



# Hulme Hall Grammar School

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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends,

It has been a great week weather wise and starting to feel like summer is just around the corner. That feeling has been heightened by the start of the cricket season and I was delighted to hear of the sporting success of one of our Year 11 pupils last week.

Max scored his first ever 50 playing for his club side Romiley CC, reaching the milestone with a match winning boundary hit off the final ball of the match. Congratulations to Max and I would be delighted to share news of any of our pupils' achievements outside of school in this newsletter. Just let us know the details.

As more of the country opens up following the easing of lockdown restrictions, the Department for Education has asked us to remind pupils and parents of how pupils can travel to and from school safely. The key points of their message are listed below:

- if you live a short distance from your school, walk or cycle to and from your school wherever it is safe and possible to do so
- Avoid sharing a car with anyone outside of your household or support bubble
- If you are using public transport to get to school, plan ahead and allow more time for your journey

When you are travelling by public or dedicated school transport, don't forget to:

- Wear a face covering (unless you are exempt). It is important that you wear them for the entirety of your journey including inside a bus or train station
- Social distance where possible
- Wash or sanitise your hands regularly
- Be considerate to fellow passengers and staff

Our Business Manager, Mr Lynch, has today issued more home testing LFD kits to those who are participating in the home testing programme. Can I remind you of the importance of reporting your results, both to NHS Test and Trace and to the school, using the links already provided by Mr Lynch.

Dean Grierson



## Year 11 Hoodies

Preparations are in full swing for our Year 11's departure this summer. The long awaited leavers' hoodies for our Year 11's arrived and they couldn't wait to get them on and show them off!



## Recommendations

Everybody loves learning. The snippets people drop into conversations that spark an interest are usually followed up and investigated and our lives are enriched for the better. We thought it would be interesting to start a weekly share in the newsletter of recommendations that are interesting and informative. It would be great to inspire our pupils to read more too. **Let us know if you have something to share!**



### Book Review

Holding by Graham Norton



### Podcast

Brene Brown: Unlocking Us



### TV Programme

BBC Programmes entitled 'Being..' Including Being Sikh, Being Muslim, Being Jewish and Being Hindu

## Careers Update

There are some really useful online careers events happening over the coming months that our pupils can attend and information gather.

The NHS is having a series of online Taster Days starting from Wednesday 19th May which are pre-bookable through Eventbrite.

Reaseheath College are running live Q&A sessions starting on Saturday 24th April, as well as having information hubs available now on their website [www.reaseheath.ac.uk](http://www.reaseheath.ac.uk)

There are also virtual work experience days with exciting companies such as IBM available over the coming months. All these opportunities will be communicated to pupils and parents so you don't miss out!



## JLC News

The children continued their work on angles. They were learning the rules of angles which was a great help for them in finding missing angles.

On Thursday, the children began swimming again. We were accompanied by Miss Lucas who kept us all entertained by telling us funny stories. It was lovely to see them back in the water and it felt like some kind of normality was returning.

## Alumnus - Bob Eckersall

Bob Eckersall joined Hulme Hall College as it was known then, in 1957. He left at 16 and went straight into the world of work at his father's business initially, then moving onto being an export representative for a carpet company, before ending up setting up a business in food wholesale. Bob came out of retirement in 2009 to set up Clwydian Walking Holidays Ltd and now lives in Denbigh.

### **What was pupil life like at Hulme Hall?**

The Headmaster was the formidable Mr Rogerson. The discipline was strict and corporal punishment was used. If you stepped out of line the dreaded visit to the Headmaster's study at the end of the day was required. Sports were greatly encouraged and I was very keen on football, cricket and athletics, I was even captain of the football team. Inter-house competitions were promoted and we had end of term matches between the boys and the teachers.

### **What do you remember most about your time at Hulme Hall?**

Assessment of my academic ability was fair and I had to work hard at subjects like French but eventually it stood me in good stead in my career so the hard work was worth it. I left school at 16 much to the disgust of Mr Rogerson who felt I had university capability. I entered into employment with my father instead. On reflection, Mr Rogerson was right, it was a mistake and I should have continued on an academic path. Hulme Hall College gave me a good grounding for my future and enabled me to absorb the inevitable knocks along one's career path.

Mr Rogerson ruled Hulme Hall with a firm hand but it was his basic values of life and academia which I'm sure became an influence to all pupils who crossed his path.

