

# Halewood Academy THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WB MONDAY 1ST MARCH 2021



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Dear parents and carers,

We haven't got too long to wait until we see our young people walk through the doors of the Academy again. We are really looking forward to seeing them, having conversations about how they are doing and checking that they are doing well. Mental health and well-being are so important in all people; students and staff. If you feel your son/daughter may need some extra support, whatever the reason, please do let us know. You can get in touch with their Progress/Assistant Progress Leader, form tutor, or any other member of staff to support with this. We will support your son/daughter and you, the best way we can.

Testing starts on Monday 8th March. A letter has been emailed to you, as well as via Class Charts and other forms of social media. Please ensure you read the information. If you gave consent by Friday 26th February to your child being tested, your son/daughter should attend school at their allocated day and time. If you gave consent after this date, we will endeavour to test your son/daughter on the Wednesday 10th March. You can however, take your son/daughter for a test at a local testing centre. If you have not consented at all, your son/daughter should attend school, at their usual time. ALL students should return on Wednesday 10th March in full school uniform (please do not send students into school wearing incorrect footwear, for example, Vivienne Westwood shoes/trainers or any other banned footwear), full equipment is required, no jewellery and wearing a PLAIN mask. May I also remind you we have students in school with serious nut allergies, so please do not send your son/daughter into school with anything containing nuts. Thank you for your full support.

Yr. 9 option process is in full swing. You will have watched the recordings of each subject area on the website, had an opportunity to read the options booklet and started to have conversations with your son/daughter about this. Options will be chosen before Easter break. We are planning to have an options/parents evening on the 18th March, please keep this evening free.

Yr. 11 mocks will start the week beginning 15th March and will also run over the week beginning 22nd March. We will support our young people through this. They will be carried out in their usual lessons, not in the main hall. This is to support with their portfolio of evidence.

In preparation for International Women's Day in 8th March, this week students have had assemblies on this. As a school, we celebrate this each year. We feel it is important to celebrate occasions such as this with our young people. We are encouraging staff, students and parents to participate in the event by;

- 1. Wear an item of clothing that is purple** (*an initiative encouraged by the WomenEd movement reflective of the suffragette colours*)
- 2. Change PowerPoint slides to celebrate the day**
- 3. Take part in the #ChooseToChallenge IWD 2021 theme** *by taking a picture of yourself/your family on Monday raising your hand to show your participation – please email to Miss Hale.*

Well done to all of our 'Home Learning Heroes'. You are doing a tremendous job! Keep up the good work and make sure you bring some of that academic/creative sparkle back into the classroom.

Lastly, I did mention that we had interviews a while back for a new Principal. I can now share with you, we have appointed someone with plenty of experience and knowledge, who is eager to get to know each and every student and their family. Ms Rollings will be joining us in September. I will send out a letter from Ms Rollings in due course.

Have a fantastic weekend and as ever, take care of yourself.

Ms Gallagher  
Interim Principal

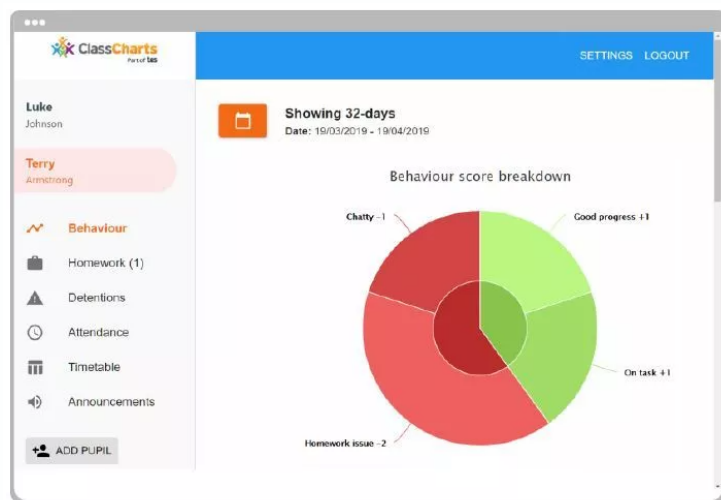
## What is Class Charts?

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

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.



**Please see the school website for a user guide:**

**<https://www.halewoodacademy.co.uk/parents/class-charts/>**

**Download the app now!**



## Getting to Grips with Online: Gaming Edition

This is the first in a series of informative sessions designed to support parents and carers of students at Halewood Academy with gaming disorders, and walk-throughs on different types of consoles.

Please click the image on the right to access the PowerPoint.



