



Halewood Academy | NEWSLETTER

WB | MONDAY | 11TH | OCTOBER 2021

Dear parents and carers

Last week as part of our assembly series we revisited some standards and expectations with our students.

One of the important messages in the assembly was around respect. Respect is our first and most important core value as a school.

RACER students demonstrate respect in all of the interactions that they have with members of the school community; whether that be with their peers, staff, parents, carers or any visitors to the school.

We spoke about what respect looks like. Respect is a two-way process and if we want to be treated with respect, we must ensure that we are respectful to others.

Our interactions with others are characterised by our tone of voice, the words we use and our body language. Respectful interactions are carried out with a calm tone of voice; using polite words which consider the thoughts and feelings of others; and our body stance is open and relaxed.

We know as a community that our parents and carers support the school in ensuring students are respectful and we do appreciate this.

Please be reminded that our half-term finishes on Thursday 21st October at 2:45pm. We have an additional holiday day on Friday 22nd October in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee.

Tracey Rollings - Principal



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Our Core Values • **Respect** • **Aspiration** • **Collaboration** • **Excellence** • **Resilience** •



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Meet the Tutor update



Last week our year 7 parents and carers had the opportunity to meet the year 7 tutor team. We are pleased to announce that this was a resounding success, as 98% of parents and carers felt that this opportunity was useful allowing you to have a “greater understanding of school life” and how your child had “settled in school”. This was reflected when 98% of parents said that **Halewood Academy** responded well to any concerns you may have.

Perhaps most importantly we are pleased to say that 100% of parent who attended the event believe that their child feels well looked after and safe in school. Furthermore 100% of parents believed that bullying is dealt with effectively and 97% of parents said that behaviour was dealt with effectively.



It also gave you the chance to sign up to the school's award and behaviour management app, **Class Charts**, with 119 parents and carers now signed up. This app allows you to monitor how well your child is performing in their lesson. If you do not have this app or need further information can I urge you to email your child's form tutor or of the pastoral team to find out more.



We also listen to you, some of you said that you would like to have the “ability to become more involved in school activities”, you also hoped there would be “more parent events” and the “opportunity to see more of your child's work”. Thank you for your feedback, as a school it is always important to listen to our parents and your ideas will be taken on board. On that note please feel free to get in touch and have your say with any further queries or to simply let us know what we are doing well or what we could be doing better.



Tournament

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

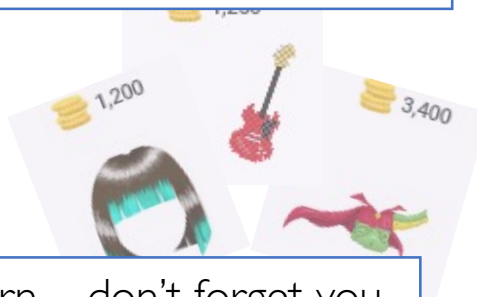
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Log onto trockstars.com and get involved in the TOP OF THE ROCKS TOURNAMENT that starts on Monday 18th October



You will have received a new login and password from your maths teacher. This replaces any previous login you had. ONLY use your new login.

You can play solo or compete against friends from our school and around the world.



The more you play the more coins you earn – don't forget you can spend them in the shop.

First time you have played?
Complete your first GIG to get your baseline speed.

START GIG



10 per correct answer

The Tournament is running from 9am Monday 18th October until Sunday 31st October. Need your login? Ask your class teacher or email adevonshire@halewoodacademy.co.uk

TOP OF THE ROCKS
Halewood Academy

There are prizes and certificates for the top 3 students and classes.
GOOD LUCK

NUMERACY

HALEWOOD ACADEMY

PRESENTS



TOP OF THE ROCKS

18 OCTOBER - 31 OCTOBER 2021

*** ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE ***
PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE * THE WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE
THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL *
*** ASK YOUR TEACHER FOR FULL DETAILS AND RULES ***

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

NUMERACY 5 Ways of

Maths Challenge of the Week



19 11 11 ? 12

Which number should replace the question mark?

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

NUMERACY

Last Week's Answer

Banana = 3
Apple = 10
Plum = 5

3	10	5	5	23
12	5	3	5	25
3	3	10	5	21
10	10	10	3	33
28	28	28	18	

NUMERACY

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



Bookbuzz is coming to Halewood Academy, giving year 7 students the opportunity to take home a book of their choice from the selection below. Miss Robinson will be going into English lessons this week to showcase the books and allow for year 7 students to select the book they wish to receive. Once all students have made their selection, the order will be placed and books will be distributed out to year 7 students for them to take home and keep. Go to booktrust.org.uk/bookbuzz for more information.



booktrust.org.uk/bookbuzz



The
**Halewood
Academy**



Poetry COMPETITION

Winner Announcement

First Place

Luca Hayes-Walmsley (Year 9)

Second Place

Olly Campbell (Year 9)

Third Place

Alfie Thorogood (Year 7)



Congratulations to our winner and runner ups! All the submissions were amazing and everyone who took part should be proud of what they produced. Those who took part will receive a certificate for participating and all entries will be put on display.



