



Hulme Hall Grammar School Spotlight 2018/19



Welcome from the Headmaster

I would like to begin this introduction by thanking all the Governors, parents, pupils and staff for the very warm welcome I received when I took up the post of Headmaster in January 2019. It was very clear to me, even before I began in the role, that the warm, caring atmosphere and overall family feel were very important features of Hulme Hall and it is with great excitement and pride that I look forward to leading the school in the months and years ahead.



I would like to place on record my thanks to Mrs Smith and Mr Bradford, firstly for leading the school as Interim Headteachers during the autumn term and secondly for the help and assistance they have given me since January.

Even though we are a small school, we offer a wide range of opportunities, both inside and outside of the classroom and I hope you enjoy reading about some of those opportunities, as well as the many successes and achievements of our pupils.

Mr Dean Grierson, Headmaster

Obituary

During the school year, Hulme Hall lost a fantastic servant when Governor, Mr Sam Moore, sadly passed away.



Mr Moore was a great supporter of the school, working tirelessly with former Bursar, Mr Robertson, to ensure the move from the old school site to our new location went through seamlessly. He will be sadly missed by all at the school.

We also learnt during the year of the passing of former Governor and parent, Mr Andrew Stripe. The sympathies of everyone at Hulme Hall go out to the families of both Mr Moore and Mr Stripe.

Goodbyes

There were a number of changes to staff over the year in all sections of the school and we would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their valued contribution.

Both our Bursar, Mr Chris Robertson, and Head of Science, Mr Alan Stevenson, retired after giving many years loyal service to the school. Mrs Mia Roclawski also retired from Pre-School after spending 35 years in various roles at Hulme Hall which is a remarkable achievement.

Earlier in the year we said goodbye to Mrs Margaret Edwards who had led the Maths Department at Hulme Hall and in July, Mrs Alison Rhodes moved to a new post having taught both History and English in school. There were also several departures in the Enrichment Department with Miss Flavy Seigneurin, Mr Joe McCarthy and Miss Bhavini Vithlani moving on to new careers along with Miss Tabitha Smith who left the JLC. We wish them all well for the future.



Senior Leaders



Under the watchful eye of Interim Headteachers, Mrs Smith and Mr Bradford, the academic year got off to a successful start with the appointment of our Year 11 Senior Leaders.

Yashni and Joe were declared Head Girl and Head Boy for 2018/19 with Alisa and Drew supporting them in their role as Deputies.

Our three Houses also had new leaders with Sam, Morgan and Hassan taking on the responsibility of leading Dunham, Tatton or Lyme to victory.



Presentations at the Plaza



November saw a new venue for our annual Presentation evening at Stockport Plaza.

It was the perfect setting to celebrate the successes of the Class of 2018 and the hard work and achievements of our current pupils.

Along with our Year 11 leavers, we were also delighted to welcome back former pupil and owner of *I Love Bramhall*, Wendy Green, as Guest Speaker. Her inspirational words certainly demonstrated that success can be achieved with effort and self belief.



Festive Celebrations

Throughout the year, we celebrate many different festivals in school to acknowledge the diversity of faiths and cultures of our pupils.



In the autumn term Head Girl, Yashni, and her family celebrated Gujarati New Year.

Her sisters, both previous pupils, popped in to show us their ornate dresses ahead of their



celebrations. At the other end of school, Pre-School children made their own Diwali lamps to celebrate the Hindu Festival of Light.

December brought with it the annual PTA Christmas Fair, Christmas Celebration and of course Christmas Jumper Day. Staff and pupils dressed up to raise money for our school charity and even our Year 10 parents got into the Christmas spirit, dressing up as elves to create festive Hampers!



The Year 10 GCSE Drama group delivered a hilarious adaptation of R.H. Wood's *Post Early For Christmas* at our Christmas Celebration and musicians displayed their saxophone, flute, classical guitar, drums, bass, clarinet and ukulele skills.

