

The Haywood NEWS

December 2020

Dear parents/carers,

This term has seen our Academy respond to challenges that were unheard of last Christmas. Students continue to work in learning bubbles, enjoy separate recreational spaces and we all abide by a COVID 19 risk assessment to ensure that your children, their teaching and support staff are safe.

It amazes me how adaptable our young people are at Haywood and, in the face of such challenge, they have risen to show their real potential and genuine commitment to our ARCH values: **Aspiration, Respect, Community** and **Hard Work**. As you will see from this publication, our students are fantastic and we are all very proud of them!



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you as parents and carers. You have put your faith in myself and the Academy to follow the appropriate guidance to keep your children safe whilst they learn. Our student attendance at the Academy has consistently remained above the local average and indeed the national average too; our students want to be here at school and you have supported this through the most difficult of times: for that, I thank you.

Of course, some students and staff have had to isolate since October and have needed to embrace our new technological advances with Google Classroom, learning and teaching remotely from home. In many cases, this has allowed students and staff isolating at home to join classmates in the Academy in a seamless continuation of curriculum delivery. At the time of my appointment in February, this was merely a futuristic ambition – now it is a crucial reality!

Thank you to all of you who have supported our students in accessing these learning opportunities and, as we have said many times before, if you are having difficulties in accessing our digital provision, please contact the Academy directly so that we can support you with this.

I trust that you will enjoy looking through this festive edition of Haywood's newsletter, showcasing some of our students' achievements and areas of our Academy life.

Finally, I hope that this break gives you all the opportunity to relax, unwind and spend much needed time with loved ones. On behalf of the Academy staff and Governors, I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.



Mike Dawes

**Principal
Haywood Academy and City College**

Oh yes it is!



On the last week of term, Years 7-10 enjoyed a virtual pantomime in the hall, tuning in to a star-studded performance of 'Once Upon a Panto'.

With the likes of Dave Benson Phillips, Mark Labbett from 'The Chase' and Barney Harwood, students were treated to a tale of fun and laughter!

When wicked Queen Karona isn't invited to take part in the pantomime, she casts a curse to cancel Christmas and vows to become the Queen of pantoland. The race is on to save panto!

Students also had the opportunity to buy sweets, organised by Mr Breese, with all money raised going to the school charities.

Student Commendations

A big well done to these three students, who have all received a Bronze Principal's Award this half term, presented by Mr Dawes.



• **George Bentley** (Year 11), winner of Transactional writing in English.



• **Jack Beech** (Year 8), for effort and being an exemplary member of his year group.



• **Vivian Zubayr** (Year 8), for designing and making a Victorian jacket as part of her English project.

Congratulations to you all!

Eco Club

Are You An Amazing Artist?

Our school Eco-Club has been meeting and sharing ideas this half term about our environmental focus.

We have been deciding on school projects, designing our Eco-Display Board and are excited about our school competition to design our Eco committee school logo!

As part of the Haywood Eco-Club we would like that a student in school designs our Eco club logo!

Do You Accept The Challenge?

Are you taking part in the Haywood Jogging Challenge? There are a total of 4 certificates to collect and aim for...

- **BRONZE** (10 minutes)
- **SILVER** (20 minutes)
- **GOLD** (30 minutes)
- **PLATINUM** (40 minutes)

If you can prove that you can run for the times above, then you will receive a certificate to go into your Record of Achievement folder. You can use running apps or PE lessons to prove it. You **MUST** complete the certificates in order: **BRONZE, SILVER, GOLD** then **PLATINUM**.

So far, the following students have achieved Bronze:

Sam Jarvis, Sullivan Meredith, Jayden Shannon, Bradley Pearce and Connor Woodcock in Year 8, Travis Stevenson, Siyawosh Fatah, Alex Banach, Atur Siktrovos and Kobe Burdett in Year 10, and Jeroen Robinson, Vaughan Goodwin and Kenzie Dean in Year 11.

