

## Hulme Hall Grammar School •Caring •Nurturing •Achieving

29th March 2019

### Senior School Newsletter

#### Dear Parents

We had another successful Open Morning this week with lots of families visiting Hulme Hall and commenting on the family feel of the school. My thanks to all those pupils who acted as Tour Guides on the day—I am a firm believer that our pupils are our biggest asset and it is so important that we give them the opportunity to meet prospective parents and 'sell' our school.

#### Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 2nd April Spring Concert

Wednesday 3rd April London Trip departs

Thursday 4th April Spring Term ends 12.30pm Year 9 Reports issued

Tuesday 23rd April Summer Term commences Year 8 Examinations begin

Wednesday 24th April Year 9 Parents' Evening

Monday 29th April Year 10 Examinations begin

Tuesday 30th April Year 7 Reports issued

#### Save the Date!

Following on from the success of our last Presentation Evening, we have once again booked The Plaza for this year. The event will take place on **Friday 15th November** so please put it in your diary.





#### **Tommy's** Funding research Saving babies' lives

#### **Charity Update**

Congratulations to Mr Lamerton for raising £3,000 for our chosen charities for this year - Tommy's and Wings. He and his wife organised a ball in memory of their son, Noah. Over 120 guests attended the event, hosted by Mike Toolan from Hits Radio.

The ball supported two great causes—Tommy's which funds research into miscarriage, stillbirth and premature birth and Wings, the neo-natal unit at Wythenshawe Hospital Special Care Baby Unit.

We will be stepping up our own charity fundraising events in the next few weeks with a raffle and retiring collection at the Spring Concert and more events planned for next term.



#### **Battle for Top Place**

We've been enjoying the glorious spring sunshine this week as pupils battled it out to win some points for their Houses in lacrosse, hockey and basketball tournaments.

Tatton are currently top of the sports league with wins in Years 8 and 10, whilst Dunham secured top spot in Year 7 and Lyme in Year 9.

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# Spotlight on Art

#### An Artistic View

Art is an important and worthwhile subject that opens up the mind for problem solving and creative thinking as well as being used as a means of relaxing and meditating.

In the art department at Hulme Hall, we pride ourselves on making art accessible for all with lots of different genres on offer from traditional drawing through to model making and ceramics. We focus on drawing and art-based skills like painting, print making, photography and 3D design utilising cross-curricular subjects like maths, history or music to create a responsive piece of art.

Art is one of the important stepping stones in creating a well-rounded and balanced young person. Everyone can be successful with some form of art, it is just a matter of finding the right medium!











#### Drawing on Inspiration

Lots of exciting projects are currently underway throughout school. In KS3, Year 7 are learning how to draw perspective and getting mathematical in art whilst Year 8 are looking at the serene culture around the Mandala as a focus for meditation. We are excited to see the ceramic seascapes that Year 9 are currently researching as they dive deep under the sea to draw sea creatures and study the textures found within coral.

As for GCSE Art, Year 10s have been creating observational drawings as well as practising their photography skills at the local park in preparation for their final projects. Finally, our Year 11s are all busy working hard on their individual projects for the Externally Set Assignment and gearing up for their upcoming exam in April where they will create their final piece for their GCSE.



#### Photography

It is so rewarding to see real passion amongst our art pupils.

Three of our Year 10 boys, Charlie, Theo and Toby, have been so inspired by their studies in photography that they have created Instagram accounts to illustrate their work.

What a fantastic way to showcase their talents!







New Skills

Why not come along to our Sewing Club on Thursday lunchtimes?

All abilities are welcome. We are currently learning how to sew by hand before moving on to using sewing machines!

The Club runs from 1.45 to 2.15pm every week.



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