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TRANSITION BOOKLET

A Student's Guide 2025-2026





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DEAR STUDENTS

Mr I. Critchley
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Dear Students,

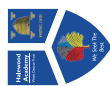
Many congratulations on securing your place at **Halewood Academy**. I hope you will find this booklet useful. All the information you need is in this booklet to help you have a smooth transition from primary to secondary school. At **Halewood Academy** we will give you the opportunity to develop your knowledge and skills in a wide range of subjects; knowledge and skills will help you succeed in later life, whatever pathway you choose. These opportunities include a wide range of lessons, activities, trips and visits. You will have the opportunity to study the highly academic English Baccalaureate route plus lots 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 and commitment 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 education and career. 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**.

My ambitions for this school and its students are exceptionally high and I want you to have high aspirations for yourself. I want you to leave **Halewood Academy**, well qualified, respectful and confident young adults with the ability to work both independently and with other people. If you follow our basic expectations every day; then I know you will achieve your ambitions.

I wish you every success.

Mr Critchley
Executive Principal



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STUDENT FRIENDLY SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

What is safeguarding?



- Keeping you safe and healthy at school and at home
- Making sure that you feel safe in your environment and are protected from harm from both adults and other young people
- Educating you to know how to keep yourself safe

Who is available to help?

- At school you can talk to;**
- Your Form Tutor/Progress Leader/ Assistant Progress Leader/Learning Mentor/Any trusted adult, e.g. Teacher, TA, Mid-day Assistant
 - The Safeguarding Team
 - The School Nurse

Outside of school you can talk to;

- Trusted family member, trusted adult such as sports coach or friends
- Your family doctor
- Kooth/CAMHS
- The police

Who can I go to?

- In school you can go to:**
- Pastoral Hub - F10
 - Pupil Support - S01
 - Progress Leader / Assistant Progress Leader
 - A Classroom Teacher
 - School Nurse drops ins
 - Any member of staff
- Outside of school;**
- The School Website
 - Online Support Websites
 - Childline - 0800 1111

How will you keep me safe?

- We will educate you to ensure a strong culture of diversity and inclusivity where difference is celebrated positively;
- We will educate you to stay safe online and out in the community;
- All Halewood Academy staff are trained to spot the signs of abuse or neglect;
- Staff are trained to deal with incidents of abuse from adults to children and also abuse which can occur between young people;
- We will always listen and act upon your concerns. This may involve working with your parents or carers or getting help from other services outside of school;
- Your wishes and feelings will always be considered.

Why is it important?

From time to time, children can suffer abuse from adults and also young people. Abuse can be physically, sexually or emotionally harmful or neglectful and can happen in person or online, at home, within the community or in school.

We want to make sure that everyone at Halewood Academy is protected from abuse and harm.

When can I speak to someone?

At school you can talk to;

You or a family member can talk to a member of staff at anytime about a worry or a concern that you may have about yourself or a friend.



Our Safeguarding Team



Mrs Cross



Mrs Campbell



Mr Day



Mr Harrison



Mrs Smallwood

Safeguarding



at Halewood Academy

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SCHOOL UNIFORM



- Black blazer with blue trim and Academy 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 (no bows) /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



SCHOOL UNIFORM

All students are expected to bring a back pack, large enough for exercise books and PE kit, to school every day.

All pupils need a suitable sized school back pack enough to fit A4 folders in.

Examples of appropriate school bags



Please also note the following;

Hoodies are not acceptable on the school premises.

Hair - A pupil's haircut is a very important part of their overall presentation. The Academy will not accept extreme haircuts. Pupils are not allowed to have extreme hair colours; colour change should appear natural. The Academy reserves the right to internally exclude pupils with an extreme hairstyle. Shoulder length hair should be tied back for all practical lessons. Hair bands should be plain in their appearance. Hair accessories must be only plain white, navy blue or black in colour.

Make up - Make up, false eyelashes and nail varnish are not permitted. Pupils who wear make-up, false eyelashes and nail varnish will be asked to remove it. Pupils failing to do so when asked will face appropriate sanctions.

Jewellery - Pupils may wear a wristwatch. They may also wear a cross or other symbol of faith for religious reasons but it may not be visible. Pupils with medical conditions can wear an identity tag. No badges are to be worn other than those issued by the Academy and one charity badge. Any inappropriate jewellery will be confiscated and placed in the Academy's safe. The Academy cannot accept responsibility for the safe keeping of jewellery. All jewellery must be removed for Physical Education.

