

# Year 8 Newsletter

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## Welcome

Hello all and welcome to the latest edition of our Year 8 newsletter! The students have been working hard in lessons and embracing academy life outside of curriculum time too. The year group were well represented in recent events leading up to the Christmas break including numerous events to raise money for charity, the ice-skating trip and a visit to the Liverpool Empire to see The Wizard of Oz!

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

Miss Lithgow

Mrs Ryder



Achievement Leader

Head of Year

## Achievement

Well done to the following students who received the most achievement points for displaying our academy values in HT2:

### Our Values

**Kind** – Macy J

**Reflective** – Lilly A

**Resilient** – Lauren C

**Part of a Community** – Sebastian C

**Just Eat Family Reward** – Olivia T

**Season Hamper Winner** – Tyler W

**Zero Behaviour Points** – well done to Samuel C who won a £10 Amazon voucher after winning the prize draw for receiving no behaviour points so far in Year 8!

**Most Overall Achievement Points on Class Charts** – Katie N

Well done to all of our students that won curriculum awards for their fantastic efforts in lessons during Term 1.

a further lesson in Music.

### Students will study:

**Drama** – The Stones, a play based on a true story by Tom Lycos and Stefo Nantsou, the drama technique of using mime and how to devise drama scenes.



# Congratulations!

## Grace B (8C)

who has achieved '200  
grade 1 ATL grades'

**Dance** – Jazz, Costa Concordia Choreography and Set Phrases

**Music** – Hooks and Riffs, the music theme of offbeat with a focus on Reggae and Blues & Jazz music

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

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## 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:



Make sure your child has a quiet place at home to get on with revision.



Having a dedicated workspace will also help such as a desk or table.



Offer to test your child on different subjects. They should have flash cards or knowledge organisers with questions and answers on them already so don't worry if you're not an expert!

## Assessment Focus

The next round of assessments will begin on the week commencing Monday 22nd January and last for two weeks.

**Week 1** - English, Maths and Science core assessments taking place in official exam venues.

**Week 2** - all other subject assessments taking place in normal lesson time.

Students should be preparing for these assessments by revising at home using the revision techniques taught in lessons. Revision materials will have been handed out in lessons or will be available on Class Charts and/or Microsoft Teams.



## 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!**

Our target for all students is:

**96% attendance or above**

## Reading Spotlight

### Reading in R2L

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.

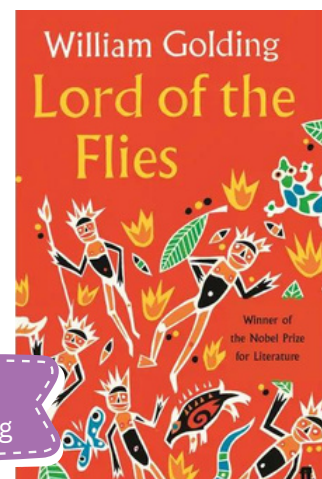
### The 12 Books of Christmas

Well done to the following students who have shown a real passion for reading and have gone above and beyond during reading activities in R2L and lessons. They were all gifted a book before the holidays for their efforts!

*Esme M, Jacob M, Lexi S, Zac C, Olivia T, Sebastian C, Lillian N, Alfie S, Bobby T, Alex C, Lauren C and Luke D.*



Chinese Cinderella  
by Adeline Yen Mah



Lord of the Flies  
by William Golding



## Trips and Events

During the last week of term students who had excellent attendance, behaviour and attitude to learning were invited to our termly rewards event. Students enjoyed hot chocolate, a Christmas quiz, plenty of treats and not to mention the annual tradition of karaoke! Well done to all involved!

## Sports News

**Netball** – the netball team took part in their first St Helens Schools' Festival recently playing against other schools from the borough. Every member of the team always puts in 100% effort into their performances and are really developing their skills and tactical awareness when competing! Well done girls!

**Rowers Programme** - Our rowing squad are going from strength to strength as they continue to train every week at Warrington Rowing Club in preparation for their first competition at the end of January. They were recently fitted for their squad uniform and have been wearing it proudly ever since!

**Enrichment Reward Trips** - Students who are committed to clubs were invited to attend recent enrichment reward trips. The first trip saw students show off their skating skills at Planet Ice Widnes. We then took a group to the Liverpool Empire to see The Wizard of Oz which was an amazing experience especially for some students who have never been to a show before!