Joe Potts and Alex Dean in Year 11 have reached their Silver, and Owen Windsor (also Year 11) has managed to smash Platinum!

Well done, and good luck to everyone else still to take part!



There Once Were Some Students From Haywood...

Exciting News! Some of our Year 9 students entered the 'Our Big Read' creative writing competition last term, where they were tasked with writing a limerick.

We are very pleased to say that Haywood Academy had 6 winning entries! They are:

- **Mahmoona Rizwan - Lily**
- **Alexia King - Gladly Pips**
- **Joshua Jones - Block of Cheese**
- **Oliver Steele - Bird Absurd**
- **Charlie Steele - A Man Walked His Dog**
- **Olivia Edwards - Barbers**



Their limericks will now be developed into a comic arts strip, which will be published in a book, and sent to all Year 9s in the local area! Congratulations to the winning 6 and a big well done to everyone else who entered.

We want our logo to reflect our important values about protecting the environment and it could include plants, animals, recycling, natural environments or people.

Your design could be produced on the computer or hand drawn!

The deadline is **January 8th 2021!**



Eco Club

Our New Online Payment Service

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money and school trips.

Using a secure website called **ParentPay** you will be able to pay online using your credit or debit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores.

ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school.

What are the benefits to parents and pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7
- The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely – offering you peace of mind
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card or cash payments at one of 33,000 PayPoint stores
- full payment histories and statements are available to you securely online at anytime
- Your children will not have to worry about losing money at school
- Parents can choose to be alerted when their balances are low via email and/or SMS text

What are the benefits to our school?

The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school.

You can help us reduce workloads for all staff, creating more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school.

Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises.

How to get started with ParentPay

We will shortly be sending you your account activation details, just follow the instructions in the letter we give you to get started with ParentPay.

If you want to find out more about ParentPay go to:

<https://www.parentpay.com/parents/>

Staff Farewells

Mr Gorman joined the team at Haywood in September 2019 as Head of the Science Faculty.

Mr Gorman has worked hard to make sure fact recall and remembering what students have studied in lessons is a key part of the student experience in Science, and students have done well as a result of this.

The Science faculty will miss Mr Gorman and wish him the best of luck in his move to Corby as a Head of Science and Assistant Head teacher.

Mr Spilsbury leaves City College at the end of this term to take up a Psychology post at St Dominic's College in Brewood.

For over twelve months, he has been supporting students in their social science studies, joining us at short notice. Everyone will miss his commitment, cheerfulness and sense of humour.

We all thank him and wish him well.



Ebenezer Scrooge once said "I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The Spirits of all Three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach."

That is exactly what we do at Haywood!

Year 11 student Billie-Jo Pritchett has been spreading the Christmas spirit and capturing the true meaning of Christmas by planting the academy's first ever Christmas tree, which has been decorated using decorations brought in by staff and students.

Billie has already been very busy since starting her ASDAN gardening qualification in September, and will use this as part of her evidence, along with the various projects around the school that she has worked on to improve the environment.

Merry Christmas to all staff, students and our wider community!

Supporting Others



A big **THANK YOU!!** to all our staff and students at Haywood and City College who brought in donations for the Foodbank as part of our Children in Need celebration on World Kindness Day!

All form groups have also been taking part in the Reverse advent calendar throughout December. Normally with an advent calendar, you open a door each day and get something. With a reverse advent calendar, you put something in, rather than taking something out.

Every day during advent students have been asked to place an item in the Foodbank collection, and these will be donated at end of term, meaning that they will have time to make up food parcels and distribute the contents before Christmas.

It will really make a difference to so many families in our local community who rely on the generosity of others, and now more than ever.

Pots To Pits!



A big well done to **Amelia Tweats** in Year 11, who has come runner-up in the Pots to Pits Art Competition to design a mural celebrating the industrial heritage, culture and people of the Stoke-on-Trent North constituency.