Piercings - Pupils are not permitted to wear any form of facial or body piercing (including ears). Pupils who persistently violate these rules will be internally excluded. Earrings and other piercings covered by plasters are also not acceptable.

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.



- Halewood T-shirt (compulsory)
- Quarter zip Halewood jumper (optional)
- Halewood Swacket (optional)
- Plain black shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings (compulsory and purchased from any location preferable to families)
- Trainers (purchased from any location)
- Football boots (purchased from any location) can be used when pupils are studying their football unit of work. Shin pads are also recommended for pupils to use within football and hockey lessons, and are optional to bring to lessons from home.



CORE VALUES

Our school core values:

R A C E R



RESPECT

Respect Everyone



ASPIRE

Aspire to be the Best



COLLABORATE

Collaborate to Succeed



EXCELLENCE

Excellence in all we Do



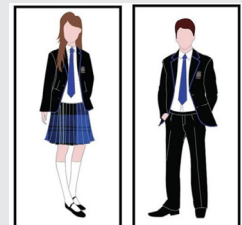
RESILIENCE

Resilience at all Times

ARE YOU READY TO **LEARN?**

We show **Excellence** by being ready to learn.
Have you got all your essentials:

- ✓ **Correct Uniform**
- ✓ **PE Kit**
- ✓ **Bag**
- ✓ **Pencil Case**
- ✓ **Blue Pen** ✓ **Pencil**
- ✓ **Black Pen** ✓ **Ruler**
- Green Pen** **Black folder**



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

A JOURNEY OF GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT

From the moment students join in **Year 7**, they become part of a dynamic and supportive academy community that encourages personal growth, high standards, and a passion for learning. Through our structured **Graduation Programme** and the **Halewood Challenge**, we provide students with meaningful opportunities to develop essential life skills, build confidence, and prepare for future success.

Phase 1: Year 7 & 8

- The Graduation Programme

All students in **Years 7 and 8** are automatically enrolled in the **Graduation Programme**, a two-year initiative that recognises and celebrates student achievement and progress. The programme is designed to support academic success and personal development through:

- Maintaining excellent attendance and behaviour
- Actively participating in extra-curricular clubs
- Developing strong attitudes to learning across subjects
- Engaging in public speaking or showcasing employability skills
- Meeting personalised academic targets in areas like recall and knowledge retention

Students who meet the minimum expectations will graduate at the end of **Year 7 and Year 8** in a special cap-and-gown ceremony. Those who go above and beyond may even graduate with honours, showcasing their commitment to excellence in academics, the arts, sports, and community involvement.

Year 9 - The Halewood Challenge

In **Year 9**, students move on to the **Halewood Challenge** - an exciting and diverse set of enrichment activities designed to encourage independence, resilience, and a thirst for new experiences. Challenges span five key areas:

- **STEAM** (Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering and Maths)
- Aspirations
- Careers
- Leadership and Performance
- Or school and wider community

The **Halewood Challenge** is also structured to align with the **Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award**, giving students a head start toward this prestigious national recognition.

Students track their progress by completing tasks both in school and independently. Completion of various challenges leads to **Bronze, Silver, or Gold Halewood Challenge Awards**, respectively which will take place within a prestigious awards ceremony at the end of **Year 9**. Together, the **Graduation Programme** and **Halewood Challenge** form a powerful foundation that nurtures ambition, promotes holistic development, and equips students with the skills and experiences they need for success throughout their school journey and beyond.

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.

Meet our Year 7 Pastoral Team



Mrs Dixon
Year 7 Progress
Leader



Miss Slack
Assistant Progress
Leader



Mrs West
Learning
Mentor



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SCHOOL TIMINGS

Start of Day	Registration	Period 1	Period 2	Break	Period 3	Period 4	Lunch	Period 5
8.30	8.35-9.00	9.00-10.00	10.00-11.00	11.00-11.15	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	Performing Arts	Computing
Design & Technology	Physical Education	Religious Studies
Personal Development	Dance / Drama	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

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"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

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).



