



Halewood Academy | NEWSLETTER

WB | MONDAY | 4TH | OCTOBER 2021

Dear parents and carers

September is drawing to a close it has been a very busy month in which we have embraced the full opening of the school. We are very much enjoying having our students back and in the last week I have seen some fantastic lessons. The highlights of my week included visiting Year 7 English with Ms Williams where I was read some amazing descriptive paragraphs by several students. I also very much enjoyed visiting Year 9 in food technology with Quane and Ms Dowling where students were making some very delicious pasta dishes.

October marks the start of black history month and this week in Assembly, Mr Ellis, has been educating us all in line with our core value of respect.

The theme of the 2021 black lives matter campaign is 'Proud to be' and we are certainly proud to celebrate this important calendar month here at Halewood Academy, whilst remembering that we all stand against discrimination and prejudice at any time.



This year marks 40 years since the Toxteth riots which led to many days of disturbances. The riots lasted for nine days. During this period over 450 police officers were injured and 500 people were arrested. At least 70 buildings were demolished or burnt down during the riots, including the Rialto Ballroom which had played host to concerts by The Beatles. Although the riots were sparked by tensions between police and the local community The Scarman Report into the Toxteth disturbances as well as others in Brixton and Handsworth concluded that "complex political, social and economic factors" created a "disposition towards violent protest". The findings of the report led to the introduction of measures to improve trust and understanding between the police and ethnic minority communities.

40 years on and we know from the news that discriminatory and prejudice behaviour still exists within society. Halewood Academy is a community where all staff and students show respect to each other, and we value our diversity.

Tracey Rollings
Principal



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Congratulations



Congratulations to **Ethan Low, Alex Hickey and Alfie Dobie** on their recent football success. They have been selected to represent the district of Knowsley & St Helen's school boys football U12 squad.

Over 50 players attended the trials, and we are so proud of these three Halewood students in being successful. What stars!

Well done and good luck in your fixtures!



Word of the week

Definition:

To be extremely important

Synonyms (words meaning the same):

*essential, important
indispensable, critical,
vital*

crucial

Worked examples:

It is crucial to start revision early if you want to reduce exam stress.

Antonyms (words meaning the opposite):

*unimportant, insignificant,
inconsequential*

Grace and Faye

Well done to Grace and Faye on competing in the Merseyside Cross Country competition last week at Calderstones Park. Grace came 5th and Faye was 18th overall. Both girls will compete again next month. Good luck!



Your English homework this year must be completed online using Seneca Learning. You can do this at home or in the school library.



1. Access Seneca learning through your HA student portal or at www.senecalearning.com. Your login should be your school email and password. If you have forgotten your password, you can click 'Forgot your password?' and reset it on your school email.



2. Click 'Classes & Assignments' in the top right hand corner. Click the 'Upcoming Assignments' tab to view the work that is due.

3. Complete your homework. You will have two weeks to complete each task. 😊

Year 7 emails: 21 followed by your first initial and surname. Example:

21jsmith@halewoodacademy.co.uk

Year 8 emails: 20 followed by your first initial and surname. Example:

20jsmith@halewoodacademy.co.uk

Year 9 emails: 19 followed by your first initial and surname. Example:

19jsmith@halewoodacademy.co.uk

Year 10 & Year 11 emails: Your first initial and surname. Example:

jsmith@halewoodacademy.co.uk

NUMERACY

Challenge!

Maths Challenge of the Week

Use seven of the digits 1 to 9 to fill in each unshaded square, so that no digit is repeated, and the total of the entries in the rows and columns are as shown.

What number goes in the starred square?

			Total
			12
			7
	*		13
Total	4	16	12

Send your answers in to Miss Devonshire
adevonsire@halewoodacademy.co.uk or to your
progress leader

NUMERACY

Last Week's Answer

	3	9		Total
$7 = 1 + 2 + 4$	1	2	4	7
$13 = 5 + 8$		5	8	13
Total	4	16	12	

5 is the number in the starred square

NUMERACY

What is Class Charts?

In the previous academic year, we started using **Class Charts** at **Halewood Academy**. This is an online system which teachers use to track achievement and behaviour throughout the school day. We believe in working closely with parents and one of the key benefits of using **Class Charts** is that we are able to securely share your child(s) achievement and behaviour report with you and so keep you up to date in real-time.

We will be using this as our main method of communication with parents, replacing messages sent by Schoolcomms and most letters that would usually be posted.



Please download the free App. If your child is in Years 7-11, you should have already received a letter with a parent code and student(s) codes which will allow you to get these communications and keep track of your child(s) achievement and behaviour report through the App. If you have not received your child's

Class Charts code in Years 7-11, please email
admin@halewoodacademy.co.uk.



