

The

Haywood NEWS

WINTER 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope that you and your loved ones are well and are looking forward to the festive break.

This term draws to a close with, yet again, a degree of uncertainty; uncertainty over the Omicron variant, its impact on Public Health measures and the effect that this will have on students' learning. At this point, our academy risk assessments and mitigation plans have altered to adapt, in order that health and safety is prioritised and our students' learning is not compromised. I will ensure that every step is taken so that we are working in line with each detail of government and DFE guidance, whilst also making sure that learning is at the forefront of everything we do.

This approach will continue into the new year with the inclusion of on site testing for all students, offered on 4.1.21 (INSET day). Details of this have been sent out to you separately. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the January LFD testing programme; it really does allow us to make the safest start possible for our community and gives us every fighting chance of sustaining a consistent and high quality experience for your children.

This has certainly been a very busy and active period of time in the academy and at City College. Over the past two weeks, students and staff have enjoyed a number of festive celebration events to mark the end of our first term. Whether this be an awards assembly, Silent Disco, Reindeer Run in aid of Douglas Macmillan or a rewards trip to The Trafford Centre, our community has certainly enjoyed a jam packed calendar this month. The team and I know that these experiences are fundamental to your child's time with us here at Haywood Academy and City College and I hope that this edition of the newsletter provides you with a useful insight into the experiences and opportunities that we offer our students.

Before you go on to enjoy this term's edition of our newsletter, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support. Your positive and constructive feedback not only recognises what you feel we do well, but helps us to continually improve our practice. This partnership is invaluable and much appreciated. Thank you.

I would like to wish you all a peaceful Christmas break and best wishes for 2022.



Mike Dawes

**Principal,
Haywood Academy and City College**



OPEN EVENING

The Open evening in October was a great success, enjoyed by all and we are so pleased with all the lovely feedback we have received.

A special thank you also goes to all of our amazing Students who volunteered to help out and show our prospective students how amazing our Academy is, we couldn't be more PROUD!



Student Food bank donations as part of our festive activities

FESTIVE FUN

To kick off our festivities, at the start of December everyone in the academy and City College decorated a wooden tree ornament to either decorate form rooms, or go on the tree in the foyer.

Each form group also decorated a large wooden snowman as part of an inter-form competition. Then, all students in the academy took part in a Silent Disco in the Main Hall.

During the second week of December, students and staff brought in a food bank donation, and on Friday 10th December, took part in a 'Festive Wear Day' (Christmas jumpers or accessories) for a donation to the foodbanks. To celebrate the importance of food bringing a community together, every day each year group went for an early Christmas lunch with their forms and Form Tutors. This week, students also played Glow in the Dark Dodgeball!

The highlight of the last week was the Reindeer Run, where all students and (some) staff in the took part in a 'reindeer run' (running / walking, dressed as reindeers) around the site and up and over a massive obstacle course in the Sports Hall to raise as much money as possible for the Douglas Macmillan Hospice and Donna Louise. Brilliant!

Dates for your diary*

* all dates are subject to change.

Tuesday 4th January

INSET (LFD Testing)

Wednesday 5th January –

Academy reopens to Students

Thursday 13th January

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Thursday 20th January & Friday 21st January

City College Taster Day

Thursday 27th January

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Monday 7th February

Year 12 & Year 13 Mock exams commence

Friday 18th February

Students finish for Half Term

YOUTH MATTERS!

The YMCA Youth Matters Awards celebrate the achievements of young people, staff and volunteers, and ex-Haywood student Liam Swain was nominated as Volunteer of the Year! Liam, 21, has freely volunteered his time week in and week out to YMCA North Staffordshire's services for over a year.

Before moving to YMCA North Staffordshire, Liam lived with four different foster families and was sadly made homeless. Now Liam has a secure and safe home with continuous support and is sharing his experience by helping others, dedicating his time to four separate departments including YMCA GO and the 4U progress programme, which helps to support care leavers and improve the care system.

Through his generosity and helpfulness, Liam has not only developed his own personal skills, but his confidence has increased significantly. He has also built on his social skills and is learning about retail, completing accredited training including food hygiene.

Liam's new-found skills enabled him to engage with many children during the pandemic, both virtually through online youth work and in the classroom during art activities, and on top of that he has also used his gardening skills to maintain the grounds of the campus. Sadly Liam didn't win, but everyone at YMCA North Staffordshire and at Haywood is so proud of how far Liam has come, and are eager to see where the future leads for this bright and positive young man.



GAMES ARE EPIC!



Our Year 11 Product Design and Computer Science students represented Haywood Academy on 14th October by taking part in a careers session with Epic Games.

