

St Helens Alternative Provision Service

October 2024 Newsletter



A GREAT START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

As we wrap up this first half term, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredible start to my time here at St Helens Alternative Provision Service. It has been a pleasure to meet so many wonderful staff, students, and parents. Your warm welcomes have made settling in so easy, and I'm truly excited for what lies ahead.

One of the highlights of the half term has been the PACE Macmillan Coffee Morning. I was thrilled to see how our community came together for such a fantastic cause, raising funds while enjoying each other's company. The event was a great success, and I want to extend my thanks to everyone who helped make it happen.

What stands out most about St Helens Alternative Provision Service is the calm and purposeful learning environment we've cultivated together. The relationships between staff and students are truly remarkable, and they create a foundation for positive growth and learning. I've seen first-hand how these strong bonds enable our students to feel supported and thrive in their education.

I look forward to continuing to build on these great relationships and working together with all of you in the months ahead. Thank you for making my first half term so enjoyable!

Michael Power - Headteacher

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

If you need help supporting your child with school attendance, please contact your head of provision.

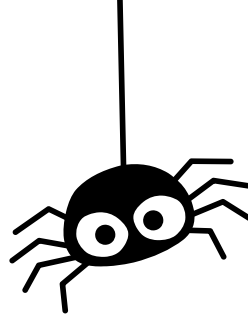


PROMOTING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Attending school every day is vital for a student's success, both academically and personally. Regular attendance helps students stay on track with their learning, build strong relationships with teachers and peers, and develop important habits like responsibility and time management. Missing school, even occasionally, can lead to gaps in learning and make it harder to catch up. Every day in school is an opportunity to grow, learn new skills, and prepare for the future—so make every day count!



A BUSY HALF TERM AT PACE



This half term has been so busy in PACE!

The pupils have worked so hard this half term. This is reflected in their books. They should be immensely proud of the content and progress they are making. It was wonderful to see so many submitted their poems for the Young Writers award.

Our Parent Partnership event was well attended for our McMillan coffee afternoon. Thank you for your support in raising money for such a great cause. PACE also supported World Mental Health day - Hello Yellow. Thank you again for your support.

We've had trips out to (a very wet!) Martin Mere, Pumpkin Picking and Pizza Making in Verona restaurant in Newton. The children also enjoyed their Halloween themed party and also, with bonfire night on the horizon, a whole school fire safety talk from the fire brigade.

Please follow lots of good news stories on our X (formerly twitter) page @STHELENSPACE

Next half term more details, times and dates to follow to parents through email -

Anti Bullying week WB 11.11.24. Odd socks days 12.11.24

INTO film festival. We have cinema trips booked.

BBC children in need 15.11.25

Road safety week 18.11.25 - visitors to school to speak to the children.

9.12.24 - Peter pan on Ice at Widnes Ice Rink.

11.12.24 - Panto at the Theatre Royal St Helens.

12.12.24 - Christmas Jumper day

17.12.24 - Christmas craft fayre and pupil performance.



We have three social media accounts where we share updates throughout the school year.

Click the links and give us a follow to keep up with the great work going on around our schools

SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA



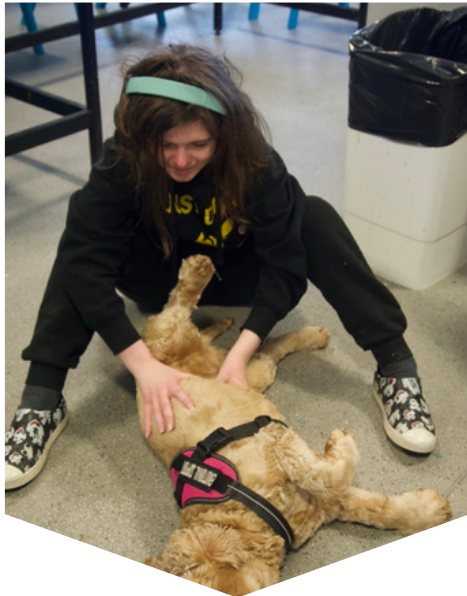
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In the second half of the Autumn term students will be visiting the cinema as a social skills and confidence building trip.

Donna has also arranged for an English/Art trip to commemorate Armistice day with a site visit to explore the war graves in the cemetery. We continue to support Year 11 with post 16 transition and Jo from Connexions will be returning to meet with students.



STUDENT COUNCIL



On Thursday 24th October, we will be taking part in our annual Halloween charity event. Students and staff will be dressing up in Halloween outfits/accessories in exchange for donations (non perishable items and toiletries) to then be distributed to our local foodbank.

This has been very successful in the past and we are looking forward to this years event and supporting our local community once again.

THANK YOU for all your ongoing support.

We understand that families might be struggling under the current climate. If you would like to request a foodbank voucher, you can talk to any member of staff in complete confidence. This is a very simple procedure and can be completed via email if you find this easier.

HALF TERM

School closes on Friday 25th October and will reopen on Monday 4th November. We look forward to seeing all children when we return.

