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DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

I hope this edition of our newsletter finds you well. There has been much to celebrate recently at Halewood Academy and I have had the pleasure of attending the **Shakespeare Northern Playhouse** on two separate occasions. Firstly, to attend the **Knowsley Education Awards** where **Lucy M** achieved the School Citizen of the Year Award and **Lesley McCallum** was nominated for the **Careers and Enterprise** award. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and in particular **Lucy**. You can read more about this in this edition. The second time at the Playhouse was to support our performance of **Twelfth Night** as part of the **Shakespeare Schools' Festival**. What a performance! Incredible acting and dancing; a massive congratulations to all our performers and thank you to all the staff that gave up their time to prepare the cast.

Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended the **Year 10 Progress Evening**. There was a positive atmosphere and it was a privilege to speak to many of you about your children and the progress they are making. These events are so important and when we work together students do make excellent progress.

There is also lots to celebrate in terms of our **Year 8** football team that narrowly lost to an exceptionally strong **SFX** side. The digital day

that was organised **Miss O'Neill** was really well received by all involved and the **KS4 trip** to **Goodison Park** with a focus on law supported our focus on careers and ensuring students are given the best possible opportunities to succeed.

I would also like to remind you again that students should not be carrying their own medication including paracetamol. If your child needs to take any form of medication it should be sent into school, clearly labelled with child's name; this should then be given to their **Progress Leader** who will administer as per the instructions.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to remind you that all students should have a school bag, equipment and their timetable each and every day. This will support us to ensure that learning is at the forefront of what we do and your child leaves this school with the necessary knowledge, skills and understanding to be successful.

Best wishes,

Mr I Critchley,
Principal



A GREAT
PLACE
TO BE A
PART OF

REGULAR ATTENDANCE



HALEWOOD ACADEMY

Evidence shows that securing excellent attendance at school is key to ensure positive outcomes for children and young people. Missing lessons means students are –

- **Vulnerable to falling behind**
- **Always having to “catch-up” due to gaps in their learning**
- **Less self-confident**

Research by Universities UK indicates that children with poor attendance are **5 times less likely** to achieve 5 strong passes at GCSE, preventing them from going on to Higher Education or into employment.

We also know that poor attendance at school can lead to poor emotional health and wellbeing. Young people who miss school, on a regular basis, can become socially isolated; they can lack confidence and have low self-esteem. Children can feel like they don't fit in with their peers and this can lead to loneliness. We also know that young people who regularly miss school are at greater risk of anti-social behaviour and are more likely to become victims of crime.

These are not the life outcomes and experiences we want for our students at **Halewood Academy**. School is not just about academic success and attainment; it is about learning about the world,

about relationships and about ourselves. It is about trying new things, making new friends, and finding our place in the world. To miss school is to miss the many, many experiences that shape the choices we make, the opportunities we have and the quality of life that we lead.

What can parents do to help?

Make sure that your child goes to school regularly, arrives on time and adheres to the school's rules on going to all lessons. It is never too late to start good habits. If your child starts missing school, we recommend that you work with us to resolve any issues that may be preventing your child from attending school.

If your child is ill, contact the school on the first day of your child's illness. If your child is ever off school, you must tell the school why. Do this by calling 0151 477 8830 or by emailing admin@halewoodacademy.co.uk.

If you want permission for your child to miss school, for example because of a special occasion such as a wedding, you should ask for permission well in advance and give full details. Please take an interest in your child's school work and celebrate the many positive aspects of school life.

**DAYS OFF
COST
GOOD
GRADES**



HALEWOOD ACADEMY



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

Attendance Matters - *Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow*

TWELFTH NIGHT

It gives me great pleasure to share the announcement of the huge success of the Performing Arts production of **'Twelfth Night'** this week at the **Shakespeare Schools Festival**, at the **New Shakespeare Theatre** in Prescot.

I would like to publicly thank the **Performing Arts** team and other supporting members of staff for all their time, effort and commitment in working on the project (especially with such a short time scale).

I would also like to say a big thank you to all staff who attended the performance to show their support for our very talented pupils.

To say the pupils involved did us proud, would be an understatement - as they really were in a different class of their own in closing the festival.

The following list of pupils were involved and please congratulate them on how superb they all were!

