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# We are proud to welcome pupils from...

Banks Road Primary School

Booker Avenue Primary School

Cronton Church of England

Four Oaks Primary School

Garston Church of England Primary School

Hale Church of England Primary School

Halewood Church of England Primary Academy

Holy Family Catholic Primary School

Hunts Cross Primary School

Middlefield Community Primary School

Much Woolton Catholic Primary School

Norman Pannell Primary School

Our Lady of Good Help Primary School

Plantation Primary School

St Ambrose Catholic Primary School

St Andrew the Apostle Catholic Primary School

St Christopher's Catholic Primary School

St Mark's Catholic Primary School

Stockbridge Village Primary School

St Paschal Baylon Catholic Primary School

Stockton Wood Community Primary School

Woolton Primary School

Yew Tree Primary Academy



The information in this document is correct at the time of printing.

# Welcome to



# HALEWOOD ACADEMY



Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome to **Halewood Academy**. I hope you will find this booklet full of useful information about our school and I hope it will support you and your child(ren) with the transition from primary to secondary school. As a parent myself I understand that this transition can be both an exciting time and a time when nervousness around the move to 'big school' can become apparent. When your child(ren) start at **Halewood Academy** in September I would like to reassure you that we will ensure they are well looked after and have every opportunity to develop a full range of skills and knowledge that they will need to help them succeed in later life; whatever pathway you choose to take.

They will have many opportunities to develop their talents and interests. However, they cannot do this without hard work. As a school we would like your support to ensure you guide them to follow our high standards and expectations with regards to both uniform, equipment and their learning. We have a wide range of support to ensure students not only flourish socially but achieve the best possible examination results. Our vision of '**We Seek The Best**' means that we want them to give their best in all that they do and develop into well-rounded, respectful and confident young adults with the ability to work both independently and with other people.

The teachers and support staff will go above and beyond to ensure that we develop these well rounded young people. We want you as parents and carers to do the same; we want you to support the school and your child(ren) as this is the best way to ensure success. Our core values underpin what we want from students and we do pay particular attention to our **RACER (Respect, Aspiration, Collaboration, Excellence and Resilience)** values and ask students to think about how they will meet each one of these every single day.

I wish you every success.

**Ian Critchley**  
Principal



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# Meet the Vice Principals



**Mrs J Thomson**  
Vice Principal



**Mrs N Cross**  
Vice Principal



**Mr G Harrison**  
Vice Principal



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# Meet the Senior Leadership Team



**Miss M Catterall**  
*Assistant Vice Principal*



**Mr D Day**  
*Assistant Vice Principal*



**Mr D Heydon**  
*Assistant Vice Principal*



**Miss J Hayden**  
*Assistant Vice Principal*



**Mr C Worrall**  
*Assistant Vice Principal (Interim)*  
*Senior Leader of Science*



**Mr R Ellis**  
*Assistant Vice Principal (Interim)*  
*Senior Leader of Humanities*



**Mrs N Roberts**  
*Senior Leader of*  
*Mathematics*



**Miss A Gilbert**  
*Senior Leader of*  
*English*



# Meet your Year 7 Team



My name is **Ms Evans, Year 7 Progress Leader.**

I am looking forward to meeting you and welcoming you into our school community. Here at **Halewood Academy**, we have created a community where our core values shine throughout our school and pupils.

We recognise that for many of you this will be both an exciting but also anxious time and want to reassure you that we are all here to help you make the transition from primary school to secondary school as easy as as possible. We are here to support you throughout your time at **Halewood Academy**, and be with you every step of the way, helping you to understand how the school's core values of respect, achievement, collaboration, excellence and resilience really are the key to success.

I look forward to meeting you on transition day to start your new adventure.



My name is **Mrs Carroll, Year 7 Assistant Progress Leader.**

I am excited to meet you all as you join **Halewood Academy**. I understand it can seem daunting and at the same time exciting moving to a secondary school. I therefore hope to help in supporting you through this journey and help you to grow into the best versions of yourselves.





# Meet your Year 7 Form Tutors



**Mr J Campbell**  
PE



**Mr J Kelly**  
Science



**Mr J Cahill**  
Second in Humanities



**Ms S Gonzalez-Barroso**  
Leader in Modern Foreign Languages



**Mrs S Tamm**  
History



**Mr C Hartley**  
ICT



**Miss C Flatley**  
Mathematics



**Miss J Hastings**  
PE



**Miss K Rees**  
Humanities



**Mr S Waters**  
Science



# Before you arrive

Before term starts it would be a good idea to check that everything is ready for the BIG DAY! You will need to check that you have all your uniform; you will also need different coloured pens (black, blue and green or a four-in-one version) pencil, ruler and calculator (along with a pencil case to keep them in), a water bottle, a school bag, PE kit as required.