There were also some brilliant performances from our choirs and soloists, topped off with the most beautiful blessing, sung by Ella from Year 7.



A Charitable Outlook

We are so proud of our fundraising efforts at Hulme Hall. Between 2014 and 2018 we have raised a staggering £10,000 for various charitable causes which is absolutely incredible!

It shows the commitment of all our pupils to raise money and positively contribute to the local community. In 2018 alone, we raised £1,791.73 for local Stockport charity, Beechwood who support people with cancer and other life-limiting illnesses.

We also ate our way through dozens of cakes for Macmillan Cancer Support, sold scores of poppies for the Royal British Legion and sent Christmas presents to children less fortunate in Manchester via Mission Christmas.

Charity Stars



Every year our staff and pupils impress us with their own fundraising efforts.

In November, Mrs Spragg cut off her golden locks for the Little Princess Trust and in May Charlie from Year 7 completed a 23 mile charity walk from Coniston to Barrow, to raise awareness for children with learning difficulties and disabilities.

He completed the challenging walk in 7 hours and 35 minutes. In the words of Charlie's mum, "It just shows that you can achieve anything you set your mind to, no matter how hard, and that you should never give up!"

A Part of Our Community



As part of our commitment to developing links with our local community, we began working with St George's C of E Primary School in Heaviley.

Our Year 11 Sports Leaders delivered weekly lunchtime games sessions to KS2 children providing them with fun and organised outdoor play.

Their Year 6 pupils were also quick to take up the offer to use our new outdoor facilities and we now welcome them each week to use our all-weather pitch and Sports Hall for their PE lessons.

Performing in the Park



We were delighted to be invited back to take part in the annual Cale Green Christmas and Summer Fairs.

Once again, our talented actors and musicians showcased their abilities and wowed audiences with dramatic excerpts and songs from our Summer Production of *Treasure Island*.

A Touch of Glass

Our relationship with previous tenants, Stockport High School for Girls, continues to flourish.

Members of the Senior Leadership Team once again attended their AGM and the Old Girls Association have visited school on several occasions in the past year.

We were particularly thankful to their Secretary, Jean Tudge, who kindly paid for the restoration of one of the stained glass windows in the Hall.





A New Year and a New Headmaster

January 2019 marked the beginning of a new era for Hulme Hall Grammar School as new Headmaster, Mr Dean Grierson, took up his post.

It didn't take him long to get to know his pupils. His love of all things sports-related, and especially Manchester City, certainly proved to be a conversation starter in those first few weeks!





Tea on the Lawn



We welcomed over 100 guests to our first “Tea on the Lawn” event at the end of May.

The afternoon was a huge success as parents, governors, neighbours and alumni from Stockport High School for Girls enjoyed some excellent treats provided by our caterers, CH & Co. We were also privileged to receive a visit from the Member of Parliament for Hazel Grove, Mr William Wragg, a former staff member at Hulme Hall.

The afternoon was a great opportunity for Mr Grierson to meet a wide range of people, who all share an interest in the school and to showcase the improvements to the outdoor areas of the site.



Sporting Success

Our PE department had a busy year with cricket, football, basketball, hockey and athletics teams all competing regularly.

It was at the National ISA Athletics Final that we had our biggest success with Becky from Year 10 launching her way to third place in the Shot Put. A fantastic demonstration of skill and determination against a national field.



Amateur Boxer, Will, competed in his first amateur boxing skills bout in front of 600 spectators and an official judging panel last October.

It was the culmination of two years of training three times a week and a massive personal commitment from Will to maintain a healthy diet and a personal fitness programme. A brilliant achievement!



Conquering the Slopes in Andorra



Plenty of snow and lots of sunshine greeted the 28 pupils and 5 members of staff who took to the slopes high above the village of El Tarter in February.