I'm the Weird One

How can you chat just like that?
How do you know what to say?
I can't look at you I hate eye
contact,
why are you looking at me that
way?
I don't really care what the weather
is like today.

I'm the weird one.

Why are there so many rules I
don't know?
I just wish I could understand so I
know,
So many questions going through
my head,
Sometimes it's just safer to stay
here in bed.

I'm the weird one.

The feeling I get when I am so
unsure,
I can't quite explain it,
it feels so raw,
I wish it would stop,
as I look to the door.

I'm the weird one.

My senses are suddenly heightened,
My clothes feel unbearably tight,
And The light in the classroom is
incredibly bright,
Someone is tapping a pen right
beside me,
The sound is so loud it completely
overwhelms my whole body,
I look all around and feel so alone,
My belly starts churning, I don't
want to be here,
I just need to go home.

I'm the weird one.



My music always helps take me
away,
Off to a place that I wish I could
stay,
I lose myself to that beautiful beat,
till someone interrupts me,
and I'm back dragging my feet.

I'm the weird one.

The answer for all this was there all
along,
And now I know it's like hearing a
song,
The melody was beautiful when I
found I belong,
I am not weird,
and I wasn't all along,
My brain is just wired differently,
and there is a name for this song.

Autism makes me a bit different
than you,
I wish I had the words to explain it,
but it's really hard to do,
Just Give me some time and space
and soon you will see,
I'm not the weird one,
I'm just me.

First Place

By Luca Hayes-Walmsley (Year 9)

Fire



Fire,
Its warm embrace welcoming in
its stone pit,
The feeling it gives off; no way of
describing it.
Its orange glow is welcome to
roam
Roam freely throughout my home.

Fire,
Around it, is told so many great
stories,
Stories about fame, adventure and
glories.
Its destructive nature may sound
bad,
When it's around, I am glad.

Fire,

You can hear its sound crackle in
the distance,
A beautiful sound; I'm thankful for
its existence.
I just hope everyone can see,
How this beautiful thing has
welcomed me.

Second Place

By Olly Campbell (Year 9)

Big School



My first day at school,
I worried quite a bit,
Putting my new uniform on,
And praying that it all fit.

I was one of the lucky few,
That got to take a tour,
I made a few friends that week,
And now I've made loads more.

I don't know why I was scared,
To start the big school,
I'm learning loads of different stuff,
And the teachers aren't bad too!

So when it's your time,
To start a new school,
Just think of all the friends you'll
make,
And the fun you'll have too.

Third Place

By Alfie Thorogood (Year 7)

Poetry
COMPETITION

Recommended Reads



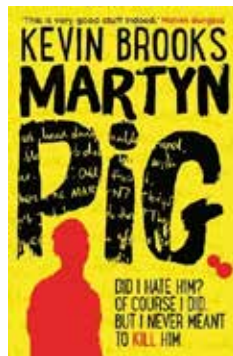
Year 7

The Stars Beneath Our Feet
by David Barclay Moore



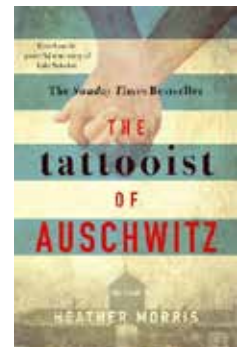
Year 8

Martyn Pig by Kevin Brooks



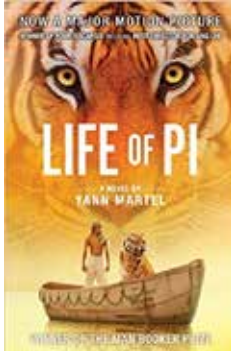
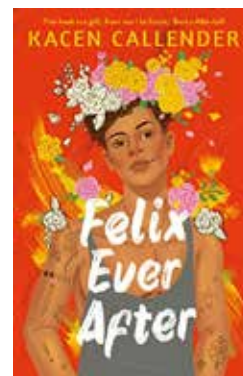
Year 11

The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris



Year 10

Felix Ever After by Kacen Callender



Year 9

Life of Pi by Yann Martel



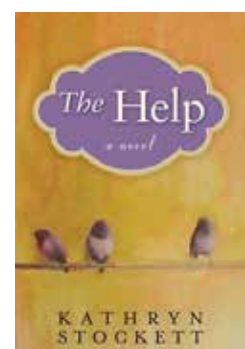
Parent / Guardian

The Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini



Staff

The Help by Kathryn Stockett





Become a member

Are you interested in becoming a member of our Local Governing Body?

