

Copley Voice Newsletter 16.02.18

Principal's Address

As my first half term as Principal at Copley Academy draws to an end, I can hardly believe how the past six weeks have flown by; From our very first day back after the Christmas break I have been made very welcome by both students and staff – it already feels like I have never been anywhere else!

As you can imagine, the whole school community is continuing to work really hard, with everything we do underpinned by the GREAT values of Genuine, Respectful, Excellent, Achievement and Together. As part of our journey forward, we have begun awarding GREAT points to students to recognise their effort and progress in all aspects of school life. Monday mornings have been renamed “Magnificent Monday” as they are now when the school celebrates those students who have been awarded the most points – and the staff who have been most keenly awarding them. What a GREAT beginning to five busy days of learning!



I have already had some key opportunities to meet parents and carers at both our recent Year 10 and 11 Parents' evenings, as well as Year 9 options evening – and I am looking forward to the upcoming Year 7 and 8 Parents' evenings in March as by then I am aiming to have spoken to every Copley family as we begin our journey together towards the very best outcomes for everyone.

I know you will enjoy reading our newsletter and hope it will give you a real flavour of what has been going on this half term. Sitting in my office on a grey Saturday, listening to the rain on the roof and reflecting back over the past few weeks I am reminded of the phrase I shared in assemblies with every Copley Student the first time we met: “The past is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift – and that is why we call it the present.” I am very proud of the effort and energy everyone is investing every day; the future is certainly looking bright. There is the sparkle of positivity in the air at Copley Academy that even the Stalybridge rain cannot dampen – no matter how hard it tries!

Sarah Gregory
Principal

Year 11

To all our Year 11 students,

Thank you for your increased effort this half term as we start the countdown to your GCSEs; I have seen many of you attending period 6 support sessions and being extra-focused in lessons and around school.

Mock exams begin after half term, so make sure you are planning the holiday to be a healthy and happy combination of work, rest and play! You will have received your timetable in your form periods and via your school e mail account, so use this to help plan your high quality half term revision.

I, Mrs Wooly and the rest of the staff will be ready to welcome you back refreshed and ready to build our team momentum towards those summer exams...

See you after the holidays!

Mr Mooney

96 Club

The 96 club is our latest new venture to support Copley students towards achieving all they are capable of.

There is a really clear link between high levels of attendance and attaining the very best examination results and outcomes; Students who are in school every day really do have a huge advantage as they move through their education and beyond into the world of further education or work. With this in mind, students whose attendance is between 91% and 95.9% have been invited to participate, meeting once a week for support and earning rewards for making improvements. We feel certain that with our encouragement, help and support they can all reach the gold standard of 96% attendance – or even higher!

Mr Wearden

KS3 Computing

So far this year, our years 7 - 9 have been covering a number of lessons in Computing, displaying GREAT learning habits. Year 7 have been mastering Spreadsheets and are now moving on to learn about Cyber Safety and how to remain safe in both the digital and real world. Our Year 8's have been investigating Databases with the theme of Superheroes, as well as creating their own movies in moviemaker. Year 9 have been following a new curriculum that has allowed them to study Computing, Media and Business in order that they can make better choices for their KS4 options. They have looked at what makes a computer, algorithms, starting a new business and will soon be moving onto study Media Language. A reminder that our Year 7 and 8 courses can be found at www.copleycomputing.weebly.com for you to follow.

Mr Aitken

Year 8 Fairtrade Fortnight

Fairtrade fortnight is 26th February-11th March. To develop awareness of the ethics behind Fairtrade food Year 8 students will be learning about it in their Food Technology lessons and making their very own Fairtrade product to share with others and publicise the value and importance of using Fairtrade ingredients to benefit others. What a delicious way to learn about our global responsibility!

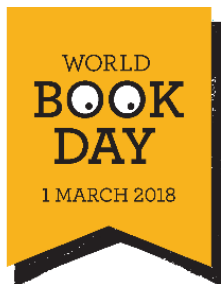
Mrs Adeyemi

Year 9 Manchester Gateway Visit

This term we made the annual Gateway visit to Manchester University with 11 Year 9 pupils. They attended sessions led by PhD students on STEM, Humanities and Health Science. Mrs Hartley, who accompanied them, reported that all our pupils were fantastic throughout the visit and she would also like to thank and the Manchester University students for an inspiring and informative event – we are very lucky to have such an aspirational institution on our North West doorstep.

Mrs Hartley

World Book Day



Copley Academy has registered for World Book Day tokens as usual and they will be handed out by form tutors after half term. These tokens allow pupils to have one of the five exclusive £2.50 World Book Day titles for £1.50, one of the ten £1.00 World Book Day books free or a £1.00 discount on any book or audio book priced £2.99 or over. They can be redeemed at participating local bookshops. You can find out more details about World Book Day, the books on offer and participating bookshops and supermarkets at the following website:

<http://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1st March with various book related activities and competitions in the LRC and in registrations, so watch out for these after half term.

Book Babble Event

This will take place in the LRC at lunchtime on World Book Day. Pupils can sign up before hand to take a slot to promote a favourite children's book of their choice for around three minutes to our panel of judges and audience. This is your chance to make some noise about books, reading and the stories you love and share it with everyone. Our guest judges will decide the best presentations and winners will receive a prize. All pupils willing to taking part will receive a small treat as a thank you. More details will be on display on the LRC noticeboards and handed to form tutors soon.

New Box Sets

You can find out about all the wonderful new books added to our library stock via the Eclipse tile on RM Unify. Recently we have replaced the following box sets and lots more:

Horowitz, A - Alex Rider Books 1 to 10

Pittacus Lore - The Lorien Legacy Books 1-7

Wynne Jones, D - The Chrestomanci Series Books 1-7

Butchart, P - Baby Aliens Series 1-6

Walden, M - Higher Institute of Villainous Education (H.I.V.E.) series 1-6

The best news is that all these titles are on the Accelerated Reader Programme so pupils can take quizzes on them.

Happy half term reading!

Dates for Diary

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| Monday 19 th | Half Term Begins |
| Monday 26 th | Return to School |
| Monday 26 th | Year 7 reports sent home |
| Monday 26 th | Year 11 mocks begin |

Please note our term dates for 2018-19 are now available on our website to help you plan ahead...