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Dear Parents and Carers

Site Changes

As a school we are relentless in our ambition to ensure the highest standards of learning and behaviour to ensure that students leave Halewood Academy with outcomes and skills that fully prepare them for life beyond school.

In order to maximise learning time and further improve our calm and orderly atmosphere we will be implementing a plan to close access to certain toilets during parts of the school day and will be looking at secured entrances to some toilets which will allow toilets to be opened and closed as needed. The school has more than enough facilities for the number of students and we envisage this measure will ensure that all students arrive at their lessons on time and foster a safer environment.

For those students who require a toilet pass we will ask for medical evidence so a pass can be provided (we will already have this for some students). The toilets that will remain open throughout the day are on the middle floor and therefore readily accessible from all parts of the school building. Additionally, during breaks and lunch we will open the toilets that are adjacent to the atrium and science area; these will then close at the end of break and lunch. The toilets in the atrium will remain as unisex toilets and the toilets opposite science remain as they are now. We will communicate these changes to students via their form tutor and assemblies.

Learning Resource Centre

You may already be aware that we have converted the Learning Resource Centre into a small hall which now acts as an assembly hall and will also provide additional dining space. At the end of the small hall we have set up a quiet 'study area' with computers and desks with the intention that students can use this area before, during and after school as a place to access the internet and a computer if needed in order to complete their work.

Additionally, we have moved the library into the area that housed the lecture theatre. Reading and access to books is obviously crucial and we have recently appointed a new Reading Support Coordinator, Ms Lauren Clarke, who will ensure that the library is a welcoming environment for all students to access books and support with their reading.

The above changes provide for a more flexible use of the space available to us in order to benefit all pupils. We hope that these changes will have a positive impact on the school community and ensure a continued focus on learning.

Yours sincerely

Mr Critchley
Principal