It is essential that you have a bag CLEARLY named for your belongings. You will need your PE kit. This must be clearly labelled with your name.

**The first day is Wednesday 6th September 2023. Arrive at school for 8.30am.**

If you are entitled to free school meals, you will not automatically qualify when you transfer to secondary school. Your parents/carers need to apply to your Local Authority, who then notify us.

## **Knowsley Residents**

Free School Meals

0151 443 4042

[benefits@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:benefits@knowsley.gov.uk)

<https://parentportal.knowsley.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/travel-and-free-school-meals>

## **Liverpool Residents**

Free School Meals

0151 233 3009

<https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/application-form>

## **Halton Residents**

Free School Meals

0151 511 7188

[rutlandhousessharedadminteam@halton.gov.uk](mailto:rutlandhousessharedadminteam@halton.gov.uk)

<https://www3.halton.gov.uk/Pages/EducationandFamilies/Schools/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>

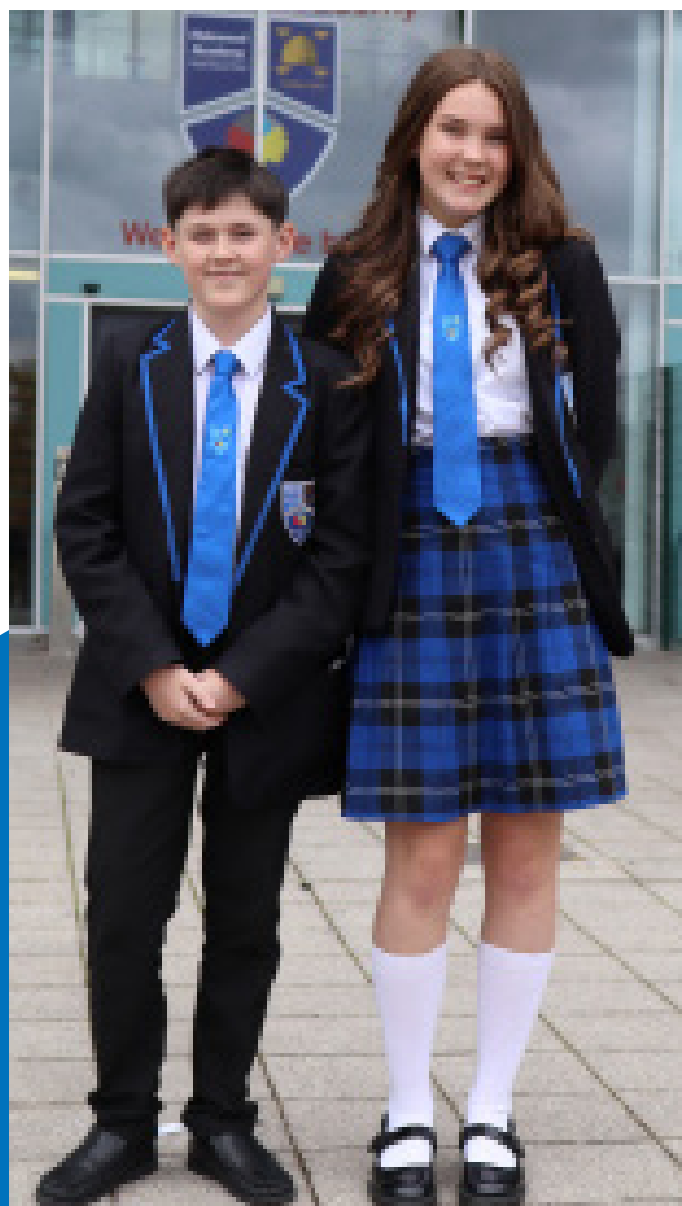
**REMEMBER: You are not allowed to leave school at break or lunchtime.**





# Your school uniform

Skirt	School Kilt		
Trousers	Charcoal grey or black, no colours		
Shirt	Plain white buttoned school shirt		
Blazer	Black with trim and badge		
Blouse or Shirt	White, collar and short/long sleeves		
Jumper	Plain black, V-necked with long sleeves (optional)		
Tie	Royal Blue School Tie		
Socks	White (plain white socks no bows)	Socks (with trousers)	Black, dark grey or navy blue
Tights	Navy blue		
Shoes	Black polishable shoes (no trainers / boots)		





### **Items of clothing which are not allowed**

Under no circumstances may training shoes, pumps or shoes that look like training shoes be worn in school. Shoes must be plain black with no colouring or designs on them. Plimsolls, sparkling or decorated shoes are not allowed. Boots are not allowed. White or other coloured tights, coloured/patterned socks, sweatshirts of any kind, pinafores, scarves, caps or any other variations on standard school uniform are not allowed.

