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### DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

Welcome to the final edition of our newsletter 2023. In this edition you will see how busy the last few weeks have been in school. We have celebrated with the class of 2023 during our GCSE presentation evening; many congratulations to all the students and particularly those that won one of the many awards.

We have continued to provide extracurricular activities, trips and visits such as the VR session for Year 7, rewards trips for years 7-10, Christmas

Pantomime, Christmas Community Party, Halewood Town Councils Christmas Concert, sporting fixtures, LIVV Housing visit and continued to support transition and work with our local primaries. This has all taken place since the last edition and whilst the Year 11 students have undertaken their mock examinations. I am sure you will agree that all the students and staff deserve the Christmas break.

At Halewood Academy we always want to offer as much support and assistance to our local community as possible and I am pleased to say that our 'Pantry' has been well received and will continue to be stocked in 2024. Please remember that we are now working closely with a local bakery. that are providing fresh baked goods that are free of charge every Tuesday. We also have financial support for families through our Household Support Fund – details of both of these are in this edition. We have also included helplines and support for well-being, as we always do, as we recognise that Christmas can be a particularly challenging time for some families; we hope you find this useful if required.

Mr Harrison is also writing to you with advice and support around mobile phones, substance misuse and attendance that I would like you to read and pay notice of. Your support in limiting phone use and ensuring your child(ren) are safe on-line will really support them and their education. Mr Worrall is also writing to you regarding about students readiness to learn which will be introduced to students during assemblies after the Christmas break. I would appreciate your support

in ensuring the students have the basics for school such as; their bag, equipment, black folder and their timetable. This will really support their progress and I want you to support them in being prepared for school.

Finally, I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff, governors and trustees at Halewood Academy and across the Wade Deacon Trust.

All the very best for 2024,

Wed 20th Dec



**END OF TERM** 

TO BE A **PART OF CHRISTMAS PANTO** 



A GREAT

### SAFEGUARDING, EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH

At the end the Autumn Term and look forward to our Christmas break from school we thought it would be useful to publish some contact numbers should you need to contact someone regarding the safety or welfare of a young person whilst school is closed.

- Childline 08001111
- NSPCC- www.nspcc.org.uk
   NSPCC Helpline
   08448 920 264 (Liverpool Office)
   0808 800 5000
- cruse.org.uk- coping with a bereavement
- www.trusselltrust.org -foodbank
- Liverpool Social Care- 233 3700
- Knowsley MASH 0151 443 2600
- https://www.kooth.com/

In addition to this may we also take this opportunity to remind students of some basics in terms of keeping themselves safe over the school holiday.

#### When out and about...

- ✓ Don't go out alone there is safety in numbers
- Always let an adult know where you are going
- Never go anywhere with someone you don't know
- You can say 'no' if someone makes you feel uncomfortable or threatens or pressures you to do something you don't want to.

### Staying Safe Online...

- 1) Private stuff needs protection (if you wouldn't want you parents or grandparents to see something, don't post it)
- 2) You can only really know someone if you know them offline (think about what 'a friend' means to you)
- 3) What you share will always be there (think before you post)
- 4) Not everyone online is who they say they are (remember that behind the screen it is easy to pretend to be someone you are not)
- 5) If something doesn't feel right, tell a trusted adult





# YEAR 11 LEAVERS GCSE PRESENTATION EVENING

### **MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2023**

It gave us great pleasure to welcome our Year 11 leavers back into Halewood Academy to collect their GCSE certificates and to celebrate with them and their families, their many and varied successes. All students had the opportunity to come to the stage for their achievements to be acknowledged and many achieved additional prizes for their consistent efforts and application towards their subjects and the wider school. *Congratulations to you all.* 









### **YEAR 11 LEAVERS - GCSE**







B Reid

R Broadhurst

E Cunningham

**Top Progress** 

A Hartley

J Doyle

C O'Neill

C Emakpor

M McDonald

Attendance

Awarded to:

J Doyle

J Fisher

S Garvey

L Henaghan

**B** McAlister

J Fisher

Computer Science -B McAllister Physical Education -

Spanish -R<sup>'</sup>Ordek

B Svenson

Maths -Kneale

Media Studies -J Midgley

Graphics -E Owens

Design Technology -J Norwood

Art - L Harvey

Photography -B Williams

Drama -R Longworth

Business and Enterprise -E Pierce

Health and Social -C O'Neill

Child Development and Care -

**E** Rogers

Sports Science -E Bowman

Hospitality and Catering -H Lloyd



M McCumiskey D O'Rourke A Owen-Hodgson Awarded to: J Murray

Congratulations on 100% **Attendance for all 5 Years** whilst at Halewood Academy -A Superb Achievement

Congratulations on Achieving

100% Attendance in year 11

**RACER Awards** 

· Respect – J Fisher

· Aspiration - K McDonald

· Collaboration – R Chodanker

· Excellence - R Longworth

· Resilience - A Dorricott

**Subject Awards** 

History - J Doyle

Religious Education -**H** Carberry

**Geography** – J Fisher

English – A Hartley

Combined Science -R Broadhurst

Separate Science -K McDonald

George Galbraith Award

Awarded to - B Simon

Megan Hurley Award Awarded to - R Ordek

GUSETTO

Thank you to everyone who attended, as your enthusiasm and praise contributed to a lovely evening and helped create a positive atmosphere for all.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a successful 2024.

### VIRTUAL REALITY VISITS HALEWOOD

Year 7 were able to take part in a virtual reality film which was an interactive session to choose your own path and experience that explored the reasons why young people may carry a weapon, and what the consequences of this might be. Forty Year 7 pupils were able to participate in this session earlier this term.

Halewood Academy's Personal Development curriculum is responsive and dynamic to the ever changing picture of society around us and this event was conducted to educate young people about the dangers of knife crime, in an innovative and engaging way. It allowed a safe space for young people to explore the topic, ask questions and gain an understanding in how to make positive choices amongst professionally trained specialists. The virtual reality session covered themes of peer pressure, community, the police and risk taking behaviour. It aimed to explore, and raise awareness of, and dispel the myths to knife crime whilst looking at the impact this can have on young people, families and the wider community. The film used was age appropriate and did not show any weapons or scenes of violence and it was written and filmed by trauma informed specialists.

We would like to thank Mr Gabbidon-Thompson from the Community Cohesion team within Knowsley Local Authority for ensuring our students were able to participate in this.







Mr G Harrison Vice Principal

### HALEWOOD ACADEMY STAFF JOURNEYS





### Mr Rylands — PE Teacher/ KS2/3 Transition Coordinator

#### Education:

Childwall Comprehensive School

Liverpool Community College (1/2 HND in Sports studies – accepted to University with a distinction after year 1) Liverpool Hope University - 2.2 BA Hons – "Sport, Health and Physical Education"

Liverpool John Moores University – "PGCE Physical Education"



Glass collector and Barman

AA - civil servant - issuing "Personal issue benefit payments"

Voluntary PE teacher at Childwall Comprehensive

PE Teacher at Alsop High school

Teacher at The Halton school (Special educational provision)

Halewood Academy

#### Greatest achievement:

My Children, and doing all the things that I have wanted to do so far in life!

#### Advice:

Treat people as you wish to be treated yourself! If at first you don't succeed, try again and show resilience!



### CHRISTMAS PANTO

### DACKAND THE BEANSTALK









Year 11 students performed their Christmas Pantomime production of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' to parents, staff and local primary schools within the area.

The evening was enjoyed by all and the students gave a exceptional performance and entertainment throughout the evening.



























### SPORTS UPDATE

A huge thank you to our ex pupil and @TranmereRovers goalkeeper @ConorRobson5 for coming into school and working with our young goalkeepers! It was an inspiring session that our students really enjoyed! You really motivated our students! Thank you and good luck for the season!"

