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DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the next addition of our newsletter. It has been an extremely busy half term which you will see by the information in this newsletter.

Firstly, I would like to draw your attention to the letter (on the 2nd page) we have distributed to all parents and carers. I did a virtual assembly / briefing to all students this week to outline the changes. Thank you to those parents and carers that have provided feedback already. As I have indicated in my letter, the rules surrounding the use of toilets are no different to local schools and our focus continues to be on students being in their lesson as much as possible. I really do appreciate your support in this matter.

This week we have also had our rewards and recognition assemblies to celebrate the amazing work and achievements of our students. Well done to all! You can also see some of the different experiences our students have been exposed to both inside and outside of school. Thank you to Mrs Irons for organising the sponsored walk to Hale Lighthouse in memory of former student George Galbraith and thank you to Mr Riley and the students that took part.

You will also see what some of our students have been learning in Health and Social Care, Drama and Geography. I am pleased to say that our library goes from strength to strength and congratulations to our new library monitors and National Poetry Day winners. Sport continues to be a strength of the school and you can see how we are getting on in this edition.

Finally, thank you for all your support this half term. Please enjoy the Halloween period, if you take part, and also the forthcoming bonfire night. Please stay safe and we will be back open for all students on Monday 6th November

Best wishes,

Mr I Critchley
Principal



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KEY DATES 2023

27th-3rd Oct/Nov	HALF TERM
Mon 6th Nov	YR8 KS3 P2S1 Assessments
8th Nov	DIGITAL DAY
10th Nov	STEAM TRIP
17th Nov	INFLUENZA VACCINES IN SCHOOL



HALEWOOD ACADEMY

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Mr I Critchley
Principal BSc (Hons), PGCE, MA, NPQH

25th October 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Punctuality and Toilet Update

I am writing to make you aware that since we have introduced the new systems and polices for poor punctuality to school and lessons we have seen a significant improvement in both these areas. Please can I ask for your continued support in ensuring students arrive to school on time with their bag, folder and timetable; this will really support their swift arrival to lessons and maximise their learning time.

As you are aware we changed our arrangements for the use of toilets to ensure that learning is maximised. Having spoken to neighbouring schools we have been more lenient in allowing students to use the toilet during lesson time. I sincerely hoped that the shutters and use of staff toilet passes would ensure less toilet visits during lessons. Unfortunately, this has not been the case for many students.

Since we returned from the summer break there have been over 10,000 toilet visits during lesson time with only 25% of these attributed to those with medical passes. Therefore, from **Monday 6th November only students with a medical pass will be granted permission to use the toilet during lesson time.** This policy is used widely in neighbouring schools and across the country.

We regularly remind students of the priority of learning and being resilient by staying in class. The toilets are open before school, at break, at lunch and after school. These are duty points at break and lunch; the queues are never excessive. Therefore, we have enough facilities to cope with the demand. There are both unisex and male / female toilets available during break and lunch. Should demand increase at break and lunch we will look to open more facilities.

I am sure you appreciate the need for students to be resilient and be prepared for the world of work where there are usually set times and limited opportunities to use the toilet. As always, staff will use their professional judgement and we will continue to monitor usage.

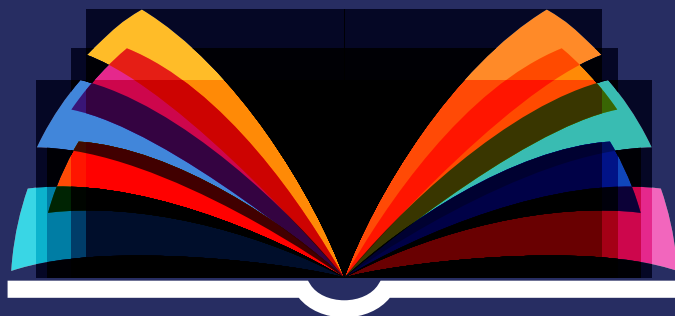
Those students with a medical pass will continue to access the toilet and any concerns over frequent use will allow us to contact home to provide support or update needs as required. If you feel your child needs a medical pass then medical evidence should be provided to our Pupil Support Co-ordinator, Mrs Roberts (RRoberts@HalewoodAcademy.co.uk)

I trust I have your support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Mr I Critchley
Principal