Self-Care September 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Find time for self-care. It's not selfish, it's essential	2 Notice the things you do well, however small	3 Let go of self-criticism and speak to yourself kindly	4 Plan a fun or relaxing activity and make time for it	5 Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes		
6 Focus on the basics: eat well, exercise and go to bed on time	7 Give yourself permission to say 'no'	8 Be willing to share how you feel and ask for help when needed	9 Aim to be good enough, rather than perfect	10 When you find things hard, remember it's ok not to be ok	11 Make time to do something you really enjoy	12 Get active outside and give your mind and body a natural boost
13 Be as kind to yourself as you would to a loved one	14 If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break	15 Find a caring, calming phrase to use when you feel low	16 Leave positive messages for yourself to see regularly	17 Notice what you are feeling, without any judgment	18 Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you	19 No plans day. Make time to slow down and be kind to yourself
20 Enjoy photos from a time with happy memories	21 Don't compare how you feel inside to how others appear outside	22 Take your time. Make space to just breathe and be still	23 Let go of other people's expectations of you	24 Accept yourself and remember that you are worthy of love	25 Find a new way to use one of your strengths or talents	26 Avoid saying 'I should' and make time to do nothing
27 Free up time by cancelling any unnecessary plans	28 Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn	29 Write down three things you appreciate about yourself	30 Remind yourself that you are enough, just as you are			

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Parent Forum

We are happy to announce; **Parent Forum** meetings will begin again this academic year. We would like to invite parents/carers to join us. In the meetings, you can ask questions in an informal environment; raise any issues or concerns that you may have; consult in school policies and express your views on how the school can move forward. If you would like to attend, please book a place at the Parent Forum meeting by emailing

GWalsh@halewoodacademy.co.uk

The dates of the Forums are:

- Wednesday 3rd November 2021 from 4.30-5.30pm
- Tuesday 15th March 2022 from 4.30-5.30pm
- Wednesday 15th June 2022 from 4.30-5.30pm

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TEACHING AND LEARNING

ASSEMBLY THEMES

What are we learning about in our assemblies this half term?

HALF TERM ONE

By Mr J. Marsh - Lead Practitioner

I just want to start by saying how wonderful it is to have our students back and experiencing whole school assemblies together in the atrium. It has been a long time since we have been able to gather together to celebrate and learn.

We began this half term with an assembly from our new Headteacher, Ms Rollings, who warmly welcomed our students back and introduced herself and her expectations for the coming year. Following this, we have been enthused by Mrs Jones on one of our school Core Values of Aspiration. Next up our new Head of MFL, Miss González, gave us the lowdown on the European Day of Languages and why it is so important for us to study these. This week, Mr Ellis is enlightening students about the importance of Black History Month, and highlighting prominent black people in our local community.

Coming up over the next few weeks, we will be learning about:

- World Mental Health Day
- World Food day
- Anti-Slavery Day

I look forward to writing to you all again next half term, to enlighten you on the content of our future assemblies.

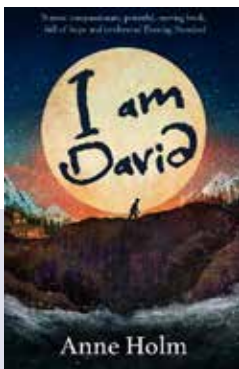
Mr J Marsh

Recommended Reads



Year 7

I am David by Anne Holm



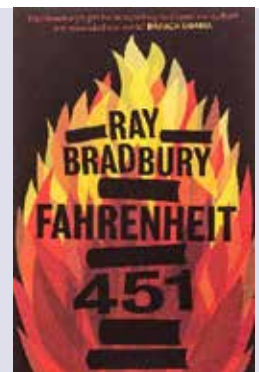
Year 8

Dear Martin by Nic Stone



Year 11

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury



Year 10

Catch 22 by Joseph Heller

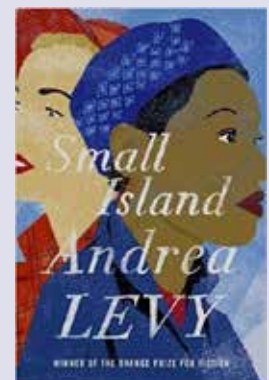


Year 9

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton

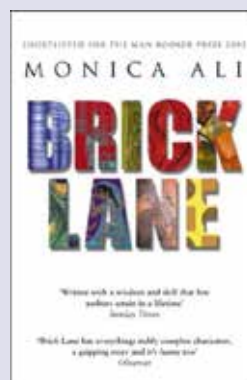
Parent / Guardian

Small Island by Andrea Levy



Staff

Brick Lane by Monica Ali





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Year 11 boys v Year 10 boys

Year 11 boys got their season off to a great start with a 9:2 win over year 10. The match was played in a competitive but friendly spirit. Kieron Ennis was MOM with a magnificent hat trick!



Thankful Thursday Winners



Mr C Gribbin- He has worked tirelessly in preparation for Open Evening, supporting all departments with this wish lists for their displays.

Miss C Robinson- Thank you for your tireless effort in the library. Your conscientiousness and dedication to building a reading culture at Halewood Academy is phenomenal, we cannot thank you enough. You have been supportive at every given opportunity without a fuss or second thought, which is genuinely wonderful. Not only do we appreciate you as staff, but it is clear the students do too!

Miss V Traynor- For working hard to support all Year 7 students and always being positive even when situations and students become challenging

Meet the Tutor!

*Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening
will take place on
Thursday 7th October 2021
from 3:00pm until 5:00pm*

During Meet the Tutor you will be able to receive support with class charts if you have had any difficulty in logging in to your account. Class charts allows us to communicate with parents; giving you important information regarding your child's education.

Please ensure that you arrive on time for your appointment so we can ensure a safe environment for everyone.