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Monday

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

Club	Location	Staff
Football	Sports Hall	Duty Staff
Gym and Fitness	Fitness Suite	Duty Staff
Achievement Centre Breakfast Club	Achievement Centre	Duty Staff
Key Stage 3 Music	Music Room	Duty Staff
Atrium Chess	Atrium	Duty Staff
Library	Library	Duty Staff
Study Club	Assembly Hall	Duty Staff
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	F30	Mr S Jones	1:15 – 1:55	All
ICT and Computing Club	S21	Miss O'Neill	1:15 – 1:55	All
Gaming Club	S28	Mr C Hartley	1:15 – 1:55	Invite
Art Club	G01	Mr A Casey	1:15 – 1:55	Year 7, 8 and 9
Art & Photography	F05	Mrs A Manriquez	1:15 – 1:55	Year 10 and 11
Fitness	Gym	Miss J Hastings	1:15 – 1:55	All
Music Club	G53	Miss C Costello	1:30 – 1:55	Year 7, 8, 9 and GCSE
Dance	G03	Miss A Bragg	3:00 – 4:00	Year 7

After School

Club	Location	Staff	Time	Year Groups
Sparx Maths	S22	Miss E Jones	3:00 – 4:00	All
Creative Writing	F59	Miss S Bates & Mr S Meaghan	3:00 – 3:45	All
Netball	MUGA	Mrs H Scott	3:00 – 4:00	All
Badminton	Sportshall	Everton in the Community	3:00 – 4:00	All
Football	3G	Mr Campbell	3:00 – 4:00	Year 9
Fitness	Gym	Miss J Lowe	3:00 – 4:00	All
Movie Monday	Library	Miss M Towers	3:00 – 4:00	All
Art Club	G01	Mr A Casey	3:00 – 4:00	Year 7, 8 and 9
Art Enhanced	F05	Mrs A Manriquez	3:00 – 4:00	Year 10
Darts	Assembly Hall	Miss K Sellers	3:00 – 4:00	All

PERSONAL
DEVELOPMENT
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Friday

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

Club	Location	Staff
Football	Sports Hall	Duty Staff
Gym and Fitness	Fitness Suite	Duty Staff
Achievement Centre Breakfast Club	Achievement Centre	Duty Staff
Key Stage 3 Music	Music Room	Duty Staff
Atrium Chess	Atrium	Duty Staff
Study Club	Assembly Hall	Duty Staff
Canteen and Atrium	Canteen	Duty Staff

Lunchtime

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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	F30	Mr S Jones	1:15 – 1:55	All
Computing Club	S21	Miss O'Neill	1:15 – 1:55	All
Gaming Club	S28	Mr C Hartley	1:15 – 1:55	Invite
Food and DT Skill Club	G46	Mrs E Bayliss	1:15 – 1:55	Year 7 and 8
Art Club	F04	Mrs R Dowling & Mr A Casey	1:15 – 1:55	All
Friday Bingo	Assembly Hall	Mr Harrison	1:30 – 1:55	All
Drama Rehearsal	G02	Mrs E Andrews	1:15 – 1:55	Year 11
Fitness	Gym	Miss J Hastings	1:15 – 1:55	All
Music Club	G53	Miss C Costello	1:30 – 1:55	Year 7, 8, 9 and GCSE
Dance	G03	Miss A Bragg	1:30 – 1:55	Year 10
Table Top Network	HB1b	Mr A Gallogly	1:15 – 1:55	All

After School

Club	Location	Staff	Time	Year Groups
Football	3G	Mr A Bailey	3:00 – 4:00	Year 11
Art Club	F04	Mrs R Dowling	3:00 – 4:00	All
Drama Rehearsal	G02	Mrs E Andrews	3:00 – 4:00	Year 11
Darts	Assembly Hall	Miss K Sellers	3:00 – 4:00	All

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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 red tie and they will help you. Maybe when you are in Year 11 you could be a prefect!

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COUNCIL

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 barmes, 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. 2024 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.

A photograph of a female student in a school uniform and blue apron, wearing safety gloves, working in a workshop. She is focused on a task at a workbench, with various tools and materials visible. The background shows other workbenches and equipment in a well-lit workshop environment.

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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 30th July 2025
6pm start**

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 4th - Friday
8th August 2025**

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 1st &
Wednesday 2nd July 2025**

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.





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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

What is Halewood Academy's School Motto?

What does RACER Stand for?

Can you name the Executive Principal of Halewood Academy?

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

Is there a breakfast club available?

What are the colours on our School Crest?

Are you allowed to wear trainers?

Are you allowed to wear a watch?

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

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

TEAR HERE





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*Keep informed on
our social media
platforms too...*



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