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DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

I hope this edition of the newsletter finds you well and you are looking forward to Christmas. We know how challenging this time of year can be for families and we are also conscious of the current economic climate. Therefore, we are requesting that if you can donate items of food or toys then we will pass these to the local foodbank to support our local community. I would also like to remind you that we are hoping to stock our sustainable shop and would appreciate donations of 'pre loved' uniform and non-perishable food items.

Last week the school welcomed back the 'Class of 22' to receive their GCSE certificates and other well deserved accolades. I know the evening was enjoyed by all and we look forward to hearing about their continued success. I would like to congratulate our current Year 11 cohort on how they have started their mock examination series and also wish them good luck for their week of work experience prior to the Christmas break.

I would like to remind you that the Christmas break will begin on **Friday 16th December** and school will close at the earlier time of 12.15pm. I would also like you to note that the Halewood Christmas Concert is taking place at the school on Wednesday 14th December; the information for this event is in this newsletter.

Finally, there will be letters with important information arriving home regarding some changes to the school site, changes to the timetable and you should also receive the first round of reports for your child(ren). Please can I ask that you read all the information carefully and ensure that students are ready for the new term.

Best wishes,

Mr I Critchley,
Principal

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CELEBRATING ATTENDANCE



HALEWOOD ACADEMY

It is true that many pupils in **Halewood Academy** have good attendance and we acknowledge the need to celebrate this within school. As part of celebrating and promoting good attendance, we held our **Black Friday Attendance Draw**. All pupils in school on that day were entered into raffle with a chance to win a £50 voucher. Congratulations to all our winners!

Benefits of Good Attendance

At **Halewood Academy** we believe that by improving attendance we will -

- ✓ Ensure more of our pupils have a happy and enriched life experience.
- ✓ Enable pupils to achieve more at school academically, emotionally and socially.
- ✓ Overcome some of the challenges that we continue to face post-pandemic.
- ✓ Help pupils build positive, long lasting friendships and lead happy lives.
- ✓ Improve mental health and wellbeing of pupils and their families.
- ✓ Reduce child exploitation and abuse, anti-social behaviour and knife crime on our streets.
- ✓ Help pupils and families prosper socially and economically.
- ✓ Increase chances of success in further or higher education or apprenticeships.
- ✓ Improve employability of pupils once they leave school.
- ✓ Improve lifestyles and better prepare our pupils for adulthood and the world of work.



DAYS OFF COST GOOD GRADES



RESEARCH SUGGESTS THAT EACH 17 DAYS MISSED FROM SCHOOL, YOUR GCSE RESULTS WILL GO DOWN ONE GRADE!

Well Done!

Attendance Matters - *Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow*

HALEWOOD ACADEMY EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT

Halewood Academy are proud and honoured to represent the **Knowsley Chamber of Commerce** and work collectively with many businesses across the area. **Knowsley Chamber of Commerce** provides business support, advice and guidance on a huge range of issues. **Halewood Academy** has been fortunate enough to benefit from this with employer engagements, working with local groups and developing a network of contacts. The event recently attended by Mr Gareth Harrison, Vice Principal of **Halewood Academy** had a range of businesses and prominent people involved including the **High Sherriff of Merseyside, Ms Lesley Martin-Wright**.



The Chamber's strength is its ability and capability to deliver services to help business to start, grow and succeed. The Chamber offers a range of benefits including **Business Support, Enterprise Support, Trade, Procurement, Training, Events and Representation**. Should any businesses wish to become members they should contact:

hwww.knowsleychamber.org.uk
info@knowsleychamber.org.uk
 T: 0151 477 1356
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BE IN TO WIN!



10 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS



ATTENDANCE REWARD RAFFLE

EVERY PUPIL WHO IS IN SCHOOL FOR THE LAST 10 DAYS OF TERM, WILL BE ENTERED INTO A RAFFLE.

£50 VOUCHER PER YEAR GROUP!

GCSE PRESENTATION EVENING



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On Thursday 24th November 2022, we invited all **Year 11** leavers and their parent/carers into school to our GCSE Presentation Evening. Our school atrium and assembly hall were transformed to create a welcoming celebratory space, where special guests, students, staff and carers were able to catch up whilst enjoying a drink and piece of cake. All students in attendance received both GCSE certificates and special awards to acknowledge some superb individual successes and the evening provided an opportunity to acknowledge the positive efforts demonstrated by our '**Class of 2022**'. The evening was a great success and special mention should go to the following prize winners:

Highest Attainers

- Kian H
- James C
- Archie C
- Callum KJ
- Harrison ZT



Best Progress

- Shay F
- Eric EF
- Harry M T
- Lian H
- Safa A K

RACER Awards

- Respect** - Anna S
- Aspiration** - Joe M
- Collaboration** - Jacey LC
- Excellence** - Josh M
- Resilience** - Harry M
- Megan Hurley Award** - Harrison ZT
- George Galbraith Award** - D'Arcy R

Thank you to everyone who helped create a very special evening for all, your support was very much appreciated.