Stoke North MP Jonathan Gullis, who launched the competition, came into Haywood to present Amelia with her award.



MYEd App

We are changing the way that we communicate with parents, and relaunching the My Ed app.

We would like all parents to download this so that they can keep up to date with what is going on in school. The app is free to download, notifications are free to receive, and parents can send messages to the school free of charge.

What sort of information can parents see?

The app needs to be downloaded on the phone that has the same number that we have on record. If we do not have the mobile number stored you can download the app but it will not show your child's details. It is very important that we are kept

up-to-date with any change of mobile number so that you can continue to use the app. You can only see information about your own children, and so there is no risk of anyone being able to see information about other students.

The app includes information about:

- Attendance (absence can also be reported through the app)
- Forms to complete can be downloaded (change of address etc.)
- Key dates- important things going on in school
- Contact numbers
- News items
- Links to social media

How to download the app:

1. Go to your app store
2. Search for My Ed
3. Download the app
4. Search for the school name

As long as the mobile number is the same as the one on SIMS then the app will automatically bring up details for students linked to that number. If there is more than one child in the family then it will bring up details for all students.

Students can download the app too but they will not be able to see information about them. They will be able to see general information about the school such as news, key dates etc.



Give Us Your Feedback - go online to Parent View

Haywood Academy would like to have your feedback. You can do this by using Parent View. If you would like to comment please follow the instructions below:

CONNECT TO THE INTERNET:

Put the following link into a browser:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>

(this will take you to the website page where you can set up an account).

You need your email address and password for the simple log-in process.

Just follow the on-screen instructions and you will be sent an email to activate your account. Once you have created an account and activated it, you will be able to complete the online questionnaire quite quickly and easily.

TO SEARCH FOR A SCHOOL:

Enter the name of the school and part of the address (road, city, town or postcode) in the search boxes when you are asked to. Select your child's school from the search results

THE QUESTIONNAIRE:

There will be 12 statements to consider- for example, "My child is happy at this school"- each with a choice of responses for you to select from:

- Strongly agree • Agree • Disagree
- Strongly disagree • Don't know

Use the "Next" button to move to the next question or the "Previous" button to go back. Once you have completed all 12 questions, click on "Finish the survey" and the questionnaire is complete.

Thank you for your contributions.

Dates for your diary

**Thursday 7th
January 2021:**
Year 11 Parents' Evening

**Thursday 14th
January 2021:**
Year 10 Parents' Evening

**Monday 25th
January 2021:**
INSET

**Tuesday 26th
January 2021:**
INSET

YEAR 11 Leading The Way

Well done to the 21 Year 11 students who took part in a community litter pick on 3rd December.

Haywood Academy is extremely proud of our students for taking part in an activity that will improve our community and environment. Respect, community spirit and hard work were all displayed by our students on a rainy winter afternoon.

We know that it is not the most glamorous of jobs, but that did not stop our Year 11 from looking after their community and making it a better place.

Surrounding households were opening their doors to ask what we were doing, and one member of the public shouted out 'great to see, keep up the good work'.

Students whom took part will receive a certificate for their Record of Achievement and also a special thanks letter from our Principal Mr Dawes.



Students who took part:

- Alfie Sadler
- Liam Bolton
- Owen Windsor
- Connor Brown
- Joe Potts
- Lucy McGee
- Lewis Grice

- Sefa Kocer
- Arooj Hanif
- Jeron Thompson
- Charlie Ridge
- Mollie Hill
- Ellie Lahey
- Keisha Moyo

- Grace Shropshire
- Theresa Matola
- Courtney Harvey
- Dominic Hitchins
- Ieuan Harris
- Lilly Steele
- Chloe Mountford



The Magic 4 Reward Experience

The Magic 4 helps to monitor the progress of our students. It helps to keep the students **punctuality, attendance, commitment to progress** and their **ARCH** values in check.

Students have a monitoring form that they can use to keep their scores and to monitor progress. In return they get to qualify for an enrichment reward experience.

