



ABRAHAM DARBY ACADEMY

CHRISTMAS QUIZ 2008



YOU MUST NOT CONFER WITH ANYONE ELSE - ANSWERS MUST BE YOURS ALONE

What do you remember about the events of 2008?

TOTAL SCORE =

	Name : _____ Form : _____	<u>ANSWER</u>	✓ or X
	<u>JANUARY</u>		
1	Two more countries, both islands, adopted the Euro as their currency at the start of the year. Can you name either of them?		
2	Which woman, twice Prime Minister of Pakistan was assassinated at a rally in Rawalpindi?		
3	MESSENGER became only the 2 nd spacecraft to fly close to and study the surface of which planet, having been launched in 2004?		
	<u>FEBRUARY</u>		
4	Devastating earthquakes hit the Great Lakes area of Africa, killing hundreds of people. Can you name either of the countries which were worst hit?		
5	February 7 th saw worldwide celebrations for the Chinese New Year. 2008 is the Year of which animal, according to Chinese custom?		
6	The Oscar winners were announced this month. Which British actor won the award for Best Actor for his part in the film "There will be Blood"?		
	<u>MARCH</u>		
7	The price of which precious metal reached a record high, trading at \$1,000 an ounce for the first time ever?		
8	The Queen opened Heathrow Airport's newest terminal, only for huge delays and baggage problems to follow. By which number is the new building known?		
9	Which country achieved the Grand Slam by beating France 29-12 in the final match of Rugby Union's 2008 RBS Six Nations Championship?		
	<u>APRIL</u>		
10	The Scottish Grand National was won by a horse called Iris de Balme, ridden by a jockey who is an ex-pupil of Adams' Grammar School. What is his name?		
11	Which video computer game released this month, became the biggest selling game of all time, selling over 6 million copies in the first week alone?		
12	Silvio Berlusconi was re-elected for the third time as the Prime Minister of which European country?		
	<u>MAY</u>		
13	Britain finished last in the 53 rd Eurovision Song Contest, which was held in Belgrade. Which country won with a song called "Believe", amid controversy of countries voting for their neighbours?		
14	Cyclone Nargis caused the worst natural disaster in the recorded history of which country, whose government slowed international relief efforts leading to condemnation of the way their military rulers handled the aftermath of the devastating cyclone?		
15	Manchester United beat Chelsea to capture the European Champions League winning on penalties, 6-5. Who was the only Manchester United player who failed to score from the penalty spot in the shoot-out?		
	<u>JUNE</u>		
16	It was announced that which member of Girls Aloud would replace Sharon Osbourne as a judge on The X Factor, after she quit the show?		
17	Which Shropshire village celebrated its 700 th anniversary this month? A place believed unique in England because it contains Roman numerals in its name!		
18	Which American politician, born in Hawaii, was named as the Democratic party's candidate for the presidency, becoming the first African American to be so nominated?		

	<u>JULY</u>		
19	Which famous actress gave birth to twins this month, naming them Knox and Vivienne?		
20	Which Irish golfer became the first to retain golf's British Open when he won the title at Royal Birkdale?		
21	Which film starring Christian Bale grossed a record \$158.4 million in its first weekend showing in cinemas, in the United States?		
	<u>OLYMPIC AUGUST</u>		
22	The Olympics dominated August; in which city were they held?		
23	One British cyclist scooped three gold medals at the age of 32. Who was he?		
24	How many medals in total did the British team amass in probably their best ever Olympics, placing them fourth overall? Was it 43, 45 or 47 medals?		
	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>		
25	Morgan Tsvangirai, the leader of the Movement for Democratic Change and President Robert Mugabe signed a power sharing agreement in which country?		
26	Which global financial services firm whose main business was in investment banking, equity and private banking, filed for bankruptcy this month; the start of a global stock market crash?		
27	Which English football team became the richest club in the world when it was bought by an Abu Dhabi consortium led by Sheikh Mansour bin Zayed Al Nahyan?		
	<u>OCTOBER</u>		
28	Which former American football player and actor was convicted of armed robbery and kidnapping, 13 years to the day after he was acquitted of killing his ex-wife and her friend in Los Angeles?		
29	Martti Ahtisaari, former President of Finland, was awarded which honour, "for his important efforts, on several continents and over more than three decades to resolve international conflicts"		
30	Which Spanish golfer and former Ryder Cup captain was diagnosed with a potentially life-threatening brain tumour this month?		
	<u>NOVEMBER</u>		
31	Barack Obama became US President elect when he defeated which Arizona Republican Senator in the race to the White House?		
32	US stars dominated the MTV Europe Music Awards in Liverpool, but which Brit rather surprisingly won the award for "Best Act Ever"?		
33	Which two Radio 2 presenters were forced to apologise on air, having made inappropriate phone calls to Fawty Towers actor, Andrew Sachs? (MUST have both names for the point!)		
	<u>DECEMBER</u>		
34	In an attempt to improve the current dire economic situation, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Alistair Darling, announced a cut in the rate of VAT from 17.5% to which new figure?		
35	British artist Mark Leckey was named the winner of which prestigious award, with a film that included cartoon characters such as Homer Simpson?		
36	Which country's main international airport began to return to normal after anti-government protesters ended their eight-day blockade which had caused misery to thousands of travellers?		
	A group of historical questions, to test your memory!		
37	Which famous person in history was Eva Braun married to for just one night before she committed suicide?		
38	Which American city was the intended destination for the Titanic on its maiden voyage from Southampton in 1912?		
39	Which company opened the first Burger Restaurant in Britain in 1954?		
40	For how many years did the 30 Years War last? 24, 30 or 36?		
41	For how many years did the Hundred Years War last? 84, 100 or 116?		
	Art & Literature		
42	Which author's many works include "The Fall of the House of Usher", "Annabel Lee", "The Raven" and "The Masque of the Red Death"?		
43	In the novel of Jules Verne how long did Phileas Fogg take to get round the world?		
44	In Arthurian legend what was the sword called that the king received from the Lady of the Lake?		
45	Which Italian artist painted "The Birth of Venus" in 1482?		
46	What does the title of Hitler's 'Mein Kampf' mean?		

