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Senior School Newsletter

19th June 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

It is hard to believe that there are just two and a half weeks left of this academic year and it has certainly been a summer term like no other! In a virtual Senior Leadership Team meeting earlier in the week, we were discussing the calendar of events for next year and it brought home to me once again the massive upheaval and upset that the Coronavirus outbreak has caused to all our lives.

I began reflecting on what would have been happening at school this week and how we have managed to overcome the challenges. Yesterday would have been Induction Day for our new Year 7 pupils but our staff did not let it stop them from getting a message to the 2020 cohort! Instead, they put together an induction video that hopefully answered lots of questions and also settled a few nerves. My thanks in particular to current Year 7 pupil, Lewis, for providing a pupil's perspective on the video. Please head to our social media feeds to have a look at it.

The Year 5 Taster Day, which should have taken place in school today, has now been postponed until September and we have also introduced an online event for prospective families. Anyone wishing to find out more about Hulme Hall can register for a personal meeting with me via Zoom next Thursday or Friday, so please direct any interested family and friends to our website to register their interest.



Mrs Smith was very upset to have to postpone our Year 11 Leavers' Prom which was also scheduled for this week and my thoughts go out to our Year 11s who were unable to celebrate the culmination of their time at Hulme Hall together with friends and staff. As many of you know, Mrs Smith is a determined character and she is currently discussing an alternative date with the venue so fingers crossed the celebration will go ahead.

Putting together next year's calendar provides renewed hope that we will one day, hopefully very soon, return to normal and all the children can be welcomed back to the school site. The first small steps along that road were taken this week as our Year 10 pupils came back into



school for some face to face support from their teachers. Judging by their comments to staff, the pupils were delighted to be back, if only for a relatively short time. It was great to see them and hopefully it won't be long before more pupils can return.

In the meantime, I wish you and your families continued good health.

Mr Dean Grierson, Headmaster

Live Lessons

Day	Period					
	1 (9.10am-10.10am)	2 (10.10am-11.10am)	3 (11.30am-12.30pm)	4 (12.30pm-1.30pm)	Lunch (1.30pm-2.25pm)	5 (2.25pm-3.25pm)
Monday 22 nd June	All Classes – Form Time with Form Tutor (9.30am – 10.00am)	Yr 7 Geography RL	Yr 8 Science VP/JR	Yr 7 Computing MC	**Yr 10 Triple Science Biology JR	Yr 10 Triple Science Chemistry VP
		Yr 10 Maths JMc/MS	Yr 9 Maths JMc/MS	Yr 9 English EH/SA		Yr 10 Combined Science JR
Tuesday 23 rd June	*Yr 9 Maths MS		Yr 7 Food JN	Yr 8 French KB		Yr 7 Science VP
			Yr 9 Science VP			Yr 8 English EH/SA

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Wednesday 24 th June	Yr 7 Spanish SH	Yr 8 Maths JMc/MS	Yr 8 PE AL/JS	Yr 7 English EH	***Yr 10 History (X and Y) MB	Yr 7 Music AB	
	Yr 9 Science JR/VP		Yr 9 French KB			***Yr 10 ITQ (X and W) MC	Yr 10 Option Z (Psychology LS / French KB) (Not Separate Science)
	Yr 10 English EH/CG		Yr 10 Option W (Computer Sci MC / Music AB / Art, 3D Des, Phot EO)				
Thursday 25 th June	Yr 8 Food JN/ Art EO	Yr 7 History MB	*Yr 8 History MB	Yr 7 Maths MS		*Yr 8 Geography RL	
	*Yr 9 History MB		Yr 9 Art EO/ Food JN				
Friday 26 th June	Yr 10 Option Y (Food JN / Sports Studies JS/AL / Art, 3D Des EO)	*Yr 9 Computing MC	Yr 7 French SH	Yr 7 PE JS/AL	****Yr 10 Option X (Geography RL / Spanish SH)	Quiz for all Form Groups	
			*Yr 8 Computing MC				
			*Yr 9 Geography RL	Yr 10 Triple Science Physics CB			
			Yr 10 Maths JMc/MS	Yr 10 Combined Science VP			

*Years 8 and 9 – Classes for all year group: Computing MC / Geography RL / History MB / Maths (Yr 9) MS: Tuesday period 1

**Monday lunch: Triple Science (Biology) JR

***Wednesday lunch: History (X and Y) MB / ITQ (X and W) MC

****Friday lunch: Option X – Geography RL / Spanish SH

Live Lessons on Teams

Please note that the link to each live lesson will not be sent to pupils until 10 minutes before it is scheduled to begin. This is to ensure that there is full staff supervision at all times during the meeting.



School Uniform

How to purchase your uniform

Due to social distancing our store capacity has been significantly reduced. Therefore, we will not be able to supply all parents through our stores and we want to prevent large queues.

Shop Early and Shop Safely (Covid-19 Secure)

This will increase our total capacity for back to school.

Visit our website
monkhouse.com



New Starters

**BOOK AN APPOINTMENT
FOR A PERSONALISED
SAFE STORE VISIT**

Shop early

To help our total capacity for back to school.

