

THE YEAR 6 TRANSITION NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2020

Dear Year 6

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. We are really looking forward to welcoming you to Halewood Academy in September.

We pride ourselves on providing the highest standards of teaching and learning so that all students are able to achieve their full academic potential. At Halewood Academy, we have very high expectations of student behaviour. Halewood staff lead by example and respect, aspiration, collaboration, excellence and resilience are the core values we all share in a partnership with students, parents and carers.

We are very lucky to have excellent facilities, which provide numerous opportunities for students and members of the local community to succeed in a variety of activities. Halewood Academy is a school at the heart of the local community. We have many partnerships with businesses, industry and community groups. You will be able to see this through the careers days we hold, lunchtime talks, charity work, competitions and the world-of-work programme we have. The extended curriculum engages students throughout the year via sporting events, field trips, STEAM days, international trips, performing arts festivals, numeracy, literacy, and debate clubs. Our student leadership programme is outstanding.

By choosing Halewood Academy, you are choosing the best school for your child. I understand this is an extremely important decision and you have to be sure that, in addition to our comprehensive, well planned, well researched, curriculum, your son or daughter will be cared for in a happy and safe environment. I hope that you will see this by viewing our website. I feel we offer you an insight into just some of the opportunities available to your child. The move from Primary to Secondary can be difficult and is a vital time in a child's life. During such a difficult time, we are working hard, in partnership with local primary schools, to make that transition as smooth and successful as possible. Please view our Virtual School Tours in this newsletter, or on our school website.

If you have any questions, worries or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr Rylands (Transition Coordinator) via email - prylands@halewoodacademy.co.uk.

I look forward to meeting you all soon! In the meantime; keep safe, keep well and please make sure you return your 'Student Information Form' and 'All About Me' worksheets (both available on our school website).

Best wishes.
Ms J Gallagher

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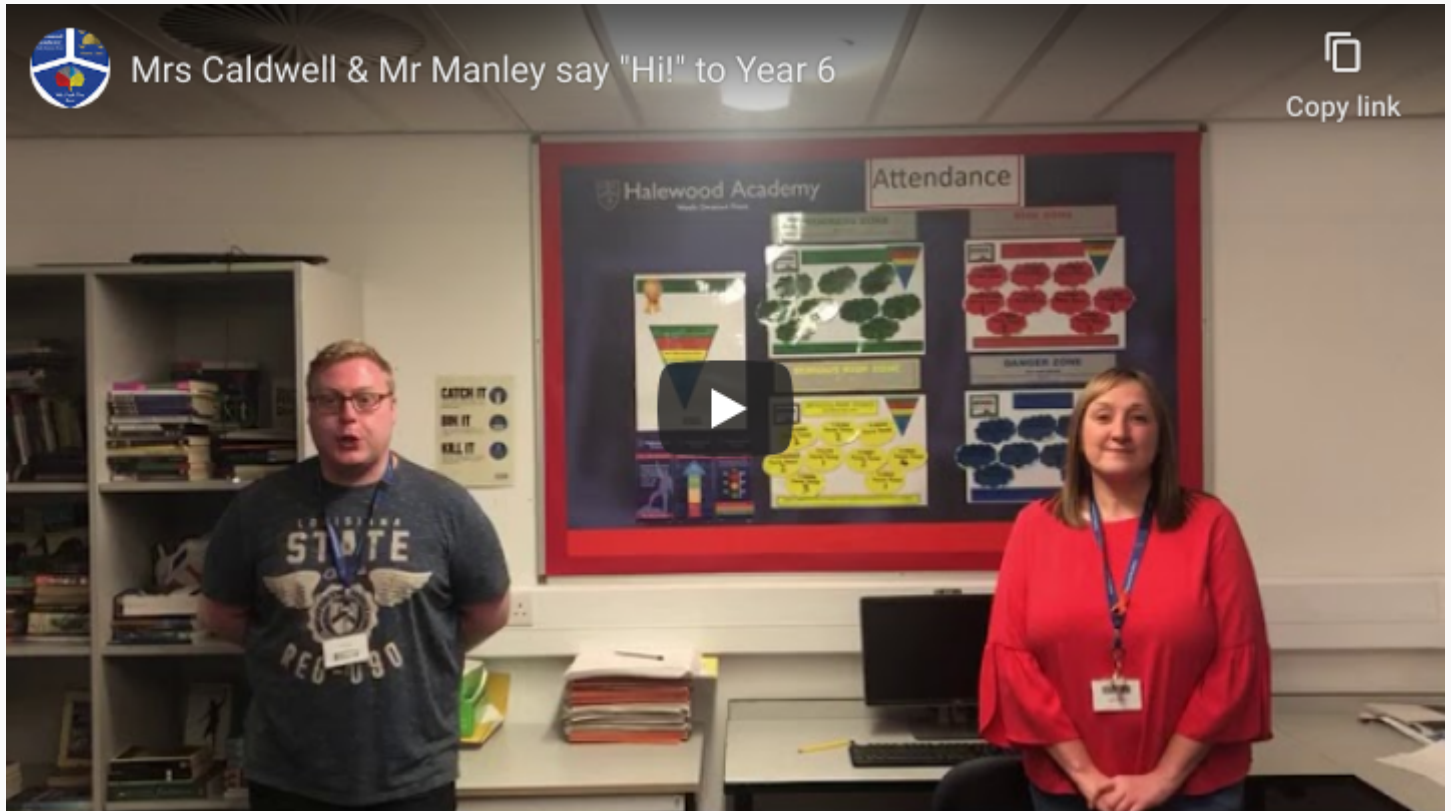
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YOUR YEAR 7 PROGRESS LEADERS