	Can you work out who is missing from the lists below? You only need to give their first names!		
47	John, _____, George, Ringo		
48	Scott, Virgil, Alan, _____, John		
49	Chris, Jonny, Guy, _____		
50	Charles, Anne, _____, Edward		
51	Duncan, Theo, James, Deborah, _____		
	All these questions have answers which begin with the letter G		
52	Which organisation leaves bibles in hotel bedrooms?		
53	Which percussion instrument, of German origins and whose name when translated literally means 'set of bells' became part of the orchestra in the 18th Century?		
54	Nuuk is the native name for the capital city of which country?		
55	What saclike organ in the body stores bile formed by the liver and is connected to the liver by the hepatic ducts and to the intestine by the common bile duct?		
56	The first published work, in 1925, by which well known author, whose first Christian name was Henry, was 'Babbling April' and whose final novel in 1985, 6 years before his death was 'The Tenth Man'?		
	These people are all famous, but these are their REAL names. By what name are they better known?		
57	Reginald Dwight (Singer; hits including 'Crocodile Rock')		
58	Maurice Mickelwhite (Actor; films including 'The Italian Job')		
59	Richard Starkey (Musician; hits including 'Hey Jude')		
60	Michael Barrett (Singer; hits including 'Green Door')		
61	Frances Gumm (Actress; films including 'The Wizard of Oz')		
	Here's where we find out if you've been paying attention in your science lessons!		
62	What is another name for solid carbon dioxide?		
63	What colour does an alkali turn litmus paper?		
64	What poisonous gas is found in the exhaust fumes of car engines?		
65	How many noble gases are there?		
66	What is theoretically produced during a nuclear reaction when the positive charges for protons and the negative charges for electrons are reversed?		
67	What is the most common blood type in humans?		
68	Which metal is the best conductor of electricity?		
69	What is the lightest known metal?		
70	Nephrology is the study of which internal organ?		
71	What is the layer of the atmosphere closest to the earth's surface called?		
	If you answer all these correctly you are clearly watching too much television! Can you identify which companies or products the following slogans were used to advertise?		
72	It's a bit of an animal		
73	Every little helps		
74	The appliance of science		
75	Vorsprung durch Technik		
76	Made in Scotland from girders		

	The following are all lyrics from songs which have reached Number 1. All you have to do is identify <u>who</u> sang them!		
77	'Spare him his life from this monstrosity'		
78	'We don't need no education'		
79	'I hear Jerusalem bells are ringing, Roman Cavalry choirs are singing'		
80	'And all the roads we have to walk along are winding. And all the lights that lead us there are blinding'		
81	'Everything he does, better than anything ordinary. Everything he wants he gets, cause everything he does is kinda necessary'		
	Where in the world?		
82	In which modern day country would you find the region of Transylvania, famous for its links with vampires?		
83	Which South American country has a name which means "land of Silver"?		
84	Which European capital is nicknamed "the city of a hundred spires" and has tourist attractions including St Vitus Cathedral and Charles Bridge?		
85	Which of the following seas is not landlocked? The Caspian Sea, The Bering Sea or The Dead Sea?		
86	Which lake in Great Britain has the largest volume of water?		
	In which sports would you most commonly find the following terms?		
87	Birdie, Mashie-niblick		
88	Tight End; Free Safety		
89	Southpaw		
90	Half Bisque; Peg Out		
91	Carom; Crease Lines		
	A mixed bag of General Knowledge questions with which to finish!		
92	In computer networking what does the term LAN stand for?		
93	Which city was known to the Romans as Lindum Colonia and can be found at the northern end of the Fosse Way Roman road?		
94	Which presenter known for his 'twitching' was also a member of 'The Goodies'?		
95	In the traditional game of Monopoly which place completes the yellow set of properties along with Leicester Square and Piccadilly?		
96	Jimmy Wales is credited with being the creator of which phenomena on the world wide web; so beloved by many children as sources of answers for their homework?		
97	Henry VIII is buried alongside which of his wives?		
98	Who is the owner of "The Magic Roundabout"?		
99	Excluding resigning, how many different moves does a player have the choice of at the start of a game of chess?		
100	Which letter of the alphabet appears only once in the names of all English and Scottish league football teams and not at all in the names of the elements in the Periodic Table?		
	No points to be gained for these next five puzzles, just the satisfaction of beating the rest of your form to the answer!		
A	In a game of cricket, if all ten batsmen are bowled out in the first ten balls of an innings, which batsman will remain not out at the end of the innings?		
B	With which hand does a nun stir a cup of tea?		
C	A truck driver goes down a one way street the wrong way, past 20 policemen stood outside their police station. The policemen see him, but all ignore him. Why?		
D	What starts with a P and ends with an E and has a thousand letters in it?		
E	I am thinking of a 5 letter word. The five letters are the name of a thing; take the first letter away and you have something that is found on your body, take yet another letter away and you have something that is present everywhere. What word am I thinking of?		