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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends,

As we continue to slowly ease our way out of restrictions, I am sure you will be aware that we have received a further round of Government guidance this week regarding the need for pupils to wear face coverings in school. The Government is, as of Monday 17th May, no longer recommending that children wear face coverings in lessons and communal areas. I will be writing to parents to outline the school's position in more details today (Friday).

I am sure you are all looking forward to another set of restrictions being lifted from next week, including being able to hug loved ones after over a year!

I hope that those who take part have been enjoying the Eid celebrations in recent days and would like to wish Eid Mubarak to all the members of the Hulme Hall community who honour this most important festival.

I trust you will enjoy the rest of the newsletter, which contains another interesting Alumnus feature, as well as news of what has been happening in Science lessons this week.

Dean Grierson

## Eid Mubarak—Happy Eid!

Now the month of Ramadan is over, it's time to celebrate Eid ul Fitr, a few days celebration after fasting from sunrise to sunset for 30 days!

During this festival, Muslims wear their finest clothes, children accept gifts and 'eidi' money from adults. It is an occasion intended for enjoyment and eating your favourite food. We hope all those celebrating have a wonderful time!

Ms Ahsan



## Alumnus—Danny Hall

Danny Hall joined Hulme Hall in Year 7 and left in 1999 after completing his GCSEs. He went on to study Performing Arts and Theatre Studies at The Arden School of Theatre in Manchester, then spent two years at North Cheshire Theatre School completing his studies. Danny has gone on to be a performer on Thompson Cruise Liners and star in a Take That tribute band which tours all over the UK. He is the current 'Best Entertainer' award winner at The London Bar Club Awards in London.

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

I really enjoyed my time at school and I remember the teachers mostly. Their ability to dedicate themselves to each child in the class and draw out of them the best they could be was amazing. The time they spent on one to one support for each pupil was incredible and it really helped us to achieve. Praise was used a lot which I was not used to in school and this helped me immensely I think.

### **How did Hulme Hall prepare you for your career?**

Hulme Hall taught me about punctuality which I've carried forward. I am never late and I find it bad manners if anyone is late to meet me.

### **Describe your current role and what parts you find the most enjoyable and challenging?**

I love the variety of the jobs I do. As part of 'The Take That Experience' we do 100 shows a year. We get flown out to the cruise ships and do two performances, but are treated as guests so we get a mini holiday included! I've been a magician at the London Olympics and Paralympics and worked in all the famous London night spots. Covid has obviously stopped a lot of the industry for now, which has been challenging to say the least.

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

Take advantage of the time teachers spend nurturing you and running around after you, helping you to achieve your potential. I took this for granted when I was at Hulme Hall, but when you're in the real world, it is rare to ever find that again.

Also, don't worry too much about the subjects you are not good at. You need to be competent in all areas but don't stress too much if you're not outstanding at Maths. Find what you enjoy and what you're good at and focus on that.





## Practically Science

This week has been a busy week in Science as Years 7, 8 and 9 have taken part in various experiments. Year 7 have been preparing onion cells for viewing under a microscope. Year 8 have been extracting DNA from a kiwi fruit to study inheritance and genetics. Year 9 had a very interesting lesson on digestion where Mr Ryan demonstrated a model of the digestive system from 'gums to bums' and the pupils identified the parts of the body the food travelled through.



## Batting Practice

Batting practice in cricket has been in full swing this week with the use of the bowling machine to help hone the pupils skill's. Mr Wilks praised Matthew and Barney for facing the bowling machine at high speeds. Well done!

