



SERVICE
Being a responsible citizen
in our community



TEAMWORK
Working together
for excellence



AMBITION
Aspiring to be
our best



RESPECT
Treating others as we
wish to be treated

Principal Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been another amazing couple of weeks here at Highfield Leadership Academy and one that has required a great deal of 'resilience' from all of our students and staff. At the end of this half term, I wanted to write and thank you for your continued support in the safe return of your child to school. Overall school attendance has been exceptionally strong and is now at a higher level to last year.

We are delighted that Highfield Leadership Academy (@HighfieldLA) and more specifically our "Highfield Helpers" project has been shortlisted for the Community and collaboration award category in the 2020 [#TesAwards](#)



I have been delighted to see students back in school, enjoying their lessons, socialising with friends and working closely with their teachers again. Students are still enjoying a full curriculum with access to specialist resources and equipment working on the principal of a 'recovery curriculum' so that teachers can assess and act upon any gaps in knowledge.

We had the privilege to welcome our Year 7 pupils who have adjusted really quickly to life at Highfield Leadership Academy with their involvement in our leadership opportunities and supporting our local community.

Supporting students' emotional health and wellbeing has always been at the forefront of our pastoral package; we realise now more than ever that this offer is vital in providing students with the care that they may require. We have put a diverse package of support in place, including additional training for dedicated in-school staff to offer emotional health and well-being support to our students to ensure we have the resources to effectively support and advise students during this difficult time.

During the half term break, I hope students have a well-earned rest and that they return to school fit and healthy after the break. With this in mind please can I urge parents to follow government guidance in minimising the risks to your child by reminding them to socially distance, wear a mask and wash their hands regularly.

As always we have a comprehensive programme of lessons running throughout the break, to support Yr11 students in preparation for their assessments when they return. The programme over the holidays has been shared separately with Yr11 parents. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Another piece of work this half-term that all our students throughout the school have engaged with has been raising awareness of and supporting "Food Poverty". It is estimated that 14% of UK families have experienced food poverty in the last 6 months. Up to 2.3million children could be hungry each day. We collected canned items, dried food and long-life cartons to donate to local food banks and charitable organisations with nearly 1000 items being collected. With over 9000 children in Blackpool living on the poverty line we know that all of these donations will be greatly received.

This half-term also saw the very first "Virtual Open Event", remember applications close for 2021 on 31st October, so please remind anyone who has a child in Year 6.

Have a safe and refreshing half-term break.

Mr A Galbraith



YEAR GROUP NEWS

Year 7

Although the new normal prevents us from working in Community Centres with the elderly and the isolated we are still committed to bringing hope and friendship to our local community. Here's Phil from [@bchblackpool](#) collecting our latest batch of pen pal letters from our Yr7 students. [#BeYourBest](#) [#WeAreSTAR](#)



We are very proud of our Year 7 pupils who are already being [#Brave](#) and carrying out leadership duties. Our Maths ambassadors were rewarded in assembly for celebrating their passion for the subject and encouraging their peers to get involved in their weekly challenge. [#BeYourBest](#) [#WeAreSTAR](#)

During this half term our Year 7 pupil council have been encouraging their friends to support our latest food drive. All donations were sent to local charities that help the homeless & those living in food poverty. Check our posts to discover how many items we have collected. [#Service](#) [@BpoolCouncil](#)

During celebrations this week we have been rewarding all our young people, especially our new Yr7 students who chose to shine. This half term's special reward experience was "Movie Madness". Yr7 students got their first taste of this during the week and hopefully there will be many more to come. [#BeYourBest](#) [#WeAreSTAR](#)

Year 8

As part of the "Restart a Heart Day" campaign Mr McCleary and his helpers visited Bill's Clubs throughout the week teaching students how to do CPR.

Restart a Heart Day is an annual training event on October 16th relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillator use or first aid surrounding heart attacks. For those of us who trained last year it was interesting to learn about the updated safety guidelines. [#BeYourBest](#)



It was also fantastic to re-open our "Bill's Kindness Kitchen" this half-term. Year 8 students were one of the first groups to get involved by making shortbread for our [@macmillancancer](#) events. This also involved our Online Coffee Morning to support the national event. We also made special deliveries to 2 of our local community partners, we hope [@trinity hospice](#) and [@BrianHouseCH](#) enjoyed our treats. [#Delicious](#) [#Service](#) [#BeYourBest](#)



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Year 9

Our Yr9 students who have chosen to continue with CCF and aspire to Non-Commissioned Officer positions attended school during a weekend to complete their basic first aid course. We are very PROUD of our Year 9 Cadets and "Thank you" to Mr McCleary for delivering the training. [#BeYourBest](#) [#Ambition](#) [#BeSafe](#) [#WeAreSTAR](#)



Year 10

Highfield's Yr10 Prefect Team was announced earlier this term. Congratulations to our newly appointed Year 10 prefects.

