



# Hulme Hall Grammar School

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## Senior School Newsletter

8th November 2019

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing half-term break and I would like to welcome back all our pupils for what is sure to be another busy few weeks at Hulme Hall.

### Rain did not Stop Play at Open Evening

Yesterday evening we held our second major open event of the year and it was once again very pleasing to see so many of our pupils willing to remain in school and give up their time to help Hulme Hall. Despite the awful wet weather, I know from the comments that visitors made both to myself and other members of staff, that the pupils created a very positive impression and were fantastic ambassadors for school. In fact, they are the very best advertisement for all that is good about the school.

The Harmony Choir hit the right note and entertained our guests before Deputy Head Boy, Max, and Head Girl, Becky, gave passionate accounts of their respective experiences of the school. Our tour guides were unfailingly polite and enthusiastic and every department had willing helpers on hand to offer their support and answer questions from prospective pupils and parents.

As I said above, our pupils really are the best advertisement we could possibly wish for and I would like to thank them all wholeheartedly for their efforts last night and at the other open events we have held this year.



Mr Dean Grierson,  
Headmaster



### Presentation Evening

Looking ahead to next Friday, we are currently putting the finishing touches to the preparations for our annual Presentation Evening which takes place at the Plaza Theatre in Stockport. I look forward to seeing you all there to celebrate the achievements of all our pupils from the last academic year.

The venue will be open from 6.00pm with the ceremony commencing at 7.00pm. If you have not already done so, please ensure your child has returned the reply slip for Presentation Evening to their form tutor. Please note that due to rehearsals for this event, we will not be publishing a newsletter next week.

### Year 11 Parents' Evening

Finally, an important reminder for Year 11 pupils and parents that the Year 11 Parents' Evening is scheduled to take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, starting at 6.00pm.

This is a very important evening and a chance to meet subject teachers to discuss current academic progress and receive advice about how best to prepare for the mock examinations, which are fast approaching in January.

## So Long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Adieu!

Well... not just yet – but we have been busy this term preparing our Year 11s for their 16+ transition to further education, employment or training.

Careers education has been the main theme during PSHE lessons with a range of colleges and apprenticeship providers coming into school to guide our students through their application processes and open events.

Pupils have prepared for and attended a 1:1 'mock' interview with staff from the Schools Liaison team at The Manchester College. This week it was the turn of apprenticeship provider, The Growth Company, to test out our students' employability skills. The workshop was designed to get them thinking and planning beyond academic results and asked them to consider the essential and transferrable skills that employers always look for. By the end of the sessions it was pleasing to see that so many pupils have, over the years, gained in confidence, can communicate effectively, are organised, do have good technological understanding and show leadership qualities in abundance!

Next week it is the turn of the Year 9s who are at the beginning of their career planning journey. They will attend a presentation regarding GCSE Options and will start to think about the important choices that lie ahead.

Anyone who is interested to see the destination data of our Year 11 leavers should go to the Alumni section of our school website to view the colleges and courses that have been the most popular with our Hulme Hallers in the past three years.

Should any pupil or family require additional advice or support regarding careers then please contact me via email. Mrs Smith, Assistant Headteacher i/c Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance [j.smith@hhgsvle.org](mailto:j.smith@hhgsvle.org)



### Dates for your Diary

**Monday 11th November**  
New Parents' Day

**Friday 15th November**  
Presentation Evening  
7.00pm, Stockport Plaza

**Thursday 21st November**  
Year 11 Parents' Evening

**Wednesday 4th December**  
Open Morning  
9.30-11.30am

**Wednesday 11th December**  
Christmas Dinner



### The Nigella Seal of Approval

Milly and Mrs Norman were delighted when Nigella Lawson was the first to like their Tweet this afternoon!

They used her Sticky Toffee Pudding recipe to create a dessert favourite and were thrilled with the 'like'.

Who will be the next chef to like their food creations?!



PE staff were shown how to take a lesson this week when GCSE pupils participated in active learning doing some brilliant presentations!