GCSE PRESENTATION EVENING



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WE SEEK THE BEST





It is with great pleasure that we wish to announce that the annual

Halewood Christmas Concert

is taking place on
Wednesday 14th December 2022 at 7pm.

(Doors open 6.30pm to 9pm)

There will be readings, carols and mince pies!
If you can make it please come along with your friends and families for what promises to be a joyous evening.

Tickets are available for
£5.00 from the main
entrance reception.

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Mr Roberts
Assistant Vice Principal

STEAM UPDATES AT HALEWOOD ACADEMY



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Last week we held a STEAM Engineering event in school for Year 7 and 8.

120 pupils were selected to take part in designing a vehicle that could protect an egg whilst being fired across the sports hall!

Students showcased amazing Respect, Aspiration and Collaboration during these sessions – well done!

Follow @HA_STEAM on Instagram to see more photos and videos from the event.



Year 8 pupils will remember taking part in a CREST Discovery Day in school last year. Some of our current Year 7 students will remember this too! You had to design a machine of the future in your groups and present to the class.

Well, your work from that day has been sent off and carefully checked by the British Science Association. Those who engaged in the task and completed the work to the required quality (170 pupils in total!) have been awarded a Bronze Crest Award certificate.

You will receive these in your rewards assembly in a couple of weeks time – well done!

STEAM UPDATES @ HALEWOOD ACADEMY



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We have had over 55 different pupils attend our E-STEAM club. This runs on Wednesdays after school 2:55-3:55 – ALL are welcome! Meet in the Atrium.

If you like problem solving, designing and being creative; this is the club for you!

The club involves working with robots, coding on iPads, constructing and designing with Lego as well as other fun STEAM related challenges.

STEAM Trips and visits will be offered to those pupils who attend and take part!

HALEWOOD ACADEMY CHRISTMAS FOOD & TOY APPEAL 2022

Let's bring a little Christmas goodwill to ALL and help our community with the foodbank appeal.

We NEED the following items desperately:

Tinned Fruit, Tinned Veg, Tea Bags, UHT Long Life Milk, Breakfast Cereals, Porridge, Dried Pasta, Sauces, Coffee and maybe - just maybe - a small Christmas treat e.g. mince pies or a selection box biscuits, cakes etc., if you possibly can a gift would be fantastic.

We will be donating all of our collection on Thursday 15th December 2022 to local Councillor Barbara Dunn.



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SPORTS UPDATE



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Really competitive game for our **Year 8B** boys team this week versus Bluecoat! The game was extremely tight with our opponents nicking it **2-3!** Both **Halewood** goals were expertly converted by **Gregson!** There were some excellent performances from **Hutton, Murray** and a top performance from debutant **Taylor!**



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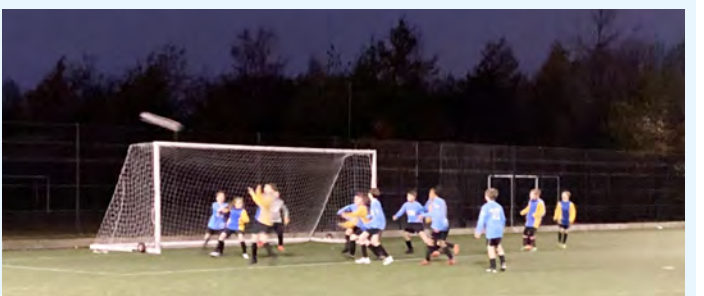


What a game tonight at Halewood Academy! Our Year 8 boys team narrowly lost **4 - 5** to St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic High School.

The **Year 8** boys competed brilliantly against their more experienced opponents!! We had an enormous squad of boys representing their school with pride! Halewood Academy goals were scored by **Carden, Gregson, Riley and Moran!** We will certainly be having a rematch!! **Mr Rylands** is really proud.



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CHILDREN IN NEED 2022



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Halewood Academy raised a fantastic sum of money that has been donated to Children In Need.

The total sum raised was £265. Students were able to wear something yellow or spotty on the 18th November to acknowledge this event. It was a great atmosphere in school with many pupils and staff wearing yellow socks, spotty ties and deeley-boppers on their heads amongst other items. As a school community we are committed to regular events to enhance our Personal Development curriculum that students take part in.



