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DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

On Friday 18th February, staff across the Academy took part in a **Staff Wellbeing Inset day**. The day was implemented to promote the importance of staff mental health and wellbeing. During the day, staff had the choice of taking part in a variety of activities ranging from Cooking, Pilates, Badminton, Step class, Gym session, Football, Reading Club and Reiki. They could also participate in CPD activities and use the day were able to complete work. Staff voice has demonstrated that staff valued and they thoroughly enjoyed the day.

"I really valued the day and the community feeling around school."

"Having the opportunity to be able to select the activities and/or work to complete on the day was really beneficial to me and my Wellbeing."

"I loved the relaxed, calm and positive atmosphere across the school. The whole day was stress-free and helped me to relax more over half term!"

Halewood Academy will continue to work hard to prioritise and promote positive mental health and wellbeing across the Academy for all the students, staff and the wider community. There will be more Wellbeing events throughout the academic year to follow. Watch this space!



On Thursday 3rd March, we celebrated world book day. Ms Scarth has held fantastic assemblies all week on the topic of Literacy. We were so impressed with the number of staff who participated in the today's fancy dress. It was a lot of fun naming the characters and the books.

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS CONT...

WINNER OF THE YOUNG DRIVER RAFFLE

Before the February half term break, a student Elliot Thomas, raffled a voucher for a young driver experience.

We are proud to announce that the winner has been chosen. Congratulations to **Humberto Albrecht** for winning a 1 Hour young driver lesson

Elliot raised £90, and all of that money has been donated to **The Megan Hurley Foundation**. Elliot has been presented with a Megan Hurley badge and certificate for his fantastic effort. Well done Elliot.

Elliot would like to thank everyone who entered.

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NUMERACY CHALLENGE



HALEWOOD ACADEMY

Maths Challenge
of the Week

How many
triangles?

Send your answers in to Miss Devonshire
adevonshire@halewoodacademy.co.uk or to your
progress leader.

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Last Week's
Answer

$3 \text{ hearts} = 6$
 $2 \text{ hearts} + 1 \text{ lightning heart} = 11$
 $1 \text{ lightning heart} + 1 \text{ lightning heart} + 1 \text{ lightning heart} = 27$
 $1 \text{ lightning heart} \times 2 \text{ hearts} + 1 \text{ lightning heart} = ?$

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WORD OF THE WEEK

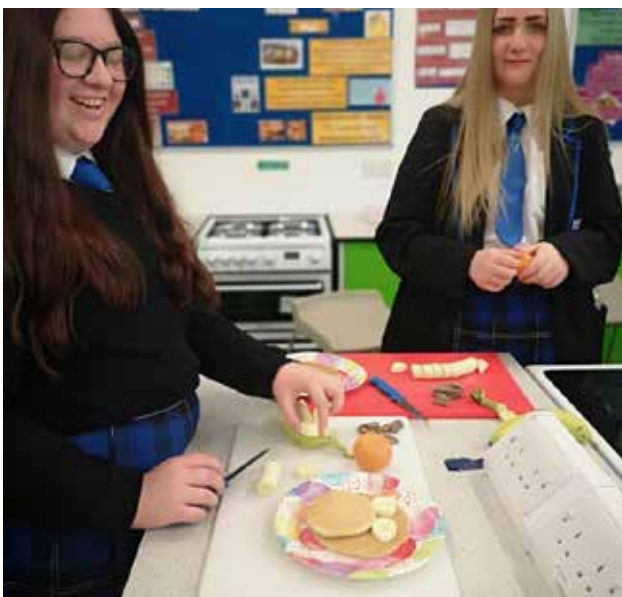


HALEWOOD ACADEMY

<p>Definition:</p> <p>To represent something as bigger, larger or better than it really is.</p>	<p>Synonyms:</p> <p>Overstate Overstress Inflate embellish</p>
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<p>Worked examples:</p> <p>The journalist exaggerated the extent of the damage caused.</p>	<p>Antonyms or non examples:</p> <p>To play down To understate</p>

YEAR 10 CHILD DEVELOPMENT COURSE

As part of the Year 10 Child Development Course the students have to encourage the Holistic development of a child, whilst celebrating cultural diversity. Year 10 students took part in a number of activities to celebrate pancake day whilst promoting Numeracy, Literacy, Intellectual development, Physical activities and encouraging a healthy diet in an early learning setting. Students will write up their activities and produce a display board in the childcare rooms to show all of their activities. Other activities ranged from Phonic treasure hunts, Pancake relays, Board games and Pancake Number Rhymes. Overall the day was a real success for all involved. Well done Y10!



