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DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

I hope this issue of the newsletter finds you well. This really is a 'bumper' issue with lots of information of what has been going on in and outside of school.

I recognise the opportunities our students get outside the classroom are extremely valuable and these are complimented by our excellent personal development programme in school. I would encourage you to take the time to discuss with your child(ren) what they have been learning in their recent personal development lessons and in assemblies.

I would like to draw your attention to a couple of items concerning the health and safety of our students. The first one is relating to behaviour on the public bus service. Please read the letter carefully using the link or on the letter section of the website. Also advice from Merseyside Police regarding keeping safe around Halloween and Bonfire Night. I want to ensure our students, your children, are safe during this season.

Finally, thank you for your support this half term. It has been a very busy start to the new year and we continue to make changes for the better and I hope the students continue to rise to the new level of expectation placed on them.

Enjoy the half term break when it arrives,

Best wishes,

Mr I Critchley,
Principal

A GREAT
PLACE
TO BE A
PART OF



WELL DONE!

We would like to congratulate the following forms for their great attendance this term...!

FORM 8KWI 97.1%
FORM 7JMA ... 96.9%
FORM 7PRY ... 96.4%
FORM 7SRL ... 96.4%
FORM 9SCC ... 96.4%



TRANSPORT TO SCHOOL: BUSES



The bus service continues to be an important method of travel to and from school for a number of our students.

Recently we have had reports that a minority of students have displayed anti-social and unacceptable behaviour on the bus service. Please click on the letter regarding behaviour on this service. <https://tinyurl.com/yc2973an>

PARENTS' FORUM

Are you a Parent/carer who wishes to become more involved in Academy life at Halewood?

Do you wish to raise any concerns, be consulted on policies and give your views?

Do you wish to contribute to further school improvement?

Then consider attending

Halewood Academy's Parent/Carer Relaunch event on the evening of Wednesday 19th October 2022, from **5pm to 6pm**.

To confirm your attendance please follow this link to our website:

<https://buff.ly/3VbGXDO>

PARENTPAY IS NOW LIVE!



With immediate effect, please be advised that we no longer accept cash payments in school.

Moving forward, we will only accept payments by **ParentPay**. This will cover all Payment Items such as dinner money, school trips, ties, revision books plus more.

Every parent has a **ParentPay** account already set up by school. Not activated? Please telephone **0151 477 8830** and ask a member of the office staff to help you do this.

Please note the deposit machines in school are for school dinner money only and they are managed by Knowsley Council.

If you have difficulty adding funds to your **ParentPay** account via bank transfer, this can also be done at a **PayPoint** store.

You can be provided with a QR code to do this, just ask the office when you call.

To add ParentPay to you phone click on the link below:
<https://www.halewoodacademy.co.uk/parents/parentpay/>

CHOIR SINGING AT HALEWOOD ACADEMY



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Music @ Halewood

Do you like to sing?

Would you like to sing at Wembley?

Sign up for HAVOC (Halewood Vocalists) and join us at this year's Christmas Concert (in school) and Voice in a Million (at Wembley).

Speak to Miss Costello or Mr. Roberts if you'd like to take part.

Sign up for these events in G53.

Fun rehearsals will start after Half Term.



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**DAYS OFF
COST
GOOD
GRADES**



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

Attendance Matters - *Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow*

This half term we have had a real emphasis on attendance as a school and this will continue into the next half term. We have seen some real improvements with individual attendance and are beginning to see improvements across the whole school.

We have another week of this half term and it is important that pupils attend every day up to and including the last day of the half term on Friday 21st October when pupils will finish at normal time.

Attendance for the second half of the Autumn Term

We will expect all pupils to return to school at the normal time on Monday 31st October 2022.

If your child is unable to attend school, you will need to ring the school office on **0151 477 8830** between **8.00-8.30am**. Your call will be received by one of our admin team who will discuss with you the reason for your child's absence.

*Please be aware that dependant on the reason and your child's current attendance there may be some challenge as to why your child is not able to come to school.

Each day at 9.30am the pastoral team will meet and establish who is absent from school and the reason why. Dependant on the individual's attendance, and the reason for absence the most likely outcome will be a member of the pastoral team visiting the home of pupils who are absent. These visits will include a discussion on how we can get the young person back into school with as limited time absent as possible.

We have an exciting half term to look forward to and we must stress that we expect pupils to be in each day to maximise their potential.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents/ guardians and pupils who have made a significant effort to improve their attendance this half term and we must stress the importance of keeping this up.

For those pupils who have achieved 100% this half term look out in the post for your special postcard from Mr Critchley.

If you require any support in terms of school attendance please contact your child's Progress Leader/Assistant Progress Leader, Mrs Graham Attendance Officer, Mr Day Assistant Vice Principal or Mrs Cross Vice Principal.

SHAKESPEARE SCHOOL FESTIVAL VISIT



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On Friday 7th October the **Performing Arts** department organised a trip involving 26 students ranging from YR7-11 to visit the **Shakespeare North Playhouse** in Prescot. The students were given an exciting opportunity to have a tour of the theatre and participate in practical workshops. In addition, they worked with a range of practitioners at the theatre to help develop their theatrical skills.

