

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WB MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2020



Dear Parents/carers,

This week our Year 11 students have been working hard through their GCSE mock examinations, well done to those students who are working hard to ensure they achieve their best. In the New Year our Year 9 and 10 students will begin their P2S2 assessments starting week beginning 25th January 2021. Students will be provided with a Revision Mat, and resources to support.

The 20/21 Autumn term ends on Friday 18th December 2020 at 12:15pm. On Friday we will have some 'Friday Festive Fun'. All students are allowed to wear one item of Christmas clothing i.e. a hat, jumper etc. We return to school on Monday 4th January 2021, this will be a week 2. Please ensure your son/daughter is fully prepared for school on their return.

This week had online learning activities for parents and students. Miss Stedman, Mr Kelly, Mr Kendrick and Miss Gallen from Science did some experiments for all to try at home. Mrs Quane put 'Bake off' to shame with her Yule Log. Next week we have a personalised Christmas Cracker with Mrs Dowling on Monday 14th Dec at 4pm, and team science Christmas experiment 2 with the Science Team on Wednesday 16th Dec at 4.30pm. Why not try it?

Student shout out

Well done to Brandan Ryan, Elsie Mae Wilson from Year 9 and Emmy Farrell from Year 8, whom have been excellent in their English lessons, outstanding contributions in class and fantastic attitude to learning. 9W1 and 7W4 have all been outstanding in their drama lessons this week. They have all participated and performed with characterisation, accents and body language. I had a wonderful conversation at lunchtime today with Year 7 students, we talked about how they have transitioned from primary school to secondary. They told me how nervous and apprehensive they were before they started and the progress they have made during their time here. What articulate and sweet students we have at Halewood Academy!

We have been running weekly staff quizzes and I would like to congratulate Mrs Murphy on winning last week's quiz with 100% and fastest time. Congratulations to this week's winner

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been making contact with some of our Halewood Alumni. It has been wonderful to hear how our ex-students are getting on and the amazing things they have achieved since leaving Halewood Academy. Please keep an eye on the Halewood Academy Aspirations Instagram page to keep up with information on our ex-students. If you are an ex-student and would like to share information on your experience since leaving school please contact Mrs Jones via email, cjones@halewoodacademy.co.uk. We would love to hear from you.

Finally, I would like to thank all the students, staff and parent/guardians for your hard work and support in what has been a very challenging term. The resilience and collaboration shown by all in ensuring the best for each other has been fantastic to see, and I am so proud of each of you in the way you have taken Covid-19 in your stride and adapting to a new way of learning so well.

Take care,
Ms Gallagher
Interim Principal

This week...

- Attendance
- Live Parent/Student Sessions
- Career of the Week
- Maths challenge
- Recommended reads
- Word of the Week
- Reading BINGO
- STEAM Careers
- Career of the week
- Kindness Calendar
- 5 ways to well-being
- Espanol
- VIBE



Attendance

Top 5 Form attendance

(7th December - 11th December 2020)

FORM GROUP

ATTENDANCE

11KHE	99.2%
7HHA	99%
7JCR/RAD	97.5%
7NHI	97.2%
11RAE	96.4%



Would you like to create fizzing Christmas trees, melting candy canes, reindeer balloon race and Christmas baubles with your child?

...Then join Miss Gallen, Mr Kendrick and Mr Kelly in a **LIVE** lesson on TEAMS on Wednesday 16th December at 4.30pm



Christmas Experiments Live Session 1

Wednesday 16th December 2020

Fizzing Christmas Tree

- Paper plates (to make into a cone shape)
- Baking soda
- Vinegar
- Sequins (optional)
- Food Colouring
- Bowl, spoon & tray to put in the freezer
- Squire bottle, eye dropper or baster

Melting Candy Canes

- Candy canes
- Glass jar

Reindeer Balloon Race

- Balloons
- String
- Reindeer cut template
- Straws
- Selotape

Christmas Baubles

- Oil
- Glass Jar
- Food Colouring

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CREATE A PERSONALISED CHRISTMAS CRACKER WITH YOUR CHILD?

...THEN JOIN MRS DOWLING IN A **LIVE** LESSON ON TEAMS



ON MONDAY 14th DECEMBER 2020 AT 4PM

The Personalised Christmas Cracker session 'Monday 14th December' at 4pm.

You will need;

- Plain paper
- Pencil
- A ruler to begin
- A variety of different papers
- Wrapping paper
- Ribbon
- Card tube
- Empty pop bottle

Maths Challenge of the Week

Santa's Sleigh



There are
some toy horses and
toy clowns on Santa's sleigh.

