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DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

I hope this edition of the newsletter finds you well. Inside this edition you will see the range of activities that our students have undertaken recently linked to careers and their next steps. I am enormously proud of our **Year 11** cohort and their dedication in the run in to their exams. We have our next set of mocks exams starting on Monday 6th March and both students and staff have been working Saturdays and during holidays to prepare well.

You are likely to be aware of the unfortunate events that took place across a number of schools over the last couple of weeks. We believe this to be part of a national picture fuelled by various social media platforms encouraging young people to protest within their schools. During the first week back I led assemblies about the 'power of words' and supported students to use their words in a polite and respectful manner. I am exceptionally proud of our students that they responded so positively and we didn't encounter any protests or unrest. As you know, we are working extremely hard to further develop a culture in school that is always positive, coupled with high standards and expectations.

We have liaised with our student council and the **Parent Forum** met on Thursday to discuss issues and I am sure we will continue to work together for the benefit of the whole community.

I am enormously grateful for your support in ensuring your children uphold our standards; it is vitally important that both school and home work together to ensure future success of this school and local community.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to two further letters that have been shared with you this week and are also contained at the end of this newsletter. One regarding the use of social media and the other letter regarding some unacceptable behaviour on the bus service. I would appreciate your further support in sitting with your child(ren) and ensuring they understand the information contained within the letters.

As always, I appreciate your support in these matters.

Best wishes,

Mr I Critchley,
Principal



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KEY DATES 2023

Mon 6th - Fri 17th March	Year 11 Mock Exams
Thurs 9th March	Year 9 Parents' & Options Evening
Fri 10th - 17th March	British Science Week

YEAR 11 SUPER CURRICULUM



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We are extremely proud of how well our Year 11 are engaging in the Super Curriculum offer. We hope that their attendance will result in improved results in their next set of Mocks.

Please see below all the breakfast and after school sessions that run during the school week. Your child will have received a letter of invite for specific sessions if you attended the Parents Evening in January and class teachers will continue to inform parents and carers where attendance is necessary in order to bridge gaps in knowledge.

In addition, we continue to run Saturday morning sessions and your child will be invited on a week by week basis via a letter from their class teacher that requires a confirmation of attendance response. These subject specific revision sessions on a Saturday will run all the way through to the end of the formal examinations in the summer.

Finally, we are also organising Easter and May Half Term sessions and further information will be provided by class teacher.

This comprehensive package of support, good attendance and punctuality to school and all lessons, will continue to enable all Year 11 to reach their full potential.

We look forward to continued success for all our Year 11 students and would ask all parents and carers to encourage their child to seize every opportunity provided as we move into their final weeks as students at Halewood Academy.

Day	Breakfast Revision 8.30 - 9.00am	After School Sessions													
Monday		Maths 9-5 VKE/SJO	Science 9-7 G37	History 9-5 STA	Sports Science JCA/CJO	Drama 9-4 GO4	DT and Hosp and Catering 4pm - 5pm	Art, Graphics and Photography 4pm - 5pm							
Tuesday	Science - CWO Maths - NRO/LPA	English 9-7 NST	English 4-6 EBB	English 4s AGB	English W2 4s NHI	English H2 W3 4s CSA	English Literature 4s KHE	English Literature 4s LTR	Maths 9-4 NRO/PBR	Science 9-5 G37	Spanish 9-5 KWI	Physical Education HSC	DT and Hosp and Catering 4pm - 5pm	Art, Graphics and Photograph y 4pm - 5pm	
Wednesday	Science - CWO Maths - NRO/LPA	Maths 9-7 LMO	Science 9-4 G37	Geography 9-4 JHA/CKN	Physical Education DOL	DT and Hosp and Catering 4pm - 5pm	Art, Graphics and Photograph y 4pm - 5pm								
Thursday	Science - CWO Maths - NRO/LPA	Art, Technology, Graphics, Hospitality and Catering, Photography - 9/2, 23/2, 30/3, 20/4													
Friday		Spanish 9-7 HSA (S18)	Geography 9-7 JHA/SRL/HRE	History 9-7 AGL	Business and Computing 9-4 DMO (S22)										



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME



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Start your DofE at Halewood Academy

Can all pupils involved in the DofE bronze Award Scheme please meet in the Assembly Hall after school on Tuesday (07.03.23) next week. This is to check everyone's progress with DofE and address any misconceptions.

We will also discuss expedition dates.

Any issues then please let Mr Riley know.



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From all at Halewood Academy, congratulations and welcome!

Welcome to the pupils who
will be joining us in Year 7
in September 2023.

We will be in touch shortly
with some welcome information.



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SPORTS VIP VISIT



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On Thursday 9th February we welcomed Sky Sports presenter Emma Saunders and Everton's Conor Coady into school in preparation for the Merseyside Derby. Students who attend the weekly football sessions hosted by Everton in the Community (EiTC) were selected to take part in the promotional event for Sky Sports. The aim of the event was to promote the Merseyside Derby, and students had an opportunity to play and interview **Conor Coady**.