### **School blazer**

A school blazer is **compulsory** throughout the school. Outdoor coats must be removed when you arrive at school and are not worn inside the school building.

### **Jewellery**

No jewellery is allowed to be worn except a wrist watch. If you come into school wearing jewellery you will be expected to remove it, this includes earrings which you will be asked to remove. Hair bands/bobbles should be small, simple and black or navy.

### **Make up**

It is not appropriate for you to wear make-up, coloured nail varnish, false eyelashes or sparkling tooth gems for school. You will be expected to remove any make-up.

### **Uniform Suppliers**

Items of daily school uniform can be bought from various specialist shops, including:

#### **Kitted Out Schoolwear**

- 114 Allerton Road, Mossley Hill L18 2DG
- 333 Aigburth Road, Aigburth, Liverpool L17 0BL.

At **Halewood Academy** we have extremely high standards of uniform.

We expect all of you to wear full school uniform, including school shoes and blazer on your way to and from school. This is something we take very seriously as we believe you are ambassadors for our school at all times.

## Examples of appropriate footwear



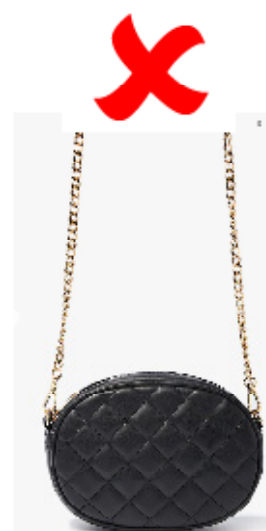
If you are unsure about what shoes to buy please speak to your Progress Leader

## Examples of inappropriate footwear



# Examples of appropriate school bags

All pupils need a suitable sized school back pack big enough to fit A4 folders or books in.





# PE Equipment

Black T-shirt with logo

Black shorts / black tracksuit bottoms / black leggings

Black / white football socks

Training shoes (appropriate)

Optional: Long sleeved training top advised for winter





# Arrival, Break and Lunchtime

Start of Day	Registration	Period 1	Period 2	Break	Period 3	Period 4	Lunch	Period 5
8.30	8.35-8.55	8.55-9.55	9.55-10.55	10.55-11.15	11.15-12.15	12.15-1.15	1.15-2.00	2.00-3.00

## Arrival

School starts at 8.30am so it is imperative you are in school at 8.30am. If you are late you must sign in at reception.

## Break time

There is a 20-minute break each morning. This must be taken on the school premises.

You must not leave the school premises for any reason at break time.

## Lunchtime

Lunchtime is a 45 minute break. **At lunchtime, we operate a 'stay on site' policy.**

Under no circumstances may you go off school site at lunchtime.

You are expected to stay on the premises and eat a school lunch or your own packed lunch. Food is on sale in various locations at break and at lunch time. At **Halewood Academy** we have a cashless catering system. This means that no money can be used in school, instead, you use your fingertips to access your account at the till.

Money can be credited to your account by putting cash into the machine located in the dining room or by using our cashless system Parent Pay.

Toilets should be used during break or lunchtime, not during lessons. Please note some of our toilets are unisex.

## On the corridors

We have some simple rules for moving around the school corridors.

- Walk on the left.
- Wear your blazer, but do not wear an outdoor coat.
- Do not eat on the corridors .
- Line up in single file outside the classroom.
- Do not have your phone out on the corridors. If seen, it will be confiscated.

You will only be allowed to leave a lesson in exceptional circumstances. If you need to leave a lesson you will have a pass and you must wear your blazer.



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# Behaviour in school

At **Halewood Academy** our Core Values are called RACER - see page 17.

The school behaviour guidelines, which should be strictly adhered to at all times, can be summarised as follows:

- Respect yourself and your work.
- Respect other pupils.
- Respect all adults in school.
- Respect your school.

