

Special points of
interest:

Please attend
the Year 11
Post 16
Opportunities
Evening at
7.00 pm on
Tuesday 28
September

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Mangotsfield Newsletter



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World Challenge Expedition to Peru Summer 2010



After a dedicated 18 months of fundraising and saving money; 5 sixth form students from Mangotsfield School (Sam Elliott, Esther Harrill, Joe Newman, Jess Penman and Lori Somner) teamed up with students from Blessed William Howard School to reap the rewards of a fantastic expedition to Peru, in South America. During the 4 week expedition in the summer, the team worked with a deprived community to restore their school, trekked in the Colca Canyon, travelled to see the sights in Southern Peru, including Machu Picchu, and took part in activities such as white-water rafting.

Miss Beedle acted as the school leader alongside a World Challenge leader; both of whom are very proud of what all the students achieved and experienced whilst away on expedition.

The World Challenge expedition location for the summer of 2012 is due to be announced soon.

Please remember that school zipped tops are compulsory.
Every student must have one!
Replacements can be ordered from reception.

Zoe's drive to help academy attract women mechanics - article from Bristol Evening Post

An academy that trains people to work in the automotive industry has recruited a sixth form student to help attract more females to its apprenticeship courses. Zoe Scully, who goes to Mangotsfield Sixth Form College, is working with the management team at S&B Automotive Academy in Bedminster as part of a marketing internship during the summer holidays. The 17-year-old, who lives in Mangotsfield and is studying for a diploma in business and finance, is looking at ways the academy can attract more females to consider courses that are traditionally thought of as male-orientated. Part of her work is examining why so few girls who leave school apply to work in the automotive sector, and why teachers tend not to recommend a career in the industry to their female pupils.

Zoe said: "I'm very keen to develop a career in marketing and to have an opportunity like this at S&B Automotive Academy is fantastic. I've been made very welcome by everyone here and it's interesting that there are perhaps as many female employees as there are male. The main reason for my placement is to look at ways to attract more females into the sector from school age. Hopefully the research I'm doing and recommendations I'll come up with will help encourage more women to consider a career in the industry."

The academy is keen to dispel the image of the motor industry as being "just for men", and is keen to highlight the variety of rewarding careers available to both men and women.

Zoe said: "I've been speaking to a number of women who are studying courses at the academy and who all think more women should consider a career in the automotive sector. Those who think they might find it intimidating should think again, the atmosphere is really friendly and professional, and the team is very welcoming."

Richard Pope, sales and marketing manager at S&B Automotive Academy, said "one of the main objectives of the sector is to attract more females. Zoe has already made some interesting observations and we'll certainly take on board her recommendations before she goes back to college in September."

The academy currently trains 600 students a year with courses ranging from pre-apprenticeships, to apprenticeships for those working in the motor industry, management training and other short courses. For more information, call S&B Automotive Academy on 0117 953 3001, or visit www.sandbaa.com.

• *After the success of the Evening Post's campaign to find 100 apprenticeships in 100 days, they have expanded their target. Now they want to get 100 companies across the Bristol area to sign up and offer young people the chance to work with them as apprentices. Their campaign is aimed at companies of all sizes, across every industry.*

If you are a business looking to take on an apprentice, or a young person keen to start an apprenticeship, email d.harris@bepp.co.uk.

For more information on apprenticeships, how to run one or how to apply, call the National Apprenticeship Service on 08000 150 600 or visit www.apprenticeships.org.uk.

PTA AGM

Please note: date changed to 12th October
7.00 pm in the LRC (all welcome)

Keeping your children safe - Road Safety advice

A recent child car safety event held in Kingswood found faults in 8 out of 10 car seats. Avon Fire and Rescue Service, South Gloucestershire Council's Road Safety Team, Mothercare, Brittax and Avon and Somerset Constabulary worked in partnership.

Twenty drivers had their child seats checked by experts, who found 80% weren't fitted correctly or had faults. The issues identified by staff from retailer Mothercare and car seat makers Brittax included twisted belts, headrests in the incorrect position and fasteners not connected.

Avon Fire & Rescue Service Station Manager at Kingswood, Matt Peskett, said: "Figures suggest that a child is 90% less likely to be killed in a collision if they are properly restrained. Until parents and carers get the opportunity to have their car seats checked by experts, Avon Fire & Rescue Service suggests the following advice:

- Research which seats are most suitable for your vehicle;
- Only buy a seat that carries the United Nations ECE R44.04 safety mark;
- Make sure your retailer has trained members of staff who can fit and check your seat; and
- Always follow the manufacturer's instruction.

If you would like to find out more information on child seats and upcoming events visit www.avonfire.gov.uk or www.protectchildgb.org.uk.

MPH Win Place in National Final

Congratulations to MPH, the Year 8 (mainly) Greenpower team, who came 4th in Sunday's race at RAF Merryfield against 24 other teams. They have won a place in the national final at Goodwood Motor Circuit on Sunday 17th October.

The team, watched by parents and grandparents, clocked up 85 miles to clinch their place in the final. They were beaten by only 2 schools, Chipping Sodbury (with 2 cars taking first and second place) and the private school, Bristol Grammar, who came third. The only other local secondary school to enter was The Grange School who came in 21st position.

See the full results of the Formula 24 Somerset Regional Heat on the Greenpower website at www.greenpower.co.uk.





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Barnardo's Parent Support Adviser Service

Parent Support Advisers are funded by public money through 'extended schools'. Barnardo's are providing this service for Mangotsfield School. They say:-

Children don't come with a handbook and we all need help and advice from time to time! Parenting can be very rewarding but can also be difficult and challenging at times, especially when other pressures exist. We can help by.....

- Providing advice and information on setting routines, dealing with challenging behaviour and your child's physical, academic and emotional development.
- Work to build on existing relationships between staff and parents and offer support to enable you to become more involved with and have a more positive impact on your child's learning and development.
- We can also help with your child's attendance if this is causing you or your child's school concern.

Examples of some of the work we have been involved with recently.....

- Providing practical help and support to parents when family relationships breakdown.
- Supplying parents with additional tools to help their children gain confidence and self esteem.
- Providing parents with different strategies to cope with their children's more challenging behavior
- Liaising with schools when relationships between home and school have broken down and by making sure parents are fully informed of decisions that impact upon their children
- Provide help with the transition from infant to junior and from junior to secondary schools.

The service is non-judgmental, low level, short term and confidential. We do not share information with anyone else (including school!) unless we have your permission to do so.

How can you get in touch with your Parent Support Adviser?

The first thing you need to do is speak to a member of staff in school. This can be your child's class teacher, a member of support staff or the head teacher. They will then get in touch with us and, if we think we can be of help, your Parent Support Adviser will contact you and arrange to meet up and have a chat. If you then feel that you would like them to work with you, we can go from there!

For more information visit our website: www.barnardos.org.uk/southglospsa.htm

Year 11 Post 16 Opportunities Evening Tuesday 28th September, 7.00 pm start

This is an event for all Year 11 students and their parents to come to the school and discuss their options after next year, specifically looking at the subjects available in the sixth form.

We strongly advise all students to attend. We have courses for everyone.