Miss Caldwell and Mr Manley will be your Progress Leaders. This means they will be supporting you during your move from Year 6 to Year 7. This support will continue throughout your school life, until you finish your journey through to GCSE. Day to day your Progress Leaders will work with you and your Form Tutor focusing on your attendance, punctuality, attitude to learning and anything else you may need support with.



Miss J Caldwell

Progress Leader (PL)

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Mr R Manley

Assistant Progress Leader (APL)

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We look forward to meeting you all soon, stay safe!

Other Key Staff for you to Learn



Miss J Gallagher (JGA)
Interim Principal



Mr A McKeegan (AMK)
Vice Principal
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs G Carson (GCA)
Assistant principal
SENDSCO



Miss F Campbell (FCA)
Safeguarding



There will be many new faces for you to learn when you start Halewood Academy, but try not to worry, you will learn your teachers' names as you go.

For now you should try to learn these key members of staff, and your Progress Leaders.

The School Day

One thing you will need to adjust to is the timings of the school day. Why don't you challenge yourself to learn the timings of the day?

Years 7 & 9		Years 8, 10 & 11	
REGISTRATION	08.45-09.00	REGISTRATION	08.45-09.00
Period 1	09.00-10.00	Period 1	09.00-10.00
EARLY BREAK	10.00-10.15	Period 2	10.00-11.00
Period 2	10.15-11.15	LATE BREAK	11.00-11.15
Period 3	11.15-12.15	Period 3	11.15-12.15
EARLY LUNCH	12.15-12.45	Period 4	12.15-13.15
Period 4	12.45-13.45	LATE LUNCH	13.15-13.45
Period 5	13.45-14.45	Period 5	13.45-14.45

Virtual Tours



With school currently closed, we wanted to give Year 6 students the opportunity to get to know the school and the school building, before they join us in September. Below, you can take a virtual tour around the school. We look forward to welcoming you to our school soon!

<https://www.halewoodacademy.co.uk/yr-6-induction/year-6-virtual-tours/>

School Uniform

You can buy our uniform from these stockists:

Trutex Schoolwear at 298 St Marys Road in Garston L19 0NQ & at 48-50 London Road Liverpool, L3 5NF.