We must emphasise to all pupils that at **Halewood Academy** we do not tolerate bullying of any description including homophobia, racism or any other form of discrimination.

All pupils have the right to enjoy their education in safe and secure surroundings. Anyone breaching these conditions will be dealt with appropriately. Sanctions for serious misconduct include time spent in our remove classroom, time in our Reset Centre and even fixed term suspension or permanent exclusion.

A full copy of the Behaviour for Learning Policy can be found on our school website [www.halewoodacademy.co.uk](http://www.halewoodacademy.co.uk)

At **Halewood Academy** the following are considered to be examples of serious misconduct and might be grounds for suspension or permanent exclusion.

- Violence or bullying.
- Swearing or other bad language directed at pupils, teachers or other adults with intent to insult people or disrupt lessons.
- Bringing a prohibited (forbidden) item to school.
- Persistent disruption of lessons.
- Vandalism.
- Racial or sexual harassment
- Repeated failure to carry out detention or similar imposition.
- Theft.
- Any criminal act.
- Any form of behaviour considered to be dangerous which puts the safety and wellbeing of other people at risk.

Exclusion may be fixed term suspension or, in the case of extremely serious misconduct, may even be permanent.

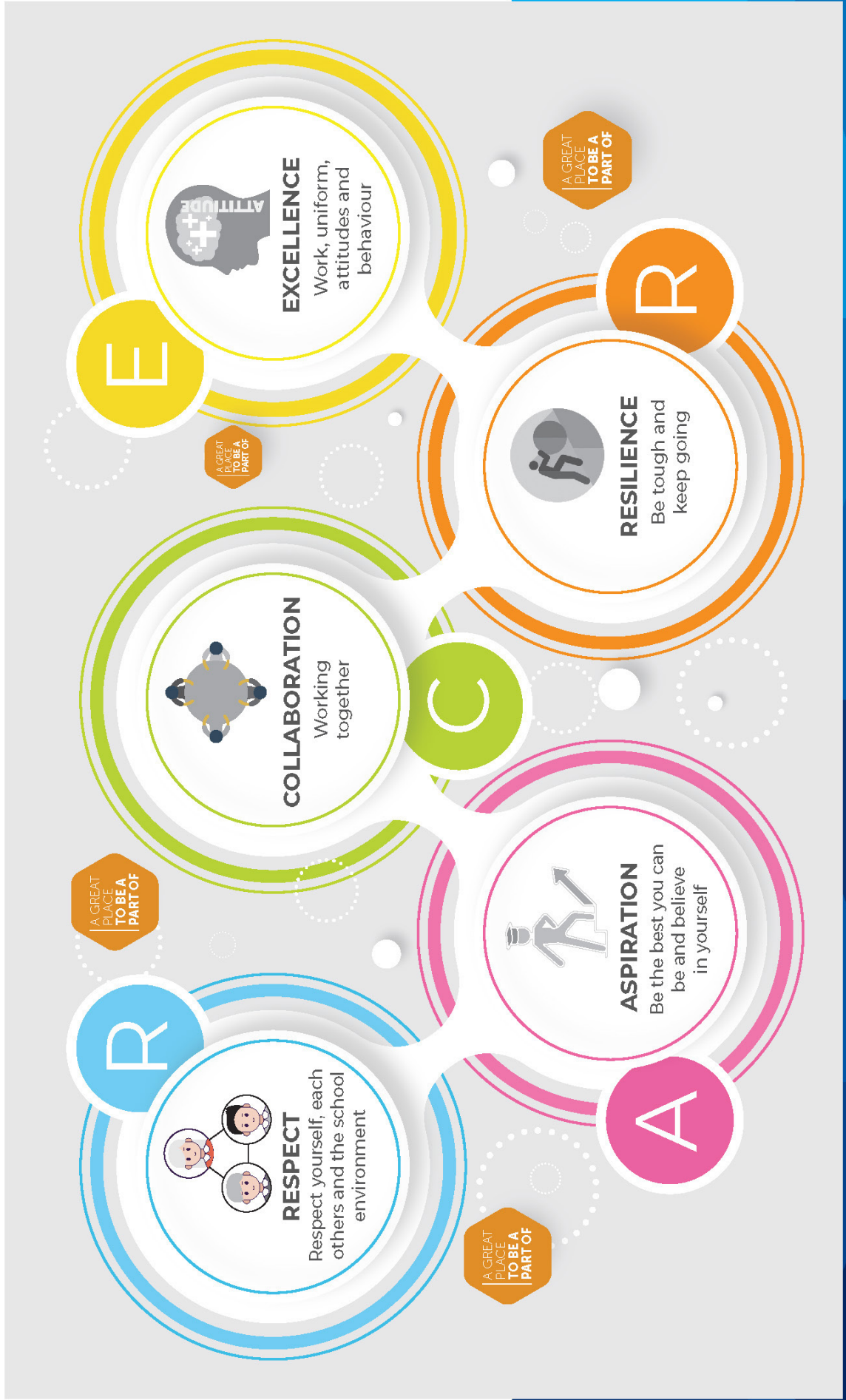
Please note that this is not an exhaustive list.





