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Senior School Newsletter

14th June 2019

The weather hasn't exactly been what we expect at this time of year and unfortunately the U15 Rounders Tournament fell foul to it this week.

Thankfully it didn't deter families from coming to our Open Morning on Wednesday and we were very pleased with the number of visitors we had. Whilst a number of them came through your recommendations (thank you!), many more are now finding us on the internet or spotting our marketing material which is really positive. It shows more people are realising the benefits of our small school environment and see it as an alternative to some of the bigger independent schools in the area.

As always, prospective parents were impressed by the eloquence and friendliness of our Year 7 and Year 8 Tour Guides who are fabulous ambassadors for our school.

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 intake for a Transition Day and we are also excited about the Year 5 Taster Day on Friday 21st June. If you do know any parents of current Year 5 children, please tell them about it. Places are filling up fast but there are still a small number available.

I hope you enjoy the weekend and fingers crossed that the sun makes an appearance.

Dean Grierson, Headmaster



Senior Success

Congratulations to our Year 10 pupils who were today awarded their Senior ties. We were delighted by the number of applicants that we had this year and the efforts that went into preparing their interviews.

These pupils will now take on a very important role in the school and this will also help to develop their leadership skills.

A second round of applications will take place in the autumn when more ties will be awarded.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 18th June
Year 10 Taster Day at
Cheadle College

Thursday 20th June
Year 6 Transition Day

Year 11 Prom

Friday 21st June
Year 5 Taster Day

**Wednesday 26th &
Thursday 27th June**
Treasure Island Production

Monday 1st July
Year 10 Taster Day at
Aquinas College

Wednesday 3rd July
Senior Sports Day

Thursday 4th July
Rewards Day

Friday 5th July
Summer Term Ends
12.30pm



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Sensational Science

We took nine talented pupils from Years 8 and 9 to the world renowned Manchester University computer department on Wednesday. It is home to one of the first computers ever built—Billy the Manchester baby—and is currently developing cutting edge technology including ARM chips which run phones and tablets.

The day was based around STEM (Science, Technology, Electronics and Maths) activities and delved deeper into subjects which are not normally covered in GCSE topics. The children were split into teams with pupils from ten other schools to carry out challenges using e-fit software—beware local criminals, you will no longer go unrecognised! In addition they programmed rovers (not for Mars!) to go around an obstacle course, designed and built a racing car and finally tried their hand at medical diagnostics, looking at symptoms of real and imagined patients.

All activities were run by current university students, giving our pupils a chance to talk to them about life at university and the variety of courses on offer. The day was a great success and I hope it will inspire them to investigate these opportunities further.

Alan Stevenson, Head of Science



A Treasure to Keep

With only two weeks to go until we join Jim and his pirate friends in a swashbuckling adventure on *Treasure Island*, excitement is mounting! Limited space means that tickets will not be available on the night, so bring your pieces of silver to the office in advance to secure your place on board!

If you are worried that seeing just one performance will not quench your appetite, fear not! We are delighted to announce that the production will be recorded on the second night and DVDs will be available to purchase. A letter will be sent out with details of how to pre-order and there will also be an order form on the back of the programme.

A Bit Fishy!

Something fishy has been going on in Food & Nutrition in the last couple of days... Year 10 learnt how to fillet a fish yesterday whilst Year 9 have been making fish fingers using the pane method. It seems Mrs Norman is hooked on fish at the moment!