This valuable experience was in preparation for the student's Live performance of **Twelfth Night on Wednesday 16th November at 7pm.**

If you would like to see the students perform their outstanding work tickets can be purchased from the website please click here:

<https://shakespearenorthplayhouse.co.uk/event/coram-shakespeare-schools-festival/>

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and welcome applications from parents who are keen to make a positive contribution to our school.

In this voluntary role, you will work as part of a team and play a vital role in ensuring the Local Governing Body is connected with parents and the community of **Halewood Academy.**

To express your interest in the role please contact:

Admin@halewoodacademy.co.uk



YEAR 8B BOYS FOOTBALL



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What a brilliant team performance from our **Year 8B** boys football team. They beat St Edmund Arrowsmith 'A' team 2-3 in a fixture this week! Goals from Hogan and Sunners (2) gave us the victory.

It was an amazing performance in the torrential rain! MOTM was Hutton.



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THE NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP AND EMPLOYMENT EVENT 2022

Well done to our **Year 9** pupils who represent Halewood Academy at **The National Apprenticeship and Employment Event** in Birmingham on **Friday 7th October 2022**. The event was designed to inspire the next generation of young people no matter what background with apprenticeship, traineeship, T-levels and retraining opportunities.

Miss A Gallen

Teacher of Science and Careers Leader



T-LEVELS GUIDE



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What are T Levels?

T Levels, or Technical Level Qualifications, are a new government backed qualification introduced as of OCTOBER 2020 and will be equivalent to 3 A Levels. These 2-year courses have been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses so that the content meets the needs of industry and prepares students for working life.

T Levels involve a mix of classroom learning (about 80% of the course time) and practical experience (about 20% of the course time) including a 45 day on-the-job placement in a genuine business. Afterwards, students may go on to university, alternative higher education, another job, an apprenticeship or they may be offered an opportunity with the company where they were placed.

T Levels are a vocational alternative to A levels (because they focus on industry) and include practical study as well as classroom learning. They differ from apprenticeships because the study and working time is reversed. Unlike BTECs, T Level courses were developed with businesses and offer an industry placement. It is likely BTECs will be phased out over the next five or so years.

T Levels are a level 3 qualification and provide an alternative to A levels, apprenticeships, IB, BTEC and other courses aimed at 16-19 year olds. Check out the table below!

www.theparentsguideto.co.uk

Level	Qualification / educational route		
8	Doctorate (PhD)		NVQ 8
7	Masters degree (MA)		Degree apprenticeship / NVQ 5, 6, 7
6	Bachelors degree BA or BSc		
5	Foundation degree FdA or FdSc	Higher National Diploma (HND)	
4		Higher National Certificate (HNC)	Higher apprenticeship / NVQ 4
3	A levels Grades A-E	International Baccalaureate	T Levels
		BTEC diploma BTEC certificate	Advanced apprenticeship / NVQ 3
2	GCSE Grades 4- 9 (C, B, A or A*)		BTEC first diploma
			Intermediate apprenticeship / NVQ 2
1	GCSE Grades 1- 3 (D,E,F or G)		Foundation diploma / entry level qualifications
			Traineeship / NVQ 1
	Academic route	Vocational route	Applied / work route

WELL-BEING AT HALEWOOD ACADEMY



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At times life can feel really hard and if there is something bothering you, it is good to share your thoughts; this is a sign of you taking control of the situation.

There is lots of help and support available to you. Whether it's to a friend, family member, your teacher, your GP or one of the many support agencies, it's good to talk.

We had an important event of *World Mental Health Day* on **Monday 10th October 2022**.

The theme of 2022's *World Mental Health Day* is '**Make Mental Health and Well-being for all a global priority**'.

World Mental Health Day is also a chance to talk about mental health in general, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to talk about things and get help if you are struggling, you are not on your own.

Every Mind Matters [Every Mind Matters – NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk) Expert advice and practical tips from the NHS to help you look after your mental health and wellbeing.

Shout offers confidential 24/7 text messaging support for times when you need immediate support. The service is staffed by trained volunteers who will work with you to take your next steps towards feeling better. They can help with issues such as stress, anxiety and depression and are able to talk via text at any time of day or night. Simply text the word **"REACH" to 85258** for immediate support

Samaritans - A safe place to talk 24 hours a day about whatever is troubling you. Call 116 123.

Think Wellbeing Knowsley offers free NHS therapy for people in Knowsley with common mental health problems such as anxiety or depression, to help you change the way you feel by changing the way you think.

Kooth provides online support and counselling, information, advice and support for young people in secondary schools.

Young Minds offers lots of practical tips and advice and real-life stories from other young people who have struggled with their mental health and how they got through it. Parents and carers who are concerned about their child's mental health up to the age of 25 can get advice from our confidential helpline – **call free on 0808 802 5544**.