# CORE VALUES - RACER

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## Medical/Dental appointments

Ideally all appointments should be made outside of normal school hours, or during school holidays. If this is not possible we request that on the day of the appointment your child brings a covering letter to school signed by a parent/guardian which includes:

- The time you would like your child to leave school.
- If your child is to make their own way home at that time, go directly to the appointment venue, or if your child will be collected from school by an adult.

We will require proof of the appointment for school records, this should be attached to your letter (our school office will make a copy of the appointment card and return the original to your child).

In the event of an emergency appointment whereby an appointment card is not available, please request an appointment card/slip when you attend, which your child must hand to their Progress Leader or Assistant Progress Leader.

If you obtain an emergency appointment for your child for the same day, and as a consequence of this you have been unable to provide them with a covering letter from you, please telephone school providing the information listed above. You will still be required to follow the procedure outlined above for an emergency appointment.

## Attendance

At **Halewood Academy** we recognise that to achieve our mission statement of '*We Seek The Best*' and ensuring you make progress you are capable of, we must ensure that your attendance is continually, and consistently seen as a high priority. Attendance is the responsibility of all staff, pupils and parents/carers. In order to achieve this, we have set in place specific support systems and have staff with specific responsibility for attendance. Attendance is high profile with staff, pupils and parents/carers. Your form room has a display of weekly attendance for the whole school and by year group. Attendance is reported and commented on by the Principal in the newsletter sent home to parents/carers. Ensuring your regular attendance at school is the legal responsibility of your parents/carers. Permitting absence from school without good reason creates an offence in law and may result in the prosecution of parents/carers.

## First Day Response / Communication between home and school – daily procedures

If you are unable to attend school your parent/guardian will need to ring the school office on **0151-477 8830** between 8.00-8.30am. The call will be received by one of our admin team who will discuss the reason for your absence.

Dependant again on the reason and your current attendance there will be some challenge as to why you are not able to come to school. Dependant again on your attendance and your absence, the most likely outcome will be a member of the pastoral team visiting your home to discuss how we can get you back into school with as limited time absent as possible.



## Telephone Numbers

There are times when **Halewood Academy** will need to contact your parent/carers for a range of issues, including absence, so it is essential that the school has at least two up to date contact numbers at all times.

## Understanding Types of Absences

Every half day absence has to be classified by the school (not by your parent/guardians) as either authorised or unauthorised. Information about the cause of any absence is always required from your parents/carers, preferably in writing.

### Authorised

Authorised absences are mornings or afternoons away from school for a good reason such as illness, medical/dental appointments which unavoidably fall in school time, or emergencies.

### Unauthorised

Unauthorised absences are those which the school does not consider reasonable. This type of absence can lead to the Local Authority using sanctions and/or legal proceedings.

This includes:

- Parents/carers keeping pupils off unnecessarily.
- Truancy before or during the school day.
- Absences which have never been properly explained.
- Shopping, looking after other children or birthdays.
- Day trips and holidays in term time.
- Oversleeping.
- Absence to look after a sibling who is unwell.
- Confusion over term dates.

Any problems with regular attendance are best sorted out between school, your parent/guardian and you. If you are reluctant to attend, your parent/guardians should not condone your absence or give in to pressure to excuse you from attending school, they must contact school immediately to discuss.



## Attendance Letters

We would always aim for 100% attendance, each half term your parents/carers will be sent a RAG (Red/Amber/Green) letter informing them of your attendance with advice and guidance where appropriate. The categories are as below;

**Red - 85% or below.** Your attendance is a cause for concern and support will have been offered to address the issue.

**Amber - 85-95.9%.** Your attendance is being monitored closely by our Attendance Officers and your child's Progress Leader. You and your parents/carers may have been invited to attend a school attendance panel.