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CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 2022



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Save the Children

Our next event will be to welcome the festivities in with Christmas Jumper Day on the 15th December 2022. Students will be able to wear a

Christmas jumper or other festive items. Christmas Jumper Day is an annual event across the UK and the world. Every December, since 2012, millions of people put on a festive outfit at their workplace, school or with friends.

We ask that students make a small donation if possible but encourage everyone to take part. This will be to raise funds for the charity Save the Children UK.



Christmas
JUMPER DAY



FREE



Christmas Winter Warmer Events

Why not pop along to our Winter Warmer events during December

Seasonal craft activities
A warm chocolate drink
A hot meal for you and your children.



Tuesday 13 December
The Star (Kirkby) 4-6pm
Jubilee (Huyton) 3-5pm

Wednesday 14 December
3.30pm - 4.30pm
4.30pm - 5.30pm
New Hutte Children & Family Hub (Halewood)

Booking is essential See below for details

Thursday 15 December
The Pride (Kirkby) 4-6pm
Southmead (Whiston) 3-5pm

Friday 16 December
3.30pm - 4.30pm
4.30pm - 5.30pm
Hilltop (Huyton)

For Knowsley families with children 0-5 but older siblings are welcome too (Activities are aimed at children 0-5 years of age)

Places are limited, and booking is essential. To book a place for you and your child/children please contact your local **Early Years Children's Centre** on **0151 443 5633**. Please inform a member of the team on booking if you have any dietary requirements or allergies.



MERSEYSIDE YOUTH ASSOCIATION

Our Place. Your Foodbank.

WEDNESDAY'S
11:00 - 14:00

MYA Our Place, Longview Drive,
Huyton, L36 6EG

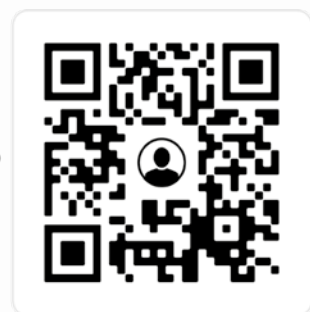
Knowsley's first **Young Persons** Foodbank!

If you are **under 30** and struggling, we can help!

Come down to the Our Place Foodbank **every Wednesday** and we will be able to provide you with a parcel, no matter your circumstances.

Hygiene products and **contraception** are also available, please speak to a member of staff for more details.

If you would like any more information, please **scan the QR code** below and get in touch!



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SHAKESPEARE NORTH ACTIVITIES



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Halewood Academy would like to share with you some upcoming activities at Shakespeare North in Prescot this December, which you may wish to share with your friends and family.

BABY BARDS

Join our resident spoken word artist, Charlie Staunton, for an early year's story and language session for preschool children aged 18 months to 4 years old. Introducing story, letters and phonics through readings and fun activities, your babies will be bards in no time. Each child attending should be accompanied by an adult – both adults and children will need to book tickets.

When: starting Tues 29th Nov, 11.15-12pm.

Click Book here for more details.

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CHRISTMAS TREE BOOK ART WORKSHOP

During this 2-hour workshop, Artist Kate Bufton will guide you through the book folding process to make your very own Christmas Tree. Using an old unwanted book, you will carefully fold the pages before embellishing them with your own choice of buttons for baubles. This workshop is suitable for complete beginners with no other book folding experience as Kate will be on hand to guide you through the process step by step. All materials will be provided, and you will leave the session with a finished item. *Ages 18+.

When: Sat 3rd Dec at 11am & Fri 9th Dec at 2pm.

Click Book here for more details.

