

HIGHFURLONG SCHOOL

Newsletter 13.01.12

WORK EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS

We have had a very busy week as a number of work experiences have taken place.

Michael Cross continues at McDonalds and Central Library; in addition, he worked at Party Standards on Tuesday.

Rose Jackson has worked in the FYI at Blackpool 6th Form for two sessions this week and Lauren Allum has done one session. Victoria Smith has started a four session placement at Shirley's Hairdressers in Cleveleys. The photos taken showed how hard she worked - fabulous!

The Via project was launched for the first four of our students - each Thursday for six weeks, prior to accessing work placements. The students involved are Alex Harper, Ryan Rhodes, Nathan Rhodes and Liam Parry - good luck to them and work hard!

The volunteering continues for Alex Harper, Nathan Rhodes and Sharon Evenson on a Tuesday morning with Jenna Trewartha from Blackpool's Parks Department.

We have been fortunate to have a small budget to support work related learning through successful bidding. However, this pot is almost empty and it is necessary to work with parents to access transport to enable our young people to continue with their personalised learning. If transport is required, can we suggest parents investigate public transport options. Rideability (Blackpool) and Travel Care (Lancashire) are possibilities and perhaps you could consider contacting your son or daughter's travel office, to see if there is anything they can offer?

Also, please consider using funding received from mobility allowance and, for the 16+ students in receipt of EMA, they should be using this allowance to support their studies, including transport costs.



Arriving at the Jaguar Factory

JAGUAR FACTORY VISIT

A group of sixteen students visited the Land Rover Jaguar factory, Liverpool on Wednesday; it was a great visit and was planned with military precision! They had a great day - they said it was 'fantastic', 'intriguing', and 'phenomenal'. Thanks to all staff involved.

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT

Thank you to everyone who has returned the Home School Agreement. However, there are still some outstanding, so could you please sign and return them for this next Monday? Thank you.

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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE TROPHY

The class with the highest attendance for the week 02/01/12 to 06/01/12 is Class 4 with 91.1%. Congratulations to Class 4 - it is great to see another class winning the weekly trophy as, last term, 5G did seem to have a bit of a monopoly!

SWIMMING AND HYDROTHERAPY

Please could you ensure that all pupils have swimming costumes or swim trunks (pads if required) so that they can access either the hydrotherapy pool in school or the pool at Poulton. We do not have any spare costumes at present so, if you have any costumes you could donate to school, we would really appreciate it. Thank you.

EARLY SUPPORT PARENT WORKSHOPS

National Portage Association has provided funding for Aiming Higher to deliver workshops for parents of children with additional needs. Further details are [attached](#) including the availability of crèche facilities. Everyone is welcome.

BLACKPOOL PARENT PARTNERSHIP

Blackpool Parent Partnership is a statutory service provided by Blackpool Council to support parents/carers who have a child with disabilities, special educational needs or learning difficulties. Details are [attached](#).

STUDENT VOICE

The student council now has an email address and students can contact them with comments and suggestions as to how to improve the school via:

studentvoice@highfurlong.blackpool.sch.uk

The next meeting of the school council will be Tuesday, 17th January at 12.30pm.



A hard decision - which car do I like the best?

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in school next Friday, 20th January - could you please ensure all pupils wear their 'best' uniform and bring brushes and combs so we can ensure they look their best for the photos. Thank you.

DIARY DATES

Monday, 16th January - Annual Reviews

Tuesday, 17th December - School Council meeting 12.30pm, Wheelchair clinic, Dr. Amdani's clinic, Party Standards work experience placement

Wednesday, 18th December - Collaborative Meetings, 5L visit to Blackpool Football Club.

Friday, 20th December - School Photographs.