This term, Year 9 were supposed to go on the Ninja Warrior reward, but due to Covid, a back-up plan was in place. Students had festive treats, games and karaoke to celebrate their achievements.

Next to take part in the Magic 4 experience will be Year 8 in the new year.

Well done to all students who qualified.

Spreading Christmas Cheer



Year 7 have written letters to residents of our local care homes as part of the 'Classrooms to Care Homes' initiative run by TES.

The scheme was launched in November, with the aim of bringing schools and care home residents together at a time when many elderly people are suffering from isolation and loneliness. Our students are just some of the many thousands of children across the country who have been making cards, writing letters, putting together hampers, starring in videos and painting pictures for the nation's elderly.

We hope that it brings a little bit of Christmas cheer and provides a heartwarming end to what has been a difficult year.





Getting Inspiration!

Just before half term we welcomed The Inspirational Learning Group to City College for the launch of the Staffordshire Business School Challenge with all of our A level, Enterprise and Employability & Life Skills students.

This was a day of enterprise, developing skills, teamwork and...inspiration! Students were kept busy putting together their customer research, marketing campaigns, and creating advert storyboards, with Phil Taylor, Eddie Hall and Robbie Williams all being enlisted to help drum up business for local enterprises!

The top groups then presented their plans to everyone else, before a winning campaign was chosen. Well done to everyone who took part!

Financial Festivities ... A Real Christmas Treet!

City College's Enterprise course has started to realise its entrepreneurial aims. Students have created, marketed and retailed a range of Christmas-related products.

Orders and sales running into £100s have been received, shipped and sold through the Enterprise team's market stall established in partnership with Our Burslem. Their *Christmas Treets* (pyramid shaped tree decoration stuffed with chocolates) and *Sleighlection* (personalized selection boxes) have virtually sold out already.

The budding business people have profited from the project in many ways. As Reece Aaron, one group member, observed: "It's been great fun - and we've made real money! I never thought we would have been so hands-on and involved. We've made the decisions, created the gifts, sourced the stock...and sold out of it!"



Enhancement

The City Learning Trust have ear-marked finances for enhancements to the student experience at City College.

Over the next few months, a student common room facility will be developed and furnished to enrich the already student-centred offer.

In addition to the multiple social spaces, kitchen facilities and free hot drinks, a suite will be kitted out to enrich self-study and college life – further evidence of why *City College is different and makes a difference.*

Futures Thinking

Year 13 have been offered independent careers advice this term, and funded and supported in their UCAS applications.



Virtual College!

At the start of December City College launched a new promotional video showcasing what we have to offer.

Check it out at:

www.citycollege.coop/about/watchthisspace, or on our social media accounts:

Facebook: [citycollegestoke](https://www.facebook.com/citycollegestoke)

Instagram: [CityCollege_Burslem](https://www.instagram.com/CityCollege_Burslem)

Twitter: [CCollegeBurslem](https://twitter.com/CCollegeBurslem)



Promising Partnerships

Being proud of its place in the community, City College has been keen to work alongside Our Burslem this term, and is to become a member of the incipient Potteries Lunar Society. More news will be shared of exciting new opportunities presented to students in the months to come.

In addition, Keele University have been keen to forge links with City College. Some of the university's academics will offer tailored support to A level students, and professors from the Business school will help mentor City College's Enterprise team.

Caring College

Staff and students have been filling shoeboxes for Teams4u with items such as stationery, toiletries, small toys and sweets.

These boxes are going to deprived children, vulnerable adults, and families in Romania, Belarus, Bosnia, and Moldova.

Gaining Skills!

On 18th and 19th November we welcomed Tegan and Jenny from YMCA North Staffordshire for a 2-day NCS (National Citizens Service) programme of finance skills, teambuilding, mental health awareness, fake news, careers and skills-for-life!

All of our Enterprise and Employability & Life Skills students took part, and had an exciting time!