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WREATH BOOK ART WORKSHOP

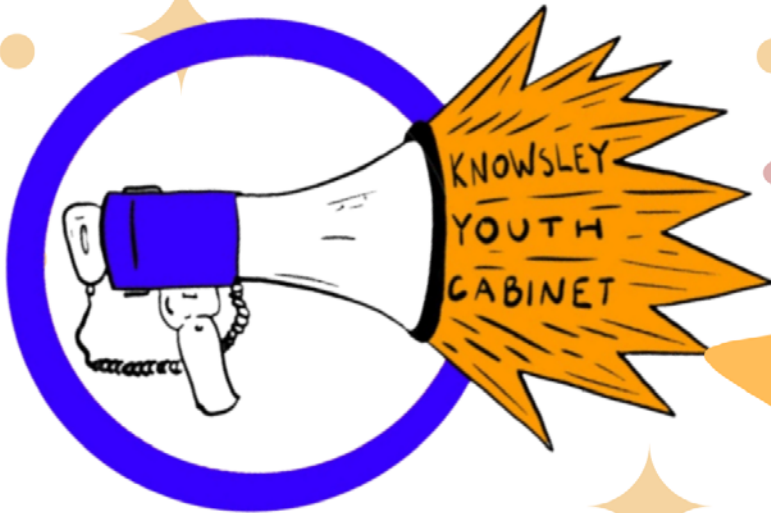
During this two-hour workshop Artist Kate Bufton will guide you through the process of making your very own book wreath using pages from old timeworn books. You will carefully assemble the wreath in layers using the pages of books before embellishing with a variety of different centre pieces. This workshop is suitable for beginners as Kate will be on hand to guide you through the process step by step. All materials will be provided, and you will leave the session with a finished item. *Ages 18+.

When: Sat 3rd Dec at 2pm & Fri 9th Dec at 11am.

Click Book here for more details.

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www.shakespearenorthplayhouse.co.uk



Cyberbullying- A Hope Hack!

Tuesday 6th December 2022

5:30pm - 7:30pm @ Ourplace L36 6EG



Ages 11-19 years!

Scan the QR code to register



For more info email:
GeorginaW@mya.org.uk



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Does your child need care this winter?



Urgent Treatment Centre	GP Surgery	Pharmacy	Choose the right service	111.nhs.uk	Call NHS 111
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If your child is ill it can be a worrying time, but lots of childhood illnesses can be treated quickly and effectively at home or by accessing the right healthcare service. Here is our handy guide to services available in your area. By choosing the right service you can help your little one feel better, quicker.

Online symptom checker Our friends at Alder Hey have created an online symptom checker with lots of useful advice on common symptoms in children. Visit the website: www.alderhey.nhs.uk/symptom-checker You can then decide where best to get the right care for your child.	When to go to a doctor If you are worried about your child's health, then you should speak to your GP first. Out of hours, you can call 111 who will help to decide whether your child needs to be seen right away or if the issue can wait to be treated the next day by your own family doctor. Common illnesses that can be treated by your GP are; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persistent coughs • Skin infections • Eye infections • Ear pain 	When to go to A&E Accident and Emergency is for people with life-threatening illness or injury, so if you think your child needs immediate attention, then you should attend A&E. Conditions that require immediate attention include; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shortness of breath or working hard to breathe resulting in drawing in of the chest when breathing or making a grunting noise • Seizures • Severe bleeding or burns • Head or eye injuries • Allergic reactions causing swelling of the face, lips, eyes or tongue, fainting or trouble breathing • Serious animal bites • Infants under 2 months of age with a fever • Blue or purple lips, skin or fingernails • Uncontrolled pain
When to go to a pharmacy Your local pharmacy can offer advice and has a wide range of over-the-counter medicines that can help treat common illnesses. Make the pharmacy your first stop to help with; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coughs and colds • Upset tummy • Minor cuts, bumps and bruises • Minor stings and bites 	When to go to urgent treatment / walk-in centres If your GP surgery is closed, or your child's condition is more urgent, but not life-threatening, then your local Urgent Treatment / Walk-in Centre has specialist nurses and doctors that can help. Many local centres have x ray equipment too, which means you don't always need to attend A&E. Common conditions that can be treated here include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cuts and scrapes • Minor burns • Minor breathing difficulties (asthma / croup / bronchiolitis) • Suspected fractures • Uncontrolled fever 	If your child is struggling to breathe or loses consciousness, you should call 999

Urgent Treatment & Walk-in Centres Your local centre is closer than you think. Open 365 days a year, including bank holidays, to treat all sorts of urgent illnesses and injuries.	St Helens Urgent Treatment Centre Monday to Saturday 7am-10pm Sunday & Bank Holidays 9am-10pm	Runcorn Urgent Treatment Centre Monday to Sunday 8am-9pm
Widnes Urgent Treatment Centre Monday to Sunday 8am-9pm	Kirkby NHS Walk-in Centre Monday to Saturday 8am-8.30pm Sunday & Bank Holidays 10am-8.30pm	Halewood NHS Walk-in Centre Monday to Saturday 8am-8.30pm Sunday & Bank Holidays 10am-8.30pm
Huyton NHS Walk-in Centre Monday to Saturday 8am-8.30pm Sunday & Bank Holidays 10am-8.30pm		

December Kindness 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about
12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	13 See how many different people you can smile at today	14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank
19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need	21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	15 Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day	16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you	18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving
26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!
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