached them.
Achievable	You can reach them in the next few weeks.
Realistic	They are about action you can take
Time-related	They have deadlines

These targets will be monitored and evaluated throughout their PDC lessons to refine students' ability to reflect on themselves and their academic achievements. All students will then develop knowledge of how to deal positively with praise, setbacks and criticism. Ultimately, students will gain the tools and skills needed to regularly monitor their own performance.



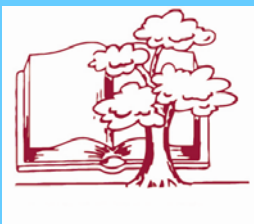
Attendance Matters

This has been a difficult term for attendance. Colds and flu have meant that a lot of staff and students have been away from school for some period of time. This, of course, is unfortunate and unavoidable

However, the need for good attendance has never been more important. Employers and further education establishments always ask for attendance figures. Attendance is always shown as a percentage and this can sometimes mask the true amount of time that a student has been absent. For instance if a student has an attendance of 80% this equates to one day off a week! Who would want to employ someone with this low a figure? Even 90% is equivalent to the student having half a day off every week.

Early next year, you will be receiving a letter telling you about changes to the attendance procedures at Mangotsfield School. These are predominately concerned with the safety issue of letting you know immediately when your child is not in school. It will also make communication between home and school much simpler.

In the meantime, we would like to reinforce how important a child's attendance is to performance in school. After all, if they are not in school, they are missing out on their education.



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Well Done
Jess Hocking

USED TO ENJOY PLAYING NETBALL ?? COME ALONG AND ENJOY IT AGAIN !

FUN NETBALL SESSIONS

Come along and enjoy playing Netball again in a fun and sociable atmosphere. Meet new people and get great relaxed coaching by qualified coaches.



WEEKLY SESSIONS

Thursday, 8pm - 9pm

£3 Per Session +
£20 joining/membership fee
Next Session = 15th Jan

VENUE:

(outdoor Floodlit court)
Cleve Rugby Club,
Cossham Street,
Mangotsfield,
Bristol, BS16 9EN



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Congratulations to Jess Hocking of 8.3 on becoming a member of the County Netball Squad!

There were over a hundred girls who attended the trials in October and after several rounds of very hard games Jess secured a place in the Satellite County Netball Academy. She trains every Monday from 6 – 8pm at the Academy at Monks Park School – we are very proud of you Jess, well done!!