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TRANSITION BOOKLET

A Student's Guide 2024-2025





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DEAR STUDENTS

Mr I. Critchley
BSc(Hons) PGCE, MA,
PGCSEN, NPQH



Dear Students,

A warm welcome to **Halewood Academy**. I hope you will find this booklet useful. You will find all the information you need to ensure a smooth transition from primary to secondary school. At **Halewood Academy** we will give you the opportunity to develop a full range of skills and knowledge that will help you succeed in later life, whatever pathway you choose. These opportunities include a wide range of subject routes and activities such as the highly academic English Baccalaureate route plus a wide range of other subjects such as physical education, music, photography and business. You may also have the opportunity to undertake activities like football, netball, music tuition, art club, Mandarin, coding and along with the chance to travel to places such as London, Rome, and our annual rewards trips.

I expect you to work very hard in order to achieve your potential. This includes following our core values of **Respect, Aspiration, Collaboration, Excellence and Resilience (RACER)**. This hard work to your learning will ensure you achieve the best possible examination results. These results will help you move on to the next stage of your learning. All of your teachers will go above and beyond to support you in fulfilling your potential. We will have high expectations and aspirations for you and we will support and guide you every step of the way. I want you to pay particular attention to our **RACER** values and think about how you will meet each one of these every single day as you begin your journey at **Halewood Academy**.

I hope you will develop into well-rounded, respectful and confident young adults with the ability to work both independently and with other people.

I wish you every success.

Mr Critchley
Principal

SAFEGUARDING SUPPORT

As part of the safeguarding support that you will be offered at **Halewood Academy**, there is a team of staff who will work with you to help make your transition as easy as possible. The team consists of safeguarding leads, mentors, counsellors, external agencies and other adults in the school. At **Halewood Academy**, we are committed to providing a safe, caring and purposeful learning environment.

To support this, the Academy's Vision is '**We Seek The Best**' and the Core Values are:

- **Respect**
- **Aspiration**
- **Collaboration**
- **Excellent**
- **Resilience**

With this support, we will help you to develop into a confident and competent young adult, prepared to enter the wider world and to reach your full potential. All students have the right to learn in a positive learning environment, free from interference or disruption.

The Academy recognises the importance of developing and maintaining relationships with your parents/carers and the wider community to continue to sustain high standards of student behaviour. We hope that by encouraging you to display positive behaviour throughout the Academy, we can promote good relationships that are built on trust, understanding and mutual respect.



Meet our Safeguarding Team



Mrs N Cross
*Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Vice Principal*



Mrs F Campbell
*Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Leader of the
Safeguarding Hub*



Mr D Day
*Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Assistant Vice
Principal*



Mrs J Thomson
*Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Vice Principal*



Mr G Harrison
*Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Vice Principal*

SCHOOL UNIFORM



- Black blazer with blue trim and school badge
- Black trousers or blue/black tartan skirt
- White shirt
- School tie
- Black V-neck Jumper (optional)
- Plain, black, polishable shoes (no boots/trainers)
- Black socks with trousers or white knee high socks/navy tights with skirt

Students must also attend school with a sensible hair style, which is not extreme or which includes unnatural bright colouring or outrageous hair patterns. Hair bands if worn, must be simple and plain.

Jewellery is not allowed with the exception of a wrist watch.

No other jewellery or piercings are allowed. Students should be well presented at all times, with shirts tucked in to their trousers and skirts.

No badges are to be worn other than those issued by the school, or one charity badge.

Examples of appropriate footwear

Boys



Girls



Examples of inappropriate footwear



PE KIT

Students will need a school PE T-Shirt with **Halewood Academy** badge. There is a long sleeved over top which is recommended but not compulsory. Students are required to wear either plain black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings. Parents do not have to purchase all of the items below. Students are expected to bring appropriate footwear to all PE lessons to enable them to engage fully with learning. Students require a clean pair of trainers suitable for indoor and outdoor lessons.

At times during the year, students will undertake PE outside. If students have studded boots suitable for use on grass or our 3G surface, then these are encouraged for outdoor PE lessons as an alternative to trainers.