**Green - 96% or above.** Your attendance is excellent so far this year, we aim for all pupils' attendance to fall into this category. We hope your child is able to maintain this high standard for the rest of this academic year and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support. Lets' strive for 100% attendance.

## Medical Evidence

The school reserves the right to insist on medical evidence in order to code any absence as authorised or unauthorised, this decision will be made on an individual basis depending on your current and historic attendance.

## Transition Year 6 – Year 7

Primary school staff will advise the Year 7 Progress Leader of Year 6 pupils experiencing difficulties with attendance. Attendance information is requested from the primary schools for all pupils transferring to **Halewood Academy**. Extra support can be offered to you and your family if you are experiencing attendance problems to facilitate the transition process.







# Mobile Phone and Portable Music Players in School

During lessons we do not allow you to use personal mobile phones, tablets, Apple watches or any form of portable music player. We have very good reasons for this based on pupil safety and the maintenance of high standards in the classroom. However, we do understand that many pupils and their parents/carers like children to have a mobile phone as a security measure on the way to and from school.

## Our rules are clear on this:

- Mobile phones may be kept in a school bag but must be switched off at all times during lessons.
- If you are seen with a mobile phone or an electronic device during lessons, on the corridor or anywhere the item will be confiscated and placed safely in the school office. If this is the first occasion that your phone is confiscated it will be given back to you at the end of the day.
- **The school accepts no responsibility for replacing personal property that is lost, stolen or damaged whilst on school premises, during school events, travelling to and from school or whilst attending educational visits. Parents/carers are therefore advised to take out appropriate insurance cover for your property, including mobile phones, portable devices, bicycles and other valuable items.**

Please note that the school has no insurance to cover the loss or theft of these or other valuable items belonging to either pupils or staff. Should a loss occur we will investigate to try to recover the item but cannot guarantee success.









# Celebrating Excellence

## Overview

Our Rewards Policy aims to give pupils more regular, timely and valued rewards for their hard work within lessons and their wider contributions to the school community. We want pupils to be able to recognise the emphasis we place on them demonstrating our RACER core values in all that they do.

## Attitude to Learning (ATL) 1s

ATL 1s will be used as part of our Behaviour for Learning Policy. Pupils will be informed of their ATL 1s during form times and ATL 1 specific reward initiatives such as the assemblies, newsletters and celebrate success award ceremonies.

## How will pupils be rewarded?

Pupils will be rewarded using a range of different initiatives as follows:

**Postcards** – All staff will be issued with postcards which can be awarded to pupils for work in lessons, conduct around school or wider contributions.

**Letters** – A letter home, from a member of the Pastoral team or Senior Leadership Team (SLT) can be requested for pupils who are consistently demonstrating the RACER core values of for meeting certain thresholds relating to ATL 1's.

**Certificates** – Certificates can be awarded for a range of achievement including good work, positive attendance and for awards in assemblies.

## Celebrate success presentation assemblies

At the end of every term celebrate success assemblies will take in year groups lead by progress leaders and assistant progress leaders. Staff have an opportunity to nominate pupils for subject awards in effort and achievement, where pupils are awarded certificates and prizes. This also includes awards for attendance, punctuality, attitude to learning, a year group award and Principals award.

## Reward trips and visits

Throughout the year pupils who continually meet and exceed expectations will be invited to take part in trips and visits to acknowledge their consistent efforts and hard work.

**At Halewood Academy** you will be rewarded in a range of different ways for following our core values and behaviour code, working hard and attending regularly.







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# Personal Development

**Halewood Academy** takes pride in that we prepare our students for life beyond school by helping them develop knowledge, skills and understanding that will ensure they are fully prepared for the ever-changing wider world. We believe it is our responsibility to educate students beyond academic studies and this is delivered through our Personal Development curriculum.

**Halewood Academy** is committed to supporting all young people and assisting them in becoming responsible, respectful and active citizens who actively play a positive role in public life. The aim is to ensure students have access to a wide, rich set of experiences that allows them to further develop their talents and interests. We do this through explicit lessons that are focused on:

- Character Development
- Citizenship
- E-Safety
- Social, Moral, Spiritual, Cultural (SMSC) Education
- Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) Education
- Religious Education
- Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE)
- Careers Advice and Guidance.

