



ACE Summer Newsletter 2023

Our summer newsletter is to fill you in on the activities, which have taken place at ACE over the last few months. What a busy term we have had. Our external examinations began after Easter and have now finished. The Y11 students were fantastic throughout and their Prom held at Vagabonds Tennis club was an extremely entertaining night, full of fun and rewards to celebrate all of their hard work.

Subjects

English

This half term we took a group of year 10 students to Liverpool Central Library. We had a tour of the archives and were shown the current Beatnik exhibition, as well as the most expensive book in the world! Our year 10s were so impressed they all left with a library card and some books to read at home.

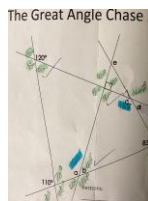
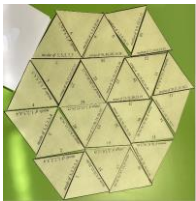
Our Key Stage 3 pupils have been having fun learning about the art and morality of fairy tales, as well as diving into Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet.

We have some budding thespians in our midst! We've read a range of texts throughout the year, from the spooky *Woman in Black* to the exciting *Skulduggery Pleasant*. Our year 9s have also been learning about *Women in Literature*, and the importance of women's voices throughout history.

Maths

As part of the KS4 data topic in maths we have been analysing data on the Eurovision Song Contest and the top UK Premiership goal scorers.

The pupils consolidated their knowledge of averages and range by completing a Tarsia maths jigsaw and singing, or listened to me badly sing, a maths song to aid their memory.



KS3 have been investigating angles using Michael Jackson's 45° lean dance move to help estimate angles and *The Great Angle Chase* to help develop chains of reasoning when calculating missing angles.

Science

Science has one of its best years to date. The Key stage 3 class have been learning all about the human reproductive system, how we hear sound and the importance of the periodic table. In KS4 we have been learning about the importance of cell structure and its relevance to our natural world. Year 10 have been able to culture their own bacteria from live samples and carry out multiple microscopic investigations into the unknown world of microscopy. They have particularly enjoyed learning about Coronary Heart disease and the risk factors associated with it.



Enrichment

This has been a new addition to our curriculum to help student develop their social skills, confidence and resilience through a variety of fun activities

The ACE fitness club has been a massive success again this year with more pupils than ever getting involved in physical exercise. We have been building our fitness and improving our mental health through a structured workout plan involving self-defense classes. This has proven popular and I am proud to say that the students have improved so much both physically and mentally.

Sandfest brought exciting workshops into ACE including LFC, Magicians, Sony PlayStation, Brady's Bakes, hairdressing and beauty, rock band, DJing and comedy store. It was a fun filled day with students trying out new skills.

Y10 students have completed the 12-month NHS Cadet course, which has introduced and developed many transferable skills for the world of work, which will support them into post 16 and eventually their chosen careers. Fun Days- We have collapsed our timetable 3 times this term to allow students to socialise across the year groups participating in arts and crafts, baking and sports activities. We continue to offer hairdressing and drum lessons to students to also develop interests and skills.

PSHE

In PSHE this term we have been looking at careers and the world of work. We have talked about skills we need for different job roles and how we can use transferable skills in different industries. The Big Trust have also delivered sessions to Year 10 with different employers speaking about their work experience and how they found their current roles. Pupils also enjoyed activities for National Career's Week earlier in the year.



TRIPS

This term, students have enjoyed a variety of trips out:

- Workshops at The School of Histories, Languages and Culture at the University of Liverpool
- The Town Hall to discuss the Oxwell survey examining the mental health and wellbeing of students in Y7 to Y13.
- The Art Explorer TATE Gallery Exhibition workshop.
- Liverpool library to encourage independent reading
- Enrichment lessons have taken students out to Calderstones, Croxteth and Sefton park as well as several visits to Crosby beach and Mariner

Message from the Head

Dear parents/guardians

I would like to thank you for your support this year and hope you all have an enjoyable summer. I have attached a copy of your child's timetable for September and the revised Uniform Policy which I have also sent to you via email. I would appreciate your support in ensuring your child wears the correct uniform each day.

We have had some excellent attendance this year from several pupils and hope this will improve further next year. Please remember to call the school office on the day that your child is not able to attend stating the reason for this. It is especially important, due to part-time timetables, that we know your child is safe if they do not arrive at ACE.

*We have had some great activities this year as part of the Enrichment curriculum and the pupils have certainly enjoyed this. We will be continuing this next year and adding some more activities to the timetable. I have also been able to provide **all pupils** with a timetable consisting of 5 half-days in September.*

On the first day of the Autumn term, Tue 5th September, pupils will not come into ACE. Instead we will have a wellbeing check-in with you and your child via Zoom. It will give your child the chance to ask any questions and to help lessen any anxieties about returning after a long break. Staff will send you a link to a Zoom meeting as soon as we return. If you cannot access Zoom please let me know and we can arrange a phone call. The date and time of your appointment is below. A parent/adult must be present for this session which will only be for 15 minutes.

*Pupils return to lessons on **Wednesday 6th September**.*

Once again, have a great summer.

Wendy Henshaw
Head of School - ACE

Mark Hilton
Executive Headteacher (Sandfield Park School)

Wellbeing session

Date:

Time:

Staff:



In order to help you to have a smooth and happy transition back to learning with ACE on Wed 6th September we would like to remind you of how we look and how at ease you know you can feel coming in to the school base for your lessons.

Remember we have 5 classrooms, a time-out room and a snug.



The School Day:

There will be 3 lesson times per day.

Morning sessions start at 9:15am - 12pm

Afternoon sessions start at 12:45- 3:30pm

There is a break for the last 15 minutes of the morning & afternoon session.

Enrichment lessons/PE lessons

Some classes will have the opportunity to take part in these lessons which will give you the chance to be active, engage in and learn how to develop your social skills, confidence and resilience. The activities on offer will be flexible so that everyone has the chance to take part and learn a new skill whilst having fun.



Over the summer try to ensure you are able to relax, meet friends and family and get out and about.

You might find a new interest or have time to pursue an existing one. You could set some days aside for 'you time'. Pamper yourself, listen to your favourite music and chill out. It is important that you let your brain and your body relax so that you are refreshed for the new academic year in September.

