



Across

- 1 Lively common entrance examination comes first (6)
- 4 Beautiful boy's head found in the outskirts of Acapulco (6)
- 9 Place with American advantage (4)
- 10 Is definite about names (10)
- 11 Goat's back end lacking good coat (6)
- 12 Variable tempo I inserted into musical piece (4,4)

- 13 After 30 days tomboys ditch boy bands (9)
- 15 Parts covered by fragile g-strings (4)
- 16 See 3 Down
- 17 Hear how saints may be displayed with gifts (9)
- 21/25 Players pay dance band (8,4)
- 22 Transfer back (6)
- 24 Sweet talk queen to accept holiday (3-7)
- 25 See 21
- 26 Number of the French in uniform (6)

- 27 Bodies of water in the past when navy moved eastwards (6)

Down

- 1 State has to open border (7)
- 2 Manager's not great providing cover (5)
- 3/16A Maybe on scrumpy briefly to limit disease (7,4)
- 5 Obvious means to protect an invention (6)
- 6 Looks after individual members of parliament (4,5)
- 7 Identity of a head (7)
- 8 Clement's heroic and courteous (13)
- 14 Bet detail is inaccurate in report of current activities (4,5)
- 16 Engineer holds gold for a fee (7)
- 18 Bard's acting strangely with this band (7)
- 19 9s pasta promotions lacking power (7)
- 20 Sex cell willing to entertain Elliott's friend (6)
- 23 Function with old reservists in service gear! (5)