Together they have 30 heads
and 98 feet.

How many horses?

How many clowns?



ANSWERS IN TO MISS DEVONSHIRE OR YOUR PROGRESS LEADER

Last week's answers...

Solvemoji.com

XMAS
EDITION

$$18 + 18 + 18 = 54$$

$$16 + 16 \times 18 = 304$$

$$16 \times 16 + 14 = 270$$

$$7 + 18 \times 8 = 151$$

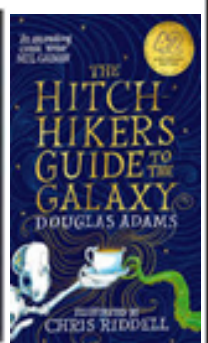
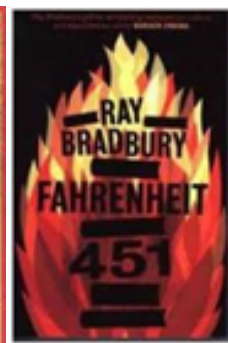
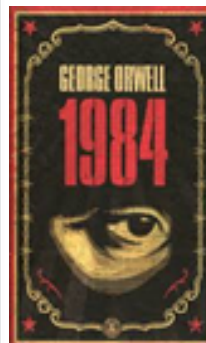
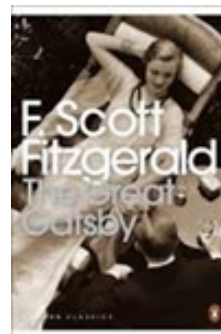
Literacy

Recommended Reads

Suggested reads for students



Suggested reads for Parents/Carers



<https://www.theparentsguideto.co.uk/product-page/the-parents-guide-to-exam-revision-ks4>

Word of the week – 7th Dec

Definition:

Synonyms:

exact, specific, particular

precise

Worked examples:

I need to know the precise reason why that happened so I can prevent it from happening again.

Antonyms:

general, unspecified, vague

WELL DONE TO

LOUISE 7MWL

FOR COMPLETING 3 LINES ON THE READING BINGO

SHE HAS RECEIVED 15 LITERACY REWARDS & A CERTIFICATE

CARRY ON READING & RECEIVE LITERACY REWARDS, CERTIFICATES, CHANCE TO WIN VOUCHERS & YOUR NAME HERE!

WELL DONE TO

CHLOE 7NST

FOR COMPLETING 2 LINES ON THE READING BINGO

SHE HAS RECEIVED 10 LITERACY REWARDS & A CERTIFICATE

CARRY ON READING & RECEIVE LITERACY REWARDS, CERTIFICATES, CHANCE TO WIN VOUCHERS & YOUR NAME HERE!

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths Career Interview.



William Hill – Senior Publishing Operations Executive

Last week Mr Kendrick had the amazing opportunity to interview Mike O'Brien who works at the William Hill head office as a Senior Operations Executive.

1) What is your job role?

As Senior Publishing Operations Executive, I am an active member of the Publishing team which manages all content seen on the William Hill site & mobile apps. However, as the senior member of the team, I act as manager for the team & liaise with multiple other promotions & propositions teams in order to help promote certain events & offers.

2) Do you need to complete any work experience before you apply for a role at William Hill?

No work experience is required for my role, but experience in retail or web design could be beneficial.

3) How much money do you earn roughly? How much would you earn when you first become a senior publishing operations officer?

As an Operations Executive, my salary has increased to £33,000. When first joining my team, my salary was £30,000.

4) What are the promotion opportunities like at William Hill?

From initially joining William Hill as a Publishing Operations Executive, I have already been promoted to the senior position on the team. Beyond my current role I can alternatively progress directly upwards to the management position for both the Sports & Gaming publishing teams. I can also look to other areas of the Sportsbook business such as trading, propositions or planning which would all be moves towards becoming a more involved member of the Sportsbook operation.

Do you work as part of a team or independent?

As a manager of the team, team work is incredibly important to my role.



Mike O'Brien – Senior Publishing Operations Executive William Hill

What are the most important skills required to work at William Hill?

The most important skill I require day to day is a high level of organisation & prioritisation. I construct team rotas & content schedules whilst also having to prioritise sporting events to manage which events receive more on site coverage.

What qualifications do you need to work at William Hill?

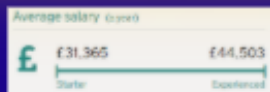
No specific qualifications are required for the William Hill Publishing team, however a strong sporting & betting knowledge and experience in a marketing / planning role are certainly advantageous. My previous qualifications in Sports Journalism certainly aided in helping me to have a strong grasp of a variety of sports & also gave me experience of creating sports based content.