New skiers mastered the chair and button lifts, allowing them access to scenic blue runs at the top of the slopes. The inters practised their carving turns on the blues and reds around Soldeu and Canillo, whilst the top group really pushed themselves on some adventurous black runs and even ventured down a half-pipe gulley, mastering mogul fields and jumps!

As always, the apres-ski was equally as enjoyable but what shone through more than anything was the pupils' resilience, independence, and bravery. They showed a great deal of spirit to overcome a week of tough challenges, making new friends and lasting memories.



Musical Moments



Little did our music students realise when they went to watch the *Hallé for Youth Concert in March*, that they would be performing on the very same stage a couple of months later.

Our Harmony Choir performed at the Bridgewater Hall as part of the *One Voice*

Concert in May, organised by the UK Armed Forces. Created to promote social harmony by uniting people in a common purpose, the event was streamed live to the UK and eight countries around the world. It was a long day but a great experience for a worthy cause.



Every year the Music Department offers lots of opportunities for pupils to enhance their musical knowledge, skills and talents.

As well as visits to the Hallé, Year 7 participated in a drum workshop at MMU and many students had the opportunity to perform at the Spring Concert. It was a wonderful occasion that celebrated the vast array of talents that we have in school.

Living it Up in London



There were no 'revolting children' on the trip to London in April!

Music pupils who took part in the Spring Concert were rewarded with a trip to the theatre to watch the West End production of *Matilda the Musical*. They also had a ride on the Orbital slide at the Olympic Park and a visit to the London Bridge Experience. A brilliant way to end the spring term.

Just Rewards

It is a fantastic position to find yourself in at the end of the summer term when you are faced with the decision of choosing between a day out at Blackpool Pleasure Beach or a visit to Chester Zoo!

Pupils are annually rewarded for their hard work with a Rewards Day in July and despite all the rain this summer, the sun came out!

Rest assured that staff and pupils remained unscathed despite appearing to be eaten by a shark!



Enriching Experiences



Our termly Curriculum Enrichment Days are designed to enhance the syllabus and provide new experiences for our pupils.

This year KS3 participated in an outdoor pursuits activity day, hiked their way up Mam Tor and had an out of this world experience at Spaceport in Liverpool.

KS4 took on the more serious challenge of becoming qualified first aiders and had an informative day at Skills North West meeting employers, training providers and representatives from colleges, universities and professional bodies.



Duke of Edinburgh's Award



For the first time this year, we were delighted to be able to offer the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award to our Years 9 and 10 pupils.

After several training sessions in every kind of weather imaginable, our 30 pupils successfully completed their final assessment at the end of May.

Over the course, our intrepid explorers developed perseverance, resilience and communication skills. They worked as a team, solved problems, developed self-management and used their own initiative to plan and organise. They improved fitness and strength, showed grit and determination and gained the respect of their leaders and assessors. Well done team Hulme Hall...next stop Silver!



Upgrades to Our Fabulous Facilities



Work continued to improve our new site, with an upgrade of the all-weather pitch and a new coat of paint for the windows.

By the summer, the external work was completed and we had already showed off our facilities to local Prep Schools at two ISA Netball tournaments, hosted by Mrs Smith and her Sports Leaders .

High Tech Hulme Hall



It wasn't just the external features of the building that had a makeover in the last academic year.

Our ICT Suite was fitted with brand new state of the art computers that allow pupils to develop their skills with more advanced technology.

Mr Corker's new 3D printer was also put to the test as his pupils challenged it to make colourful figures, crests and name plaques.

Open Events

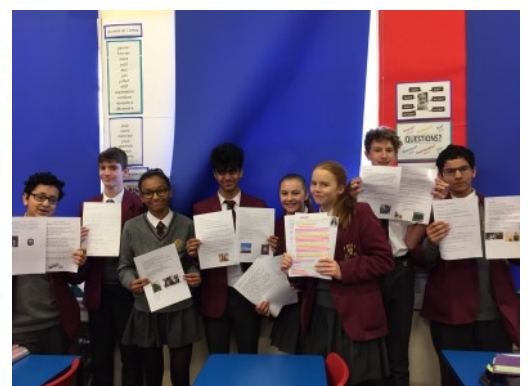


We always relish the opportunity to invite prospective pupils and families into school to show them everything that we have to offer.