This online session was delivered by Mark Flanagan from EPIC Games, one of the makers of games including Fortnite, to talk about his journey and careers in animation and gaming. The session was thoroughly enjoyed by students and staff.

This session showed students a range of possible exciting career paths, how they could achieve their goals and a sneak peak of some up-and-coming games and technology.

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.



SHOWING RACISM THE RED CARD

Back in October many of our students were involved in a colour run during their PE lessons to help raise awareness of the Showing Racism the Red Card campaign.

Show Racism the Red Card is an anti-racism educational charity who aim to combat racism through enabling role models (who are predominately but not exclusively footballers) to present anti-racist messages to young people and others.

The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and got very colourful!



NETBALL NEWS



The Year 9 Netball Team



The Year 11 Netball Team

A big congratulations are due to our Year 9 and Year 11 Netball teams, who played brilliantly before the half term. Year 9 came 2nd in the city on 1st October, and Year 11 came 4th in the city the following week!

HISTORY TRIP: LONDON



On Friday 3rd December, 48 Year 11s and 12s gathered at 6:00am to board the coach and begin their 37½ hour adventure to the nation's capital. After a short break at a set of golden arches in Watford, they arrived at the Tower of London.

Students spent several hours exploring the Tower itself and were able to see the Crown Jewels, the execution spot of Anne Boleyn and the Royal Armoury. The location highlighted key aspects of Crime, Punishment and Law Enforcement for the GCSE students, as well as being the location of the 'Princes in the Tower', who are key characters in the A level Early Tudors module.

After exploring the Tower, students had a chance to see the world famous Tower Bridge, before walking to the beginning of their tour of Whitechapel - the area of London where the notorious Jack the Ripper operated in, and a key part of Paper 1 of the History GCSE. On the tour, students listened with a mixture of horror and delight to the gruesome murders that took place there, and were able to speculate as to the identity of the killer.

They were then dropped off near to Oxford Street and were able to see the Christmas decorations as they walked to have dinner at Spaghetti House. Following the meal, students had a coach transfer to the Apollo Victoria Theatre where they watched the spectacular show 'Wicked', described by one Year 12 as being "like it was real".

After a good night's rest and a hearty breakfast, groups split in two to explore Churchill's War Rooms, from where the war effort was coordinated during WW2, and to experience some of the sights of London: Parliament, Trafalgar Square and Buckingham Palace.





WORKING BOTH LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY

The Victoria & Albert Museum's national secondary schools programme, DesignLab Nation, aims to inspire the next generation of professional designers, makers and innovators; equip young people with 21st century skills necessary for workplaces of the future; support the future of the creative industries, regional museums and local design networks, and expand the reach of the V&A's collections.

As part of this programme, Symposia invited young people from across Stoke-on-Trent to explore the topic of gender through discussion, illustration and role play, and sixteen of our Year 8 students have taken part in the project. Students worked collaboratively to create illustrated ceramic vessels and took part in a film set, as part of workshops ran by the artist Rebecca Davies, and students have also had the opportunity to explore the collections at the Potteries Museum and Art Gallery and the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

A selection of their artworks will become a resource for learning what young people believe to be gender today, and will be exhibited and screened at PMAG in 2022.



YEAR 11 SUCCESS EVENING



The Success Evening took place on Thursday 21st October, and was an information evening, designed to prepare our Year 11 students and their families for the year ahead. The evening explored a range of different ways that parents could support their children, including:

- An overview of the academic year and key dates
- Important Examination information
- Mock Exam preparation and advice
- Revision methods
- Information regarding City College
- Careers information and guidance
- Advice and support from subject leaders
- Top tips for wellbeing and stress management

It was great to see such a large turnout, and we look forward to the rest of this academic year!

CHARITY FUN

All Academy students took part in our Children in Need fundraising activities throughout the day on 19th November. Students had fun taking on their teachers for a range of games and competitions, enjoyed a cake sale, and a non-uniform day! Haywood managed to raise a whopping £916.85!!

Well done everyone!



Well done to the 104 qualifiers in Year 8 who qualified for their end of term reward.

Pizza, music and fun competitions were on offer for the qualifying students.

Hopefully, the students who didn't make the cut will join us on the Christmas reward. Hard work, dedication and resilience will all help the students succeed, so we challenge all of Year 8 to try and get on the Christmas reward.

Mr Adlington and Miss Jones looked at C2P scores, ARCH values, punctuality, attendance and the final layer of checks was a discussion with individual form tutors.

Good luck next time!

