



Hulme Hall Grammar School

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Senior School Newsletter

17th January 2020

Happy New Year!

The Christmas break may seem like a distant memory but as this is the first newsletter of 2020, I would like to wish all our pupils, parents and families a happy, peaceful and prosperous new year.

Below you will find reminders of a couple of initiatives that we have introduced with the aim of improving communication between school and home.



An Easier Way to Pay

ParentPay is now live and will allow parents to pay for school trips and other educational resources using a secure online platform. Letters were sent out via post on 10th December 2019 containing activation usernames and passwords together with guidance on how to set up your ParentPay accounts. You should also have received a reminder via email this week.

I would ask that parents who have not yet activated their accounts do so as soon as possible. If you did not receive your activation letter or need to receive a copy, please email our Business Manager, Mr Lynch m.lynch@hulmehallschool.org.

Please note that ParentPay is only to be used to pay for school trips and other educational resources (e.g. revision guides, PE Hoodies) and cannot be used to pay for tuition and enrichment fees. Tuition and enrichment fees need to be paid in the same way as you did for the Autumn term.

Mr Dean Grierson, Headmaster



Homework App



The Show My Homework app has been formally launched this week and I am sure that this will prove to be a useful tool for pupils, parents and staff. I am confident that our pupils' organisational skills will be improved, as they will be able to see the homework that has been set for them as well as when it is due to be submitted.

Parents are also able to monitor their child's homework via the app. With this in mind, I would ask all parents to ensure that they have set up their accounts by following the instructions that were sent home last week. You can either download the [Show My Homework App](#) or log on via www.satchelone.com/signup. If you have not received your parent code or would like further information, please contact Mrs Norman via email at j.norman@hulmehallschool.org

Academic News

Please spare a thought for our Year 11 students who are now just about halfway through completing their mock GCSE examinations. This will obviously be a stressful time for them, but these mocks provide a vital opportunity to practise ahead of the GCSE examinations proper in the summer. I wish them well in their continuing preparations.

At the younger end of the school, our Year 8 Parents' Evening last night provided the opportunity for us to meet with parents. I was pleased to see so many of you and discuss the progress being made academically by that cohort. Keep up the good work Year 8!



Masters of Maths

Our Year 11 pupils received some good news this week as they obtained the results from their GCSE Functional Maths Test which they took in the autumn.

All pupils passed the exam which tested their practical maths skills. It is a fantastic achievement that reflects the hard work of both the students and Maths department. A brilliant way to start 2020 which will hopefully boost their confidence in the current examinations!

Assessment Day for September 2020

We are looking forward to welcoming prospective Year 7 pupils to Hulme Hall for our Assessment Day next Thursday 23rd January.

Although we are expecting it to be a very busy day, it is not too late to register, so if you know of any family members or friends who are looking for a place in an independent school and might be interested in what Hulme Hall has to offer, please ask them to contact Mrs Cooke in the school office admissions@hulmehallschool.org



Conquering Study Skills

Elevate Education were in school this week presenting three separate seminars to our KS3 students, aimed at getting them to think about how they learn and encouraging them to practise great study skills habits.

Their workshops and seminars are designed to achieve behavioural change amongst students and encourages them to use an **integrated process that works**.

Our Year 7s began their study skills journey with a 'Kick Start to Study Skills' seminar which focussed on dynamic reading, trigger words and mind maps. The Year 8s considered 'Time Management' and how to break down study sessions into manageable chunks, whilst our Year 9s embarked upon a 'Memory Mnemonics' session, learning about short term and long term memory, attention, environment and how to transform, condense and visualise information to aid recall.

It was really encouraging to see that the Elevate presenter received a 100% satisfaction feedback on the evaluation forms from all three groups! The task is to now get the pupils to practise these skills and use them when they are studying for end of topic tests and exams.

JLC Evacuees

Last Friday, the JLC children had a fantastic, immersive learning experience during a day out at Stockport Air Raid Shelters. Dressed as evacuees, they experienced what life would have been like in Stockport during World War II, touring the tunnels that served as Air Raid shelters with one of the Air Raid Wardens.

After this they were able to handle genuine artefacts from World War II and to have a go at some activities such as rag rug making at Stockport Museum. The trip has resulted in some great recount writing by the children as they recalled their favourite (and not so favourite) parts of the trip!



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 23rd January

11+ Assessment Day

Thursday 30th January

Year 9 Curriculum Evening
& Years 9-11 Careers Fair
6.00pm

Monday 3rd February

Year 11 Elevate Study
Skills Workshop

Friday 7th February

Year 11 Mock Results Day

Thursday 13th February

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Friday 14th February

Close for Half Term

Going Cross Country

On the sporting front, next week we will be competing in the ISA North Cross Country Championships at Scarisbrick Hall in Ormskirk.

The PE Department are taking 30 of their strongest runners to compete against other independent schools in the north for a place at the national finals in March.

Historically we have done well in this competition, so good luck to all those involved this time around.



Silent Bid Success

Thank you and congratulations to Mr Paul Hunt on successfully bidding over £200 for the Manchester City shirt signed by Gabriel Jesus before Christmas.

In my biased opinion, he has made a very sound investment!