If you are having trouble accessing the link here, please see our school website:

**<https://www.halewoodacademy.co.uk/parents/parental-learning-su/e-safety/>**

# INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY 2021



Halewoodians!

This Monday (8th March 2021) marks the celebration of International Women's Day. It is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The day also marks a call to action for accelerating gender equality as well as celebrates women's achievement.

For this reason, as a school, we are encouraging all of our students and staff to wear an item of clothing on Monday that is purple to represent the suffragette movement.

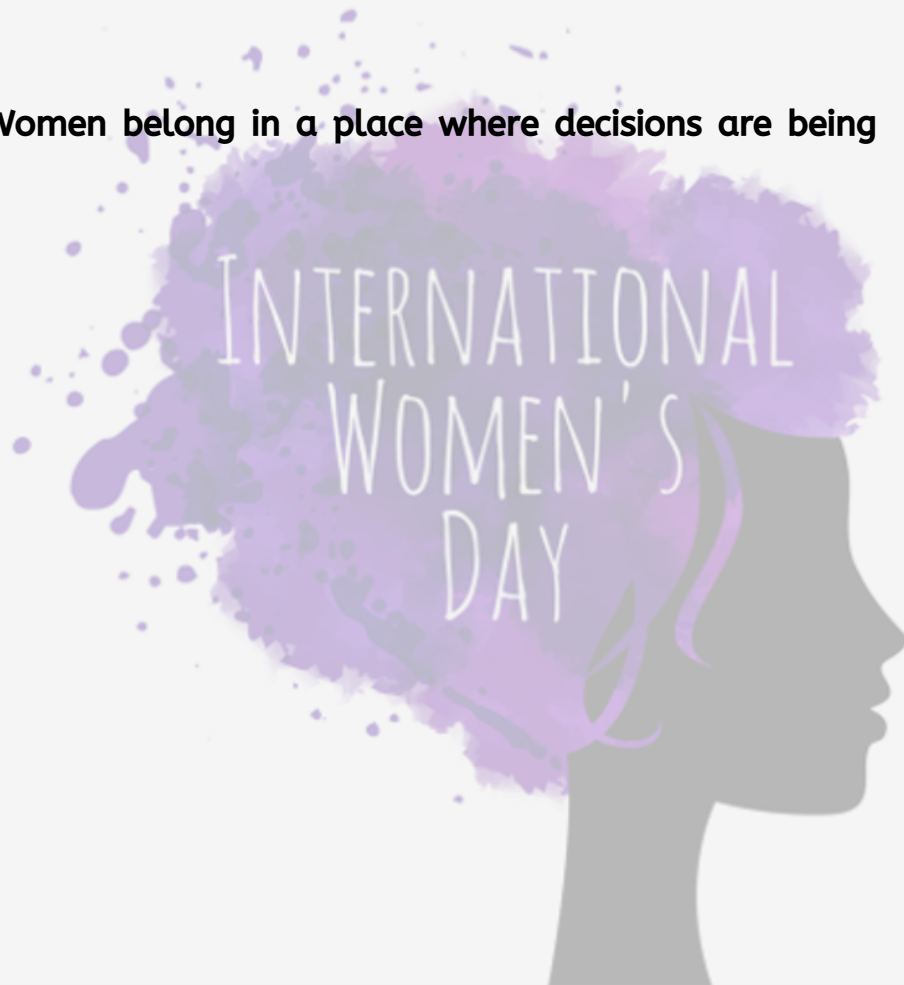
Let's take this opportunity to talk about and celebrate **Ruth Bader Ginsburg** (the Notorious RBG)

Ginsburg became the US Supreme Court's second female justice as well as the first Jewish female justice, two major achievements for the progression of female equality. She brought about the following changes to the justice system:

1. Employers cannot discriminate against employees based on gender or reproductive choices (1978)
2. State-funded schools must admit women (1996)
3. Women have the rights to financial independence and equal benefits (1974)
4. Men are entitled to the same caregiving rights as women (1971)
5. Juries must include women (1979)

What a strong female lead!

In the words of the Notorious RBD "Women belong in a place where decisions are being made."