Personalised shopping

1:1 personalised service from our trained and experienced staff.

Right sizing first time

Help with sizing as we know this can be difficult.

Avoid the queues

By booking an appointment you will avoid any queues.

One Stop Shop

Get everything you need in one shop including all accessories for back to school.

Existing Students

ORDER ONLINE

Know your sizes

Most existing parents will have a good idea of sizes making their purchase quick and easy.

Returns

Free extended returns to help with web shopping.

Click & collect

Free click & collect to help with web shopping.

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Schoolwear Specialists

The re-opening of non-essential shops means that our uniform supplier, Monkhouse, are now operating once again.

Please follow the link for information on how to shop for uniform https://jrni.monkhouse.com/pdf/Parent%20Plan_Monkhouse.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=mautic&utm_campaign=outlook

Current families are being encouraged to shop online and Monkhouse are currently offering free returns for an extended period if there are any problems. Please call 0161 476 7216 if you wish to talk to a member of the Customer Service Team.

Learning and Earning

Many of you will remember local firm, The Growth Company, a not-for-profit organisation who aim to increase business and job opportunities in the area. Their representatives came into an assembly to talk about apprenticeships earlier in the year and then delivered a workshop on employability skills.

They are now running a Summer Programme in Stockport for 16-18 year olds. It could earn you up to £50 per week whilst enhancing your employability skills! Give them a call on 0161 476 7400 or have a look at their website for more information <http://www.gceducationandskills.ac.uk/>

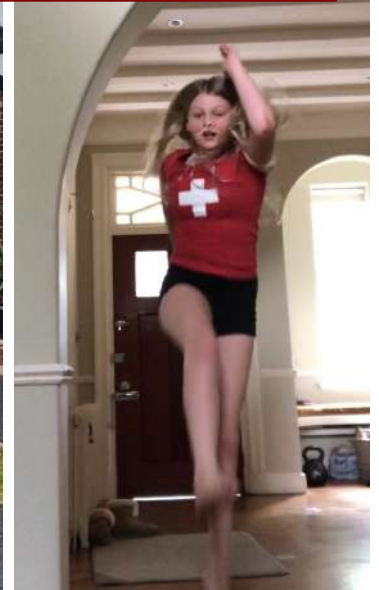


Sporting Fun Outside...

You have certainly found a variety of ways to keep active in the last week...



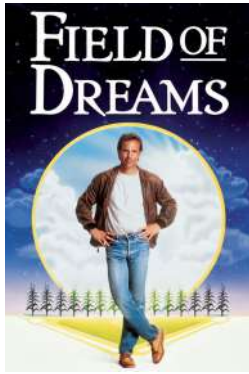
...from climbing trees in Chorlton Nature Reserve and cycling the streets of Cheshire to perfecting your shot put, racquet and sprint techniques!



Taking to the Water

Leo took to the water in his canoe for his exercise! It is a great way to build upper body strength and improve balance. If we continue to experience the downpours of the last week, we may all need to use a similar mode of transport soon!

...Sporting Fun Inside



I decided to set some alternative PE work for a few classes this week. It wasn't 'physical' but hopefully was educational!

The JLC pupils have been working so hard at all the tasks I have set them - including Joe Wicks Workouts; skipping skills with Dan The Skipping Man; crazy home workouts with Jumpstart Jonny; The Daily Mile Challenge and Couch to 5K Challenge - that I thought it was time that they had a treat. I knew the weather was going to be against us this week, so I asked everyone to snuggle up on the sofa with their favourite snacks and drinks and watch a sports themed film!



I suggested some titles and asked the pupils to report back telling me what they had enjoyed and if they had learnt anything:

The Sandlot (1993) PG - Baseball *Field of Dreams* (1989) PG - Baseball
Karate Kid (1984) PG - Karate *The Mighty Ducks* (1992) PG - Ice Hockey
Space Jam (1996) PG - Basketball *Billy Elliot* (1996) 13+ - Dance
Cool Runnings (1993) PG - Winter Olympics / Bobsled



Heidi and her family watched one of my favourite films - *Billy Elliot* - a film about a young boy's struggle to become a ballet dancer. It's not just a great film which demonstrates the talent, skill and dedication needed to make it as a professional dancer, it also brings up important themes like overcoming prejudice; self-belief; courage; acceptance and ultimately fulfilling your dreams. The final scenes have me crying every time I watch it!

Harvey was literally on the edge of his seat watching *The Mighty Ducks* - he loved it! A fun family film which teaches us how important sport can be in developing friendships and the strength found in camaraderie and team spirit. Determination to succeed and overcome your fears are strong themes that run throughout.



In a similar task I asked our KS4 PE classes to also watch a film or sports based documentary or recommend one to me:

Michael Jordan's: The Last Dance, *Science of Ronaldo*, *Fittest on Earth*,
The Blind Side, *Icarus*, *Invictus*, *Grid Iron Gang*, *Greatest Game on Earth*,
Moneyball, *Remember the Titans*



Issabella in Year 10 watched the documentary *The Game Changers*. She recommended this for anyone studying PE and Sport or Food & Nutrition as it discusses and advocates a plant based diet for athletes, suggesting interesting science and studies to back up the theory.

