

ACE NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our summer newsletter! We are thrilled to share the latest happenings at ACE over the past year. It has been a bustling year for us. Following Easter, our Year 11 students showed remarkable dedication and commitment during their external GCSE examinations. The staff are incredibly proud of all their hard work. Recently, Year 11 enjoyed an end-of-year celebration where students were acknowledged for their personal growth and accomplishments. It was a delightful evening filled with joy and recognition to honor their achievements. We as staff wish them all the very best as they progress to some fantastic post 16 opportunities.

1.



MATHS AT ACE



At ACE this year the year 11s have enjoyed playing "Maths Vegas" games, developing teamwork skills whilst revising for their GCSE's. The year 10s and 11s have also produced revision cards and utilised songs to aid memory of key facts and formulas, such as mean, median, mode and range and area and circumference of circles.

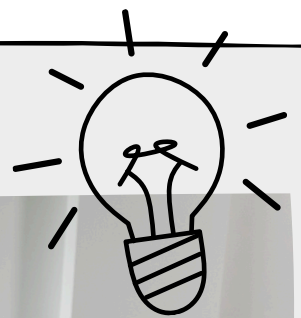
The students have also been completing pieces of work that utilise Variation Theory to highlight parts of mathematical processes and the corresponding answers by varying key elements of the problem to aid deeper understanding. They have also used card matching activities to reflect on patterns in answers and how changes in the answers relate to changes in the questions.

KS3 have enjoyed taking part in different games and activities this academic year. Our year 9s especially enjoyed various probability games including card and dice games.

Students have been given opportunities, where appropriate, to use concrete mathematical equipment such as Cuisenaire rods, cubes, counters and pull-up nets to develop key understanding of numbers, number patterns and shape. This then aided their transition into pictorial and abstract questions.

ENGLISH AT ACE

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In English classes, students have analysed various texts like 'Skellig', 'Trash', 'The Yellow Wallpaper', 'The Woman in Black', and 'A Christmas Carol', exploring characters, themes, and historical/social issues. Reading for pleasure was promoted on Mondays and Wednesdays to enhance reading skills and enjoyment. A library visit for Year 9 included exploring archives, the Picton room, and viewing the world's most expensive book. Students could obtain a free library card during the visit.





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SCIENCE AT ACE

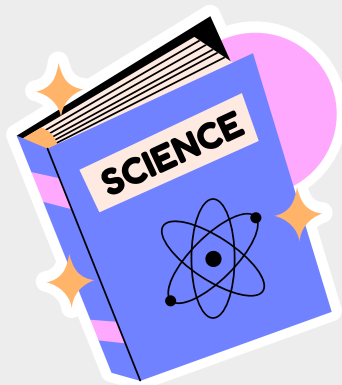


Our Year 11 students have put in exceptional effort towards their GCSE Biology exam this year. Their mature attitude and dedication to their studies have made us very proud.

Year 10 students have been exploring various infectious diseases that can impact plants and animals. Their interest in studying Malaria and treating plant-based diseases has been evident.

In Year 9, students have delved into human reproduction and discussed the advantages and disadvantages of different contraceptive methods. They have shown maturity by asking insightful questions throughout this topic.

Our KS3 pupils have shown great dedication this year. They have enjoyed studying magnetism and understanding how bones and muscles facilitate movement in the human body.



WORK EXPERIENCE AT ACE

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This year, many of our students have had the chance to work at the School's Sandy Park Café. They have closely collaborated with the staff to enhance their culinary abilities, financial management, and customer service skills, as well as boost their confidence in interacting with the public. It has been an amazing opportunity for all the students, and we are excited to continue this initiative next year.



