



# Hulme Hall Grammar School

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18<sup>th</sup> December 2020,

Dear Parents and Carers

When I wrote my letter to parents at this time last year, I don't think anybody could have foreseen the year that we had in store for us. It has been a hugely difficult year for many and I would like to thank parents for the support they have shown the school, dating back to the first national lockdown which began in March and led to the switch to remote learning for the majority of our pupils for the summer term.

This term, we have attempted to provide as close to normal an experience as possible for our pupils, but, of course, it has been anything but normal and I would like to pay special tribute to the pupils and staff for the way they have persevered and coped with the various restrictions and new processes that we have had to put in place.

As we enter the new year, I sincerely hope that we will soon be in a place where we will be able to relax some of these restrictions and resume some of the activities that are so important to us as a small, community-centred school. An important part of life at Hulme Hall is that our children get to know and mix freely with pupils from other year groups and I look forward to the day that can become part of our normal operations once again.

The emergence of the vaccine brings new hope that 2021 will be a better year for all of us. Let us hope so!

In the last couple of weeks, we have been trying to organise some activities to ensure that our pupils are able to celebrate the end of term and the upcoming festive season, albeit in a socially distanced manner. Our Christmas Dinner celebration, combined with our Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December began the festivities and I hope you enjoy looking at the photos from that day in our end of term newsletter.

Some of our pupils have also been rehearsing for our Virtual Christmas Concert, organised by Mrs Bevan, and our end of term "Hulme Hall's Got Talent" Show, produced by Ms Ahsan. My thanks to all the pupils and staff who took part in both events.

Despite the logistical difficulties involved, Mrs Smith has continued to focus on charitable fundraising initiatives, with our Own Clothes Day (held yesterday) raising much needed funds for local charity, The Wellspring. We have also been collecting donations of Christmas presents, which will be sent on to Hits Radio's Mission Christmas appeal, backed by the Cash for Kids charity. Thanks to all those who supported these very worthy causes.

Moving on to academic matters, you will be receiving shortly your child's Pupil Progress Record (PPR) for this half-term. There is a letter to accompany the PPR explaining who to contact should you have any questions relating to the information you receive.

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Early next term, we have our “Virtual” Year 8 Parents’ Evening, scheduled for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Mr Bradford has circulated details to parents regarding how to book your online appointments and the portal on which to do that is now “live”.

I should like to remind parents that we recently had to make a change to the school calendar and that school will be closed to pupils on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021, to enable us to operate our Assessment Day for prospective new Year 7 pupils in a safe manner. Also next half-term, we have our Year 9 Curriculum Evening, which is scheduled for Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January. More details as to how that event will operate will be released early in the new year. Finally, Year 11 mock GCSE examinations will commence on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February and run until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

All that remains is for me to wish you and your family a safe and enjoyable holiday. To those of you who celebrate, I hope you have a very merry Christmas and best wishes to everyone connected with Hulme Hall for 2021.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Grierson', written in a cursive style.

Dean Grierson  
Headmaster