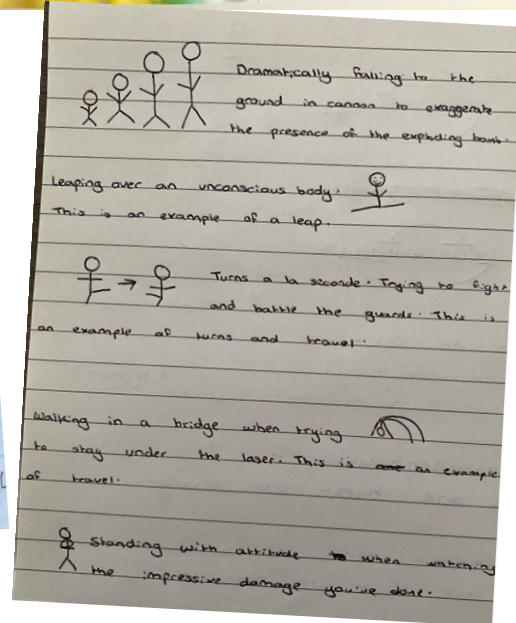
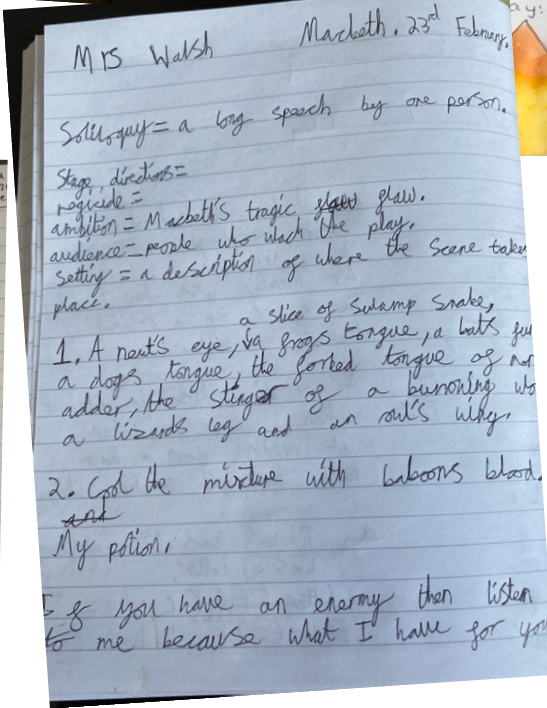
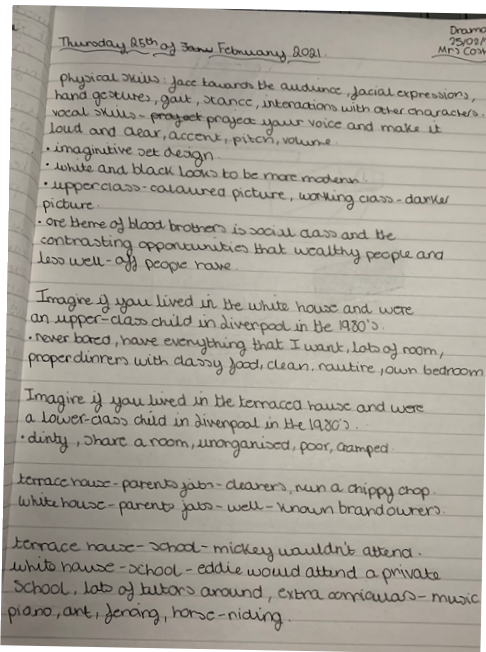
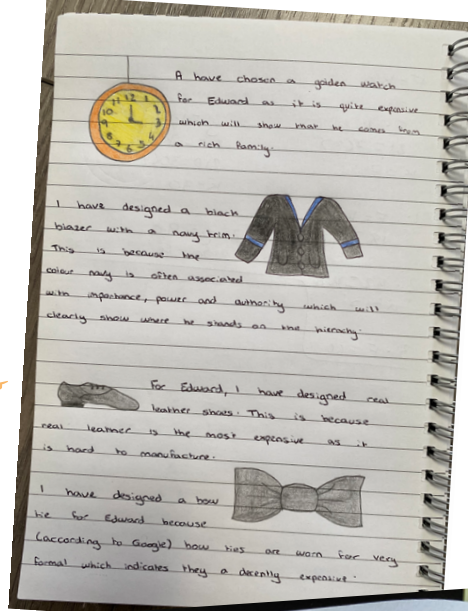