VALENTINES POETRY COMPETITION - 8W2



Well done to 8W2 who took part in a Valentines poetry competition this week in their English Lesson. They had lots of fun writing their Love poetry and typed them up on the computers.

YEW TREE PRIMARY ACADEMY



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We had a wonderful art session with staff from Yew Tree Primary, being creative with mark making, oil pastels and transfer printing. It was great working with our neighbours and we look forward to seeing you all soon.



TEACHING AND LEARNING

YEAR 11 - LESSON 6

TIMETABLE

		Week 1					
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday		
Y11 Lesson 6	3-4 pm	Maths	English	Options Subjects (Apart from History and Geography)	Options Subjects (Including History and Geography)	Y11 Lesson 6	
			Week 2				
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday		
	3-4 pm	Science	English	Options Subjects (Apart from History and Geography)	Options Subjects (Including History and Geography)		

Hello!

As you will no doubt be aware, this year’s GCSE exams are fast approaching. In fact, the first exam is on 16th May which is only 9 school weeks away! To support our Year 11 students in their preparation and revision, staff have offered to put on the above after school lessons. These sessions are open to all Year 11 students, with some students being selected by certain subjects to request their presence at these sessions - if this is your son or daughter, you will already have been contacted.

Please push your son or daughter to make use of these sessions so that by the time they walk into the exam hall on the morning of their first exam, they know that they will have done everything they can to ensure that they get the grades that they deserve.

Have a great week.

Mr J Marsh

PARENT FORUM

We would like to invite parents/carers to join us in the meetings, where you can ask questions in an informal environment, raise any issues or concerns that you may have, discuss possible solutions, consult in school policies and express your views on how the school can move forward. If you would like to attend, please book a place at the Parent Forum meeting by emailing GWalsh@halewoodacademy.co.uk.

The dates of the Forums are:

- Tuesday 15th March 2022 from 4.30-5.30pm
- Wednesday 15th June 2022 from 4.30-5.30pm



YEAR 11 SATURDAYS- EXTENDED CURRICULUM

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 11 Saturdays- Extended Curriculum

I write to inform you that we will be providing an extended curriculum timetable for Year 11 students, which will take place on Saturdays. All of these sessions are three hours long. **These sessions will start at 9am and finish at 12 noon.** Please be aware that due to the reception area not being manned on Saturdays, **latecomers will not be allowed entry.**

The Saturday revision dates are detailed below:

Sat 5 th March	Sat 12 th March	Sat 19 th March	Sat 26 th March	Sat 2 nd April
Computer Science History PE	Maths Higher Paper Spanish Dance Business	Science- targeted Cohort* Maths Foundation Paper	Science- targeted Science cohort (Priority to go here on this day)* Geography	History PE

***Please note that if you are in the Science targeted cohort, you will receive a separate letter from the Science Department.**

Students are welcome to bring a bottle of water/juice with them but not fizzy drinks. They will not be expected to wear school uniform but will still be expected to have their equipment and face covering.

We strongly advise all students that study these subjects to attend these sessions. They will be invaluable in terms of ensuring that they are prepared for their summer examinations.

Yours faithfully,

M. Catterall

Assistant Principal

YEAR 11 MOCKS

Dear Parent / Carer,

Year 11 Mocks – March 2022

As already communicated, Year 11 will be starting their second set of Mocks in the weeks beginning 7th and 14th March. The purpose of these mocks is to enable us to gather further evidence of where your child is at in terms of progress and attainment since the last Mocks in December. This will allow us to re-address where extra support may be required. It is important that your child is well prepared and tries their hardest and to support them in their English Language, they will be completing a Paper 1 and 2 Writing Talking Mock during the first week back on Tuesday and Friday to enable them to rehearse writing at length under tight time constraints and to further develop their independence and resilience during examinations.

Subject Leaders will be working with their staff to ensure all students are prepared in advance of these assessments to support their performance. In addition to this, before and after school revision is now in place and there is an expectation that your child attends as this will support their learning, preparation and in turn, progress. Please could I also kindly remind you of the Impress the Examiner Online tutoring that should be being accessed for Maths and Science.

All mock examinations will take place in the sports hall unless a specialised space is required and the timetable for a two-week period is presented below.

