

December, 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our End of Term update, this academic year has been very different in many ways and our pupils have adapted well to returning to school and the measures that are in place. They are to be congratulated on the way they have returned.



Below we have outlined some events that have taken place this term although there are fewer than usual because of restrictions. Our website is updated regularly and is a useful source of information for parents/carers.

Please can I remind parents not to drive onto the school site to drop students off, the front of school is currently used as a year 7 outdoor space and the safety of our students and staff is paramount. Please do not use the drive to turn around in as it is dangerous for pedestrians and drivers.

I would like to thank parents and students for the support they have given to the school in light of the Covid-19 pandemic, alerting us to positive results is really helpful in limiting spread into the school and wider community, pupils have responded well to working from home when we have unfortunately had to close. Please can I ask if you are notified of a positive result over the Christmas break, that you email us at Report-Covid@prescotschool.org.uk this will allow us to let pupils and staff know if they have been in close contact with a positive case and we can manage a safe return to school.

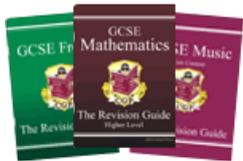
COVID-19 Schools Infection Survey

Thank you to staff and students in years 9 and 10 who have participated in the Covid-19 Schools infection Survey. We understand that this will be opened to all year groups and we will share details with you in due course, please look out for letters on our website and social media platforms.

Parents Evenings

Parent's evenings for year 7, 8 and 11 have been replaced this term by calls home after staff have supplied detailed information about progress. Whilst we are unable to meet with Parents/Carers, all parents evenings will be done in this way.

Mock Exams



Year 11 have completed their first round of mock examinations and displayed a really determined attitude to their work, their conduct and determination were excellent and I know that many are now working on revision for their next set of mocks next term.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Day (November 2020)

We really value our school community and its wellbeing and are very aware that the demands of the current situation has put a strain on all of us whether we are students, staff or parents.

Students from years 7 to 9 participated in a Mental Health and Wellbeing Day. This aimed to support their understanding of wellbeing and how it impacts on their mental health.



They participated in lessons covering Emotions, Happiness and Mindfulness.

Attitudes to mental health, being brave and the importance of good sleep and how to achieve it. The lessons were well received with a huge amount of positivity from the students who made comments about loving the meditation techniques, how much they didn't know about mental illness and how they were probably all "going to bed way too late!"

Students on the BBC

Congratulations to our 4 outstanding students who recently appeared on the BBC News programme, highlighting the problems that students are facing in light of the Government Announcement to continue with planned GCSE examinations next year. The students all talked eloquently about how they would welcome clarity around exams and their impact on learning if having to isolate.

Year 11 Prefects and Junior Leadership Team

Congratulations to 26 students in Year 11 who were appointed Prefects for the next academic year. This is an excellent opportunity for them to demonstrate their leadership capacity, responsibility and commitment, all important characteristics that colleges, universities and employers look for in individuals. Following their appointment, the prefects are able to apply to join the Junior Leadership Team. During their interview, the students have to give a presentation and answer a series of questions from the interview panel. The presentations that they gave to the panel were excellent and the discussions that followed very informative. I am delighted to confirm that Tyla, Rebecca, Rosie, Owen and Shannon have been selected to join the Junior Leadership Team and they will be led by Head Boy (Ben) and Head Girl (Libby). Congratulations to all the students and I look forward to working with them.

Art Department

The Art Department have been hosting a Christmas Card competition across school, lots of fantastic entries were received and staff had a very difficult decision in picking a winner, congratulations to:

Year 7 winner - Eva Walkden / Runners up - Ellie Jo Pickles and Megan Pickup

Year 8 winner - Philip Walker / Runners up - Anais Wood & Ethan Caton



Humanities Department

Students in 8Y3 and 8Y1 have recently participated in a virtual workshop tackling anti-Semitism and Islamophobia from the Anne Frank's Trust. All students were mature with their responses and enjoyed the event.

Sports Round-Up

Students have been chosen to act as PE Ambassadors to promote sport and activities across school. They participated in a virtual meeting with the Knowsley School Sports Partnership to outline their role and discuss ways of increasing engagement. Their first activity was a Christmas Advent Calendar uploading activities to social media platforms in order to promote PE and fitness.

Some Year 10 students have also engaged with a programme called Wimbledon Set for Success, the programme focuses on areas such as communication and teamwork. The students have engaged very well with the sessions and are enjoying the programme.

Parent Governor

I am delighted to welcome Mr Frith to the Governing Body as Parent Governor. Mr Frith is a parent of 2 students in the school and has a background in education, employment and skills, and regeneration both within the public and private sectors.

Forthcoming Dates for your diary:

SCHOOL CLOSURES	SCHOOL REOPENS TO STUDENTS
FRIDAY 18th December 2020	MONDAY 4th January 2021
FRIDAY 12th February 2021	MONDAY 22nd February 2021
FRIDAY 26 March, 2021	MONDAY, 12th April 2021
FRIDAY 30th April 2021	TUESDAY, 4th May 2021
FRIDAY 28th May 2021	MONDAY 7th June 2021
FRIDAY, 16th July 2021	

Inset Days:

Friday 25 June 2021

Monday 19th July 2021

Tuesday 20th July 2021

TERM DATES 2021/2022

SCHOOL CLOSURES	SCHOOL REOPENS TO STUDENTS
	MONDAY, 6 th September 2021
FRIDAY 22 nd October 2021	MONDAY 1 st November 2021
WEDNESDAY, 22 nd December 2021	WEDNESDAY, 5 th January 2022
FRIDAY 18 th February 2022	MONDAY 28 th February 2022
FRIDAY 8 th APRIL 2022	MONDAY, 25 th April 2022
FRIDAY 29 th April 2022	TUESDAY, 3 rd May 2022
FRIDAY 27 th May 2022	MONDAY 6 th June 2022
WEDNESDAY, 20 th July 2022	

Inset Days:

Thursday, 2nd September 2021
Friday, 3rd September 2021
3 additional dates to be agreed

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

School will close on Friday, 18th December 2020. Due to the current pandemic, students will be staggered leaving the school site as follows: Year 7/8 12.20pm, Years 9/10 12.40pm and Year 11 1pm. Students entitled to FSM will be provided with a lunch bag.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs A L Kennedy
Head of School

LEE COOPER FOUNDATION

Below are some programmes that are currently running at The Lee Cooper Foundation for young people in Knowsley. Limited spaces available for Workshops and Mindfulness with unlimited spaces for Football.