# HOME LEARNING HEROES



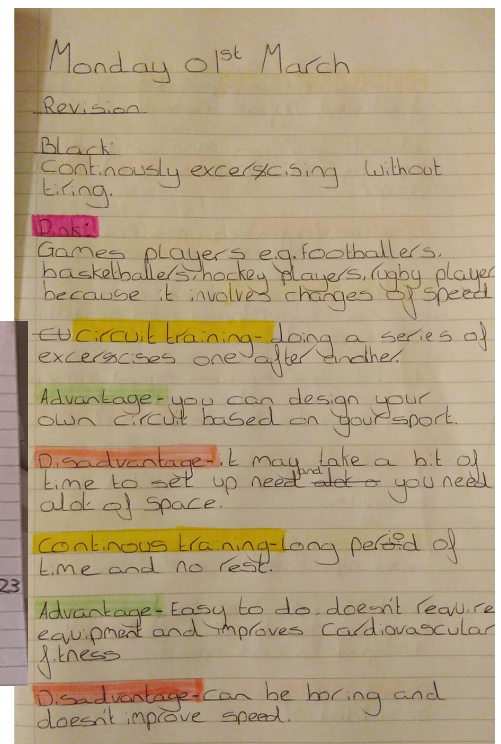
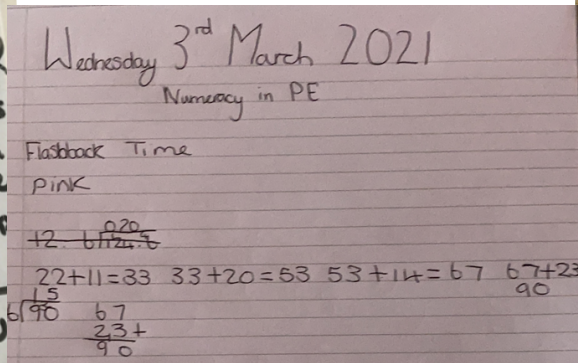
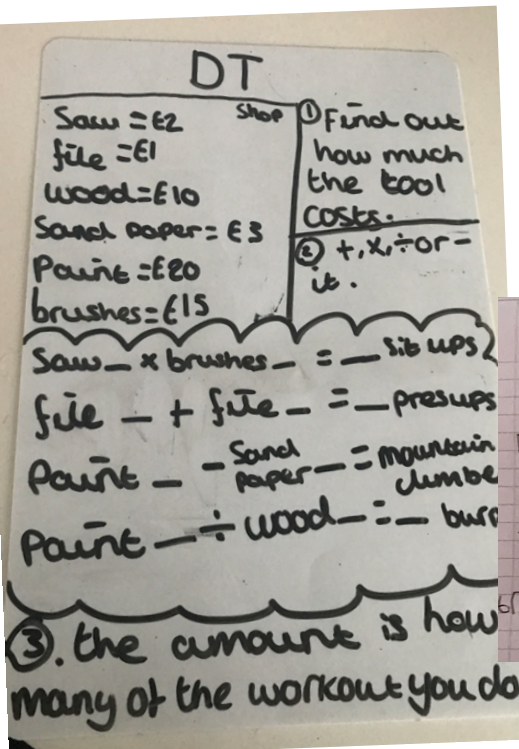
## Performing Arts

Emma Owens  
Olivia Dluszczakowska  
Luke Marnick  
Skye Pennington



## PE

Teagan Cross  
Emmy Bishop  
Phoebe Shaw





# HOME LEARNING HEROES



Mr Manley

Dylan Sunners and Axel Mosz for fantastic support for not just students but teachers during lessons. Supporting with the sharing of information, appropriate links and just being a pleasure in lessons

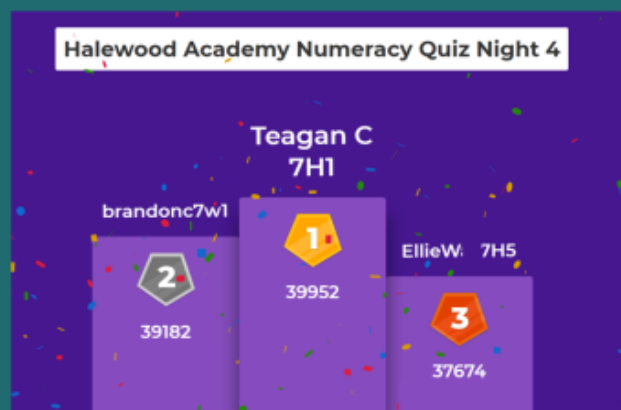


## Numeracy Quiz Night



Another great turn out by year 7,8 and 9 in this week's numeracy quiz night.

Congratulations to everyone that took part. A special shout out our top three students this week.



1<sup>st</sup> Prize  
£10  
Amazon  
Voucher

Your vouchers will be sent to your school email



Week Ending 26<sup>th</sup> February



## HEGARTY HEROES



### Top 5 Total Time Learning

1. Chloe J 10W2
2. Megan A 8H4
3. Abbi C-H 9H2
4. Caitlin McA 7H4
5. Leaenna G 9H3

### Top 5 Questions Answered

1. Chloe J 10W2
2. Mason S 9W3
3. Lennie C 10W3
4. Heather M 9W3
5. Elsie Mae W 9W3

### Top 5 MemRi

1. Kian H 10H3
2. Megan A 8H4
3. Kai D 7H4
4. Caitlin McA 7H4
5. Olivia B 8H4

### Top 5 Classes

1. 9H3
2. 10W2
3. 8H4
4. 7H3
5. 7H4

Have you got what it takes to be a Hegarty Hero?