In 2018/19 we held a number of open events and introduced a Taster Day for children in Year 5 in the summer term which proved to be very popular!

Making Friends with MFL

Our French and Spanish pupils reverted back to pen and paper to communicate with their pen pals this year and were amused to discover exactly what they think of the British. Apparently we are a polite nation who enjoys drinking tea, eating beans on toast and has to put up with bad weather. Not far off the mark!



We ♥ Maths

In November 2018, Year 11 pupils took a GCSE Functional Maths Exam in an effort to add an extra qualification to their CV. This year an amazing 92% passed at the first attempt and some went on to take the higher level the following spring.

Lower down the school, KS3 pupils continued to hone their maths skills with the Numeracy Ninjas programme, designed to improve mental calculation strategies and to empower them with numeracy skills and fluency.



STEM Events

As part of our commitment to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), and in an attempt to stretch and challenge our more able Science pupils, we attended a number of inspirational events this year.

KS4 designed and made a prototype of an air-powered rocket car as part of the Bloodhound Project.

Later in the year, our gifted and talented Year 10 pupils were invited to a Science Competition at Stockport Grammar School. They attempted tasks relating to biodiesel, electromagnets and antibiotic resistance, whilst top performing pupils from Years 8 and 9 seized the opportunity to go to Manchester University for a STEM Challenge Day.





A Jewel of a Production



One of the highlights of the school calendar is the Summer Production and this year a fantastic bunch of pirates acted and sang their way through a brilliant adaptation of *Treasure Island* with Ms Ahsan at the helm.

It was certainly all hands on deck in the build-up to the show with Mr Maddocks from Maintenance constructing an amazing ship from leftover materials that were dismantled after the production to build shelves! Sustainability and upcycling at its best!

There was terrific technical support from Charlie and his team in Year 10, and outstanding performances from the buccaneers who took the audience on a swashbuckling adventure across the seas.



Our Drama students are always treated to a variety of theatrical spectacles throughout the year to enhance their learning.

This year they saw *The Producers* and *Noughts and Crosses*, but the highlight was most definitely the *Wizard of Oz* at Bolton Stadium in December.

Junior Learning Centre



“The best way to learn is through experience” and we were keen to put this theory to the test in the JLC with visits that included Cadbury’s World, the Liverpool Maritime Museum, Lyme Park and Poynton Library. Our children certainly enjoyed their hands-on learning and built up a broad knowledge base that was extended in the classroom.



Experiential Learning



The trip to Chester Zoo was definitely the highlight of the year!

The children had a thrilling time in the Predator section learning about extinct predators and Harry was particularly excited to make friends with the penguins!



Sporting Prowess

Not only were we busy training our brains in the JLC, but we also concentrated on improving our health and fitness by embarking on the Couch to 5K programme, culminating in a Park Run!

In June, we competed in the ISA Junior Athletics tournament at the Regional Athletics Arena at Sportcity where Leon

made it into the 80m final, George threw the cricket ball an impressive 14.4m and Rufus positively soared over the high jump!

The sporting calendar culminated in some fun games and activities at the annual Sports Day where the children competed alongside the Seniors, earning points for their Houses.

Welcome and Goodbye



This year we welcomed Mrs Catanach's baby, George, into the world but said a sad goodbye to Miss Smith who left to take on a new challenge.

We got to know our new Headmaster and were delighted when he came

to share a book with us on World Book Day.

As always, the end of year Tea Party gave us the opportunity to celebrate all our achievements and say goodbye to those moving up to Seniors.