Students have the option to wear base layers underneath their PE kit, particularly during cold weather. We request that students choose navy blue or black garments that complement our school uniform.

PE Kit - Boys	PE Kit - Girls
Black T-shirt with logo	Black T-shirt with logo
Black shorts / black tracksuit bottoms	Black shorts
Black football socks	Black socks
Training shoes	Black leggings / tracksuit bottoms
	Training shoes
Optional: Long sleeved training top advised for winter	Optional: Long sleeved training top advised for winter



ACHIEVE
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Transition has been fantastic, summer school in particular was very beneficial. Staff communication to me as a parent has been absolutely fantastic and has allowed me to support my child with the transition at home too. My child was apprehensive to start secondary school, however by the end of the first week their confidence had grown significantly and they began to look forward to school each day.

Year 7 Parent

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I am so impressed at how my son has settled in. He smiles in the morning and is keen to get to school. Thank you to all staff helping and teaching Year 7s.

Year 7 Parent

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

We expect you to maintain an attendance record of 97% or higher at school. This will ensure you are in the best position to fulfil your potential. If, however, you are ill or unable to attend, or you will be late to school for any reason, then your parent/carer must telephone the school by 8.15am, pressing 1 for the student absence line. You **must** provide a note written by your parent/carer explaining why you were absent on the first morning of your return to school. For appointments during the day evidence will be required.

In order that you do not fall behind others in your class, you will be expected to catch up on work you have missed during your absence.

REWARDS

At **Halewood Academy** you will be rewarded in a range of different ways for following our core values and behaviour code, working hard and attending regularly.

Postcards, Letters and Certificates

Your teachers and support staff will give out postcards, letters and certificates based on your work and effort in lessons and your conduct and involvement around our school.

Staff will recognise students Attitude to Learning in lessons by awarding a 1 or 2 on the register. Students who receive these throughout the week are celebrated in assembly and also Parents/Carers receive a notification of this achievement on SIMSParent.

Attitude to Learning (AtL)

Assembly

Students are regularly recognised for their endeavours and achievement through virtual assembly and the main assembly for all aspects of school life including Attendance, AtL, Readiness to Learning and engagement with school activities.

Halewood Academy is committed to providing students with experiences beyond the curriculum to support their personal development and growth of cultural understanding. Trips will also be included for rewards at key points during the school year for students who demonstrate the expectations, core values and uphold the school mission. Previous whole school trips have included theme parks, ice skating, cinema visits and ten pin bowling. There are also experiences and trips linked with curriculum subjects which can also be international.

Trips, Visits and Experiences

THE YEAR 7 TEAM

As part of the pastoral support that you will be offered at **Halewood Academy**, there are a team of staff who will work with you to help make your transition as easy as possible and to support you in making progress throughout your time with us.

Your Form Tutor

Your first point of contact and the person you will register with every morning. Your tutor will get to know you really well and you will get to know them.



SUPPORT
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SCHOOL TIMINGS

Start of Day	Registration	Period 1	Period 2	Break	Period 3	Period 4	Lunch	Period 5
8.30	8.35-8.55	8.55-9.55	9.55-10.55	10.55-11.15	11.15-12.15	12.15-1.15	1.15-2.00	2.00-3.00

CURRICULUM

We pride ourselves on offering a broad and balanced curriculum that will allow you to develop skills across a range of subjects. Students will study a three year Key Stage 3 curriculum designed to offer breadth and depth, developing skills and knowledge to a high standard before they begin their Key Stage 4 studies. Within Key Stage 3 students study:

English	Maths	Science
History	Geography	Spanish
Music	Drama	Computing
Design & Technology	Physical Education	Religious Studies
Personal Development	Dance	Art

Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development, Careers and Modern British Values are embedded throughout our curriculum, with additional form times, drop down mornings and focus weeks ensuring students have strong cultural understanding.