#### Mr Rylands

PE Teacher / Student Mentor / KS2/3 Transition Co-ordinator







### LIVV HOUSING GROUP VISIT

During their Personal Development lessons which this half term focus on Living in the Wider World, Year 11 were given an experience like no other before. Halewood Academy were fortunate enough to secure the services of LIVV Housing Group to come into school and share the wide and varied roles that are available as employment and education opportunities within this company.

There were a range of roles that were shared from the obvious that link to restoration, repair and the new building of houses but also other roles such as Law, Data, Business Intelligence, Planning, Design, Community Networking, IT, Tax, Project Management, Mental Health, Wellbeing, Debt Management, Surveyor Roles, Communication, Marketing and Customer Services. It was incredibly important to show our students that all groups are represented within this sector particularly those of women, and one key message was that this company is not just about "muddy boots and men".

Students were able to ask questions of these employees at LIVV Housing Group who discussed their education at secondary school and college, the importance of qualifications, developing employment skills and how to access opportunities such as apprenticeships within the company. These sessions were bespoke to our community as the company will have apprenticeship opportunities in a number of months that our current Yr11 will be able to apply for.

Halewood Academy would like to thank all the staff from LIVV Housing who supported the event, those being:





Paul George, Fiona Mather, Tom Wilde, Katie Lenden, Tony Craig, Martin Thomas, Dave Egerton, Paige Nolan, Rachel Spencer, Ellie Moss, Craig Lawther, Jen McGuinness, Alise Sleaford, Lauren Terris Taylor, Alan Roach and Jo Hughes.

### ST ANDREW'S THE APOSTLE YEAR 4 VISIT

In science, we have had **Year 4** students visit from **St Andrew's the Apostle** using the scientific equipment and laboratories. The **Year 4** students did a fantastic job investigating conductors and insulators by building their own circuits and testing various materials. They were then able to identify if these materials were conductors or insulators. It was great to meet you **Year 4**, well done for all of your hard work!



Leader of KS3 Science





### **MCCF HUB**



### YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN OUR MCCF HUB IN LIVERPOOL (GIRLS)

• **VENUE:** Taster: Firwood Bootle CC [L20 2DD] Sessions: St Francis Xavier's College [L25 6EG]

• DATES:

Taster Session: Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at Firwood Bootle. **U14s Sessions** (Thurs/Fri, 6-8pm): 11<sup>th</sup> Jan, 25<sup>th</sup> Jan, 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 23<sup>th</sup> Feb, 8th March, 22nd March.

U16s Sessions (Thurs/Fri, 6-8pm): 18th Jan, 1st Feb, 15th Feb, 1st

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

Aged 11-16

Attend a state school

Committed to putting 100% effort into all training sessions

Does not currently play in a **County Team** 



### APPLY

Thinking about it? Email the Hub Manager for more info:

gpennington@lancashirecricket.co.uk

Ready to go? Scan the QR code and register your interest by:

11th December 2023

#### WHAT IS AN MCCF CRICKET HUB?

MCC Foundation (MCCF) runs a network of more than 120 cricket Hubs serving some 4,000 young players across the UK. Our Hubs provide free-to-access coaching and match play for state-educated cricketers aged 11-16.

- Have fun whilst being supported to reach your full potential on and off the cricket pitch
  - 10 weeks of high-quality intensive cricket coaching during the winter
    - Match play and talent ID opportunities over summer
    - · Cricket+ including S&C, mental health and nutrition support

· Completely FREE to attend

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info@mccfoundation.org.uk

### YOUR INVITATION TO JOIN OUR MCCF HUB IN LIVERPOOL (BOYS)

• **VENUE:** Centre, Merchant Taylors' Ian Robinson Sports School [L23 0QP]

· DATES:

Mondays, 7-9pm. Trial: Tuesday December 19<sup>th</sup> (held at Firwood Bootle CC).
U14s: 8<sup>th</sup> Jan, 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan, 5<sup>th</sup> Feb, 19<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 1<sup>st</sup> April. U16s: 15<sup>th</sup> Jan, 29<sup>th</sup> Jan, 12<sup>th</sup> Feb, 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 8<sup>th</sup> April.