Hulme Hall Pre-School



Meeting the Mayor



Councillor Walter Brett, Mayor of Stockport, opened Hulme Hall Pre-School's new outdoor classroom in October and couldn't resist trying it out for himself!

The Mayor cut the ribbon to open a fabulous new space where children have access to play equipment, alongside a natural area for sensory exploration. It is a fantastic addition to the setting and allows children many more learning opportunities.

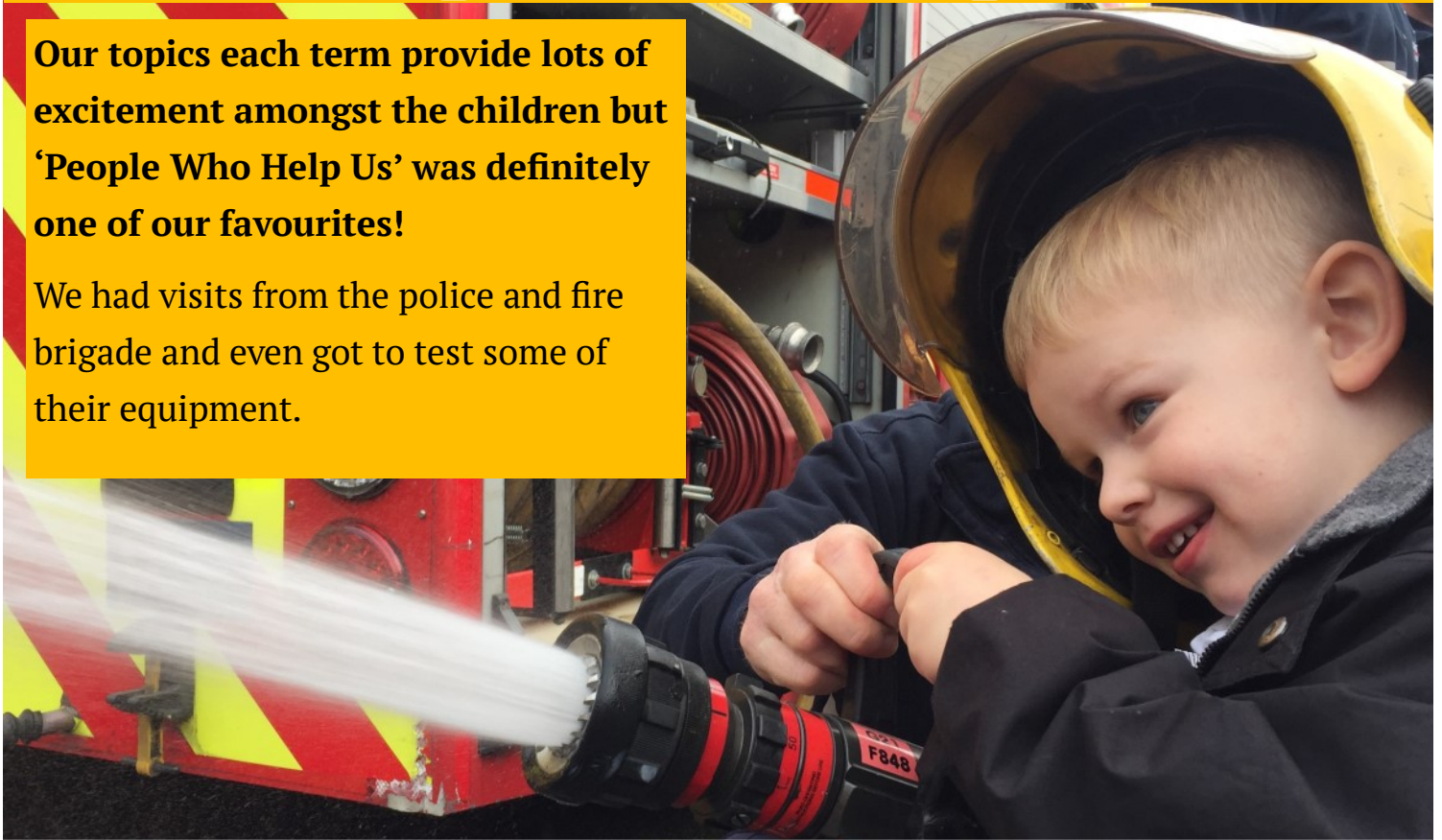


We celebrated numerous festivals throughout the year to give the children a better understanding of diverse cultures and traditions.

