

Year 8 Newsletter

Issue 4 - April 2024

Welcome

Hello all and welcome to the latest edition of our Year 8 newsletter! As the students head into their final term of Year 8 we can't believe where the time has gone! As usual, the year group has worked really hard during Term 2 and have achieved some fantastic success, particularly in their recent tracking reports. The students have proven that all their hard work in lessons and revising at home has paid off with many achieving excellent progress and attainment across a range of subjects.

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome a new member of staff to the year team, KS3 Head of Year Mrs Critchley who will be supporting the students alongside Mrs Ryder and Miss Lithgow.

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

Miss Lithgow



Achievement Leader

Mrs Ryder



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 HT4:

Our Values

- Kind** – Evie W
- Reflective** – Ayva T
- Resilient** – Aiden M
- Part of a Community** - Linards M

- Just Eat Family Reward** – Betty B
- Student of the Month** – Matthew C

English Hero Award – Mia B

Most Overall Achievement Points on Class Charts – Shalka D

Well done to all of our students that won awards in half term 4 – you are role models to the year group!



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 122 students who had 100% attendance during half term 4 and all our weekly prize winners who receive chocolates every week!

Curriculum Spotlight

The curriculum spotlight this half term will focus on Spanish, Food and Geography.

Spanish

This half term students will study 'la tecnología' (technology) with a particular focus on writing skills. They will learn key vocabulary and phrases about how they use different technology such as the internet, apps, games consoles and gadgets.

Food Technology



Students will be making pizzas, burgers and sweet and sour chicken this half term. They will learn about how yeast is used in baking, how to bind ingredients and how to use thickening agents when making sauces.

Geography



This half term, year 8 students will be learning about the world of dark tourism. They will delve into why people visit sites such as Chernobyl and Pompeii, and what issues may arise from these visits.

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

[CLICK HERE](#) >>

Our target for all students is:

96% attendance or above



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.

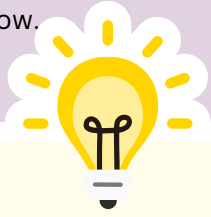
Year 8 Homework Club -

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:

It is recommended that you keep a copy of all your child's login details for homework sites and apps such as Class Charts, Quizlet and Sparx so if they get logged out or forget a password, they can get logged on again straight away.

Trips and Events

Sports News

Indoor Athletics - both boys and girls from Year 8 represented TSA in the recent St Helens Indoor Athletics Championships. The boys team came 1st which put them through to the Merseyside competition where they finished in the top 15 schools in the county. Well done to all involved, a fantastic achievement!



The Faraday Challenge

6 of our students took part in a Science event last half term where they had to use their teamwork, design and engineering skills before presenting their ideas to their audience. They were an absolute credit to the academy - well done!



SPAIN

2024



A number of Year 8s made memories for life when they took part in a Spanish and Art trip to Andalucia during the Easter break.



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Partnership Evening

This will take place on Thursday 18th April. We look forward to seeing you either via online appointments or face to face at the academy.

Enrichment Reward Trips

Students who have shown commitment to clubs got the chance to take a trip to see 'Wonka' at the Showcase cinema recently. Mrs Egerton is hoping to arrange a Go Karting trip this next half term!

TSA Darts Championships

Many representatives from the year group have entered into our new darts competition after being inspired by local North West legend Luke Littler. Students are drawn to play other students and staff in a knock out style competition with the final taking place later this term.

Term 2 Rewards Event

Our last termly rewards event welcomed a new theme – TSA does Bongo's Bingo! Both Miss Lithgow and Mrs Ryder took to their bingo caller roles a little naturally but all involved had a great time. Some became the lucky winners of special prizes



Reading Spotlight

What are students reading in R2L?

Chinese Cinderella by Adeline Yen Mah

The Lord of the Flies by William Golding

Suggested Reading:

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

Welcome to Nowhere by Elizabeth Laird

I am David by Anne Holm

Assessment Focus



Final assessments will take place in June with Tracking 3 Reports going out to parents/carers in July

