

Year 8 Newsletter

Issue 3 - February 2024

Welcome

Hello all and welcome to the latest edition of our Year 8 newsletter!

Although it has been a very short half term, the students were still able to pack a lot in! The main focus in lessons and at home was preparing and completing their Core Exams and subject assessments which will inform us of their Tracking 2 results. The students embraced the second Revision Revolution and produced some fantastic resources independently to help them with their revision.

Well done Year 8 for a great half term and thank you to parents/carers for supporting your children as always!

Miss Lithgow

Mrs Ryder



Achievement Leader



Head of Year

Mrs Critchley

KS3 Head of Year



Achievement

Well done to the following students who received the most achievement points for displaying our academy values in HT3:

Our Values

Kind – Lillian N

Reflective – Lilly A

Resilient – Ollie-Jon C

Part of a Community - Benny F

Just Eat Family Reward – Daniel A

Student of the Month – Tyler P

English Hero Award – Eva T

Most Overall Achievement Points on Class Charts – Davie B


Well done to all of our students that won curriculum awards for their fantastic efforts in lessons during half term 3.

Student of the Month



Curriculum Spotlight


The curriculum spotlight this half term will focus on Maths and History.

Maths ●●●●●●●●●● 
This half term students will be studying the following topics:

- Ratio and Proportion
- Measures, 2D shapes and Angles
- Perimeter, Area and Pythagoras' Theorem

Everyone will receive their PLCs from tracking 2 so they know what to improve in time for the next round of assessments.

Scientific calculators are available from parent pay. It is recommended that all students have their own.

History ●●●●●●●●●● 
Students have been studying the Transatlantic Slave Trade. This half term they will explore Liverpool's involvement in the trade and study its abolition. We will also be moving on to a new topic of the Industrial Revolution. This will include looking at the factory system and urbanisation.

For further information and a more detailed overview of curriculum coverage please follow the link below:

[CLICK HERE](#)



Attendance Matters

One of our main priorities is student attendance to school. Our academy target for all students is 96% in a school year. Good attendance is directly linked to better performance at school. Please ensure your child attends every day so they don't miss important information in lessons and can also build their resilience as well as other academy values.

Well done to the 104 students who had 100% attendance during half term 3 and all our weekly prize winners who receive chocolates every week!

Home Learning Focus

Students should check Class Charts everyday to keep up to date with their homework and make sure they complete tasks on time.

Homework Room - EG02

8:05am - 8:30am

Lunch

2:40 - 3:40pm



Staff are available to support students with homework at these times.

Year 8 Homework Club -

Wednesdays

2:40-3:40pm



If you feel your child would benefit from attending this club whether it's to help them with their homework routine, receive support to complete tasks or just have a quiet place to work, please contact Miss Lithgow.



Parent Tip:

When you ask 'have you done your homework?' and the response is always 'Yes' or 'I don't have any', ask your child to show you their work so you can see it's definitely done. It's easy to click the completed box on Class Charts even though it might not be!

Reading Spotlight

Reading in R2L

Every Thursday and Friday the focus in R2L is reading with the tutor. Band 1 are now reading Lord of the Flies and Band 2 have switched to Chinese Cinderella.

We have recently introduced the option for students to volunteer to read in front of their tutor. It has been lovely to see so many year 8 students wanting to engage with this opportunity and show case what fantastic readers we have in the year group!

Trips and Events

Sports News

Netball



The netball team took part in their second St Helens Schools' Festival recently playing against other schools from the borough this time held at Cowley International Languages College. The girls had a few regular members missing so did extremely well to pull together to produce some really great performances throughout the tournament. It gave the girls the opportunity to try out some new positions and learn new skills and tactics which is what the festivals are all about! Well done to all involved! (Results: W1, D2, L2)



Rowing Success



Our Year 8 Rowing team took part in the Youth Indoor Rowing Championship just before the half term break. They had been working so hard in the lead up the event and we are incredibly proud of the students who represented the academy with distinction.



Individual results: (171 girls entered)

Alisha G: 15th

Mia B: 66th

Katie W 81st

Sofia T: 86th

Klara K: 100th

(165 boys entered)

Jayden B: 57th

Charlie F: 61st

Tyler W: 127th

Boys' relay 10th out of 36 schools

Girls' relay 17th out of 31 schools

Alisha G was very unfortunate and missed out on a spot in the national finals in London by just 3 meters!

Enrichment Reward Trips

Back by popular demand, this half term's enrichment reward trip will be a return visit to the Showcase cinema to catch a new release! More information will follow from Mrs Egerton about when this will take place, who is eligible and how much the trip will cost.



Assessment Focus



The students have recently completed their assessments in all subjects.

Tracking 2 Reports will be sent out to parents/carers on the week commencing Monday 4th March.

Students will also go through their reports with their tutor and reflect on their areas of strength and what they can be doing to improve in time for the next assessments.

It is highly recommended that parents/carers spend some time with their child to discuss how they are doing in each subject for them to achieve the most success going forward.

