

January 2009 monthly competition

These monthly competitions are independent of the main Shares4Schools league and will be judged purely on the criteria set for each; your team's performance in these competitions will therefore have no influence on your final standing in the league.

This month's competition is mainly related to the closure of Woolworths.

To enter, either e-mail your answers to shares4schools@share.co.uk, using the pre-printed form sent to you, or simply print this page, write in your answers and fax it to me on 01296 41 44 40 to arrive by 17:00 on Monday 26th January 2009.

If you have any questions regarding either the monthly competitions or the main competition, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01296 439 160.

Good luck and I look forward to receiving your entry.

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Shares4Schools Co-ordinator.

Name of school

Questions

1) On what date did the last 200 Woolworths stores close their doors?

2) The first British Woolworths store was opened where?

3) In what year was the first British Woolworths store opened?

4) Who founded Woolworths?

5) What date was the original Woolworths store closed?

6) In Marks and Spencers recent trading statement what was the percentage fall in the UK like for like sales for the 13 weeks to 27th December?

7) According to the recent Nationwide Building Society Survey how much did house prices fall in 2008?

Tiebreaker

Please let me know your estimate of what the closing value of Marks & Spencers plc Ordinary Shares on Friday 30 January 2009 would be.

Remember your answers have to be received by 17:00 on Monday 26 January 2009.

The answers to January's questions and the winner will be announced in early February. Good Luck!

January Competition Answers

1. VAT has been cut from 17.5% to what, and when will it return to the original rate?
15% returning on 31/12/09 or 01/01/10
2. From 2010 income tax will be charged at 45% for incomes above what?
£150,000
3. From April 2010 personal allowances will be scrapped for those earning in excess of how much?
£140,000
4. The basic state pension is to be increased from £90.70 per week to what?
£95.25
5. How much per week will child benefit be increased to?
£20
6. At what time will the stock market close on 24th and 31st December?
12:30pm
7. HBOS plc have received an acquisition offer from Lloyds TSB Group. How many new ordinary shares in Lloyds TSB will replace each HBOS plc share?
0.605