WB 7 th March Wk B	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Break 11.00am – 11.15am	Lesson 3	Lunch 12.15pm – 12.45pm	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
Monday 7th	English Language P1 1hr 45mins			Normal lessons		Normal lessons	
Tuesday 8th	History P1 1hr All other students in lessons			Normal lessons		Computer Science P1 90 mins All other students in lessons	
Wednesday 9th	English Literature 2hrs			Normal lessons		Geography P1 1hr 30mins All other students in lessons	
Thursday 10th	Science - Biology P2 Separates – 1hr 45mins Combined – 1hr 15mins			Normal lessons		History P2 1hr All other students in lessons	
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WB 14 th March Wk A	Lesson 1	Lesson 2	Break 11.00am – 11.15am	Lesson 3	Lunch 12.15pm – 12.45pm	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
Monday 14th	English Language P2 2hrs			Normal lessons		Maths P2 Higher – Calc 1hr 30mins Foundation – Non Calc 1hr 30mins	
Tuesday 15th	Science – Chemistry P2 Separates – 1hr 45mins Combined – 1hr 15mins			Normal lessons		Normal lessons	
Wednesday 16th	Maths P3 Higher – Calc 1hr 30mins Foundation – Non Calc 1hr 30mins			Normal lessons		Geography P2 1hr 30mins All other students in lessons	
Thursday 17th	Science – Physics P2 Separates – 1hr 45mins Combined – 1hr 15mins			Normal lessons		Computer Science P2 90 mins All other students in lessons	
Friday 18th	Spanish Writing Higher – 1hr 30mins Foundation 1hr 15mins All other students in lessons			Normal lessons		History P3 1hr All other students in lessons	

Students will need to read the timetable carefully and ensure that they know when they are required to attend. Reminders will be provided in our first assembly back after the half term break and form tutors will be available to revisit the revision timetable that should already be in place. Please could we ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child is revising at home and that they have a space free from interruptions to allow them to focus. At our Achieve Together Evening in November, a power point presentation was provided to parents giving valuable information to support their child in this matter and this is still available to view on the school website. Link below:

<https://www.halewoodacademy.co.uk/parents/year-11/>

It is important that above 96% attendance is maintained for the remainder of the academic year to support progress and that good punctuality is maintained so that there is no lost learning time. During the mocks, Year 11 will have the same break time but they will move to an earlier lunch slot to ensure there is enough time for an exam in the afternoon. If your child arrives too late for an exam, or misses

YEAR 11 MOCKS

an exam completely, we will expect them to catch up as it is important we are able to evaluate their knowledge, skills and understanding to inform planning moving forwards.

Following the March Mocks, Year 11 will receive a further Grade Card so that you are kept informed of their progress and attainment. Please be advised that the actual results day for Year 11 will be Thursday 25th August.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and if you have any questions please direct them through the Year 11 pastoral team.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Thomson
Vice Principal

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Year 11 Mock Timetable – March 2022

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Break Time Arrangements to continue as normal

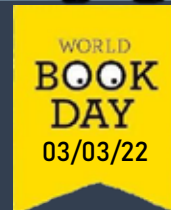
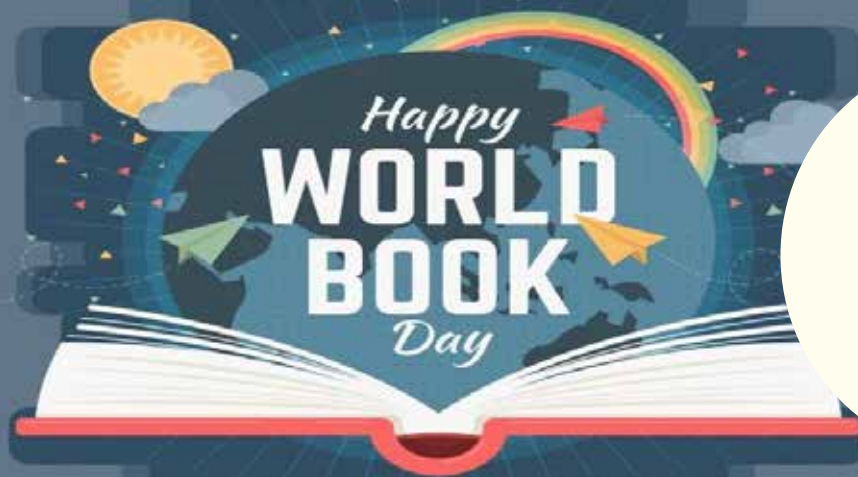
Year 7, 9 and 10 on break 1

Year 8 and 11 on Break 2

Lunch Time Arrangements swap over

Year 8 and 11 on Lunch 1

Year 7, 9 and 10 on Lunch 2



At Halewood Academy, we celebrated World Book Day on 3rd March 2022, with a book themed party in the LRC!