Alongside these lessons students take part in a daily programme of morning activities and assemblies to further enhance the Personal Development journey students experience at **Halewood Academy**. It is further complemented with enrichment opportunities such as extracurricular clubs in school, links with universities, educational trips, student leadership and specialist external providers.

Crucially, Personal Development opportunities are encountered every day, with key learning woven into our academic curriculum so that it can be explored more deeply and to enable students to interconnect their learning.

Our Personal Development Journey is one way "*We Seek The Best*" for **Halewood Academy** students.





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# Clubs and Activities

There is a wide range of clubs and activities that you can join here at **Halewood Academy**. Most activities take place after school, you will have the opportunity to get involved in lots of different activities, learn new skills and make new friends.

Here are a list of some of the clubs and activities that we have on offer:

We have a wide variety of after school clubs that we hope will appeal to all students' interests and talents.

We believe we that the learning journey through school is not just about securing educational qualifications; we value the whole experience that our students receive here and understand that time spent developing extra-curricular interests is pivotal to ensuring our youngsters leave us as well-rounded citizens; well qualified, happy and healthy.

We have an extensive extra-curricular programme for students to be involved in after school. That said, we are always open to new ideas. If students feel that there is something that we do not offer that they would really like to try, then we will do our very best to facilitate it.

At **Halewood Academy** we are always keen to listen to your opinion. If you have any ideas for any activity or club then please let your form tutor know.



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# Monday

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Breakfast Clubs – 8:00am - 8:30am – Available to All

Club	Location	Staff
Chess and Draughts Club	Atrium	Miss Leyland
Music Club	G53	Mr Clark-Maxwell
Sports and Activities	Sports Hall	Mr Bailey
Study Club	LRC/Library	Mrs Gray
Touch Typing Masterclass	Library	Mrs Dwyer
Breakfast Maths	HB1b	Mr Breen
Year 7 Homework Club	S04	Miss Price

After School

Club	Location	Staff	Time	Year Groups
Mario Kart Club	HB5b	Mr Gilbert	3:15pm – 4:15pm	All
Fitness/Gym	Gym	Mrs Scott	3:15pm – 4:00pm	All
Football	Outdoor	Mr Riley and Mr Rylands	3:15pm – 4:00pm	Year 11 and Year 8
Badminton	Sports Hall	Everton in the Community	3:15pm – 4:00pm	All
Art, Design and Tech Club	G01	Mrs Manriquez	3:15pm - 4:00pm	All
Maths Homework Club	S30	Ms Hogan and Mr Craig	2:45pm-3:30pm	All
Humanities Herald	F34	Mr Ellis & Mr Gilbert	3pm-4pm	All



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## 85 CLUBS

AVAILABLE OVER THE  
COURSE OF THE WEEK  
DURING BREAKFAST,  
EXTRA-CURRICULAR AND  
SUPER-CURRICULAR  
FOR YEAR 11

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# Term Dates 2023-2024

	SEPTEMBER 2023				OCTOBER 2023				NOVEMBER 2023				
Week	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	
Monday	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27
Tuesday	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28
Wednesday	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	1	8	15	22	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	
Saturday	2	9	16	23	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	
Sunday	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	5	12	19	26	

	DECEMBER 2023				JANUARY 2024					FEBRUARY 2024				
Week	B	A	B	A	A	B	A	B	A	A	B	A	B	
Monday	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
Tuesday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	
Wednesday	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	
Thursday	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29
Friday	1	8	15	22	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	
Saturday	2	9	16	23	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	
Sunday	3	10	17	24	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	

	MARCH 2024					APRIL 2024				MAY 2024				
Week	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	A	B	A	B		
Monday	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
Tuesday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	
Wednesday	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		2	9	16	23	30
Friday	1	8	15	22	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31
Saturday	2	9	16	23	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25	
Sunday	3	10	17	24	7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26	

	JUNE 2024				JULY 2024				AUGUST 2024					
Week	A	B	A	B	A	B	A							
Monday	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
Tuesday	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	
Wednesday	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	
Thursday	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22*	29
Friday	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30
Saturday	1	8	15	22	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31
Sunday	2	9	16	23	7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25	

INSET Days – Students do not attend	Holiday	Public Holiday
INSET Days – Twilight		



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# Homework

Homework is set by your subject teacher and this is to be completed outside of your normal lessons. Homework will make you a better learner, develop your skills and help you make better progress in all of your lessons.