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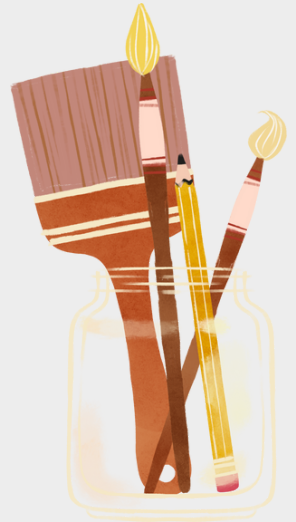
ART AT ACE



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At ACE students have had opportunity to explore a diverse range of 'Artprojects', covering a range of themes. Students are encouraged to choose themes which resonate to them personally, and captures their special interests. Each term students acquire new skills and techniques during their project work. We have visited art galleries and art exhibitions, and have invited Artists into class to run workshops.

Working with professional artists allows students to understand the vast range of opportunities available in the 'Arts' for either post -16 education or future career pathways. Many of Our students have opted to pursue art in college, and this year once again, we have displayed their work in an exhibition at school, which has been praised for it's originality and intriguing concepts. Students find a channel to express themselves and greatly benefit from this experience.



4.

PSHE AT ACE



Throughout the year, students in KS3 and KS4 have engaged in PSHE, expanding their knowledge of healthy relationships and the world around them. They have delved into various aspects of maintaining well-being, such as mental health, physical health, and sleep habits. KS4 students, in particular, have delved into financial literacy, learning about budgeting and the repercussions of debt. Overall, students have honed their communication skills, participating in both small group activities and whole-class discussions. Congratulations to all students for an excellent year of progress!

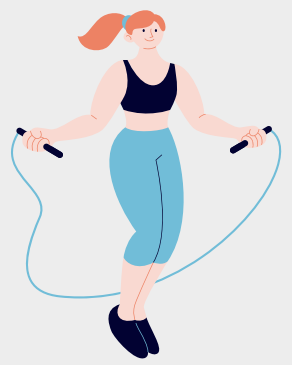




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PE AT ACE

This year, we've had a highly successful time at the Voltaire Leisure Centre every Friday. Students have engaged in various sports activities to enhance their fitness, well-being, and social skills. They have enjoyed participating in different games and utilizing the gym facilities. Encouraging student participation in sports has been a key focus at ACE, and we've received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the students. Building on this success, we plan to continue these activities with our Year 9 students in the upcoming academic year.



ENRICHMENT AT ACE

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The Enrichment program has progressed and grown throughout this year. Our goal is to offer a variety of activities that help students enhance their social skills, confidence, independence, and resilience. We aim to cultivate essential transferable skills that can be applied in various aspects of their lives, while also improving their physical and mental well-being through new experiences.



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ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AT ACE

The Enrichment programme has continued to evolve and develop this year.

Several groups have enjoyed Monday workshops at Sandypark café. This has involved shopping for ingredients at local supermarkets, making lunches for themselves and baking cakes to be sold at the café. Work experience continues to be offered on Tuesdays in addition to their timetables were students can develop a whole range of skills serving the customers. Please let us know if your child would be interested in this..

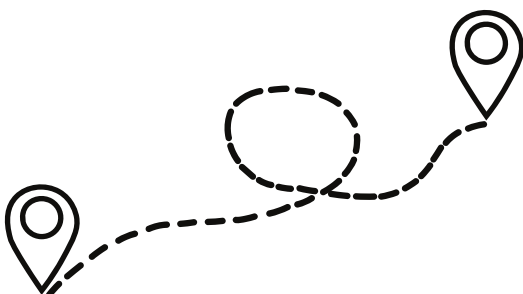
LFC Foundation have provided Friday afternoon coaching sessions throughout the year which students have really enjoyed. Participation has helped develop a range of new skills encouraging team work and social interaction with their peers. We hope they will be able to continue providing sessions next academic year

All Y9 students have had the opportunity to be offsite at Volair on Friday mornings. They have completed their induction to the gym and can now use their pass to visit any time and have also had the use of the sports hall playing lots of games with staff

Forest school led by Peter from Sandfield has given KS3 classes the opportunity of developing their survival skills learning how to build fires and cook in the outdoors.

