

## Coursework and Revision

As the final coursework deadlines and the GCSE exams approach, it is essential that all students taking exams revise effectively for them to reach their full potential. For some students coursework remains an issue; if it is incomplete or of a poor standard this will affect their overall GCSE grade or BTEC level.

With this in mind, please make a note of the following times teachers have made themselves available. These sessions can be built into a revision timetable, in addition to the revision students should now be doing at home. All sessions will take place in the relevant teacher's classroom unless otherwise stated. Blank revision timetables are available from tutors.

### Art

**Mr Roberts** Every Wednesday lunchtime. Any other time with prior agreement.

### French

**Mrs Taysom** Tuesdays after school.  
**Mr Horta** Wednesdays after school.  
**Mr Gartland** Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays after school.

### Technology

**Mrs Mower** Every night (except Mondays) after school.  
**Mr Woodward** Tuesdays after school.  
**Miss West** Any night with prior agreement.

### GCSE P.E

**Miss Coates** Every Wednesday after school (in Y9).

### Science

**Mrs Mulqueen** BTEC Science – Wednesdays 3.00pm to 4.15pm.

### Performing Arts/Drama

**Mrs Buchan** BTEC Certificate group – rehearsals on Tuesdays and Thursdays 3.00pm to 4.30pm (from March 10<sup>th</sup> until 2<sup>nd</sup> week in April).

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### English

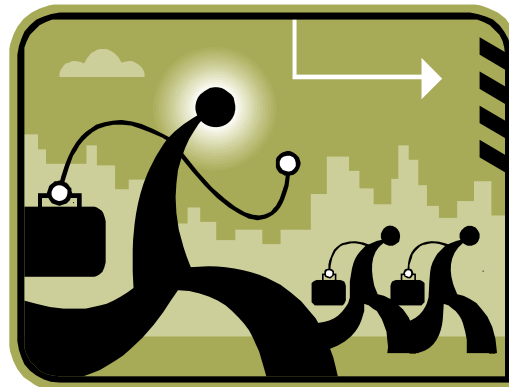
**Mr Hill** Media and English – Thursdays after school.  
**Mrs Holland** C/W and grade D to C (borderline) teaching, Wednesdays after school. Any other time agreed beforehand.  
**Ms O'Neill** Higher Tier English – Tuesdays after school.  
Higher Tier Literature (all texts for all higher pupils) Thursdays after school.  
**Ms Davies** Any night after school except Mondays (please see to arrange).

### Maths

**Mr Heath** Available lunchtimes for any Year 11 students. Please see him beforehand to arrange.  
Most teachers available Wednesdays in M4/M5.  
**Mr Starr** One to one help available but must be arranged in advance.

### ICT/Business

**Mrs Butlin** Tuesday Nights (in M7)



## Work Experience

Work Experience is not optional, it is part of the curriculum. The dates of this year's Work Experience are July 7th to July 18th. If students want to find their own placement they must collect an 'Own Placement Form' from Student Services which must be signed by the employer and their parents. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Allinson at the school on 01482 781912.

## The Tempest



As part of the KS3 English Test, students will be examined on their reading of the Shakespeare text 'The Tempest'. To help them with this, we arranged for the theatre company MOPA to come in to school to give a performance and a masterclass on the two set scenes. It was a fantastic experience; a number of students joined in and took the parts of the characters from the play as you can see from the photographs!



# Newsletter

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## Grease Is The Word

Over 60 students were involved in the school production of Grease which was held at the Preston Road Freedom Centre from Tues 4th to Fri 7<sup>th</sup> March. The show was a real success with three of the four nights being a complete sell out! Rehearsals took place over 5 months and involved 2 separate casts. It was great to see some new faces involved. Some of the students playing lead roles had never even performed on a stage before.



The show was visually impressive with the set and costumes finished to a very high standard. The stage crew worked extremely hard to ensure the smooth running of the show throughout the week. The performances from the pupils were truly outstanding and once again demonstrated the wonderful talent we have here at Archbishop Thurstan School.



We even had some surprise staff appearances from Mrs Parker as the strict Headmistress Mrs Lynch, Mr Heath as the Teen Angel who sang 'Beauty School Drop Out' dressed as Elvis and Mr Harrison as Vince Fontaine with his smooth talking, tight pants and hilarious impromptu gags! Over 1000 people came to support and watch the performance.



The two casts worked really hard over the four nights, performing numbers such as 'Shakin At The High School Hop' and 'Born To Hand Jive'. They showed real commitment to rehearsals throughout. All the hard work was definitely worth it and we look forward to the next school production!





## Archie 'N' Co

Students at Archbishop Thurstan started up a Young Enterprise company, 'Archie 'N' Co', back in September. Their initial aim was to create and produce cushions but that idea soon developed into scarves with internal heating as they felt this idea suited the winter season.