# HOME LEARNING HEROES



## HAT Students

Emma Owens

Heidi O'Hare

Kara Turner

Kiera McDonald



### I am a black belt in Taekwondo

Sport

December 2012

I trained for my black belt from the age of 6 until I was 10. On my 10th birthday me and my family travelled to Bristol where I completed my black belt grading. After I had received a pass, I started to have more responsibility in training classes as I would regularly be given a group of lower belts to teach and support. During the years I took part in Taekwondo, me and my older brother competed in many competitions and went to the World Championships with our club.

Referee: Mum

### What's your dream job? Student worksheet

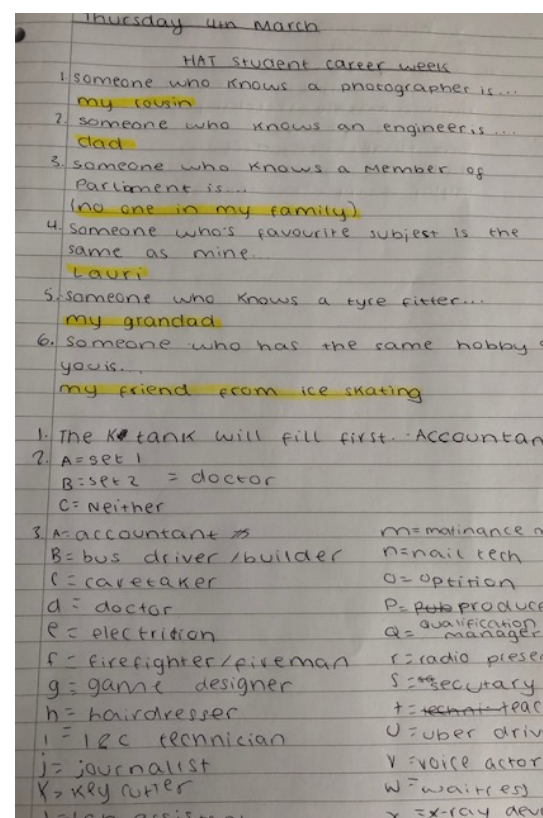
#### Starter

What is your dream job? Plastic Surgeon or something in the Medical Field

3 things you know about this job	2 skills you need to do this job	1 question you have about this job
1. You train for 12 years 2. You need AAA at a-level for most universities to accept you 3. The field varies	1. Patience 2. Optimism	1. Is it hard to have a life outside of work with friends and a family?

#### Pairs activity: Treasure hunt

- What are three skills you might need as a landscape architect?  
Good instincts, Imaginative and a good leader
- Name 3 things a police officer might do day-to-day.  
Arrest People, Solve Crimes teach what's right to people
- If you want to be a GP but aren't exactly sure, what are 2 other similar careers you could do?  
Nurse Or Midwife



## Magdalene Liverpool Conference 2021 – Open to all KS4 Students.

You may be aware that Magdalene normally hosts a biennial conference for local KS4 students in Merseyside. This year, the event has moved online, and registration for our live events opened last week. **Attendees can register via our website:**  
<https://www.magd.cam.ac.uk/undergraduate/access-and-outreach/liverpool-conference>



### Students Q & A | 23 March, 5pm – 6pm

Magdalene College is delighted to invite KS4 students in Merseyside to join our students for a live Q & A. Attendees will be able to ask their questions live, and we'll be addressing lots of frequently asked questions too, including:

- How hard is moving away from home?
- How do you balance work and extra-curricular activities?
- What was your experience of the admissions process?

### Parents Evening | 25 March, 6pm – 7pm

Magdalene College is delighted to invite parents and guardians of KS4 students in Merseyside to our online 'Parents Evening'. The session will include a short presentation, with most of the time dedicated to answering your questions and concerns. Attendees will be able to ask their questions live, and we'll be addressing lots of frequently asked questions too, including:

- How does the application process for Cambridge differ from other universities?
- What can students be doing now to support their application?
- What pastoral, financial and academic support is available for students?





# Maths Challenge of the Week

$$\begin{array}{c} 7 \\ \times \\ 21 \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} \text{van} \\ \times \\ 10 \end{array} = 14$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{tractor} \\ + \\ 21 \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{motorcycle} \\ + \\ 10 \end{array} = 8$$

$1 = q \quad 5 = e$

$2 = n \quad 7 = i$

$3 = m \quad 10 = o$

$4 = k \quad 11 = d$



## Last week's answer

$5 + 5 + 5 = 15$

$5 + 9 + 9 = 23$

$3 + 9 + 9 = 21$

$10 \times 3 + 18 = 48$

Can you work out the word?