A Creative Arts Exhibition programme run by Alderhey institute ran for 10 weeks in which KS4 students planned, organized, promoted and delivered a public exhibition of art created by ACE students at MAKE in Huyton village

Technical workshops were delivered by Chris Beaumont (Brain charity) throughout the Autumn term focusing on 4 new creative/practical skills *Lighting/working safely with electrics,*Sound for live performance and editing *Film and projection *Practical making skills (e.g. woodwork/puppet making etc.) The students also designed and built a wheelchair-accessible sleigh for their final performance an amazing winter wonderland





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Hair and beauty has been very popular with KS3 students,. The tutor from Hugh Baird has been tutoring groups on technique and styles

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



Other activities has included

A variety of trips out to local parks, museums, art galleries, libraries, waterfronts and beaches

- Narrowboat day out for all classes in Cheshire
- Liverpool Town hall for Schools parliament meetings
- Independent travel training for Y11 classes
- Cooking
- Now festival
- NHS cadets
- Chester Zoo



We hope to expand our enrichment programme even further next year and will keep you posted!



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CELEBRATING OUR PUPILS ACHIEVEMENTS



Our amazing students at ACE engage in various extracurricular activities beyond school hours. These activities aid in enhancing their communication skills, boosting confidence, and preparing them for future careers. We are excited about the exceptional talent emerging at ACE, and we always take the opportunity to celebrate their achievements.



Lawrence P

Lawrence is a student at the Pauline Quirks drama academy, where he frequently entertains parents and takes part in an annual West End show. He has contributed to various film projects and musicals, and is currently starring in the school's rendition of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.



Chloe C

Chloe attends Karate classes 2-3 times a week and has recently obtained her orange belt, showcasing exceptional dedication and commitment to martial arts. Her aim is to attain a black belt in the near future.



Erin P

Attending two three-hour sessions weekly at Liverpool Empire Youth Theatre, Erin participates in a variety of performing arts workshops. Over the past year, she has engaged in exciting activities like performing in multiple shows at the Empire Theatre for live audiences, participating in the Liverpool One Christmas light switch-on, and recently singing solo on one of the Eurovision stages in Liverpool. Currently, Erin is rehearsing for the upcoming performance of 'Bring it on,' a musical centered on cheerleading, where she portrays a dancer. Erin began her journey at the youth theatre in 2019.

Caitlin B

Caitlin, a self-taught actress and singer, has just secured a spot with an American talent agency called "Talent Inc." She's set to travel to Florida for a showcase performance in front of agents. A successful showcase could lead to a scholarship, marking the beginning of her career. Caitlin aspires to pursue further opportunities at LIPA after ACE and showcase her talents in various musical productions.

Jonathan E

Jonathan has dedicated a significant amount of time to playing football. He spent seven years with 'Marshalls' initially, and for the past two years, he has been with Heron Galaxy under 14s. Jonathan's position on the field is as a striker, and he aspires to pursue a career as a professional footballer.



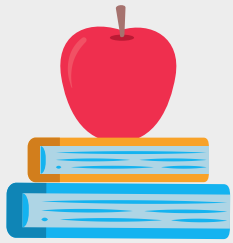
Lucas S

Lucas is a dedicated dancer with a passion for music, dance, and drama. He has been a regular performer with a local dance troupe, honing a diverse set of skills over the years. Lucas is dedicated, enthusiastic, and aspires to pursue a professional career in the future.



You are Amazing!





HEADTEACHERS MESSAGE



Well done to all our pupils for working positively with staff at ACE and engaging in the support we offer in order to help you to make such good progress this year.

Thankyou to parents/guardians for your continued support and hard work in helping your child to attend ACE.

You will receive a call from ACE staff at some point on Wednesday 4th September to have a quick chat and catch-up with you and your child to answer any questions pupils may have about returning to lessons the following day.

Have a fabulous Summer and we will see you all on Thursday 5th September.



Wendy Henshaw
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Mark Hilton
Executive Head

