

# Hulme Hall Grammar School

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### Senior School Newsletter

6th March 2020

### The Joy of Books

Yesterday the children and staff in the JLC celebrated World Book Day by dressing up as famous book characters and reading extracts from their favourite books.

I dropped into the JLC during the afternoon and the children and staff were all having a great time, whilst celebrating the joy of reading. In a time where technology and social media are all-consuming, it is a reminder to us all to take time out and rediscover our favourite books.



Facts About Food

This week we were visited by Rory Larkin, a Chef and Nutritionist from our caterers, CH&CO. Mr Larkin visited several year groups throughout the day sharing his knowledge and expertise.

Firstly, he worked with our Year 8 Food Preparation and Nutrition pupils to make paella, before moving on to the JLC to talk to the children about the dangers of eating too many sugary snacks. They were shocked to find our the amount of sugar found in their favourite food and drinks!

Finally, he led a workshop on nutritional needs in sport for our Year 11 GCSE PE students, which should help in their ongoing revision. We are very grateful to Mr Larkin and to CH&CO for giving us his time.



Coronavirus continues to dominate the news and we are constantly monitoring the advice and guidance given by the Department for Education and Public Health England. For the moment it is very much business as usual, but I would ask parents to remind children about the importance of following advice to minimise the spread of infection, including guidance for hand washing (see below).



You may wish to know that the Department for Education has launched a helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 as it relates to education. The number is 0800 046 8687 (open Monday to Friday, from 8.00am to 6.00pm). Alternatively, parents can email DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk



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### Looking Forward to Next Week...

Monday will be a busy day in school as we welcome players and staff from 16 U11 teams for our second ISA North Netball tournament.

This time it is the "High 5" tournament for smaller primary and prep schools. I hope all those involved have a great day and that the weather is kind to us!

School Council Reminder



Could I remind all members of the School Council that their next meeting takes place on Monday. This is a very important forum where we are able to canvass opinions and receive pupil feedback regarding what is happening in school.

The pupil voice is a powerful tool, so please use it. Any ideas should be passed to your Form Representatives by the end of Registration on Monday.



**Open Morning** 

Our next "School in Session" Open Morning is on Wednesday. If you have any relatives or friends who are interested in independent education and want to see what Hulme Hall has to offer, please encourage them to come along. Further information is available on the website or from our Admissions Officer, Mrs Cooke (d.cooke@hulmehallschool.org).



Could I respectfully remind parents to take care when parking around the school site and to observe any parking restrictions. Local Authority parking officials have been monitoring the area and could issue penalty fines for any transgressions!

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#### **Dates for your Diary**

#### Monday 9th March

Year 9 Exams Begin ISA U11 'Small' Schools Netball Tournament

**Tuesday 10th March** Visit from College Jules Verne

**Wednesday 11th March** Open Morning, 9.30am–11.30am

> Thursday 12th March Year 7 Parents' Evening

Monday 16th March Meet the Headmaster Open event for pupils interested in joining in September 2020 & 2021 4.30pm—6.00pm

> Senior School Individual Photographs

**Thursday 19th March** Curriculum Enrichment Day

Monday 23rd March Year 8 Exams Begin

**Thursday 26th March** 13+ Open Evening Open events for pupils wishing to join Years 9 & 10 in September 2020

Mr Dean Grierson, Headmaster 🛛 🖌 🗹 🕅 🌶

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