ANSWERS IN TO MISS DEVONSHIRE OR  
YOUR PROGRESS LEADER

This half term all puzzles are  
from **Solvemoji.com**



Well done to everyone who took part in the TT  
Rockstars Form Time Tournament. The results are in:

Top 3 players:

1<sup>st</sup> – Paige C 8W1

2<sup>nd</sup> – Olivia D 8H1

3<sup>rd</sup> – Teagan C 7H1

Top 3 classes:

1<sup>st</sup> – 7H1

2<sup>nd</sup> – 8W1

3<sup>rd</sup> – 8H1



Winners will receive  
their awards and  
prizes next week.

Our next tournament:



Start date: 12<sup>th</sup> March

End date: 18<sup>th</sup> March

It is CLASS vs CLASS.

The points from each class are added up and  
divided by the number of pupils in the class who  
play.

**The class with the highest average is the  
winner.**

The competition runs from 9:30 – 3 each day

Forgotten your  
username/  
password? Email  
your Maths  
teacher/ Miss  
Devonshire





# WORLD BOOK DAY 4 MARCH 2021



YOU CAN SWAP YOUR DOWNLOADED TOKEN OR COLLECT A TOKEN FROM MRS FLEMING IN THE LRC WHEN YOU RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR ONE OF THESE BOOKS



## Where can young people choose their £1 books?

- The World Book Day £1 books are a gift to young people from participating booksellers, including supermarkets.
- Families can redeem their £1 token in lockdown OR hold on to it to use later!
- Parents can use the £1 token when they collect essential shopping. World Book Day's £1 books can be found in major supermarkets as well as bookshop chains, and bookshops on your high street may be open for click and collect.
- Bookshops are offering new ways to make the £1 books available, even in lockdown.
- Young people can use the 'Look Inside!' on our website to choose their £1 book.
- Or, hold on to your token! Bookshops will welcome families when they open again. Participating booksellers will honour the tokens beyond the 28 March while stocks last. Contact your local bookseller to check if they are able to offer £1 off other titles.
- Check [booksellers.org.uk/wbd](https://booksellers.org.uk/wbd) for information about retailers open near you and contact them for information about ways to redeem the token before you visit.

## When are the books available?

- This year our £1 book tokens can be redeemed in bookshops and supermarkets from Thursday 18 February - Sunday 28 March.
- For full terms and conditions, please go to: [worldbookday.com/terms-conditions](https://worldbookday.com/terms-conditions)



## Parent/Carers Literacy and Numeracy sessions

The English and Maths department at Halewood Academy, have created some resources to support parents and carers with their literacy, numeracy and careers. The parent and carer sessions have been carefully planned so that they equip you with the information and skills needed to support your own learning and your child's learning on key areas on literacy and numeracy. There is also a quiz at the end of the sessions, and you can apply for a certificate to celebrate your success. This can be found on the school website:

<https://www.halewoodacademy.co.uk/parents/parental-learning-su/>

## Welcome to Our reading corner



### Halewood Academy

We would like to introduce all students to our new virtual reading corner! We know it's not as easy as it used to be to pop to a library for a new book, so we have decided to bring the library to you! Our virtual reading corner will give you access to a virtual bookshelf and provide resources for eBook apps and websites. You will also find out what your teachers are reading each month, as well as being introduced to new and exciting books and authors. Come and join our fun and interactive reading corner for more information.

This will be live on the school website soon!

## Our bookshelf...



Click on any book from the bookshelf to be transported to a PDF version of the story!

What are you going to read first?

Do you have a book recommendation for our bookshelf?

Email your English teacher to let us know! ☺



## What we are reading..

The Thursday Murder Club  
By Richard Osman

Mrs Williams

Miss Gilbert

Miss Traynor

The Dog Runner  
by Bren MacDibble

Miss Hale

Tangerine  
By Christine Mangan

Ms Byron-Bentley

After the End  
by Clare Mackintosh

The Turn of the Key  
By Ruth Ware

Miss Magee

Her Fearful Symmetry  
By Audrey Niffenegger

Mrs Hillard

Strangers  
By C.L Taylor

Ms Carson

Miss Scarth

The Beach  
By Alex Garland



ABC



**Have you signed up to take part in this years Readathon yet?**

Look on the 'readforgood.org' website for fun ideas on what/where/how to read and on our School website under School Library. Download the online Sponsor Form and ask friends and family to donate online on the website (Gift Aid if applicable). Alternatively you can collect sponsor money raised and bring it in to school for the closing date of Friday 12th March. As well as encouraging a love of reading and raising money to provide books and storytellers for children in hospitals our school

will receive 20% of the total raised to buy books for school! Certificates will be presented to all who take part and Gift Tokens awarded for the two students that raise the most sponsorship money!