Homework can be set using worksheets or via online platforms such as Seneca and Sparx Maths. These systems will be unfamiliar at first but you will be shown how to use them by your teachers.

You will complete homework once a fortnight in each subject. However, for subjects on a rotation, this will be completed once a half term. Homework in all subjects is linked to retrieval practice. Research has shown that the use of retrieval practice is an effective tool for improving learning. Your homework, at times, will be linked to your retrieval practice in class so it is important that all homework is completed on time.

**Sparx Maths**

 SENECA





### ParentPay - our new online payment service

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money, school trips and uniform. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit / debit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores.

#### What are the benefits to parents & pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7
- The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely - offering you peace of mind
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card or also through PayPoint
- Full payment histories, balance alerts and statements are available to you securely online at anytime

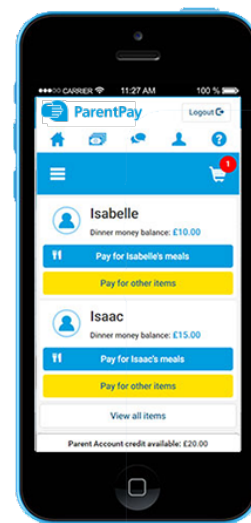
#### What are the benefits to our school?

- You can help us reduce workloads for all staff as no more counting cash, chasing debt and stop cash collection services
- Creates more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school
- Improves school security
- Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises
- The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school.

#### How to get started with ParentPay?

We will send you your account activation details as soon as your child joins Halewood Academy in September. Once you receive these:

- Visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)
- Enter your Activation username and password in the Account Login section of the homepage  
**NB. These are for one-time use only, please choose your own username and password for future access during the activation process**
- Provide all the necessary information and choose your new username and password for your account - registering your email address will enable us to send you receipts and reminders
- Once activation is complete you can go straight to Items for payment, select which item(s) you want to add to your basket and proceed to complete your payment



If you have any questions, please contact the school finance office. For more information, visit [www.parentpay.com/parents/](http://www.parentpay.com/parents/)



# SIM'S Parent App

Halewood Academy have launched SIM'S Parent App which will be an instant way of checking attendance, timetable and assessment information. From **September 2023** this will become the main vehicle for communication to parents/carers from school, supplemented with emails and text messages as required.

SIM'S Parent App can be easily downloaded on Apple's App Store or Google Play.



Engaging with your children's education is key to their success

With SIMS Parent see what's going on in school...

and be proactive with your children's education

See all your children in one place across schools

Help them stay on track

Homework  
3  
pieces set  
1 overdue



# Meet the Safeguarding Team

At Halewood Academy we have a dedicated safeguarding team.



**Mrs N Cross**  
Designated  
Safeguarding Lead  
Vice Principal



**Mrs F Campbell**  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead  
Leader of the  
Safeguarding Hub



**Mrs D Day**  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead  
Assistant Vice Principal



**Mrs J Thomson**  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead  
Vice Principal



**Mr G Harrison**  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead  
Vice Principal

## Meet the Learner Mentors



**Miss Price**  
Learning Mentor



**Mrs Redhead**  
Learning Mentor



**Miss Broadhurst**  
Learning Mentor



**Ms Clarke**  
Learning Mentor








**Ms West**  
Learning Mentor






# Every day before coming to school check

It is really important that you are organised and ready for learning each day. Please make sure that the night before school you are organised and ready for the day ahead.

- 1) Have you got the correct full uniform?
- 2) Have you packed your bag properly? Does it contain?

-  Pencil case with pens (blue, black, green or a four-in-one), pencil, ruler
-  Completed homework
-  Class books for the day as per your timetable
-  PE kit
-  Catering ingredients (*if applicable*)

Have you?

-  Credited your Parent Pay account
-  Got your packed lunch
-  Downloaded the SIM'S Parent App

## *One final point...*

Don't forget, we are all here to help you and to make sure that you are happy and successful at **Halewood Academy**. For your part, you must be in school every day, on time, work hard and take full advantage of all the opportunities available here. Now it's your turn to do this for you.

*'At **Halewood Academy** we always **'Seek the Best'**.*

We really look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday 6th September 2023**.

*Keep informed on our social media platforms too...*



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*Inspirational teaching and aspirational learners.  
A community where we value diversity - staff,  
pupils and parents/carers working together to  
create a happy, safe and stimulating learning  
environment.*





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ACADEMY

**WE SEEK THE BEST**

*We look forward  
to you joining us soon...*

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