We know you will [#BeYourBest](#)
[#ChooseToLead](#) [#Ambition](#) [#WeAreSTAR](#)



As part of the ongoing hard work and dedication of our students and young leaders we would like to say "Thank you" to all our staff and young people who donated items for our Macmillan event. Together we raised over £250 and your acts of kindness will help change lives. [@macmillancancer](#) [#WeAreHighfield](#) [#TogetherWeAreStronger](#)

Year 11

Yr11 have been involved in a number of initiatives this half term, including enjoying listening to an inspirational talk from Robyn Grew, as part of our "Ambition" programme. Robyn talked about her time in the financial industry with students via MS Teams. We are so grateful for the time she gave us online.

[#DreamBig](#) [#Ambition](#) [@ManGroup](#)



Highfield's Year 11 Senior Prefect Team was announced earlier this term. We are very proud of all of them. Nurturing Today's Young People, Inspiring Tomorrow's Leaders. [#BeYourBest](#) [#Inspire](#) [#Lead](#) [#WeAreSTAR](#)

Our Yr11 students also had a great opportunity for our budding medics, a fantastic presentation from the British Medical Association: Making it in Medicine today. The inspiring speakers made our pupils very excited about the future, a special mention to Dr Leanne Armitage MBBS BSc (Hons) [@theBMA](#) [@LeannaAmali](#)
[#BeYourBest](#) [#WeAreSTAR](#)

Yr11 also had a visit from the Vice Principal and Head of 6th Form at Rossall School during assembly, they talked about the routes available to YR11 when they leave Highfield. We are delighted that 5 students won scholarships to Rossall this year and look forward to developing our links with the school.

We are delighted to offer Yr11 revision sessions this half term. Most of these will take place on MS Teams, with some subjects, in the case of Health & Fitness and DT, offering socially distanced sessions in school. Parents/carers will receive a text. [#Ambition](#) [#BeYourBest](#)



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Standards and Expectations

Thank you for your continued support during this academic year. As we continually look to build on the positive strides made during this year, I would like to take this opportunity to share some updates with you. Some of the key points to note are as follows;

- All students were provided with whiteboards and pens this half term, these are now essential items.
- Scientific calculators are an essential item.
- Only one pair of simple stud earrings are allowed, no other jewellery other than an analogue wristwatch are allowed.
- Mobile phones should be left at home or put in bags upon students' arrival at school.
- Aerosols are not permitted on site

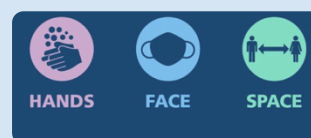
REMINDERS FOR PARENTS

Continuing our drive on standards, we are looking to further reduce the number of students who arrive late to school. Loss of learning time due to poor punctuality can have a detrimental effect on a child's learning, totalling days and sometimes weeks of time lost throughout the course of their education.

A reminder that any student who arrives late will complete an after-school detention with a Pastoral Support Manager and a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Your continued support is appreciated in ensuring your child arrives to school promptly with all required equipment and in full school uniform.

Parking

A polite reminder to our parents and carers to be respectful of our neighbours when collecting and dropping off on Highfield Road. It is vital that you do not stop or park on the double yellow lines or zig-zags which are in place for the safety of pedestrians, the free flow of traffic and emergency vehicles along the road.



Face Coverings/Masks Hands Face Space.

Let's continue to [#BeSafe](#) and keep our bubbles out of trouble. Remember to remind you child that they must bring their mask to school every day. [#TogetherWeAreStronger](#) [#BeKind](#) [#BeYourBest](#) [#WeAreSTAR](#)

2020 Term Dates and Holidays

23 October	Academy closes (16:00)
02 November	Academy open for all students (08:40am)
30 November	Staff Inset Day (Academy closed to students)
18 December	End of Autumn Term

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