

Year 8 Newsletter

Issue 1 - November 2023

Welcome

Hello all and welcome to the first edition of our Year 8 newsletter! The students have had an excellent first half term. We have been particularly impressed by their attitude towards their recent assessments and how they embraced the Revision Revolution! Learning various revision techniques to prepare them for assessments has benefitted many of our students who have already seen vast improvements in their test scores! We would also like to introduce Miss Daly who has joined the Pastoral team as KS3 Head of Year and will be working with us to support the year group.

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

Miss Lithgow

Mrs Ryder



Achievement Leader
Miss Daly

Head of Year



KS3 Head of Year

Achievement

Well done to the following students who received the most achievement points for displaying our academy values in HT1:

Our Values

- Kind – Macy J
- Reflective – Lilly A
- Resilient – Klara K
- Part of a Community- Kimberley F



Most Overall Achievement Points on Class Charts – Katie N



Curriculum Spotlight

Our first curriculum spotlight will focus on Science and Digital Literacy I've taken out Art as I didn't receive a reply. Here is what the students have been learning about during the first half term and what they will be moving onto next:

Science



- HT1: Solubility and chemical changes
- HT2: Chemical changes, exothermic and endothermic reactions, heating and cooling

Digital Literacy



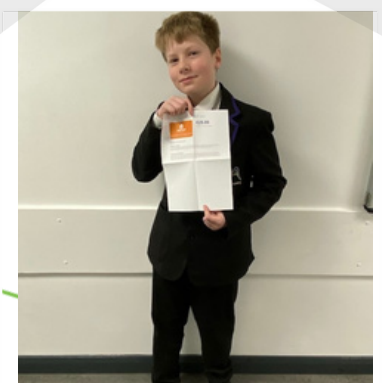
- HT1: Digital Artefacts – Creating digital assets to be used on the internet.
- HT2: Web authoring (creating a website) using the assets they have made in the previous unit.

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

[CLICK HERE](#) 

HT1 Rewards

Congratulations to Joshua N who has won the Just Eat Family voucher reward for being an excellent student this half term



Find us here:



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

8:05-8:30,

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:

Use your parent login to Class Charts each day to monitor your child's homework completion. If you need a reminder of your login details, please contact the Year 8 Team

Attendance Matters

One of our main priorities is student attendance to school. We strive that all students achieve 96% and above and work hard with them to achieve this. Your support in getting your child to school each day is imperative – thank you for your continued efforts with this.

Congratulations to all students who have achieved this target so far, especially to those who have 100% attendance!

Trips and Events

Sports News

Football

The boys played their first inter school match against Year 7 and won convincingly 6-1. Next match: St Cuthbert's - St Helen's Town Cup.



Rugby

The boys' team have started the year brilliantly with some solid performances against very tough opposition. They have drawn all games so far against Haydock, Cowley and Rainford. Next match: St Augustine's – St Helen's Town Cup.



Netball

The girls played their first game against Rainford in the cup. Although they didn't progress to the next round, they showed great progress after some hard work in training.



Rowers in the Making

A group of year 8 students have been involved in an exciting opportunity to work with Warrington Rowing Club as part of a grass roots scheme to get more young people into the sport. They have been attending sessions with the club every week to learn the basics of rowing and are now fully training on the water in two crews. The squad will be representing the academy in various national rowing events throughout the year. We look forward to sharing their progress!

Well done to those students who have been aiming to improve their attendance through the Year 8 Attendance Challenge. Each day they are in school, students have been putting their name in a lucky dip box and a winner has been drawn every Friday who receives a treat from the Year Team!



Assessment Focus

Year 8 have recently completed their assessments. Their Tracking 1 report will go out to parents/carers in November.



Reading Spotlight

Every Thursday and Friday the focus in R2L is reading with the tutor. Band 1 are currently reading Chinese Cinderella and Band 2 are reading Lord of the Flies. Here's what some of the students have said about the texts so far:

'It is an extremely descriptive book, which allows students to transfer into another world'

'I like how the book links to the original Cinderella story'

'I like this book because it is different even though it is based on a popular book. It's also got lots of plot twists and it is crazy how her family treats her. It is very enjoyable and I was hoping to get a book like this.'

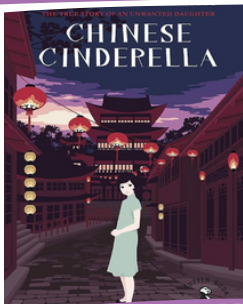
Reading Champion

Congratulations to Esme M who is this half term's Reading Champion! Esme is an avid reader and currently has six books on the go! She also writes her own stories. Her favourite series to read at the moment is Warrior Cats by Erin Hunter.

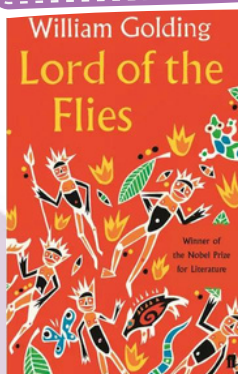
If you'd like to start reading or need some new ideas for what to read next, here's some suggestions from Mr Lovelady:

Wink by Rob Harrell
Madame Doubtfire by Anne Fine

Chinese Cinderella
by Adeline Yen Mah



Lord of the Flies
by William Golding



SCHOLASTIC Book Fair

We will be hosting a Scholastic book fair in the academy from Friday 1st December to Wednesday 6th December. Buying books at the book fair will support our academy in receiving free books for our library. There will be an opportunity for parents/carers to visit the book fair too.

Further information about the books available to buy, and the timings for the book fair, will be shared two weeks before.

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

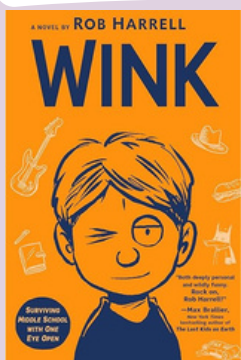
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YOUR SUPPORT HELPS EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL

NEW THE HUNGER GAMES: SONGS OF ASH & SMOKE SUZANNE COLLINS £8.99	R.J. RABBITO! LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT THE GIG! £7.99 £4.99 SAVE £3	ALICE OSMAN HEARTSTOPPER £12.99 £8.99
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