DiAmond - This service is available for children and young people who have been affected by domestic abuse and require support for their mental and emotional wellbeing. The service is delivered by Listening Ear and more information can be found at [Emotional Support for Domestic Abuse - Listening Ear Merseyside \(listening-ear.co.uk\)](https://listening-ear.co.uk). You can also contact Listening Ear by telephoning 0151 488 6648 or emailing enquiries@listening-ear.co.uk

Butterflies - This service is for children and young people who require mental and emotional support following bereavement, loss or separation. The service is delivered by Listening Ear and more information can be found at [Affected by Bereavement & Loss - Listening Ear Merseyside \(listening-ear.co.uk\)](https://listening-ear.co.uk). You can also contact Listening Ear by telephoning 0151 488 6648 or emailing enquiries@listening-ear.co.uk

POEM BY YEAR 9 STUDENT

Year 9 have been reading 'I am Malala' by Malala Yousafzai. This poem was written by **Jemima Hargreaves** in year 9 who was inspired by the chapter entitled '**Free as a bird**'.

You may of heard the saying 'as free as a bird'
But are birds actually free?
Their wings outstretch as they glide through the sky
A sight to admire by you and me.

Watching their flight, wondering where they will end up,
I suddenly hear a horrific sound
Birds scatter north, east and west
Whilst one falls to the ground.

You may of heard of the saying ' as free as a bird '
But are birds actually free?
It's something that I ponder
But now can't guarantee

By Jemima Hargreaves



WELL-BEING AT HALEWOOD ACADEMY

Optimistic October 2022

SATURDAY

1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month

8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding

15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted

22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague

29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

SUNDAY

2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)

9 Share an important goal with someone you trust

16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting

23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future

MONDAY

3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you

10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently

17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society

24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently

31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month

TUESDAY

4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list

11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward

18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead

25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?

WEDNESDAY

5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good

12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today

19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future

26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face

THURSDAY

6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better

13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing

20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time

27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time

FRIDAY

7 Look for the good in people around you today

14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you

28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



Happier · Kinder · Together

HALLOWEEN & BONFIRE NIGHT



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Letter to parents and guardians from Merseyside Police re. Halloween and Bonfire Night

We are writing to all parents and guardians to ask for your help over Halloween, Bonfire Night and the days around it.

We want everyone to have fun and we'll be working hard to keep you safe.

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP

Know where your children are

- Encourage kids to go to local events that are being organised, or try a spooky film together
- If your children are going out (particularly on the 30th and 31st of October), make sure you know where they're going. If possible, drop them off and pick them up
- Don't let your children hang around the street
- If they're going somewhere local – walk there with them
- Have an agreed time when they need to be home
- Don't buy fireworks or eggs and flour for them, and don't let them take it out of the house

Know the risks

- Throwing things at cars, buses, shops and houses can hurt people – drivers might swerve if they get distracted and cause a crash, or someone might get hurt by broken glass (and scratched paintwork can be very expensive to fix)
- Getting into trouble with the police can lead to a criminal record, which means not being able to go on holiday to countries like the USA, and not being able to do certain jobs
- Messing around with fireworks is dangerous – some burn as hot as 1,200 degrees - hot enough to melt glass and cause serious or fatal injuries

Know the law

If a young person under the age of 16 commits any of the offences below, the parent/guardian will have to pay the fine.

- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined if found with an unlit firework
- A person under the age of 16 can also be arrested and fined if they throw or light a firework or make a bonfire
- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined for throwing things like eggs, flour, paint or other objects at people, vehicles or property

Thank you for your help and support. By working together, we can keep your children safe this Halloween and Bonfire Night.

Merseyside Police

HALF-TERM EVENTS

HALF TERM AT OUR PLACE

LONGVIEW DRIVE, HUYTON, L36 6EG

DANCE WITH MIGUEL DOFORO 11AM-4PM **OCT 25TH & 26TH**

OCT 25TH WATERSPORTS AT THE DAM 12PM-4PM

ZAP GRAFFITI SESSIONS 10AM-2PM **OCT 27TH & 28TH**

OCT 27TH & 28TH BIKE REPAIRS WITH DR BIKE 1PM-5PM

HALLOWEEN PARTY 5PM-8PM **OCT 31ST**



PARENTS/GUARDIANS: SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN YOUR CHILD UP NOW!



FREE DANCE CLASSES!



For ages 11 to 16 years!

With Miguel Doforo



25th & 26th October @ Our Place

Scan the QR code to sign up now!



11am-4pm

BORED OVER THE HALF TERM?
AGED 11-16 YEARS?
WANT TO TRY SOMETHING NEW?
COME ALONG TO OUR PLACE, LONGVIEW DRIVE, L36 6EG FOR A



FREE GRAFFITI WORKSHOP

Use the QR code below to sign up now!
(Parent/guardian permission required)



27TH & 28TH OCTOBER
10AM TO 2PM

27th & 28th October



Free Bike Repairs

Bike check ups and minor repairs



Scan to sign up now!



With Dr Bike



1pm to 5pm
Our Place, Longview Drive, Huyton, L36 6EG

Bring your bike along for a free check up and minor repairs!

For ages 11-16 years

Don't miss out!