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### SCHOOL BAGS

moved to lost property.

Students must not leave their bags and coats around school, particularly in the atrium area as they will be support

More and more students are leaving their bags lying around, particularly under the student reception window because they do not want to carry them around.

Please can you remind your child(ren) to keep hold of their bag around school. Coats should be placed in their bag or form room. It is their responsibility to look after their bag and not leave it unattended around school. Any bag or coat left unattended will be moved to lost property.



### PANTRY UPDATE



We are so proud to see that the Halewood Pantry is supporting our families. The addition of fresh bread every Tuesday has taken the Pantry to the next level. We are supplying families with tinned/packet goods, tea/coffee/milk, cleaning products, toiletries and even pet food. You do not need to register/sign/give your details to use the pantry, its completely anonymous.

Please remember that the Household Fund is still available and applications are welcomed, please email householdsupport@halewoodacademy. co.uk to be considered.





### - Polite Notice - - - -

Halewood Academy has been made aware that some people are causing obstructions in the school car park and outside the premises, double parking, blocking disabled parking bays and stopping on double yellow lines to pick up and drop off students.

Please be considerate of other drivers and do not cause obstruction, and be particularly considerate to our disabled community, especially blue badge holders, who rely on the disabled parking bays in the school car park.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Kind Regards Halewood Academy



### COMMUNITY EVENTS AT HALEWOOD ACADEMY

During the Autumn term at Halewood Academy we saw a number of community and charity events. From our poppy appeal for Remembrance day, yellow spotty clothing for Children in Need, Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children and then our Community Christmas Party, we collectively raised a great sum of money. We are proud of our community's efforts to support charities both nationally and locally as this truly embodies our core values of respect, collaboration and resilience. As a school we would like to thank you for enabling this.

The real showcase was our Community Christmas
Party which saw the local Halewood Community Choir,
Knowsley Chamber of Commerce, Cronton and Riverside
College, Confucius Institute of Liverpool, Governors and
Everton in the Community all come together to raise
funds and enjoy a beautiful 3 course Christmas meal
provided by our school kitchen. There was live music, a
band and games hosted by the students of Halewood
Academy. What is more poignant is that this was
organised by our students for our community and they
were able to invite their families too. It was their initiative
and drive to host an event which was delivered by our
Future Female Leader group. They are an absolute credit
to the school and took on various roles such as waiting
on, cleaning, service duties and entertainment.

We wish you all a very joyous festive period.

Mr G Harrison Vice Principal

### POPPY APPEAL \*\* THANK YOU

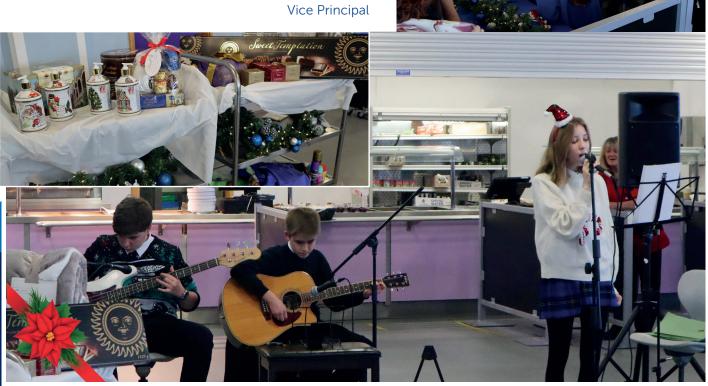
Can we thank all whom supported with this years Poppy Appeal and for supporting the Royal British Legion.

We received thanks from our local members of the community which we collected a total of £47.43.

This sum will go to support serving and ex-serving personnel all year round, every day of the week.

The support starts after one day of service and continues through life, long after service is over.





