



Hulme Hall Grammar School

Senior School Newsletter

7th September 2018

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Welcome Back

In our new role as Interim Headteachers we are excited to be writing the first newsletter of the year, informing you of all the developments that have been happening during the Summer break.

Work has begun on the outdoor areas of the school as we endeavour to increase our 'kerb appeal'. All the windows have been painted, the grounds and garden areas have had a big tidy up and work has begun on the Pre-School outdoor classroom. The senior pupils are delighted that we now have a new all weather surface and we are looking forward to Phase 2 in October Half-Term.



New Starters

Firstly we wish to extend a warm welcome to our new Year 7 pupils and all our starters in Years 8 and 10. It is very positive to see that numbers are increasing and we have lots of Tours and Taster Days booked in during the next few weeks. As always, we are working hard to market the school in a variety of ways – but nothing has more impact than positive parental recommendations so please, keep spreading the word!

We also welcome new staff to the school:

Mrs Oakes is our Head of Art and Form Tutor to 7EO

Mr Ryan will be teaching Science / Biology, is Form Tutor to 8JR and is taking on responsibility for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

Mrs Norman (some of you may remember her from a couple of years ago, when she was Miss Irwin) has returned to head up the Food & Nutrition Department and will also take whole school responsibility for SMSC and CPSHE

Miss Clegg will be teaching PE for a term

The Enrichment Department has two new members of staff,

Miss Seigneurin and **Mrs Walton**

Mr Wilks is our new Maintenance / Groundsman

We hope that like us, they have many happy and productive years here at Hulme Hall!

Safeguarding

Safeguarding pupils is our utmost priority.

Parents visiting School should enter via the School Office on Beech Avenue only. Limited visitor parking is available here. We would also like to remind you that no mobile phones are to be used on site.

As you are aware, we ask parents not to park on the school site at drop off and pick up times. Thank you to all parents who are using Stockport Cricket and Lacrosse Club for this purpose. There are plenty of spaces inside the gates and parking here avoids any congestion and potential hazards for our children, caused by people parking on the roads adjacent to school.

Annual Safeguarding Training took place for all staff during the INSET at the start of term. We were fortunate to have Stockport's Senior Safeguarding Officer, Julia Story as our trainer. Many thanks to all who attended, especially our Governors, Sports Coaches, Volunteers and Support Staff who took the time to attend and demonstrate the whole school's commitment to safeguarding your children.



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Class of 2018 - Proud of their Progress!

We are so pleased for our Class of 2018 and wish to thank them and our staff for their dedication and commitment.

Hulme Hall is celebrating outstanding GCSE Examination results in all areas this year and once again we have demonstrated our ethos and commitment to every individual pupil by working hard to uphold our Mission Statement Aims – *‘The school aims to promote an environment which benefits the personal, moral, social, and academic development of all pupils, encouraging them to achieve the best possible examination results.’*

With our headline figures showing that the Class of 2018 has 88% of pupils gaining Grade 4 and above in both Maths and English, we have certainly proved the difference a small, nurturing school can make!

As many parents and pupils will know, the 2018 GCSE Examination series has changed radically. The new 9-1 grading system introduced last year to English Language, English Literature and Mathematics has now seen another 20 GCSE subjects added (taking the total to 23). This includes the new Double Award in Science.

The examination reforms were designed to return GCSEs to linear subjects and to increase the rigour of the examinations. Subjects were updated and more challenging content added to provide greater differentiation at the top end of student performance. This of course makes a year on year comparison of results difficult during times of reform.

What this year’s Hulme Hall results do show is that the continuing dedication shown by our amazing staff and the hard work and commitment demonstrated by our fantastic pupils have paid off. As a non-selective school the overall examination results are very dependent on the ability profile of the cohort. So, for us, not only are the overall results of importance but so is the individual progress made by each pupil.

Special recognition should go to our highest achiever Aamna – who gained seven Grade 8s (A*), one Grade 7(A) and one Grade 6 (B) – not only was this a fantastic set of results but Aamna also exceeded her CEM targets on average by two grades!

Further congratulations go to Beth who not only achieved a super set of GCSE results but she also bagged a Grade 9 in French! A Grade 9 is now the highest award achievable (higher than the old A*) and can only be gained for exceptional performance so very well done to Beth and our MFL Department – c’est fantastique!

We look forward to welcoming back our Class of 2018 at our annual Presentation Evening in November, to hear about all the exciting courses, colleges and new adventures that these GCSE results have opened the door to.

To view our full set of GCSE results please visit our school website www.hulmehallschool.org and click on the link.