The first part of the afternoon involved students taking part in small sided skills and drills sessions with **Conor** followed by games, a couple of the students really put **Conor** through his paces. Students were then invited to ask **Conor** any questions they had; Our students came up with some great questions that **Conor** and the Sky Sports staff were really impressed with. Overall the visitors were highly complimentary of all the **Halewood Academy** students involved, commenting on their maturity, conduct and attitudes throughout the session. One member of the Sky Sports staff explaining they work with a lot of young people across the country, and 'these kids have been some of the best they've worked with'.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the students involved – Well done all!

Mrs Jones
PE Teacher and Aspirations Coordinator

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KNOWSLEY INDOOR ATHLETICS COMPETITION



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Congratulations to our KS3 Boys! They represented the school superbly last night at the Knowsley Indoor Athletics competition. The year 7 boys battled bravely despite suffering some injuries, but the Year 8 boys are now Knowsley champions! They will represent Knowsley at the Merseyside championships!

Mr Rylands

PE Teacher / Student Mentor / KS2/3 Transition Co-ordinator



CRANTON TRADE DAY 2023



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A day of learning our trade...

Halewood Academy students were once again invited to Cranton and Riverside College for the annual Trade Day. This prestigious event provides budding apprentices with the knowledge and experience needed to commence a course in a number of subjects for post 16 education at Riverside College. Halewood Academy students in Yr 10 were given an immersive experience in the following trades:

- Construction**
- Engineering**
- Plumbing**
- Hairdressing**
- Health and Social Care**
- Media Makeup**
- Beauty and Nails**
- Motor Sport**
- Motor Vehicle**
- Health Studies**
- Early Years Education**

Students were able to work and learn in the state of the art facilities and with highly technical equipment guided by experienced tutors. Students met current trades people learning at Riverside and were able to ask them about their routes into their chosen trade as well.

Students were able to build a rocket and see how it flew, refine their ability to safely remove gloves and aprons following a challenging situation in a health care setting to stop the spread of disease, design a waterflow system similar to that found in a new build house, create hinge joints to hang a door and craft media makeup of the highest quality that would be suitable for TV and Film.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the **Cranton and Riverside College** staff for making us incredibly welcome and serving a delicious 2 course meal in their restaurant.



HALEWOOD ACADEMY CAREER FAIR 2023



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On Tuesday 21st February we held our annual careers fair. This was open to all year groups throughout the school day, meaning over 1000 pupils had up to 30 different engagements from various sectors. Having had this opportunity, it has allowed our pupils to have meaningful encounters from a variety of different sectors within education, employment and training. Some of the providers that were represented on the day included; Cronton and Riverside colleges, LIPA, Northwest Ambulance Service, Unilever, Everton in the Community, Airbus, LIVV housing and Kids Planet Nursey alongside many others. Our pupils also had our independent careers adviser Faye Rafferty on hand to help answer any careers related questions.

Each pupil was given a booklet to complete as they interacted with various providers. Some of the questions included;

What courses or apprenticeships/job roles are you interested in that they offer?

What careers and jobs are linked to their course?

How do you study to gain the qualification? e.g., full time, part work and part college time, online etc.

How long will it take to complete and gain the qualification?

Feedback from the providers was very positive too and they stated students asked in depth questions and were excellent role models for our school.

Thank you to all the providers for volunteering their time for the whole school day. Our pupils greatly appreciated your time and the wealth of knowledge you have to share. One of our pupils spoke to me directly after the careers fair and said that they really enjoyed it, and it has helped them decide on what options they should choose for their GCSE subjects.

Miss A Gallen

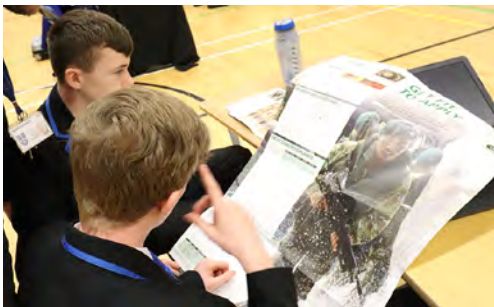
Teacher of Science and Careers Leader



HALEWOOD ACADEMY CAREER FAIR 2023



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National Careers Week



ALL ABOUT STEM / ASK PROGRAMME

APPRENTICESHIPS
EXPLAINED FOR PARENTS

THURSDAY 9TH MARCH 6^{PM}



Join this session to get the latest information about apprenticeships and listen to our panel of industry experts who can answer all your questions about apprenticeship careers.