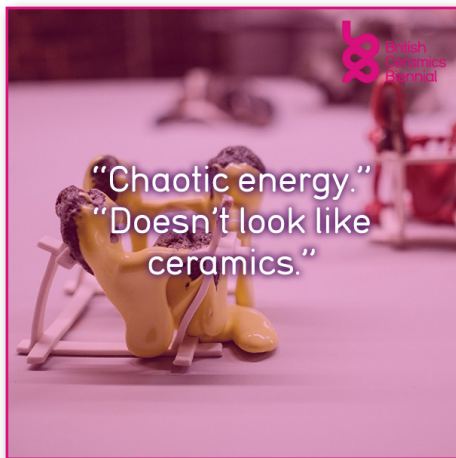


Over the last year a group of 23 students, now in Year 9, have been taking part in Work Experience with the British Ceramics Biennial, and in total have spent 4 days working with the team.

The group worked as part of a panel to help select the 25 'Fresh' Exhibition exhibitors for this year's Ceramics Biennial that was held from 11 September to 17 October across the city. The 'Fresh' Exhibition showcased work by 25 of the UK's most talented early-career ceramic artists.

Through the opportunity they learned about ceramics, job roles and what it takes to organise an event like the Biennial, and they even worked to select one of the award winners from the exhibition!

Natalie Armitage, the Education Program Manager for the BCB, said "The students' contributions were so insightful and truly helped shape the exhibition. They approached the work with new eyes but also learned so much about ceramics through the project to support the decisions they made. We will definitely involve more young people in the decisions we make because of this experience and how amazing this group have been." Here are some of the groups' brilliant insights and thoughts about #Fresh2021 works:



Exhibiting Fresh artists here: **Chloe Monks, Lexie Macleod, Valerie Bernardini, Rosie Harman** and **Dorcas Casey**. Images of artwork by **Jenny Harper**.

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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

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EXCELLENT!

The **Excellence Academy** – our super-curricular offer for high attaining students in Years 7-10 – will hopefully be returning in the new year!

Information will be circulated through Form Tutors next term, so keep a look out!

THE NEXT GENERATION

Last month, representatives from General Electric's Next Engineers programme came in to work with 3 Year 9 classes.

They worked collaboratively to problem solve an engineering challenge.

They enjoyed the session and then had a chance to hear from real Engineers, learn about their career stories, as well as the opportunity to ask questions about their careers and training.



BUDDING BUSINESS MINDS

On the 8th November our Year 10 Enterprise students had the opportunity to hear about three different local businesses, and then use their new-found knowledge to investigate a small enterprise.

Vikki Breese came to talk about Layton Technologies, a local manufacturer of specialised industrial cleaning equipment; Sadie Weston came to talk about her company, Employ Recruitment, a recruitment agency specialising in lorry driver recruitment based in Ashbourne; and Marie Faichney came to talk about Riversimple Engineering, a car company developing hydrogen cell technology based in Wales.

This gave our students lots to think about, and plenty of information about the characteristics and mindset of the owners and entrepreneurs, as well as how businesses are affected by external events such as Brexit and Covid.

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FESTIVE ENTERPRISE



Our Year 12 and 13 BTEC Enterprise students have been busy this term producing chocolate treats for Halloween and Christmas.

They have been selling these during break time at Haywood, and their goods were a big success at the Our Burslem Christmas Light Event on Friday 3rd December.

Indeed, a big thanks goes to *Our Burslem* for organising such a magical event, and to our students for going above and beyond in setting up the market and helping their fellow traders clear away afterwards.

THROWING OPEN THE DOORS

This term we have been thrilled to be able to offer Year 11 students the opportunity to visit City College for both a series of subject tasters and our first in-person open day in what seems like forever!

It was brilliant to see so many students and parents attend, and to hear the positive comments they had about the college. There was the opportunity for students to speak to subject staff and hear first-hand from some of our current A level, BTEC, Employability & Life Skills, and Enterprise students about their courses and their experiences, including about our A level Geography offer, which is new for 2022.

Visitors also had the chance to taste some home-made treats, to have a go at a range of quizzes and challenges, and even taste some insects!

If you want to arrange a visit to City College either during or after the school day, let us know at infocitycollege@citylearningtrust.org. We look forward to welcoming our new students next year!



NO TIME TO REST

After a relaxing Half Term break, our Year 12s were thrown in at the deep end as they took part in an action-packed, intensive 2-week programme with The National Citizen Service.

During this time, our students developed their teamwork and confidence skills through a series of workshops, raised money for a local charity, carried out some work in the local community, and spent three days at Kibblestone Scout Camp taking part in a whole host of adventurous outdoor activities!