Career of the week!



PHARMACIST



National General Practitioner Society

Pharmacists provide expert advice on the use and supply of medicines and medical appliances.

YOU CAN GET THIS JOB THROUGH:

- University degree
- A college course

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

University - a 4-year Master of Pharmacy (MPharm) degree approved by the General Pharmaceutical Council

COLLEGE COURSES -

2 or 3 A levels, or equivalent, including chemistry

GCSE's -

- 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), including English, Maths and Science.

SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE

- To be thorough and pay attention to detail
- The ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- Sensitivity and understanding
- Customer service skills
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Maths knowledge
- Excellent verbal communication skills
- The ability to read English
- To be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

Excellence

Resilience

Collaboration

Respect

Aspiration

KINDNESS CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2020



MONDAY



TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

7 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	1 Share the Kindness Calendar with others and spread kindness	2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	4 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	5 Make a gift for someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	6 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about
14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	11 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	12 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	13 See how many different people you can smile at today
21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	15 Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day	16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17 Practice gratitude. List the kind things others have done for you	18 Give away something that you have been holding on to	19 Buy locally and support independent shops near you	20 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated
28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!	26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat
	29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2021			

Let's look beyond our differences and help each other. Every act of kindness matters



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

#DoGoodDecember



www.actionforhappiness.org

WE SEEK THE BEST

5 Ways to Wellbeing



Connect with people to build a sense of belonging and value through friendships, talking to others and expressing emotions, speaking to someone new or sharing experiences.



Be Active to reduce depression, anxiety and to slow age related decline by completing some physical activities for example walking, running, bike ride, running, working out.



Keep Learning. This enhances self-esteem, encourages social interaction and a more active life. *The practices of setting goals has been strongly associated with higher levels of wellbeing.* Try to learn a new skill for example baking, cooking, arts and craft, DIY projects, writing or taking on a new responsibility.



Give. Participating in social or community life can promote positive emotions. Activities for example saying thank you to someone, supporting someone who needs help, volunteering, helping someone with DIY etc.



Take Notice. Pay attention to the moment 'Mindfulness.' Pay attention to your thoughts, feelings, your body and the world around you at the present time.

'It can be easy to rush through life without stopping to notice much'



Where to find support if needed over the festive season:

Pupils:

	https://youndminds.org.uk Tel: 0808 802 5544
	https://www.childline.org.uk Tel: 0800 1111
	www.kooth.com
	https://www.nspcc.org.uk Tel: 0207 825 2505
	https://www.barnardos.org.uk/ Tel: 0800 1111
	www.Samaritans.org/ Tel: 116 123 (24 hours a day/ free to call)

Adults:



If you are having thoughts of suicide or are concerned for a young person who might be you can contact HOPELINEUK for confidential support and practical advice.

- Call: [0800 068 41 41](tel:08000684141)
- Text: [07860039967](tel:07860039967)
- Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org



- Call: 116 123 (24 hours a day/ free to call)
- Email: Jo@samaritans.org
- Website: <https://www.samaritians.org>



Call: 0300 5000 927

Email: advice@rethink.org

Website: <http://www.rethink.org/about-us/our-mental-health-advice>



Call: 0300 304 7000

Website: [http://www.sane.org.uk/what we do/support/helpline/](http://www.sane.org.uk/what_we_do/support/helpline/)



Mind Helplines

Infoline: [0300 123 3393](tel:03001233393)

Email: info@mind.org.uk

Text: [86463](tel:86463)

Post: Mind Infoline, PO Box 75225, London, E15 9FS



Free 24-hour listening support

When life is tough, Samaritans are here to listen at any time of the day or night. You can talk to them about anything that's troubling you, no matter how difficult.

Call free on 116 123 or [visit the Samaritans website](http://www.samaritans.org)

Shout offers confidential 24/7 crisis text support for times when you need immediate assistance.

Text "SHOUT" to 85258 or [visit Shout Crisis Text Line](http://www.shoutcrisis.org)

Urgent, non-emergency medical advice

If you need help urgently but are not at risk of death or serious illness, call the NHS non-emergency advice line.

Call 111

[NHS 111 advice online](http://www.nhs.uk/111)

People with hearing problems can use the [NHS 111 British Sign Language \(BSL\) service](http://www.nhs.uk/111).

Dial 999

In a life-threatening emergency, phone the emergency services and ask for an ambulance.