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TRANSPORT TO SCHOOL LETTER



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Mr I Critchley

Principal BSc (Hons), PGCE, MA, NPQH

3rd March 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Transport to School: Unacceptable Behaviour on Buses

Further to my earlier correspondence about the use of the bus to school, I am writing to inform you of the unacceptable conduct of some of our students that use the Merseytravel 786 route. This is a service that drops off and picks up on school grounds, it is not run by the school and is used by members of the public.

Recently students have left litter, caused damage, thrown water from the windows and also left the bus via the emergency exit onto the road. Clearly these are all unacceptable behaviours and could potentially cause an accident or injury to themselves or others.

I am therefore urging you as parents and carers to contact the school with information regarding further issues on admin@halewoodacademy.co.uk. I am asking for your co-operation and that of your child so we can tackle the small minority of students that are making this journey unsafe. I want you to trust that the information we receive will be treated with the upmost confidentiality to ensure anonymity for those reporting incidents.

As stated in my previous correspondence although pupils may not be on the school premises, they remain subject to the behaviour for policy while travelling to and from school and ultimately you are responsible for their behaviour. Any incidents of anti-social or unacceptable behaviour will not be tolerated and this may lead to a pupil being temporarily or permanently suspended from using the service by Merseytravel. In some cases, this may also lead to involvement with the Police which may result in prosecution. If a pupil is suspended from using the bus the responsibility of ensuring a pupil attends school regularly remains with parents/carers.

The following is an extract from the school's behaviour for learning policy which clearly outlines the school's power to discipline beyond the school gates. *'Teachers have the statutory power to discipline students for misbehaving outside of the school premises. Section 89(5) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 gives teachers statutory power to regulate students' behaviour in these circumstances "to such an extent as is reasonable." At Halewood Academy we will impose reasonable sanctions for any student taking part in a school trip, travelling to and from school, wearing school uniform or in some other way identifiable as a student at the school including on social media. This may also apply to students that pose a threat to another student or member of the public or could adversely affect the reputation of the school. These will be subject to a statement(s) being completed or a report from staff, students or member of the public. An investigation will take place and consequences will be imposed that are deemed reasonable in all circumstances.'*

I trust that I have your full support to ensure that all passengers/students that use the public bus service to and from school can travel safely.

Yours faithfully,

Mr I Critchley
Principal

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3rd March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Social Media and Online Conduct

Over recent weeks we have dealt with an increasing number of issues relating to students' communication on social media outside of school time. These issues, often stemming from children using apps like Snapchat or TikTok, can cause considerable upset, anxiety and distraction for students. Friendship problems, arguments or disagreements are commonly made much worse and harder to resolve when social media is involved. Our priority in school is to ensure our students recover quickly from the disruption they have experienced over the last two years; we do not wish to spend time addressing issues on social media that do not relate to students' learning and progress and often have nothing to do with their time in school.

While we understand that social media plays a significant part in young people's lives and that it can be difficult for parents and carers who are unfamiliar with it to understand, it is important that children are guided to use it sensibly, safely and respectfully. Students hear this message in school regularly through our assemblies, form time activities and our Personal Development curriculum. They are reminded frequently of their responsibilities and our expectations. Unfortunately, there is only so much that we as a school can do to prevent issues arising without your support. It is important, particularly in the case of younger students, that the use of social media is monitored closely by parents and carers and that children understand what to do if they feel upset, uncertain or uncomfortable about what they read or see. Please consider removing apps or blocking contacts that cause concern and be mindful that most social media apps have age restrictions of 13+ and even then, that is with parental supervision and consent.

Some of this content that students post and share is highly offensive, personal and upsetting to members of the school community and this is something we will not tolerate. As well as ensuring sanctions are in place for those who create and share inappropriate content, we will also inform our safer schools police officer. Please can I ask you to speak to your child(ren) about this, ensuring that they 'unfollow' or 'block' and 'report' accounts that could be offensive to students or staff.

Equally students that film other students / staff, and share these images will have consequences in line with our behaviour for learning policy. We will not tolerate any behaviour where students find it acceptable to film others to intimidate, ridicule or bring the school into disrepute.

It is important to recognise and thank the overwhelming majority of students who rise to our expectations every day by working hard, behaving respectfully and engaging positively in the life of the school. Thank you for your partnership, understanding and support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr I Critchley

Principal

Mindful March 2023

MONDAY

TUESDAY

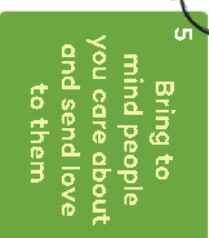
WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



6

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

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

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

19

Cultivate a feeling of loving-kindness towards others today

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

Appreciate nature around you, wherever you are

28

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

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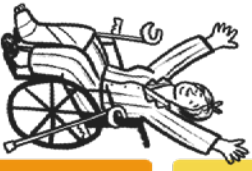
Choose a different route today and see what you notice

30

Mentally scan your body and notice what it is feeling

31

Discover the joy in the simple things of life



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