



Hulme Hall Grammar School

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Presentation Evening

It has been a very busy couple of weeks in school since the half-term break and last night it was the **Year 11 Parents' Evening** which was a great opportunity for our Year 11 pupils and parents to discuss progress and plan for a crucial few months ahead. Mock examinations begin on Monday 13th January and they are a very important staging post, in preparation for the examinations in the summer. I hope our students will act on the advice of their teachers and I would also like to repeat the point I made last night – that students should not be afraid to ask for help.

The annual **Presentation Evening** is undoubtedly a highlight of the school calendar and this year's event at the Plaza Theatre in Stockport was no exception. It was fantastic to see so many parents and friends present to celebrate the many successes and achievements of our pupils. My heartfelt congratulations go to all our prize winners and my thanks to all who came along, including members of our Governing Body and our guest speaker Mr David Evans MBE, who gave an inspiring speech to those in attendance. My thanks also to all the staff who helped to ensure the event ran without a hitch, under the watchful leadership of Assistant Head, Mrs Smith. Judging by the many comments I have received, a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Finally, I would like to make you aware that, due to the General Election which has been called for Thursday 12th December, we have taken the decision to move our **Christmas Celebration** forward to **Tuesday 10th December**. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but hope you will appreciate the reason for the change and look forward to seeing you there.

Caring for the Community

Becky and Keegan took some of our Presentation Evening flowers across to Richard House Care Home in Cale Green earlier in the week.

The residents were delighted with the gesture and it certainly put a smile on their faces!



Mr Dean Grierson, Headmaster

Senior School Newsletter

22nd November 2019



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 4th December

Open Morning
9.30-11.30am

Tuesday 10th December

Christmas Fair
5.00pm-6.45pm
Christmas Celebration
7.00pm-8.00pm

Wednesday 11th December

Christmas Dinner

Thursday 19th December

Autumn Term Ends
12.30pm

One Pot Pit Stop

Our fantastic caterers, CH&Co, are introducing a new mid-morning break offer for pupils to help fuel them through lessons until lunchtime.

For two weeks from the 2nd December, they will be trialling a number of one pot dishes that are both nutritious and warming during the 11.10am break. These snacks are slightly more substantial and will help to feed pupils' hunger whilst also being nutritious and focussing their attention during lessons. This would not be a substitute for lunch but would be a filling snack for them to enjoy part way through the day.

We would encourage feedback on the dishes produced during the trial and any other options pupils would like to see. We will then relaunch the new menu in January following the Christmas break. More details about the menu will follow next week.



The Gift of Christmas

We are delighted to have been approved as a drop off point for Mission Christmas once again.

Mission Christmas is the biggest toy appeal in the UK and aims to ensure that all children receive a Christmas present. Last year over 38,000 children received a present from the charity.

Please drop off new and unwrapped items for children aged between 0-18 years at the School Office by Friday 13th December.



Christmas is Coming!

The festive season is fast approaching. This may fill you with joy that Christmas is just around the corner or panic at the prospect of all the preparations!

We can help you get in the festive mood at the annual Cale Green Christmas in the Park event on Sunday 1st December. Children and staff from the JLC, KS3 and our Harmony Choir will be singing carols from 1.00pm-1.30pm, so please come along and support us. There will be plenty of stalls, hot food and drink and Santa's Grotto!



ParentPay - Our New Online Payment Service

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as school trips and revision guides. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit / debit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school.

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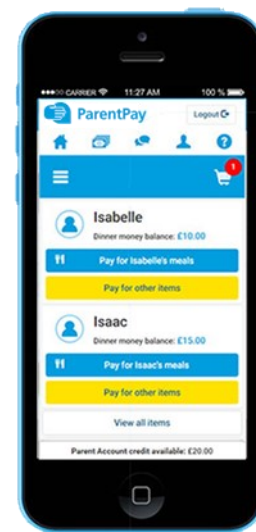
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