We had book themed worlds that had lots of activities and displays for students to get involved with. They were:

- Harry Potter World
- Roald Dahl World
- Sherlock Holmes World

What we did to celebrate:

- Reading sessions – we had reading sessions, where the LRC helpers read passages from the books associated with each world.
- Games – ‘Quidditch Potion Pong’, ‘Solve Sherlock’s Mystery’ and ‘Pin the Ears on the BGF’.
- Competitions – there was a ‘Short Story Competition’, ‘Book Design Cover Competition’ and ‘Bookmark Design Competition’. These are still running until 14th March 2022.
- Crafts tables – students were able to create story boards, characters, reviews, etc.
- Spotlight authors and books – we spotlighted some of our favourite authors and their books.
- Assembly – Miss Scarth delivered an assembly about World Book Day and the importance of reading.
- Recommended reads – each year group received a recommended reads leaflet tailored to their age.
- Social media posts – the LRC social media page highlighted our World Book Day party.
- World Book Day themed lessons – all subjects took part in WBD themed lessons.
- Book tokens – Miss Robinson went around forms with book tokens that you can spend in selected stores. Just follow



BOOKMARK DESIGN COMPETITION

Bookmark Design Competition

Design your very own bookmark for World Book Day, to be in with the chance of having your design be used in the LRC's new range of bookmarks. This means that the bookmark you design will be copied and placed on display in the LRC for other students to take and use for their reading books. All entries will be judged by Miss Robinson and the Student Librarians, who will pick the best 6 designs to be used.

DEADLINE: 14TH MARCH 2022

Templates for the bookmarks are available in the LRC on Miss Robinson's desk and will also be available on World Book Day.

There are art supplies in the LRC you can use after school, just ask Miss Robinson if you can use them. These will also be available on the day of World Book Day.

PLEASE HAND ALL SUBMISSIONS TO MISS ROBINSON!



THANKFUL THURSDAY WINNERS

Thankful Thursday Winners- 17th February 2022

Thankful Thursdays
Each week, members of staff have the opportunity to nominate other staff for something that they are thankful for. Miss Rollings then picks three winners each Monday. Opposite are last week's winners and the reason for their nominations.

P Rylands: He has shown a great determination to give all year 7 boys a chance to play in the football team by having 3 teams (A, B and C) and giving an opportunity to over 40 boys. Mr Ryland has been an inspiration to the department, he truly believes in all students.

N Newton: She is leaving the academy on the 4th March. We have worked together for over 10 years and carried 2 cohorts through. Nothing is ever too much for her, the students love her more than she realises and she is well respected by her peers. Her efforts particularly with vulnerable students have been amazing and inspiring, and parents have commented often on how she has supported them. Thank you.

N McCurtin: He is wonderful in his support for students, through his calm and patient demeanour he always helps to settle students and keep them focussed on his work. He also helps to enrich the students with his own expertise that he brings into the classroom every lesson.



Halewood Academy

We Seek The Best

Book Cover Design Competition

FOR WORLD BOOK DAY

PLEASE HAND ALL SUBMISSIONS TO MISS ROBINSON IN THE LRC.

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DAY



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DEADLINE: 14TH MARCH 2022



At Halewood Academy we are taking part in World Book Day, which is on the 3rd March 2022. As part of this, here in school we want to get students involved by having you design a book cover.

- Use an A4 piece of paper as the template of your book cover.
- You can choose any book you want – I suggest doing your favourite.
 - They will be displayed in the LRC.
 - There will be a prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
- It must be done by hand, not on Word or PowerPoint.

SHORT STORY COMPETITION

World Book Day is the 3rd March 2022 and at Halewood Academy, we want to get students involved by having you write your own stories! Due to this, we will be hosting a 'Short Story Competition' that will be open to all year groups. Check out the competition details below:

DEADLINE: 14TH MARCH 2022



- The theme of your short story is entirely up to you.
- Your story must be 2 pages minimum and 10 pages maximum.
 - Miss Robinson and Miss Scarth will be the judges.
 - There will be a prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Please hand all submissions to Miss Robinson in the LRC.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

HOMEWORK**TIMETABLE**

Subject	Platform	Frequency - KS3	Frequency - KS4
English	Seneca	Weekly	Weekly
Math's	Hegarty	Weekly	Weekly
Science	Seneca/Educake	Weekly	Weekly
Humanities	Seneca	Fortnightly	Weekly
MFL	Seneca	Fortnightly	Weekly
PA	Teams	Half term	Weekly
Tech	Teams	Half termly	weekly
Childcare	Teams		Weekly
Media	Teams		Weekly
Health and social	Teams		Weekly
Computer science	Teams	Half termly	Weekly
PE /sports science	Teams		Weekly

Hello and Happy New Year!

As we begin a new year, I just wanted to give a quick recap on homework.