### CAREERS



### **DO YOU KNOW** YOUR **LEVELS?**

8 DOCTORAT OF PhD

6

T-LEVELS

5

ADVANCED SUBSIDIAR (AS) LEVEL

NVQ LEVEL 3

ACCESS TO HE DIPLOMA

LEVEL 3

**GCSE** GRADES 9,8,7,6,5 LVL 2 FUNCTION OR ESSENT SKILLS

4

LVL 2 AWARDS, DIPLOMAS & CERTIFICATES NVQ LEVEL 2

LEVEL 2 ESOL

**ENTRY** 

3

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0 • . LEVEL 1 ESOL

RESOURCEFUL CAREERS

### **CREATIVE** & DESIGN

The arts world covers everything from film to fashion, music to computer gaming. While it's the artists and actors, musicians and models who take centre stage, they wouldn't be there without armies of assistants and teams of technicians

Imagination and a flair for English, art, music or a similar creative subject can help you succeed in the creative industries.

There are more than 3,000 creative apprenticeships in the sector—demand for places is very high!

### **GCSEs**

Art & Design
English
Maths
Drama
Music
Computer Science
Physics
Product Design
Graphic Design
Food Technology
Textiles

Art & Design English Maths

Matns
Drama
Music
Computer Science
physics
product Design
Graphic Design
Food Technology
Textiles

### **APPRENTICESHIPS**

Visual Effects
Papermaker
Live Event Rigger
Broad Production
Blacemithing
Avertising and Marketing
Craft and technical roles in Film
and Television
Creative Craft
Costume and Wardrobe
Interactive Design
Journalism

#### **COLLEGE COURSES** A-LEVELS

Art and Design
Information and Creative
Technology
Media, Art and Design
Creative Digital Media Production
Creative Arts and Media
Popular Music Studies
Music Technology
Creative and Performing Arts
Computer Games Development
Computing and IT
Photography
Fashion Textiles

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#### T-LEVELS

Design, surveying and planning for construction Digital production, design and development Craft and Design Education and childcare Media, broadcast and production

Design and development for engineering and manufacturing

### UNIVERSITY COURSES

BA (Hons) in Art & Design
BA (Hons) in Fine Art
BA (Hons) in Fine Art
BA (Hons) in Graphic Design
BA (Hons) in Design for Art
Direction
BA (Hons) in Design for Art
BA (Hons) in Fashion Design
BA (Hons) in Digital Creative
Industries
BA (Hons) in Depular Music Studies
BA (Hons) in Performing Arts
BA (Hons) in Degman Arts
BA (Hons) in Games Development

#### **JOB TITLES**

Animator
Architect
Art Therapist
Arts Administrator
Arts Exhibition Organiser
Cabinet Maker
Cartoonist
Community Arts Worker
Beautician
Costume Designer
Craft Worker
Digital Imaging Specialist
Fashion Designer
Film or Video Editor
Funiture Designer
Games Designer
Graphic Designer
Graphic Designer
Graphic Designer
Graphic Designer
Graphic Designer Illustrator Image Consultant Interior Designer Landscaper

Landscaper
Make-up Artist
Model Maker
Photographer
Painter
Photographic Technician
Set Designer
Picture Researcher
Product Designer Sculptor Sign-writer Tattooist Teacher

Textile Designer
TV or Film Director



### WINTER HOLIDAY KIDS' ACTIVITY CLUB









Please scan our QR Code here to register today!





### **EVERYMIND AT WORK**





# You're not alone this Christmas









Text 85258 www.giveashout.org

0300 123 3393 www.mind.org.uk 0300 7729844 www.nopanic.org.uk 0800 58 58 58 www.thecalmzone.net







116 123 www.samaritans.org.uk



0808 808 1677 www.cruse.org.uk

### 4 TIPS ON HOW TO FEEL A LITTLE LESS LONELY THIS CHRISTMAS:

Limit your social media usage

Volunteer in your local area

Consider scheduling a call with family or friends

Have a look at what places are open near you

For more support organisations, you can find the Everymind Mental Health Support Directory on <a href="https://www.everymindatwork.com">www.everymindatwork.com</a>.