PARENTS OF YEAR 6

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Parents of year 6 Children It's time to apply for a secondary school place (year 7) September 2024 Intake

Knowsley residents – Apply online by visiting www.knowsley.gov.uk

CLOSING DATE 31ST OCTOBER 2023

- If your child is currently in year 6 of primary school or their date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013, now is the time to apply for a year 7 secondary school place for September 2024.
- There is no automatic transfer – everyone must apply between 12 September 2023 and 31 October 2023 by completing the application form of the Local Authority in which you live.
- Knowsley residents should apply by accessing the online application portal via the Knowsley website www.knowsley.gov.uk.
- It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure they have read the admission policy of each school they are considering applying for and provided all the information required to support their application – this may include completing a supplementary information form with some individual schools where requested.
- For full information about the application and allocation process and admission policies for individual schools, visit the school admission pages at www.knowsley.gov.uk and access the 'Knowsley, Secondary Admission Composite Prospectus'.

For further advice, contact Knowsley School Admissions Team

Email: schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk

Tel: (0151) 443 5142 / 5143 / 3372



Knowsley Council

SAFEGUARDING, EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH BULLETIN

Halloween and Bonfire

In this article we are sharing some information from Merseyside Police about Halloween and Bonfire Night and the safety element for young people.

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.



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

Merseyside Police.

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.

AUTUMN TERM 2

Please note that all pupils return to school on **Monday 6th November 2023** at the normal time. Pupils need to return to school ready for learning with the following:

- Full school uniform including school shoes.
- No jewellery including piercings and no nail varnish or false nails. If pupils are wearing false nails over the half term please ensure that arrangements are made for them to be removed by Monday 6th November.
- All pupils need a school bag every day and the school bag need to be able to carry an A4 folder
- Pupils' Black folder provided by school with their Timetable at the front of the folder
- Pencil case with pen (green, blue and black pen required), pencil and a ruler
- PE Kit if they have PE that day



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RE-ENGAGE SPONSORED WALK



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Raising money towards Childhood Cancer Awareness

Although Storm Babet tried to stop us, Re-Engage would not be deterred and completed our re-arranged walk to Hale Lighthouse on Wednesday this week. The sun was shining and the countryside was amazing.



Mr Riley, Mrs Irons and students from Re-Engage all thoroughly enjoyed the event and hopefully lots of money will be raised in memory of **George Galbraith** a former student of the Academy who sadly passed away last August after a brave battle with cancer.



HALLOWEEN BAT CRAFTING DAY



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Pupils had a great time during our Halloween special art club. We created 'bat sweet holders'.

All pupils constructed the body of their bat by using black card and rolling into a tube. Wings were drawn, cut out of card and attached the body.

We added googly eyes and decorated with posca pens. They all looked fabulous.

Well done to everyone involved.

Thanks for your support,
Miss Manriquez
Art & Design



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CYBERCLUB GIRLS COMPETITION 2023



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Competition time!



Do you want to take part in Cyberfirst competition?

CyberFirst Girls Competition aims to inspire girls to pursue their interests in technology and consider a career in cyber security

See Miss O'Neill to sign up by the 17th November 2023

Fore more information please visit

<https://www.cyberfirstschools.co.uk/cyberfirst-girls-competition/>

HALF-TERM NOTICE

Friday 27th October - Inset Day
School closed to students.

Monday 30th October to
Friday 3rd November - Half Term

Wednesday 1st November to
Friday 3rd November - Main
office will be closed

Monday 6th November -
Students return to school



HALEWOOD ACADEMY DRAMA WORKSHOP

On Friday 20th October, Year 11 Drama students, participated in a drama workshop with local theatre company, Paperwork Theatre. Paperwork Theatre have recently been awarded funding to develop their show, 'Shattered' which explores the themes of class and ambition.

Our students explored a range of theatrical approaches and were given the opportunity to contribute their own ideas into the up-and-coming show.

One student said, "It was very fun, active and creative with numerous exciting activities on character creating and developing."



Another student said, "It was great fun but would like more time to expand on the scene."

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE HOLISTIC DEVELOPMENT



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The Year 10 Health and Social Care class planned and designed numerous Halloween activities to promote Holistic development in the Early Learning Life Stages.

Students produced a number of activities to enhance Physical, Intellectual, Emotional and Social development. They then produced Powerpoint presentations and presented them to the rest of the class.