### REMEMBER

All monies raised will go to help buy new books and provide Storytellers to brighten up the days of sick children in hospital. It doesn't matter what you read as long as you read what you like! Ebooks, comics, recipe books, song lyrics, news, instructions, poems, Blogs the list is endless.....



### FREE BOOK SITES

Are you running out of books to read at home?

You can access free online books from the sites below, especially those students signing up for the Readathon before returning to school.

<https://www.gutenberg.org>

[stories.audible.com](https://stories.audible.com) (audio books)

More free audio books are available now until 28th March 2021.

[www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories](http://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories)



3rd May 2020

Dear Diary,  
My mum has told me that keeping a lockdown diary might help me with getting my emotions out, so here we are. I suppose that I should introduce myself. My name is Arcene Storms, and I am 11 years old, although I will be 12 on 2nd September. We started our first and only quarantine on the week that the schools shut down. The last event that happened was a science fair. If I remember correctly, I was basically getting people to bite into orange slices with sherbet on them and then giving an explanation on why it was fizzing in their mouths. I think I got 2nd place, but I didn't get my prize.

So anyway, it's been three weeks since the schools closed, and the lockdown rules came into place. It's felt like a lifetime, and my self-esteem has gone down in a bad way. I've barely done any work today, and I've just been watching educational videos on BBC teach. The best thing I've done in these 3 weeks is making a VE day style party in my room. I made banners and put on music from the 1940s. They had some good taste in music in my opinion. It seems like yesterday that we were in school.

The reason for quarantining on the week that the schools shut down? My little brother had a bad fever. He got better and let's just say, I didn't handle it well on the day that we started quarantine. At dinnertime, I kind of got worked up and really got myself in a pickle that I couldn't see my friends. I was simply scared, depressed, worried. It was really stressful. When I got really worried during Oak national lessons, I would hide under a table - yes, you heard that correctly!

Good things have happened though. Before lockdown, we (me and my sisters Ashie and Rose), learned that our secondary school would be Halewood Academy. Our dad and cousin had gone to the school, so we were excited. Another good thing was that we had a tea party! We had biscuits and it was cool.

That's all I can remember for now. I might forget to do it so I will probably write to you in a couple of months, or if anything interesting happens. Maybe I will give you a name... I'll go for the name Mat.

I hope you do well without someone writing to you. Bye Mat!

Arcene

29th June 2020

Dear Mat,  
Hello again! I've returned to you as something spectacular has happened...I'M BACK IN SCHOOL FOR 3 WEEKS!! It's amazing and rather nice. For three weeks, we can work on stuff and have fun. We had a great time (although I felt overwhelmed before I went in). My friends were all still very friendly and we had a lot of fun. It was also COVID-19 free, and we made sure that no one got COVID. Our breaktime toys were not the usual ones that we would get. WE WERE ABLE TO PLAY FOOTBALL!!! Oh, and I could still play squash, so that was cool.

This entry was a little small, I can say that, but I promise to you that the next entry will be longer.

I think that's all I can say for now. Bye Mat!

17th July 2020

Dear Mat,  
Today was the best: it was our Year 6 reunion! It was our last day as Year 6 students. Today was also very bittersweet, as we weren't all going to the same secondary school. Nevertheless, the teachers who were still in school made the day really special. Oh, and very emotional!

We knew that it would be a cool day when we saw a RED CARPET waiting for us. Of course, it was made of tissue paper, but it was still cool. There was also a balloon thing that the teachers had made, and some colourful banners. We got excited. The next cool thing was that we could walk down the red carpet and then pose for a photo on our way to break. Then, we were told to fill out a Y6 memory book.

After that, we were told to head to the main hall as there was a surprise. Before the special video played, they told us to not cry, and of course, I burst into tears.

It's really overwhelming that now we're going to be Y7 students at Halewood Academy! Welp, It's time for me to go. I will catch up with you, probably when I'm in Y7. Bye Mat!

Arcene

By Chloe W, 7NST

# Halewood

## Academy

### Aspiring Writers



## 2020

2020 was supposed to be our year,  
We had many plans that seemed so near.  
But in China a virus would soon appear,  
We would all start to live in fear.