The Lee Cooper Foundation www.theleecooperfoundation.co.uk				
	WHAT IS IT?	WHEN IS IT?	WHO FOR?	WHERE?
Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshops* (7 week programme)	Mental health and wellbeing zoom workshop programme. Delivered by Evolving Mindset.	Monday evenings 18:15 - 20:15	Ages 13-19	Email theleecooperfoundation@gmail.com
Football Therapy (Open sessions)	Free football therapy to improve mental, social and emotional wellbeing. In partnership with Liverpool Football Therapy.	Tuesday evenings 16:30 - 18:30	Ages 11-16 (Years 7 - 11)	The Purple Hub, Longview Lane, Huyton L36 7UN
Yoga and Mindfulness* (8 week programme)	Free Yoga and Mindfulness sessions to help improve mental wellbeing. In partnership with Little Sunshine Yoga.	Thursday evenings 18:00 - 19:00	Ages 13 - 19	Email theleecooperfoundation@gmail.com

* online, limited availability so please email theleecooperfoundation@gmail.com



IMPROVE YOUR MENTAL RESILIENCE THROUGH #FOOTBALLTHERAPY

FREE 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LEE COOPER FOUNDATION

PLAYING REGULAR FOOTBALL CAN HELP IMPROVE PHYSICAL, MENTAL, EMOTIONAL AND SOCIAL WELLBEING.

LIVERPOOL FOOTBALL THERAPY CIC ARE PROUD TO BE WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE LEE COOPER FOUNDATION.

EVERY TUESDAY FROM 16:30 TO 18:00 AT THE PURPLE HUB, LONGVIEW LANE, HUYTON, KNOWSLEY, L36 7UN
NO REFERRAL REQUIRED FOR YEAR 7-YEAR 11 PUPILS

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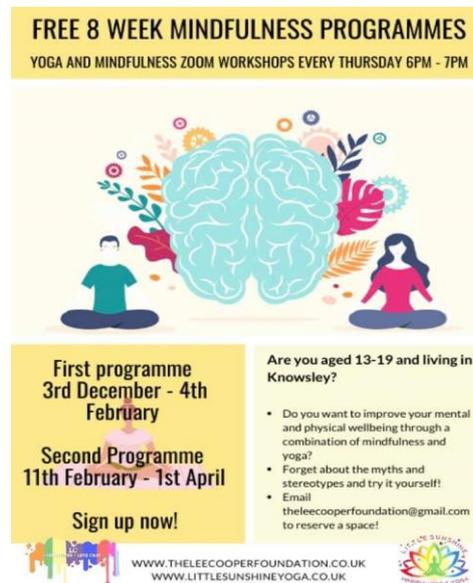
EVOLVING MINDSET
YOUR MIND MATTERS

AGED 13-19? LIVING IN KNOWSLEY? COME AND JOIN US FOR THE UPCOMING FREE ZOOM WORKSHOPS!

23/11/20 - Stress and anxiety management
30/11/20 - Mindfulness and relaxation
07/12/20 - Low self esteem and building resilience
14/12/20 - Physical wellbeing and positive habits
21/12/20 - Positive mindset and goal setting
28/12/20 - Mental health awareness
04/01/21 - Emotional intelligence

WEEKLY WORKSHOPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 13-19 HELD EVERY MONDAY FOR 7 WEEKS STARTING 16TH NOVEMBER 6.15PM - 8.15PM

To reserve a place please contact theleecooperfoundation@gmail.com



FREE 8 WEEK MINDFULNESS PROGRAMMES
YOGA AND MINDFULNESS ZOOM WORKSHOPS EVERY THURSDAY 6PM - 7PM

First programme
3rd December - 4th February

Second Programme
11th February - 1st April

Sign up now!

Are you aged 13-19 and living in Knowsley?

- Do you want to improve your mental and physical wellbeing through a combination of mindfulness and yoga?
- Forget about the myths and stereotypes and try it yourself!
- Email theleecooperfoundation@gmail.com to reserve a space!

WWW.THELEECOOPERFOUNDATION.CO.UK
WWW.LITTLESUNSHINEYOGA.CO.UK

NWBH Parent Support Knowsley Neuro-Developmental Pathway and Speech and Language Therapy Service

From **November 2020** NWBH are offering parents and carers the opportunity to speak to a member of the Neuro-Development Pathway Team and Speech and Language Team at their Parent / Carer Support Group, which takes place on the **last Wednesday of each month**.

If you wish to attend one of the monthly groups, book your place with Alison Clarke by calling the Children's Admin Hub on: **0151 244 4387**, or by emailing nwbh.ndpathway@nhs.net

If you have any queries or concerns whilst your child is waiting to be seen for an ASC or ADHD assessment or for Speech and Language Therapy, please get in touch.

Appointments will be offered virtually via video call or by telephone if preferred.

A maximum of eight appointments are available per session so book early to be sure of a place!

Knowsley ND Pathway Team
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