"We are so pleased with how our daughter has settled into Year 7. We are so very proud of how hard she is working and how quickly she has settled in. She is really enjoying school and doing so well, there's nothing more we could ask for! Thank you for all the support you and the staff have put into place, especially with all of the extra work and upheaval you're having to deal with at the moment... it's really appreciated."

Year 7 Parent

"My children are very happy and I feel the teachers are very committed to making the school a safe, fun and interesting place to be. I feel they genuinely care about the students and are communicative and supportive to the parents. I have no complaints at all."

Year 7 Parent

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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We have a wide variety of school clubs that we hope will appeal to all students' interests and talents.

We believe that the learning journey through school is not just about securing educational qualifications and we value the whole experience that our students receive here and understand that time spent developing extra-curricular interests is pivotal to ensuring our students leave us as well-rounded citizens; well qualified, happy and healthy.

We have an extensive extra-curricular programme for students to be involved in after school. That said, we are always open to new ideas. If students feel that there is something that we do not offer that they would really like to try, then we will do our very best to facilitate it.

For lunchtime clubs please collect a pass from the staff member taking the session.



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EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

(Example timetable only and subject to change for new term).



Monday

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Breakfast Clubs – 8:00am - 8:30am – Available to All

Club	Location	Staff
Football	Sports Hall	Mr A Bailey
Gym and Fitness	Fitness Suite	Mr O'Leary
Achievement Centre Breakfast Club	Achievement Centre	Mrs H Kelly
Key Stage 3 Music	Music Room	Mrs C Costello
Atrium Chess	Atrium	Miss L Heath
Library	Library	Miss M Towers
Study Club	Assembly Hall	Mrs J Gray
Canteen and Atrium	Canteen	Duty Staff

Lunchtime

Club	Location	Staff	Time	Year Groups
Football/Sport	MUGA	Duty Staff	1:15 – 1:55	Year 7 and 8
Football/Sport	3G	Duty Staff	1:15 – 1:55	Year 9, 10 and 11
Badminton	Sports Hall	Duty Staff	1:15 – 1:55	All
Chess Club	F39	Mr S Jones	1:15 – 1:55	All
ICT and Computing Club	S21	Miss O'Neil	1:15 – 1:55	All
Gaming Club	S28	Mr C Hartley	1:15 – 1:55	Progress Leader Invite

After School

Club	Location	Staff	Time	Year Groups
Maths Club	F56	Miss C Flatley	3:00 – 3:45	Year 7, 8 and 9
Netball	Courts	Mrs H Scott	3:00 – 4:00	All
Fitness	Gym	Miss J Hastings	3:00 – 4:00	All
Football	3G	Mr Campbell	3:00 – 4:00	Year 8
Badminton	Sports Hall	Everton in the Community	3:00 – 4:00	All
Movie Monday	Library	Mrs M Towers	3:00 – 4:00	All
Art Club	F05	Mrs R Dowling	3:00 – 4:00	Year 7, 8 and 9

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Friday

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Breakfast Clubs – 8:00am - 8:30am – Available to All

Club	Location	Staff
Football	Sports Hall	Mr A Bailey
Gym and Fitness	Fitness Suite	Mr O'Leary
Achievement Centre Breakfast Club	Achievement Centre	Mrs H Kelly
Atrium Chess	Atrium	Miss L Heath
Library	Library	Miss M Towers
Study Club	Assembly Hall	Mrs J Gray
Key Stage 3 Music	Music Room	Mrs C Costello & Mrs M Irons
Canteen and Atrium	Canteen	Duty Staff

Lunchtime

Club	Location	Staff	Time	Year Groups
Football/Sport	MUGA	Duty Staff	1:15 – 1:55	Year 7 and 8
Football/Sport	3G	Duty Staff	1:15 – 1:55	Year 9, 10 and 11
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Gaming Club	S28	Mr C Hartley	1:15 – 1:55	Progress Leader Invite
Shakespeare Schools Festival	G04	Performing Arts	1:15 – 1:55	All
The Secret Club	G01 & G02	Mr A Casey and Mrs E Andrews	1:15 – 1:55	All
Friday Bingo	Assembly Hall	Mr Harrison	1:30 – 1:55	All

After School

Club	Location	Staff	Time	Year Groups
Volleyball	Sports Hall	Mr G Harrison & FBB	3:00 – 3:45	All
LGBTQI+ & Allies Forum	S03	Mr Heydon	3:00 – 3:45	All
Football	3G	Mr A Bailey	3:00 – 4:00	Year 10

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Student Leadership Team Year 7 - Year 10

Throughout your time at **Halewood Academy**, you will have the opportunity to develop your leadership skills by joining one of our Student Leadership Team groups.