Kitted Out at 333 Aigburth Road, L17 0BL & 276 Smithdown Road.

You will need to buy school ties, blazers and skirts from one of these shops. All other items can be bought anywhere.



The uniform is:

Girls

Black blazer with blue trim and Academy badge

Blue/Black Tartan skirt

White shirt

Plain black V neck jumper (optional)

Academy tie, to be worn at a standard length with Academy crest on display

Sensible plain black shoes

Plain white socks (no ribbons/bows) or navy blue tights.

Boys

Black blazer with blue trim and Academy badge

Black Trousers

White shirt

Plain black V neck jumper (optional)

Academy tie, to be worn at a standard length with Academy crest on display

Sensible plain black shoes



All students are expected to bring a waterproof bag, large enough for exercise books and PE kit, to school every day.

PE Kit

Students must wear the school PE kit in all PE lessons.

Boys need to wear the black Halewood polo shirt, black shorts or black training pants and black socks. There is also a training top which is optional.

Girls need to wear the black Halewood polo shirt, black shorts or plain black leggings/training pants and black socks. There is also a training top which is optional.

Our PE kit supplier is Sportswear International. You can order PE kit either online, on the telephone or by post. The website to order PE kit online is <https://www.swidtp.co.uk/>

To ensure delivery by the start of term in September 2019 orders must be placed by Monday 5th August 2019.



Top Tips!



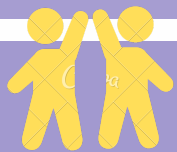
Plan your journey!

Starting secondary school requires children to become more independent and take on more responsibility. Part of this responsibility requires children to get to and from school on time.

Often secondary schools are further away from home than your primary school, so you need to plan how you will get to and from school each day.

Will you walk to school with friends/family?
Will you be getting public transport?
Will you be riding your bike?
Will you be getting dropped off by car?

We would suggest doing some trial runs before starting secondary school so you know the route and how long your journey takes.



Join a club!

At Halewood Academy we offer an extensive range of extra-curricular activities such as; Dance, Drama, Creative Writing, STEM, Geography, Art, Breakfast Club, numerous sports clubs and many others. Attending extra-curricular activities is a great way to meet like-minded people, and a chance to spend time doing something you enjoy, as well as enhancing your knowledge and skills. Most of our extra-curricular activities run straight after school until 3:45/4pm. Get involved!

Don't Panic!



Everyone is nervous about starting secondary school, but you have nothing to worry about. Remember, all of you are in the same position, you will soon get into a routine and find a group of friends. We are looking forward to meeting you all soon!

Ask for help!



Starting a new school can be daunting. You are probably worrying about getting lost, new rules, new people and organisation. However, everyone in Year 7 is in the same position as you!

Do not be afraid to ask for help when you need it, whether this be during lessons or around the school building. Our older students are always keen to help, they were new to the school once, and understand how you're feeling.

There will ALWAYS be a member of staff around, so please always ask for help if you need it.



