

HIGHFURLONG SCHOOL

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DRIVING EXPERIENCE

We are investigating an opportunity brought to our attention by Michelle Parry, for students to have the opportunity to drive a car with the Blackpool Driving School. This may be organised by Highfurlong for parents to support our young people but, at present, we need to know if there is any interest.

This is open to post 16 students, who have adequate hand and foot control, to do manoeuvres in a duel control car and be given basic directions to follow under supervision.

The cost will be £25 per student for morning or afternoon sessions and will include show and tell basic car care, appreciation of controls, blind spots, moving off and stopping, mirror, signal manoeuvre and basic core skills.

The instructor is a grade 6 (top grade), has 40 years experience, has full CRB and MOD clearance to teach children from the age of 13.

The sessions are likely to be held on the sixth form car park, which can be cordoned off and will be during the Easter holiday. We have received a full risk assessment, but I would like to clarify that we are offering the opportunity for our young people to be supported by their parent or carer and school will not otherwise be involved.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Joanne Martin.

BOCCIA COMPETITION

A group of 9 students participated in Lancashire's 'From Playground to Podium' Boccia competition in Blackburn on Tuesday. The whole team played brilliantly and they will now represent Lancashire at Liverpool in the Lord's Taverners under 19 regional Boccia competition on 21st February. Congratulations to Callum Pollock, Megan Woods, Callum Unsworth, Dylan Pickup, George Wright, Rebecca Falkingham, Michael Downs, Kieran Barker and Matthew Sessions. Thanks to Sharon Todd, Karen Tannian, Niki Gall and Jen Monaghan, the team coaches and 'rampers'.



Highfurlong Boccia team in action

GRUNDY ART GALLERY WORKSHOP

Students from Class 5L visited the Grundy Art Gallery, where they enjoyed a workshop session with artist Brigitte Jurak and viewed artwork by schools across Blackpool and the Fylde Coast.

COLLABORATIVE ENTERPRISE

Students involved in the collaborative enterprise project visited Blackpool Tower, where the focus of the visit was to look at different job roles. Next week, the students will be visiting Pizza Hut and will have the opportunity to make their own pizza!

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE TROPHY

The class with the highest attendance for the week commencing 23rd January, is Class 3 with 96.4%. Well done.

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MENCAP SURVEY

At the moment, the government is asking what could make life better for disabled people. They have written down some ideas for a strategy and want disabled people and the people in their lives, to tell them whether these are the right things to do, or whether there are other things that are more important.

Mencap will be telling the government what people with a learning disability, their friends, family and carers think needs to change. They want to hear from as many people as possible, so they can share these ideas with the government.

If you are a parent, carer or friend of someone with a learning disability, please tell them what you think by answering their survey below. If you could also help the person you know with a learning disability to complete the survey through the second link on this mail, that would be wonderful.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/disabilitystrategy_parents_carers_friends

If you are someone with a learning disability, please tell them what you think by completing the survey. You might want to ask someone you trust to help you with this. You get into the survey by double clicking on the underlined link below.

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Mencap will use the answers you give us in these surveys to tell everyone what is important to people with learning disabilities and their families. They will keep your details secure and confidential and will make sure they don't use your name or any other details in any reports or research.

For further information, please contact Colin Young on colin.young@mencap.org.uk.

Thank you for your support.



Jessica and Victoria at the Grundy Art Gallery

PHOTOS

If you wish to order a school photograph, please ensure that your order is returned to school by next Friday, 10th February.

DIARY DATES

Monday, 6th February - Annual Reviews

Tuesday, 7th February - ACE Centre in school

Wednesday, 8^h February - Collaborative Meetings

Thursday, 9th February - Self Advocacy Forum, Portage Birthday Party, Blackpool Young People's Council.

Friday, 10th February - Staff and Finance Governors' Meeting, 1.00pm.



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