



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

## Headteacher Message

Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of the first half term, I would like to thank you for your support for our school community. I fully appreciate that this is still a challenging time for families as COVID has not yet gone away and still our pupils have continued to demonstrate high standards and make progress against their curriculum pathways. It has been a pleasure welcoming our new Yr7 cohort to the school and the new LDA staff have also enhanced our already very strong team. We have enjoyed seeing parents/carers back on site for a range of events and we have been able to show prospective families around at our Open Evening and our Open Morning. A number of guests have visited the school – including the Cells team and the Glitch Theatre and we have received superb feedback from them and also from members of the public. I was delighted to speak at a community event hosted by One Knowsley and Knowsley Police on Saturday in which volunteers could bid for funding to support their incredible work and it was a pleasure to see the LDA dance group perform at the event as well.

Can I please ask for parental support in reinforcing the messages delivered at school this week around the potential dangers occasionally associated with Halloween and Bonfire Night. I hope our LDA families and local residents are able to enjoy the festivities safely in the community.

I wish you a healthy and peaceful break – and I look forward to seeing our pupils on their return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

V Gowen, Headteacher



Victoria Gowen  
Headteacher

## CAREERS CORNER

### Upcoming Open Evenings for Year 11

Carmel College	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 5.30-8pm
Cronton College	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 5.30-7.30pm
Riverside College	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 5-7pm
Knowsley Community College	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 5-7pm
St Helens College	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 5-7pm

Please visit as many open events as you can to help you decide which college you would like to attend. Please be aware that some colleges are oversubscribed so you will need to make your applications as soon as you can to secure a place. Don't forget to apply to several colleges.

Please see the Careers notice boards in the atrium and on Homebase 3 where you will find relevant information.

### REMINDER

If you are interested in the **VOCATIONAL MINI LINKS** at Cronton & Riverside College that you must let Mrs Blackmore or Mrs Kelly know by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

### Y11 Half Term Study Support Design Technology

Coursework session with  
Mr Blake

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October  
9.30am -12pm

Peter says that the day before  
yesterday he was 10 years old,  
and next year he will be 13.  
How is that possible?



NUMERACY PUZZLE





Mrs Ferns  
Head of  
Department



Mr Blake  
Deputy  
Leader of  
Technology



Mrs Hampson  
Head of Year 8  
Academy Lead  
Parent & Pupil  
Support



Mrs Barnes  
Classroom  
Teacher



Miss Brown  
Classroom  
Teacher



Mrs Blackmore  
Head of  
Year 11



Mr  
Armstrong  
Technician

## KS3 Food, Preparation and Nutrition

It is so good to be able to recommence practical food lessons this year and Year 8 and 9 have made an excellent start in developing their skills. All KS3 pupils have had the opportunity to cook and it has been fabulous to see them enjoying putting their food safety and hygiene knowledge into practice.

All pupils cook during practical lessons so they can develop food preparation skills for life. This term Year 8 made pasta salad, Year 9 have made chicken stir fry and Bolognese sauce, and Miss Brown visited pupils working in the Personal Learning Environment to investigate and sample some Italian foods. Ingredients for practical lessons are shared on Class Charts.



## KS4 Technology

Pupils have made an excellent start this Autumn term and are making strides with their options courses. Last Thursday Year 11 Design & Technology and Child Development pupils were invited to a Twilight study session where they were able to get additional support with their coursework assignments. After their hard work pupils were rewarded with a well-earned pizza feast.



## KS4 Design & Technology and Engineering

Year 10 Design & Technology and Engineering pupils have made a great start developing their practical skills. They are applying their knowledge of materials and their properties, and sustainability to manufacture products. D&T pupils are making an angle poise lamp and Engineering pupils are making picture frames.



**All KS4 subjects in technology consist of between 50% and 75% coursework.** To achieve the highest grades good attendance and committed Behaviour for Progress are vital. Pupils need to complete work regularly on the **Google Classroom** both in school and at home.

Child development	11B/Cd49	fb5rogw
	11D/Cd49	pozo25j
	10B/Cd49	ufu3gba
	10D/Cd49	srb7vqg
Design & Technology	11A/Dt49	mfw45uw
	11C/Dt49	zzpcech
	11D/Dt49	X4pfx35
	10C/Dt49	evfxq5n
	10D/Dt49	Z6g66u5
Engineering	10B/Eg49	27jkndv
Food & Nutrition	11C/Fn49	y62buol
	11D/Fn49	qafcipn
	10C/Fn49	v2xf7eb
	10D/Fn49	puo75nu
Hair & Beauty	10C/Hb49	4oht5ju
	11C/Hb49	kbr4ze7
Health & Social Care	10C/Hs49	kf3bfj2
	11C/Hs49	kkhv7i2
	11D/Hs49	djj6p6j

## KS4 Hair and Beauty

During the disruption of lock-downs last year, many of the hair and beauty pupils completed live lessons or completed video lessons at different times. As we were unable to complete practical, this meant that they were able to focus on their theory work. As a result, many pupils have achieved grades above their target grade, which is incredible.



Learning from this, both Year 10 and 11 have decided to complete their assignments first before starting practical. Again, this is resulting in them achieving excellent results so far. I am so proud of the maturity and dedication that both year groups are showing. As a reward... the school have purchased a new gel nail system and UV lamp, to enable high achieving pupils to learn how to do gel nails, hand painting, foiling and glitter techniques on demonstration tips, something no other pupils have done before at this school. Exciting!

## New Equipment!!

The new workbenches have arrived in Hub 2, all pupils in Year 8 have enjoyed being able to work collaboratively in their groups and start their practical work.