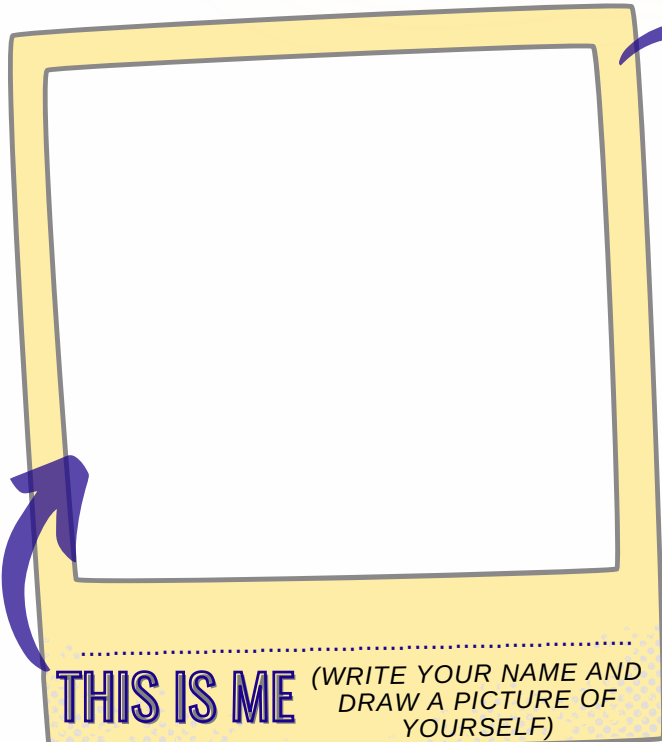
Be organised!

Organisation is about efficiency, reducing stress and saving time. By organising yourself the night before school you will help reduce the morning rush and feel much more relaxed by the time you get to school. Organisation tips for school:

- Make sure you know how you will be travelling to and from school.
- Lay your uniform out for the next day.
- Set an alarm to allow you enough time in the morning for breakfast and your journey to school.
- Use a storage box for everything school-related, such as your books and PE kit. This will make sure nothing gets lost.
- Keep items such as your pencil case, reading book and planner in your bag so you never forget. You need 2x pens (blue/black), 1x green pen, pencil, ruler, planner and a reading book every day.
- When you get your timetable, make a copy to display at home and highlight days you have PE or Food Technology to make sure you remember your kit or ingredients.

All about me...

We would love to get to know you and hear about things you like and dislike. Please fill in the boxes with things you would like us to know. Please return this sheet with your Information Forms.



THIS IS ME (WRITE YOUR NAME AND DRAW A PICTURE OF YOURSELF)

THESE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE IMPORTANT TO ME...

(Draw, list or write about people who are important to you)



THINGS I AM WORRIED ABOUT...

(Tell us if you are worried about anything)

THINGS I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO...

(Tell us what you are looking forward to in secondary school)



THE BEST WAY I LEARN IS...

(Tell us the best way you learn new things)



THINGS I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT ME...

(Tell us something you would like us to know about you (likes/dislikes/hobbies etc))



MY ACHIEVEMENTS IN PRIMARY SCHOOL...

(Tell us about the things you have done during your time in primary school you are proud of)



BY THE END OF YEAR 7 I HOPE TO...

(List some of your aims and goals for year 7)



HOW I WILL DEMONSTRATE THE CORE VALUES...

We have 5 core values at Halewood Academy; excellence, collaboration, resilience, aspiration and respect. Describe what you think each core value means, and how you can demonstrate each one during your Halewood Academy journey.

Excellence



Collaboration



Resilience



Aspiration



Respect



THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS WORKSHEET. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING YOU SOON!

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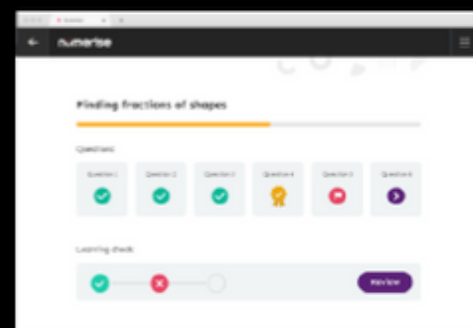


Calling all Year 6 Pupils

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Let's get Secondary Ready



Secondary Ready is a free course within Numerise that is designed to prepare Year 6 learners for starting Year 7 in September.

Being up-to-speed in maths when starting secondary school is really important. Things like core number skills are really vital to make sure that when they start moving on to more challenging concepts, they have a solid foundation with no gaps in their knowledge.

Sign up at numerise.com/secondary-ready/



The Secondary Ready course is available free-of-charge to learners in the UK until September 2020.