If so, please click on the link below:

https://www.halewoodacademy.co.uk/school_news/join-our-local-governing-body-team/



Expectations in KS3 Dance

All students must take off their shoes and socks in dance lessons for health and safety reasons. If for any reason your child cannot adhere to this due to a medical condition, we ask parents to provide proof of this by submitting a letter to the dance teacher that is dated and signed.

Students must have their hair tied back off their face and students wearing skirts are required to bring shorts or leggings.

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, where 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



Year 11 Achieve Together Event

Thursday 4th November 2021

Session 1 Option - 3.30 - 5pm | Session 2 Option - 4.30 - 6pm

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our commitment to involving you fully in your child's education, we would like you to attend our Achieve Together Event on Thursday 4th November 2021. As your child is in their final year of school, we want to ensure that they have the best possible chance of fulfilling their potential. In order to do this, we believe home and school must work together proactively to ensure that students are fully supported throughout their Year 11 challenges.

The aim of the event is for children and parents to have the opportunity to consider key factors in being as successful as possible in Year 11. The event will include support from the Senior Leaders of English, Maths and Science in order to ensure that children/parents are fully aware of the expectations of the core subjects; to be given hints and tips in terms of how to revise effectively and to have the opportunity to meet with the careers advisor/representatives from colleges/representatives from the workplace. Students will also be provided with a revision support pack that will contain helpful hints, tips, and techniques that they can use to achieve the best possible outcomes in all of their subjects.

There are two options for times for the event.

Option 1- 3.30-5pm Option 2- 4.30-6pm


Please confirm your attendance at the Achieve Together Event by completing the forms link on the Halewood Academy school website titled 'Year 11 Achieve Together Event' by **Thursday 21st October by 2.45pm**. The QR code is also below if you wish to complete this from your phone.





If you do not have internet access or a smart phone or you have any other concerns/queries such as regarding access arrangements, please contact Mrs M. Irons (Year 11 Progress Leader- MIrons@halewoodacademy.co.uk)

If you would like any further information regarding the event, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Faithfully,


Miss M. Catterall
(Assistant Principal- Year 11 Link)


Mrs M. Irons
(Progress Leader)


Mrs N. Newton
(Assistant Progress Leader)



Halewood Academy

Well done to our Year 7 and 8 girls Knowsley Schools tournament

Both teams won all their games and did not concede any goals throughout the tournament. It was a pleasure watching the girls play football and encourage each other to play well – it is great to have football back for the students and I cannot wait for more games and tournaments. Fantastic effort girls!



Thankful Thursday Winners- 7th October 2021

Thankful Thursdays- What is it?

Every Thursday, members of staff have the opportunity to nominate other staff for something that they are thankful for. Ms Rollings then picks three winners each Monday. Here are last week's winners and the reason for their nominations.

Mrs E Byron-Bentley: She always takes the time to ask how you are and greets you with a smile when she sees you. She collaborates with the whole team, sharing resources and dry humour to keep our spirits high. Thank you!

Miss S Scarth: For helping to promote World Poetry Day across the school and providing the English department with useful and resources for all year groups. Thanks Steph!

Miss G Barton: She has been part of a team to ensure that more than a 1000 reading tests have been marked and scored.



Halewood Academy

We Seek The Best

5 Ways of Wellbeing

Be active

- Go out for a walk
- Try some activities such as swimming and dance
- Doing a sport
- Doing a game

Take notice

- Get a plant for your workspace
- Have a clean up day
- See how your colleagues are feeling or acting
- Take a different way home from work
- Visit a new place for lunch

Research the 5 ways of wellbeing

- Be active: going on a walk
- Keep learning: try a new course/interest
- Give: give a gift to a friend/stranger
- Connect: talk to people around you
- Take notice: be curious, take notice of small things

Keep learning

- Trying to cook a new type of dish you haven't heard about
- Learn phrases in a different language
- Improving skills
- Reading a book
- Signing up for a new course or a new class
- Trying a new hobby
- Watching a documentary program

Connect

- Talk to someone instead of a email
- Speak to a new person
- Ask for someone's feedback and listen
- Put the meeting aside to find out how people are

Give

- Contribute to school and community life
- Give a gift to a friend or family member
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Icons:

- Connect
- Be Active
- Keep Learning
- Give
- Take Notice



Optimistic October 2021

MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY



FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



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 this week

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 week 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 this week?

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