Well done to all!
Mrs Atherton
Health & Social Care

YEAR 8 GEOGRAPHY



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In Year 8 Geography lessons we have been learning about the Goods and Services provided by the Rainforest. We have also been learning about destruction of the rainforest and how we can make developments in the rainforest more sustainable. **Classes 8AL and 8W3** all took part in I'm a **Celebrity Rainforest Challenge**, where they were blindfolded and had to guess which rainforest products they were holding or tasting and try to determine which products were Fair-trade. Students then designed their own **Rainforest** products and wrote an advertisement using persuasive language to try and encourage people to buy their product. The students produced excellent Rainforest products. The winning entries from **8W3** were **Ruby C, Luke D, Billy E**. The winning entries from **8AL** were **Liam P** with his **Minty Anaconda Chocolate bar**, **Alfie M** and **Andrei N** with his **Jaguar chocolate drops**.

Well done Year 8, I look forward to the next Challenge.

Mrs D Atherton
Geography



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*Also, an extra well done to Igor S for a fantastic piece of homework on the **Structure** of the rainforest. Well done. Keep up the good work Year 8.*



REWARDS & RECOGNITION

Celebrate Success Ceremonies - Rewards week:

As this autumn term is coming to an end, this week has been a time for our pupils to reflect on their progress and achievements made. Therefore, all pupils at Halewood Academy have been taking part in extended assemblies where **Rewards & Recognition** have been celebrated!

There have been a number of accolades awarded to pupils with awards ranging from subjects, attitude to learning, 100% attendance and Progress Leader[s] nominations.

Pupils have been awarded with certificates, prizes and badges. Many congratulations to this term's deserving winners!

Mr Day

Assistant Vice Principal



AUTUMN TERM





Year 8





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Year 9





Year 10



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National Poetry Day **WINNERS!**



Ellie W – 10LTR



Ellissia M – 7SWT



Reggie B – 9LKL



Winning poems will be shared on social media!
See Miss Towers in the Library for your prizes.

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CONGRATULATIONS NEW LIBRARY MONITORS



We would like to welcome and congratulate our newest members of the Library Monitor team! We welcome 5 new members who we are so excited to join us in promoting reading for pleasure across Halewood Academy. Thank you to everyone who put themselves through an interview, I was very impressed with how well our Year 7's handled the pressure!

On another note, Miss Towers is on the hunt for Year 9 Library Monitors so if you are interested please speak with her before/after school or break/lunchtimes to put your name into the hat.

- Goda K (8PRY)
- Liz L (7JCA)
- Jessica CT (7JKL)
- Dexter D (7JNC)
- Abbie B (7JKL)

BOOK FAIR UPDATE

We would like to say a **MASSIVE** thank you to those of you who supported the Book Fair back in September. We sold a total of £1209.42 worth of books with £619.24 of that being **NEW** books for our library. Well done to everyone for making this happen and please feel free to come and check out our new collection!

Scholastic offer a REWARDS system where schools earn money to spend on new reads depending on how much they buy at book fairs. As an Academy, we smashed all expectations and earned ourselves £665.18 of FREE books! It is safe to say Miss Towers will enjoy spending our rewards on the best and newest reads to add to our collection.



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SPORTS UPDATE YEAR 9 BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM



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Congratulations to our year 9B boys football team, who tonight won the Knowsley schools competition at All Saints! A fantastic effort from the whole squad!

Mr Rylands



YEAR 7 GIRLS & BOYS FOOTBALL TEAMS



Congratulations to our Year 7 Girls and Boys football teams who represented @EITC at Marine FC in conjunction with Crimestoppers and "4 clubs 1 goal"

Both teams played with great enthusiasm and skill with both finishing a credible 2nd! A huge thank you to Andy Foster and the team! A fantastic day with an extremely important message about reporting crime in our city!



SPARKS HOMEWORK



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SPARX MATHS

Homework is set every Wednesday at 2pm.

Homework is due in by 3pm the following Wednesday.

Students should record their percentage achieved on the homework record sheet in their folders.



YEAR 11 INVITATION - CRANTON COLLEGE

Cranton Sixth Form College would like to invite students in Year 11 at Halewood Academy to their High Achievers Programme and Tomorrow's Programmes which take place on Wednesday 1st November 1pm – 3:30pm.