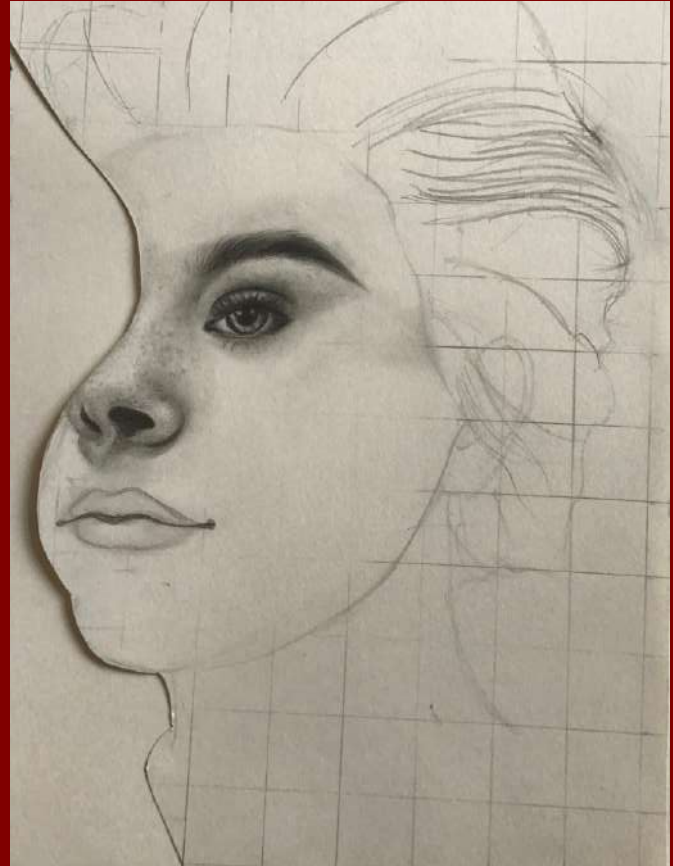
I'd love to hear from you too - what is your favourite sports film and why?

I know that the pupils are probably watching TV & Netflix way too much at the moment!!.....but just remember that sometimes, if chosen carefully, what they are watching can teach important life lessons.

Mrs Jackie Smith, PE

Artistic Impressions

Facing the Challenge



Our Art and Photography students are creating some inspirational pieces for their folders. Can you guess who is hiding behind the photographs on the left and any ideas who the self-portrait is of on the right? Clue... it's a Year 10 student sketched in graphite pencil and will be finished with some fabric flowers. We are looking forward to seeing the finished piece!



Hero Turned Chef

Leo from Year 7 has had a particularly busy week!

He rescued a baby bird which had fallen from its nest and was being attacked by other animals whilst out walking his dog. In true hero style, he returned it to the tree where he found it so that it could be reunited with its mother.



He also baked this wonderful looking pie this week! He wasn't trying to recreate the nursery rhyme and we can assure you that there were no birds in the pie — just apples — but it is a work of art and was delicious apparently!

JLC News



Forever Blowing Bubbles

Children from the JLC were experimenting with bubbles this week! It looks like they had great fun blowing bubbles onto paper to create an abstract piece of art!

Experimenting with Density

The JLC have certainly been enjoying colourful activities this week and have continued their work on the density of liquids.

Heidi made this amazing lava lamp with food colouring, oil and warm water. Oil is less dense than water and therefore floats on top of it. Once the food colouring is added, it sinks through the oil into the water below leaving trails in the water that resemble fireworks!

If you fancy having a go yourself, all you need is:

A tall glass with water

Oil

Water-based food colouring



Prickly Research

As part of their geography syllabus, the children are researching hot deserts and Harvey created a brilliant fact file on some of the plants that can be found there including Mr Grierson's favourite—cacti.

Did you know?

- Most cacti are succulents - they have thickened, fleshy leaves and stems to store water efficiently.
- Cacti are part of the family Cactaceae and differ from succulents in that the water storing feature has been relegated to a main stem, while the rest of the plant is covered with spines.
- They can live for up to 200 years!
- There are 2,000 different variety of cacti.



Miss Keddy also wanted to congratulate Aritra for his brilliant imaginative piece of writing about Dr Mad Man - a scientist who unexpectedly cloned himself thousands of times! It resulted in the scientist being sucked into a portal and landing in a space cave with a dragon! What a great story and a warning to future scientists out there!

Hulme Hall Challenges

Stockport Landmarks

Are you a true Stopfordian? Try and identify the 12 places in Stockport to see how well you know the local area. Answers next week!



Africa Quiz Answers

From Stockport to Africa! How well did you do in the Africa Quiz?
Answers below!

1. How many countries are there on the continent of Africa? **54**
2. The highest mountain in Africa is found in Tanzania—what is it called?
Mount Kilimanjaro
3. What is the longest river in Africa? **The River Nile**
4. Africa boasts the largest and hottest desert in the world. What is its name?
The Sahara Desert
5. The fastest mammal on earth lives in Africa. Can you name it? **The Cheetah**