The timetable above shows the frequency that homework will be set for your son/daughter based on their Key Stage and what subjects they study. All students have been made aware of their requirement to complete homework on time, and they will be rewarded for this through class charts. Equally, if homework isn't completed then it will also be logged via class charts for you to keep track of.

All homework is put on to Microsoft Teams, and your son/daughter will know their login details for this. The homework will clearly be labelled as homework, and will have a start and end date that it must be completed by. You may also see assignments labelled as "Classwork" or "Remote Learning"; these are not homework and are only to be completed if you are in a lesson or are isolating respectively. The school library is open at break, lunch time and after school to provide a safe space for students to complete homework.

I hope that you can support your children at home, as we are at school, by extolling the benefits of completing homework on time and to the best of their ability.

Mr J Marsh

YR9 PARENTS & OPTIONS EVENING

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 9 Parents and Options Evening

Thursday 17th March

4pm – 7pm

We are approaching an important milestone in your child's education here at Halewood Academy, as in September, students will enter Key Stage 4 and begin their chosen GCSE courses.

Over the next few weeks, students will be receiving advice during assembly, form time and in their lessons about the subjects that are available to study at Key Stage 4. In addition to this, there is an options booklet available on the school website that outlines all the courses that we are offering as a school. As you will be aware, some subjects will be compulsory and others can be opted into. The information provided will outline the learning content of the courses on offer, the assessment procedures and links to future career pathways. In addition, there are short video clips for each subject that offer an alternative method by which you can get an overview of each course.

Our Year 9 Parents/Options Evening will be taking place on Thursday 17th March where you will be provided with the valuable opportunity to meet and speak to your child's teachers to discuss their attainment and progress. These conversations will help you and your child to make informed option choices. During to evening, you will also be able to review samples of classwork and coursework to further increase your awareness of the requirements of each GCSE course.

On arrival, you will receive a copy of your child's option pathway which has been decided upon based on their individual needs, abilities and aspirations. Staff will be available on the evening to explain the rationale for the pathway on offer and will be able to talk you through the option form choice form that needs to be completed. They will be asked to provide first and reserve choices, as depending on numbers, it cannot always be guaranteed that all courses will run. The deadline for completion and it's return to your child's class teacher will be Friday, 1st April.

Whilst the curriculum provided is broad and balanced, we have also taken into account the impact of Covid 19 and ensured we have provided enough learning time across the options to ensure students can achieve well. As you look through the options booklet, we hope that you agree that it offers some exciting opportunities for your child that will challenge them to work hard, focus on their learning, promote their love of learning and enable them to exceed their potential and to 'seek the best' in everything that they do.

YR9 PARENTS & OPTIONS EVENING

Please complete and return the reply slip below to confirm your attendance and return to your child's Form Tutor by the Friday, 11th March.

We look forward to working closely with you to ensure that your child makes well-informed choices to support their continued journey beyond Halewood Academy.

Yours Faithfully



Mrs J Thomson
Vice Principal

Deadline for Return – Friday 11th March

Name of child _____ Form _____

*I will/will not be attending the Yr 9 Parents/Options Evening on Thursday 17th March 2022 (**Please delete as applicable*)

Signed _____ Parent/carer

Contact Number _____

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



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Mindful March 2022

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1 Set an intention to live with awareness and kindness

2 Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

3 Start today by appreciating your body and that you're alive

4 Notice how you speak to yourself and choose to use kind words

5 Bring to mind people you care about and send love to them

6 Have a 'no plans' day and notice how that feels

7 Take three calm breaths at regular intervals during your day

8 Eat mindfully. Appreciate the taste, texture and smell of your food

9 Take a full breath in and out before you reply to others

10 Get outside and notice how the weather feels on your face

11 Stay fully present while drinking your cup of tea or coffee

12 Listen deeply to someone and really hear what they are saying

13 Pause to watch the sky or clouds for a few minutes today

14 Find ways to enjoy any chores or tasks that you do

15 Stop. Breathe. Notice. Repeat regularly

16 Get really absorbed with an interesting or creative activity

17 Look around and spot three things you find unusual or pleasant

18 If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down

19 Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

20 Focus on what makes you and others happy today dayofhappiness.net

21 Listen to a piece of music without doing anything else

22 Notice something that is going well, even if today feels difficult

23 Tune into your feelings, without judging or trying to change them

24 Appreciate your hands and all the things they enable you to do

25 Focus your attention on the good things you take for granted

26 Choose to spend less time looking at screens today

27 Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

28 Notice when you're tired and take a break as soon as possible

29 Choose a different route today and see what you notice

30 Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

31 Discover the joy in the simple things of life



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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