Year 11

Damien J , Richie L,
Lucy MM, Chloe E,

Year 10

Olly C, Zac S , Jamie C,

Year 9

Jemima H, Jessica S ,
Brandon C, Ellie W , Louise W,
Alex C, Connor F, Francis L,
Casey B, Emmie B,

Year 7

Jonah H, Maddie W,
Meadow M, Layla O,
Imogen H, Paige D,
Evelyn H, Olivia C,
Imogen EH, Macey LF

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Roberts

Assistant Vice Principal



HALEWOOD ACADEMY REMEMBERS



Halewood Academy fell silent as a community on Friday 11th November 2022 to join together in paying our respect to those who have lost their life in conflict. Three of our student leaders addressed the whole school by reading the poem *In Flanders Fields* by John McCrae which was written during the First World War.

In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

Halewood Academy students had an assembly throughout the week delivered by **Mr Ellis** which focused on **Remembrance and Armistice Day**. This included the retelling of personal stories of staff family members and those of the Halewood community. It was an exceptionally powerful assembly and students shared how much they took from it. Our student leaders also took time during their break and lunchtime to distribute poppies and support raising money for the Royal British Legion.

Furthermore the young people of our community who represent the uniformed services were able to wear their uniforms to school that day, which they did with pride and looked incredible smart.

Once again **Halewood Academy** demonstrated its core values in respect and collaboration for each other.

Thank you,

Mr Harrison

Vice Principal



HALEWOOD ACADEMY SUSTAINABLE SHOP

We need you...

At Halewood Academy we recognise the current economic climate is tough for families. The cost of school uniform, revision guides, PE Kit and other general necessities for school can be difficult in terms of cost. Children can grow out of their uniform or PE kit before it reaches the end of its life and revision guides are used for a certain time period and then sit on a book shelf surplus to requirements.



A poll by Sainsbury's revealed that a child will often wear an average of 480 items of uniform over the course of their primary and secondary education; and this equates to a considerable amount of money.

Therefore, in order to support our community, we would like to begin the process of building our own **Halewood Academy** sustainable and preloved school shop. Not only will this support during the cost of living crisis, it will ensure perfectly suitable items of clothing are kept out of landfill.

Should you be in a position to donate clothing, books and non-perishable food items to the

school shop we would also like to begin collating stocks so we can support families in our local community when they are in need. We are also asking should you require any additional support during this challenging financial period, would you please contact us as we may be able to help. This will be handled sensitively to your needs and your child.

If you have any of the following items, that are in good condition and you would like to donate to the **Halewood Academy Sustainable Shop**, please could you leave them at school reception:

- Halewood Academy Blazer
- Halewood Academy School Tie
- Halewood Academy PE Kit
- Winter Coats
- Trainers
- School Shoes
- Non-Perishable Food Items – dried pasta, tinned food, rice etc.
- GCSE Revision Guides or Study Books

The aim of our shop is to support our local community through sustainable measures and will be organised by our Student Leadership Team. Once established items will be available for free or for a donation to a charity of choosing by Halewood Academy students.

I would like to thank you for your continued support of Halewood Academy and look forward to promoting this in future editions of the newsletter.

Thank you,
G Harrison
Vice Principal



SPORTS UPDATE



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Absolutely outstanding effort from our **Year 8** boys football team this week! We played **SFX** in the Merseyside Cup. The application and work rate from the boys. The 1st half was an even game between two excellent sides, one communication error led to a really unlucky own goal and **SFX** took the lead. The 2nd half was played mainly in the **SFX** half but despite lots of pressing and shots we quite couldn't grab that equaliser.

Mr Rylands was incredibly proud and we deserved at least a draw! The ref commented that it was a "Great game that could have been the final!" The boys acquitted themselves so well that **Mr Rylands** commented it was as well as the team had ever played! **SFX** could possibly win the competition. **SFX** parents commented "Halewood deserved to win!" Good luck to **SFX** in the next round!



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KS3 AND KS4 BOYS BADMINTON

Congratulations to our outstanding **KS3** and **KS4** boys badminton teams! They will both progress to the Merseyside finals after **KS4** won the Knowsley event and **KS3** were joint winners! The boys were fantastic and represented the school brilliantly! The **KS3** team consisted of **Brandon C, Harry C, Cayden C, Charlie T and James S**. The **KS4** team was **Jonty F, Brodie C, Steven B, Will B, Luke S and Jamie R**. Congratulations boys!

Mr Rylands is extremely proud!



SHAKESPEARE NORTH PLAYHOUSE VISIT



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On Tuesday 18th November 2022 some of our GCSE Drama students visited **Shakespeare North Playhouse** to watch the performance of **Forgotten Voices** directed by Margaret Connell.