After various market research questionnaires they quickly realised that their product had massive potential. People thought the product would be incredibly beneficial. It had all sorts of colours and designs that appealed to everyone.

'Archie 'N' Co' was created by students in Year 10. The product idea was decided through a series of meetings and Tony Kangah was elected as the Manager Director.

"As I was already doing BTEC business studies I thought this was going to be a really good opportunity to get a hands on experience to the work I was already doing on paper but I had no idea how challenging and at the same time rewarding managing a business proved to be.

I was very enthusiastic and committed to this project. I wanted this company to be a success so I had to make some tough decisions,

decisions that had an impact on where the company was going. By December after pitching our ideas we were finally sponsored by Probe who gave us a lot of help and financial support, it seemed ANCO was finally achieving something and this was a big turn around for us.

With a little hard work and dedication we managed to get our product to the Hull trade fair. Everyone that came to our stand gave some really positive feedback; this gave us a lot of confidence and proved our product had massive potential. After a hard days work we produced a turnover of over £75 and nominated for best product quality. We were delighted with our first time of selling our product."



**"I can't put into words what an experience this has been; I have enjoyed it so much and would definitely love to take part in Young Enterprise again!"**

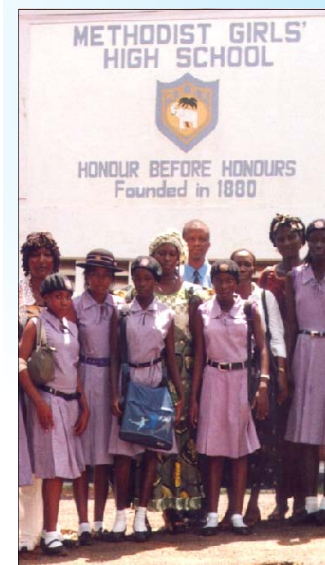
## Creative Partnerships

As part of our work with Creative Partnerships several teachers and support staff have had extensive training in using creative techniques to enhance the curriculum. One example of how this is having an impact in the classroom is described by teaching assistant Michelle Verity who has used Drama techniques to help the students to learn about Hinduism in the Year 7 RE curriculum.

"To introduce the topic of Hinduism to the Nurture Group, 7SPa, four of the students performed a short story, 'The Legend of Prahalad and Holika', to the rest of their class. The girls, who are regular attendees of the Learning Support Homework Club, made the props specially for the play and they had great fun trying on their costumes and getting into character. The students were outstanding; there was a wonderfully fluent narrator, a victimised Prince Prahalad, a murderous Demon King and an evil Holika. The Nurture Group and the staff thoroughly enjoyed the performance".



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## Sierra Leone

As you will be aware we encourage our students to not only understand different cultures but also to support people who are less fortunate than themselves. Following one of our non uniform days our students raised about £600. Our students decided that part of this money should be used to help support one of our link schools in Sierra Leone. As a country in Africa students struggle to receive a good education which will allow them to change their lives in a way that we encourage our students to take control of their own lives. We were able to send enough money to sponsor 6 students for a year thanks to a visit planned by church representatives from St Mary's.



As you can see from the photographs education and life in Sierra Leone is very different to that of our own. The sponsorship will pay for equipment, uniform, but more strangely for their place in a classroom.

The 6 students sponsored have written letters of thanks to our students for the work that they have done and the money that they raised. They have also written descriptions of themselves and their lives. Each of these letters have been sent to all students in our school. We hope to expand this link with our partner school with maybe a first step of creating pen pals. We think that old fashioned pen and paper may have to be used because the power supply to our link school is run by only one generator and they only have one computer. Either way we see the development of our partnership as crucial to expanding our student's awareness of life in other countries.



## Dates for your diary...

Thursday 20th March 2008	Tuesday 8th April 2008	Friday 23rd May 2008	Monday June 2nd 2008	Tuesday 22nd July 2008
End of Term. The school will close at 12.20pm for the Easter Holiday.	The School re-opens for all pupils at 8.50am.	Half Term. The school will close at 3pm for the Half Term Holiday.	The School re-opens for all pupils at 8.50am.	End of Term. The school will close at 12.20pm for the Summer Holiday.

## Robin Hood's Bay

The Modern Foreign Languages Department took a group of 22 Year 11 students to Robin Hood's Bay, North Yorkshire from Friday 14th March to Sunday 16th March, 2008. The residential visit was organised and funded by Malet Lambert Languages College, our link school. The aim of the visit was to provide intensive tuition on the key skills required for the forthcoming GCSE examination in June. The weekend was a great success. Students made excellent progress in their language skills but also really enjoyed learning in a different environment from school. The students were a credit to their families and to Archbishop Thurstan School. The staff were very impressed with their positive attitude and great efforts made throughout the weekend.



## Contact Information

We need to be able to contact you so please make sure that we are aware of any changes to addresses and phone numbers.