People Who Help Us

Our topics each term provide lots of excitement amongst the children but 'People Who Help Us' was definitely one of our favourites!

We had visits from the police and fire brigade and even got to test some of their equipment.



Stay and Play

We had our first Stay and Play session for parents and children aged 6 months to 4 years in May.

It provides a wonderful opportunity for local parents with young children to come along and utilise the facilities and activities on offer.

The increasingly popular group takes place on the first Friday of the month from 10am to 11am.



A Fond Farewell



In the spring we said goodbye to Mrs Roclawski who retired after 35 years of excellent service to Hulme Hall.

Her assured style of teaching and experience provided the perfect introduction to school life for so many children and it was a tearful send off!

Snug as a Bug

Feathered Friends



World Book Day gave us the perfect excuse to snuggle up in our pyjamas and read a book!



We made some new feathered friends on our visit to Reddish Vale Farm in June!

On your Marks... Get Set... Go!



Our children love to take part in Sports Day, cheered on by their parents and ably assisted by Sports Leaders from the Senior School. It is always one of the highlights of the year and is a brilliant way to end the summer term, with children taking part in lots of fun races.

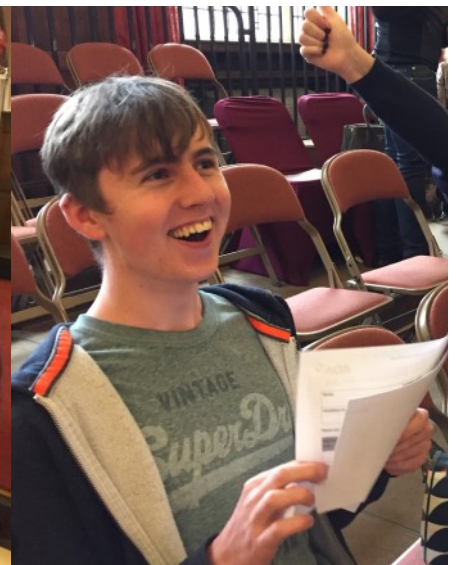


Class of 2019



It is always sad to say goodbye to our Year 11 pupils and this year was no exception. The Class of 2019 celebrated the end of their time at Hulme Hall with a Prom at the Village Hotel in Cheadle where staff and pupils sang and danced the night away! There was more to celebrate in the summer

after some fantastic GCSE results. With 19 GCSEs between them, our Head Boy, Joe and Head Girl, Yashni certainly led the way. Yashni was particularly proud of her Grade 9 in French and a special mention must also go to Elias for his outstanding grades across the board.





Summer Fun on Sports Day



We were lucky to have chosen one of the few sunny days this summer for our Sports Day.

The Senior School and JLC headed to the athletics stadium at Woodbank Park to compete for their Houses in the morning.

This was followed by a more relaxed, though no less competitive, afternoon of games at Stockport Cricket Club!

The traditional parents v staff rounders match and a tasty barbecue, courtesy of CH&Co, finished off a fun, sporting day.



House Champions



House Captain, Emily Heap receiving the House Shield on behalf of Lyme

Congratulations to Miss Lucas and Lyme House for sweeping the board and winning both the House Sports Championship Trophy and Overall House Shield for 2018-19.

The fiercely contested battle began with the Tug of War contest and was followed by numerous competitions throughout the year. Pupils won hard-earned points for their Houses by singing and performing in the House Talent Show and taking part in sporting events throughout the year. The battle for supremacy is already underway for next year!





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