



# Hulme Hall Grammar School

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## Senior School Newsletter

13th March 2020

It has been another busy week in school and despite the Coronavirus concerns, it is still business as usual for us. On Monday we welcomed 16 local prep schools to our second ISA Netball tournament, we had some new families visiting the school at our Open Morning on Wednesday and were pleased to see our Year 7 families at Parents' Evening last night.

The science department planned some inspirational science lessons as part of British Science Week (there was even a crime scene in school!) and CH&CO delivered an interesting Zero Waste tasting session. I think that a relaxing weekend has most definitely been earned by staff and pupils alike!



### Igniting Enthusiasm for Science

This week, Years 7 and 8 became Crime Scene Investigators as a murder was committed in school! Was it the Headmaster, Deputy Head or Head of Science? Pupils looked at all the evidence and came to the conclusion that Mrs Smith was guilty! We are all going to stay on the right side of her from now on!



In addition, the Science department investigated combustion, experimented with wind turbines and dissected fish! It was a true celebration of STEM and hopefully inspired pupils to find out more about the diverse opportunities available in the sector.



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### Girl Power

Last weekend was International Womens' Day which celebrated the achievements of women and called for continuing support for gender equality. It seemed rather apt that the following day, we welcomed some talented girls from 16 prep schools to compete in our second ISA Netball Tournament of the year. The young females proved themselves to be competitive and determined - qualities that were being celebrated just the day before.

However, it was not only the players who were brilliant ambassadors for females in sport. Five of our Year 10 girls demonstrated their own strengths in organisation and leadership as they supported Mrs Smith at the tournament.

The girls did a fantastic job of ensuring the tournament ran smoothly and the visiting teams were quick to praise their abilities. Well done Mrs Smith and her team!



### A Winning Week in Sport

Congratulations to our U16 11-a-side football team and U16 Girls' Basketball team who both stormed to victory this week!

The boys were victorious over Beech Hall, winning by a massive 12 goals to 0 with Man of the Match awarded to Josh B from Year 10 for his skilful play.

Inspired by that victory, the girls beat Beech House 55-32 points with plenty of baskets from Becky M, Emily H and Su W. A great defensive account was given by Milli M who was persistent with tracking back, stealing and checking. The stand out performance though came from Emily M who was dynamic, skilful and tenacious with the ball, weaving in and out of her opponents, scoring goals and creating many point scoring opportunities!

A big well done also to our Year 10 players, Issabella and Sabrina, who also made an important contribution and congratulations to Lexie for making her debut!

It was a great opportunity for our Year 11 GCSE candidates to be videoed as evidence for their practical coursework and to demonstrate the progress that they have made with their skills and knowledge of the game.

Mr Dean Grierson, Headmaster







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Banana skin curry, cauliflower stem chilli and porridge oat paratha were among the tasty treats on offer at our Zero Waste tasting session on Wednesday.

Our catering company, CH&CO, created recipes using parts of food that are otherwise thrown away such as the skin, stems and leaves from fruit and vegetables. At a time where Zero Waste is a hot topic, it was a great way to engage pupils across the school in discussions about waste prevention and the wider topic of cutting back on landfill products.

We hope pupils enjoyed the free samples and that it will encourage them to come back to the dining hall and see what other healthy snacks are on offer at Lunch and Tuck.



### Department for Education Helpline

A reminder that the Department for Education has launched a helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 in relation 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](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)



### Dates for your Diary

#### 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

Years 10 & 11

Curriculum Enrichment Day

#### Monday 23rd March

Year 8 Exams Begin

#### Thursday 26th March

13+ Open Evening

5.30pm–7.30pm

Open events for pupils wishing to

join Years 9 & 10 in

September 2020