### Marvel Unlimited has arrived at Halewood Academy Library!

That means that our students now have access to over **30,000** Marvel comics via our iPads! These comics span the entire Marvel Universe from the Avengers to the Xmen and Fantastic Four!

New issues, along with classics, are added every week to the app for students to enjoy!

**AVAILABLE FROM: 5/12/23** 

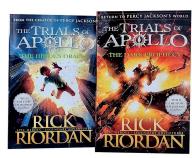


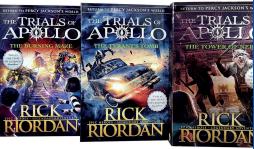
### NEW BOOKS AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY



















### **ENGLISH HOMEWORK ON**



Remember that English homework is set on Seneca **for all pupils** each week. Assignments are automatically linked to your school email address, you just need to go to <a href="www.senecalearning.com">www.senecalearning.com</a> and enter your school email address and password. Then, click 'Classes and Assignments', then 'Upcoming Assignments' to access that week's work. If you can't remember your password, you can reset it by clicking the 'Forgot your password?' button and changing it via your email inbox. Any problems, speak to your English teacher or Ms Byron-Bentley. Details of all weekly assignments can be found on Instagram: @msbyronbentley or @halewoodengdept

**Parents/Carers**: Check your emails for details of how to sign up to Seneca for Parents and monitor your child's progress.

MEMBER OF THE WADE DEACON TRUST

WE SEEK THE BEST

### 'SWING INTO CHRISTMAS' CONCERT

Halewood Town Council in partnership with Halewood Academy presented a Christmas production 'Swing into Christmas' featuring the a number of school choirs including our own from of Halewood Academy.

The night was a great success, christmas songs were sung from a variety of choirs from schools within the local area. Special guest artists included Asa Murphy 'The King of Swing'.













## WINTER HAF PROGRAMME



### WINTER HAF PROGRAMME

### THU 21 DEC

Collage Calendars

### FRI 22 DEC

Festive Fun

### FRI 29 DEC

Spoken Word & Drumming with Curtis Watt

### TUE 2 JAN

Puppetry

### WED 3 JAN

Den building with Cathy Cross



Shakespeare North Playhouse L34 3AB





3-6PM





MONDAY

# ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together

### **December Kindness 2023**



today, including Treat everyone with kindness

25

and let someone else discover the

Ask for help

19

joy of giving

may be alone or

something that

you don't need

who do things

tor you

thank people

kindness and

someone for an

give or receive

the gift of

something which

others. Share

Bring joy to

made you laugh

Choose to

**forgiveness** 

achievement

that may go

unnoticed

Congratulate

23

by giving away

Help others

someone who

Contact

feeling isolated

yourself!

Pick up litter or kind for nature do something Get outside.

27

29

to say hello and who is far away Call a relative have a chat

use less energy the planet. Eat less meat and Be kind to

and really listen digital devices to people Turn off

know how much you appreciate them and why Let someone

acts of kindness Plan some new to do in 2024

really care about or campaign you charity, cause Support a

> feeling lonely is homeless or someone who Give a gift to

> > someone else message for

to find

positive Leave a

comments to as

Give kind

Do something

many people as

friend or family

member

helpful for a

possible today

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with food, love or kindness today Feed someone Be generous.

item and donate

it to a local

tood bank

Buy an extra

many different people you can smile at today See how

13

happy memory thought with a loved one or inspiring **Appreciate** Share a

> your neighbou and brighten up their day Say hello to

positive to say you speak to to everyone something

Look for

17 things others Give thanks. List the kind have done tor you

others and be you're hard or Notice when yourself or

without judging to others them

kind instead

10 wholeheartedly Listen

kindness and December share the Spread

calendar with

others

Contact

who is facing help someone Offer to

difficulties at the moment

can't be with someone you

to see how

they are



WEDNESDAY