### **What are you most proud of in your life so far?**

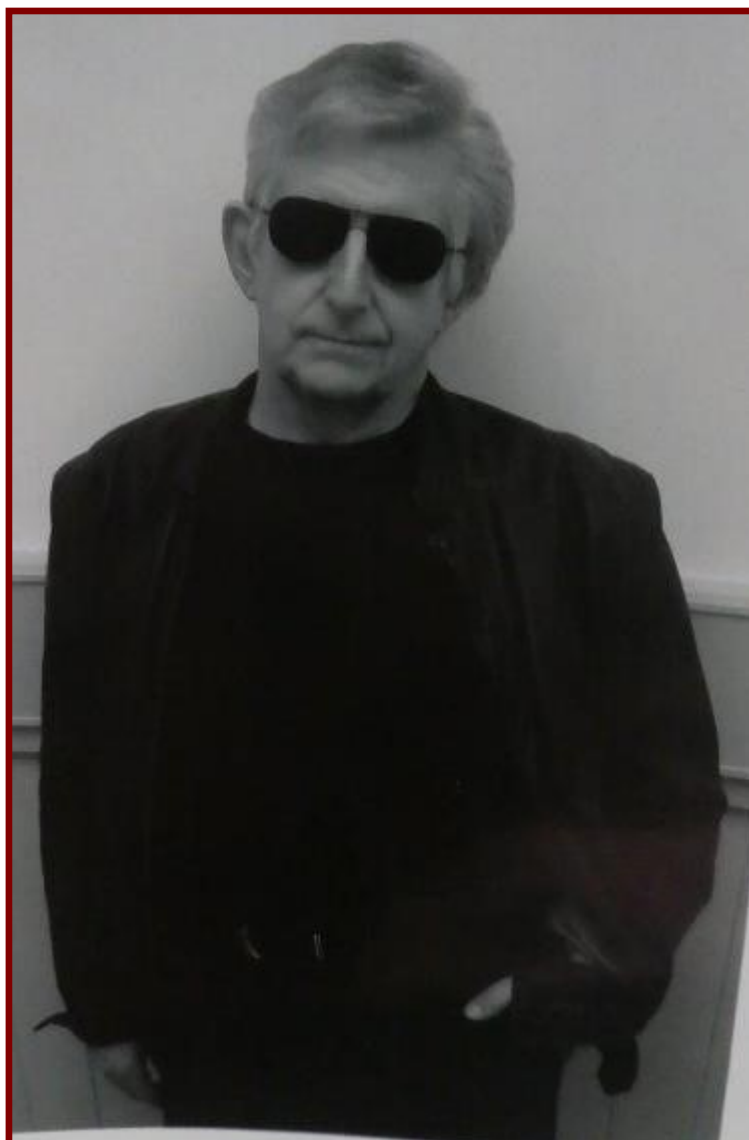
I'm proud that despite all that life has thrown at me I have survived with some fantastic relationships, have a loving family and have provided my way through life.

### **What is your best piece of advice to a senior pupil now, that you wish you had known when you left Hulme Hall?**

Remember that the early part of your life will influence your future.

Remain strong and determined whatever life throws at you.

There is always a future.



# Bear Hunt Open Morning at Pre-School

We can't stop booking Open Events now that we've started!

This one is a special Bear hunt open morning at pre-school to show off our wonderful facilities and staff. If you know anyone that might be interested in a nursery place in the coming months, maybe they are returning to work, please let them know about this event. Places are pre-bookable through our website or by calling the school, but they are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.



## Hulme Hall Pre-School Open Morning



**We're Going On  
A Bear Hunt  
Saturday 3rd July  
10am - 12noon**

Bring your teddy along for a morning of exploration, adventure and discovery to see why our children have a love of life and learning!

**Book your place now by  
calling 0161 485 3524**



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A Day Nursery for Children Aged 2 - 4  
[www.hulmehallschool.org](http://www.hulmehallschool.org)

## Extra-Curricular Timetable

We are delighted to announce our extra-curricular activities will resume from Tuesday 4th May.

Here is the current timetable of activities, we are hoping to add to this list over the coming weeks and we will keep you informed of any additions that are made.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Art Club</b> KS3 Lunchtime (Week 1)	<b>Art Club</b> KS3 Lunchtime (Week 2)	<b>Art Club</b> KS4 Lunchtime	<b>Art Club</b> KS4 Lunchtime	
<b>Rounders Club</b> Year 7 Lunchtime (Week 2)	<b>Chess Club</b> Key Stage 3 Lunch	<b>Science Club</b> Year 7 After School	<b>Homework Club</b> Year 11 After School	
<b>Further Maths Club</b> Year 11 After School	<b>Maths Homework Club</b> Year 10 After School	<b>Cricket Club</b> Years 9 & 10 After School		
	<b>Rounders Club</b> Year 7 Lunchtime	<b>Rounders Club</b> Year 8 Lunchtime		
<b>Homework Club</b> After School until 5pm	<b>Homework Club</b> After School until 5pm	<b>Homework Club</b> After School until 5pm	<b>Homework Club</b> After School until 5pm	<b>Homework Club</b> After School until 4.30pm