Students had the opportunity to watch the remarkable real-life story of **Eva Moorhead Kadallie**, widow of South Africa's first black national trade union. This one woman show, explored the life of a turbulent time in South Africa and exploring the theme racism. All students thought this piece of theatre was outstanding and enjoyed the opportunity to visit the **Shakespeare North Playhouse**.



KNOWSLEY EDUCATION AWARDS 2022

Halewood Academy is exceptionally proud to have been nominated at the **Knowsley Education Awards for 2022**. We would like to thank all those who were involved and congratulate all the winners on the evening.



Lucy M of Halewood Academy won the **School Citizen of the Year** for her charitable work, overcoming adversity and showing grit and determination in conquering Snowdon.

There was praise for **Lesley MacCallum** in the **Careers and Enterprise Award** nomination were she, and Halewood Academy, received highly commended status and came a close second.

Our **Principal Prefects**, **Elizabeth P** and **Rohit C** attended the evening as guests where they were able to meet various council representatives including **Jill Albertina**.



Picture above – **Luck M** – Knowsley School Citizen of the Year



Picture above – **Principal Prefects Rohit and Liz** with **Jill Albertina**, Assistant Executive Director of Education



Picture right – **Shakespeare North Play House** – Knowsley Awards Venue

It was a wonderful night and truly celebrated the magnificent students across Knowsley. This was demonstrated through exceptional performances from students of **Blue Bell Park** and **Cronton College**, and it was great to see ex-Halewood Academy students flourishing as part of **Cronton College's Choir**.

We will see you again at the awards in 2023!

#BIMADigitalDay

DIGITAL :DAY INFO


Well done to all who took part in Digital day! You were all AMAZING!

Brandon C 9HSC
 Lewis S 9HSC
 Louise W - 9HSC
 Ellie W - 9HSC
 Chloe W - 9NST
 Ava D 9CKN
 Lily S - 9CSA
 Connor S - 9DMO
 Jack P 9CSA
 Aimee K - 9NST

Bailey W - 9HSC
 Jessica S - 9LTR
 Oliver T - 9NHI
 Frankie S - 9CKN
 Ava P - 9SSC
 Francis L - 9SSC
 Cayden C - 9CSA
 Sophia W - 9CSA
 Josef C - 9LTR
 Jovany E - 9NHI
 William D - 9LTR
 Josh H 9CKN

Poppy R - 9DMO
 Olivia S - 9NST
 Aidan R - 9SSC
 Joseph M - 9NHI
 Jack S - 9LTR
 Laurie C - 9DMO

All their work from the day will be sent into a national competition to win the school £500! Fingers crossed!



PROGRESS EVENING FOR YEAR 10

The evening was a great success. Tutors provided parents with an analysis of their child's progress and discussed future plans.

Halewood Academy would like more feedback from parents and carers using the QR code link on this page which will link you to a online feedback form.



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PLEASE SCAN THIS CODE TO GIVE FEEDBACK ON THE EVENT



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INTRO TO LAW TRIP



On Tuesday we had 15 KS4 students represented the school at Goodison Park for an Introduction to Law trip, hosted by **Everton in the Community**. The event gave students the opportunity to hear from some highly successful Judges from across Merseyside, and a chance to hear about some real cases. Some students took part in mock trials and spoke confidently about their case in front of Judges and students from other schools.

Mrs Jones

PE Teacher and Aspirations Coordinator



STRAWBERRY FIELD

Celebrating Christmas with Strawberry Field

We are also offering local schools a 50% off discount code to use when booking.

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NOVEMBER 6.30PM**

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New Ways November 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 <p>1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month</p>	<p>2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way</p>	<p>3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you</p>	<p>4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community</p>	<p>5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel</p>	<p>6 Try out a new way of being physically active</p>	<p>7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire</p>
<p>8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week</p>	<p>9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"</p>	<p>10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea</p>	<p>11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way</p>	<p>12 Find out something new about someone you care about</p>	<p>13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax</p>	<p>14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about</p>
<p>15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."</p>	<p>16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective</p>	<p>17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself</p>	<p>18 Connect with someone from a different generation</p>	<p>19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site</p>	<p>20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before</p>	<p>21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them</p>
<p>22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them</p>	<p>23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love</p>	<p>24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently</p>	<p>25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way</p>	<p>26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show</p>	<p>27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it</p>	<p>28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card</p>
<p>29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen</p>	<p>30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times</p>	