In Year 7 - Year 10, there are 4 different groups you can join, with opportunities to run your own events, present your ideas to staff and act as ambassadors for other students within the school. Appointment of new members will take place each year in October.

Prefects Year 11

Each year, we assemble a team of Prefects in school: Year 11 students who are appointed as role-models because they represent everything we ask for in a **Halewood Academy** student.

They are hardworking, motivated and keen to ensure everyone enjoys our school as much as they do. If you are unsure of something or need assistance ask anyone with a prefect badge and they will help you. Maybe when you are in Year 11 you could be a prefect!



DINING ARRANGEMENTS

The school is open in the morning for breakfast from 8.00am to 8.30am.

Our students remain on the school premises during break time and lunch time.

At break time, students are able to purchase a variety of items such as toast, bacon/sausage barm, breakfast wraps and a selection of fruit.

There are a wide range of choices that you can have at lunch time:

- **A packed lunch from home**
- **Sandwiches, wraps and baguettes**
- **Pasta pots (hot or cold)**
- **A variety of hot meals with a different offering each day**

We operate a cashless system at Halewood Academy where students pre-load money onto their accounts through ParentPay or designated machines. Students then use their finger print or unique code to purchase food.



STRETCH & CHALLENGE

Our results also demonstrate that we know how to stretch and challenge students so that they reach their potential and achieve the best possible outcomes. 2023 saw a significant improvement in the number of students achieving the top grades in both GCSE and vocational qualifications.

Our curriculum is designed to ensure that all students receive challenge which allows them to develop skills of analysis, evaluation and deep thinking, at all points in their school career. Not only does this ensure that students can achieve at the highest level within their GCSEs, it also creates a solid foundation for future studies and employment.



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Hopefully this booklet has helped you to see all the exciting opportunities you have ahead of you as your journey at Halewood Academy begins.

Don't worry if you want to know more as there are opportunities before September to have all of your questions answered:

**Induction Evening –
Monday 1st July 2024
6pm start (subject to change)**

The evening will give you and your parents/carers all the information you need about the induction days and what to expect in September.

**Summer School -
Monday 5th - Friday
9th August 2024**

You will have another opportunity to make new friends, get to know different teachers and prepare for your first week at Halewood Academy.

THE JOURNEY AHEAD

Visits to your primary school

We will be coming to visit you and your year 6 teacher to find out all about you. We will look at your progress, your friendship groups and your likes and dislikes to make sure we put you into a form group and classes where you can make the best possible progress.

**Induction Day -
Tuesday 2nd - Wednesday
3rd July 2024**

You will meet your form tutor, the rest of your form and have the chance to see what a day at **Halewood Academy** is all about.

The days will be full of fun activities include taster lessons and a performance from a theatre company "Big School."





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THE QUIZ

10 questions about Halewood Academy

Cut out the completed section below and return to the school reception FAO Mr Rylands! He will select 5 at random for a prize!

Get searching!

Your name

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What is Halewood Academy's School Motto?

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What does RACER Stand for?

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Can you name the Principal of Halewood Academy?

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Do we have a Steam Club as part of our Extra-Curricular Programme?

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Is there a breakfast club available?

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What are the colours on our School Crest?

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Are you allowed to wear trainers?

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Are you allowed to wear a watch?

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What is our 'Wonder Wall'?

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What time must you be at morning registration and who will take the register?

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Please cut off this page and return to Halewood Academy reception with your name added on the attached.

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