This is during the half term so students are expected to make their own way to the College. To register your interest in this can you please follow the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/9UCTWT3SDx>

Places for this are limited to a maximum of 150 and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Event Details:

Pupils will have the opportunity to learn about "The Cranton Experience" by sampling two activities from the "High Achievers Programme" and "Tomorrow's Programmes" which are exclusive to Cranton Sixth Form College.



- Business Leaders and Traders of the Future
- Creative Writing
- Debating Society
- Mathematics
- Psychology in the Real World
- Student Leadership Team
- Tomorrow's Lawyers
- Tomorrow's Scientists (Chemistry focus)
- Tomorrow's Scientists (Biology focus)
- Tomorrow's Scientists (Physics focus)
- Tomorrow's Teachers

This is a great opportunity to experience college life ahead of making their post-16 pathways decision in 2024.



FIGHTING FLU STARTS WITH YOU

2023 INFLUENZA VACCINES AVAILABLE



NHS

We will be coming into school on the following date to do your Fluenz session for children in all years.

17th November 2023 – 9.00am.

The online e consent link is now active from 1st September. Please see below the link and the QR code to complete a consent form for Flu.



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The **INFLUENZA** vaccine is recommended for people aged 6 months and over and is **FREE** to those most at risk from influenza and its complications



Parents/carers will need to go <https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/> or scan the QR code to consent or decline the vaccination.



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

LONELINESS ONLINE: What Causes It and Ways to Feel Better

Have you ever been online and felt a little bit lonely?
In a recent study, 14% of 10–12-year-olds said they often felt lonely, so you're not the only one who sometimes feels that way. We spoke to a group of children and teenagers, who told us some of the things that make them feel isolated when they're online.

CAUSES OF LONELINESS ONLINE

-  Seeing photos or videos of friends having fun without me
-  Being excluded from group chats or games with friends
-  Friends or family not replying to texts or answering my calls
-  #!&* People being unkind to me online
-  When friends leave my group chat



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

So if these things happen to you and you start to feel down, what can you do? The same young people also told us how they make themselves feel less lonely when they're online – and we've collected some of their advice to share with you.

- Tell a friend or a trusted adult that you feel lonely
- Watch funny videos of cats and pandas
- Watch yoga videos and do some exercises
- Play single-player games you enjoy
- Listen to happy music
- Listen to your favourite audiobooks
- Send nice messages to your friends and family
- Play games with friends who you trust, if they're online too



TAKE A BREAK

Sometimes the best thing you can do is to take a break from technology and do something offline that makes you feel happy.

Here's what our group suggested!

- Paint or draw pictures
- Play with a pet
- Write about your feelings
- Hang out with your family
- Get outdoors & enjoy nature



FURTHER SUPPORT

Remember, it's normal to feel a bit lonely sometimes – but if it's really upsetting you, and you have no-one to talk to, you can call Childline for free on

0800 1111





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THE HIGH ACHIEVERS

PROGRAMME



HAP Information Event

Wednesday 1st November 2023, 1pm - 3.30pm

Scan the QR Code to register for our High Achievers Programme information event.

Pupils will have the opportunity to learn about The Cronton Experience by sampling two activities from our High Achievers Programme and Tomorrow's Programmes, which are exclusive to Cronton Sixth Form College.

The activities on offer include:

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- Tomorrow's Scientists (Physics focus)
- Tomorrow's Teachers



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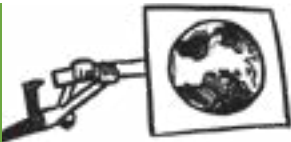
This event is for Year 11 High Achievers (predicted 7x grade 7s or higher) and takes place in most schools during October half term. Scan the QR code above to register your place and to choose two activities you would like to experience.

We ask that you only sample Tomorrow's Scientists once on the day to allow other students to also experience this session. Please choose a different experience for your second option.

Current and former students will be at the event to talk about The Cronton Experience and High Achiever's Programme, and how these opportunities have supported them for progression to prestigious universities and competitive careers.

Places for this event are limited to maximum of 100 and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Optimistic October 2023



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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

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

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

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

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

6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better

7 Look for the good in people around you today

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

9 Share an important goal with someone you trust

10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently

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

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

13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing

14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation

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

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

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

18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead

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

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

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

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

23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise

24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently

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

26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face

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

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

29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to

30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future

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



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