Boris told us to stay inside,  
By his rules we had to abide.  
All our normal activities set aside,  
We tried our best to look on the bright side.

Weeks turned into months and still no  
change,  
No party's or gatherings could we arrange.  
It was harder to keep ourselves entertained,  
It felt like we were becoming deranged.

After what seemed like forever,  
Schools reopened and pupils were back  
together.  
Nobody could remember anything  
whatsoever,  
Children were crumbling under the pressure.

Christmas was the one thing we could look  
forward to,  
But even those plans were lead askew.  
Boris cancelled Christmas which left us feeling  
blue,  
It started to feel like we'd never make it  
through.

As 2021 came around, it soon became clear,  
2020 was in fact NOT our year.

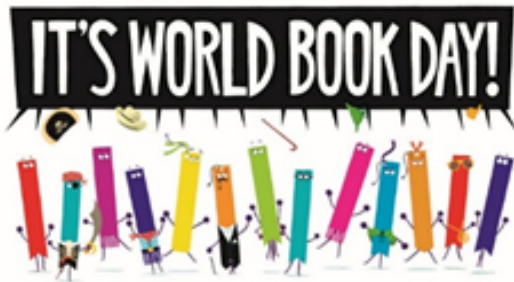
By Kiera McDonald, 9JKE



# ESPAÑOL

Top Tip: Learn a little every week.  
In Spanish lessons we have been  
celebrating el Día de los Libros.

Here are some useful Spanish words for  
talking about books.



Mi libro favorito es un libro español  
que se llama La Sombra del viento por  
Carlos Ruiz Zafón. Es una historia muy  
interesante y me fascina  
mucho. Señora Sangalola



Me encantó porque fue mi primera  
novela y la trama era muy interesante.

Señora Ibáñez



Une histoire très amusante autour d'un  
garçon très méchant. Madame  
Darlington



Ich habe das Tagebuch von Anne Frank  
auf Deutsch gelesen. Es war  
interessante aber sehr traurig. Frau  
Williams





## This Week's Spanish Superstars

Year 7

Aidan, Jake, Chloe, Mateo, Kai, Teagan for getting top scores on their numbers to 100 quiz.

¡Buen trabajo!

¡Bien hecho! to Louie H for coming top of his class in the quiz 'Me presento'.

Gracias to Ethan for his positive attitude in Spanish live lessons.

Year 8

Top of the class for the End of Unit Quiz – Mis Pasatiempos were Matthew K and Alex O.

Gracias to Harvey for his positive attitude in Spanish live lessons.

Year 9

Josh EM has produced great number work in our numeracy lesson booking a trip to Spain.

Caitlin P for answering so many questions about clothes.

### Top of the Lockdown Class



Seneca Learning

Year 7 Francis

Year 8 Tilly

Year 9 Tammy



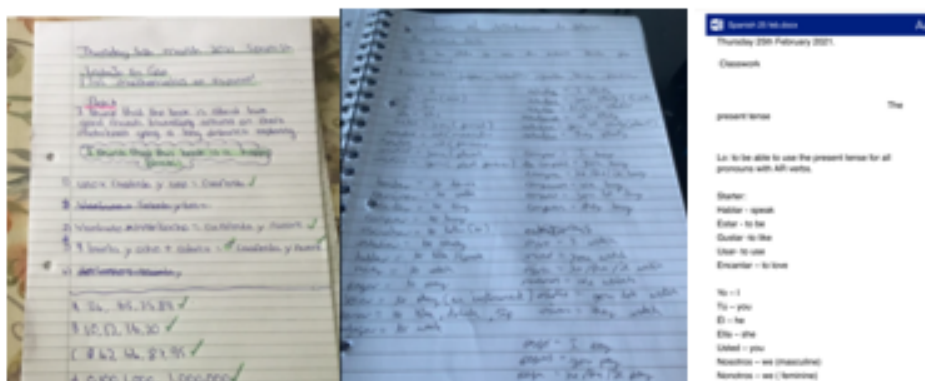
duolingo

Year 7 Jake K

Year 8 Amelia D

Year 9 Teagan M

**We have seen some great work from year 7 with numeracy tasks set in Spanish and year 9 on present tense verbs this week:**



**Follow us on our Instagram account to see more great work from our students:**

halewood\_academy\_mfl





# INVENTORS OF TOMORROW, WE NEED YOU!



We want you to design a new invention that will transform life as we know it!

Create a poster for your ideas and you could win up to £20 in vouchers.



There are prizes for each year group! Everyone who enters is in with a chance!

Submit your entries by **FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH** to Mr Kendrick. Good Luck!!!

5-14 March  
**British  
Science  
Week  
2021**