Call 999

[When to call 999](http://www.nhs.uk/999)

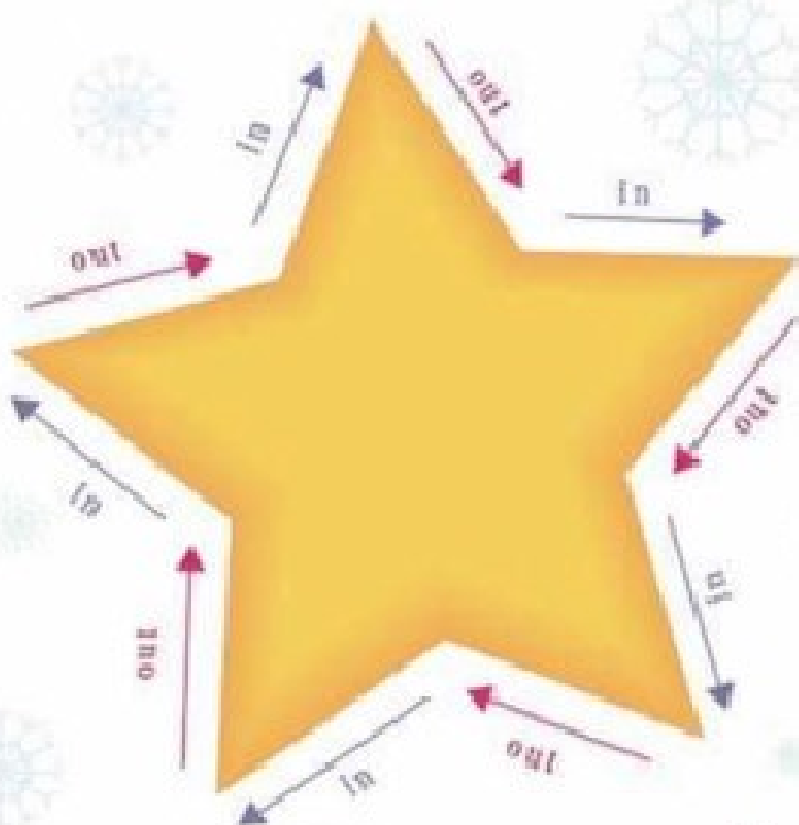
Crisis support for young people

If you are under 35 and feel that life is not worth living any more, call Papyrus's HopelineUK from 9am to 10pm weekdays and 2pm to 10pm on weekends.

Call HopelineUK on 0800 068 41 41

Text 07786 209697

[Visit the Papyrus website](http://www.papyrus-uk.org)



Breathe in and out as you trace around the star with your finger. Follow the arrows. Follow each instruction for 4 counts.

breathe in for 3 counts



Hold for 3 counts

Hold for 3 counts

breathe out for 3 counts

How did
Christmas breathing
make you feel?

ESPAÑOL



LANGUAGES AND THE WORLD OF WORK

What can learning Spanish do for you?

If you speak a second language, you could earn up to 75% more, depending on what you pick.

With many UK companies having international offices, multilingual employees are a precious asset to employers, meaning the financial returns of speaking a second language – especially one in high demand but low supply – can be huge.

Jobs with a pay differential based on how many languages you can speak pay about 20% more to bi- or multilingual candidates, data from Salary.com shows.

However, depending on the language you speak and the sector you work in, being bi- or multi-lingual could boost your salary by a whopping three quarters, according to new research by online educational provider Preply.

And remember, if you learn Spanish in school, it will help you to learn a different language more easily when you are in the world of work.



Top Tip

Students, Staff, Parents and Careers!

Sign up to SpanishPod101 to start learning key words and phrases in Spanish for school, holidays and work.

¡Feliz navidad a todo y feliz año nuevo!

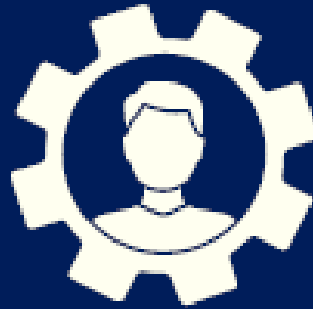




SEND Youth Voice

For young people aged 11 - 17 who
identify with having SEND.

**Gain new
skills**



**Meet new
people**



**Discuss
issues
important
to YOU**



**Take
action**



Join us in Our Place

Saturday 12 December
Saturday 23 January
Saturday 20 February
Saturday 20 March

11:00am - 2:30pm

Help make a difference, meet
like minded people and gain
new skills with Vibe.

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