



# Hulme Hall Grammar School

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## Senior School Newsletter

### Open Morning

I would like to begin by thanking all our pupils who helped at the Open Morning last Saturday and played such a significant role in ensuring the event was so successful. The children were excellent ambassadors for the school, whether they acted as tour guides, helped in classrooms or sang in the Harmony Choir. Our visitors were hugely impressed by them and I received many complimentary messages throughout the morning.

School looked immaculate and the atmosphere was positive and vibrant—my thanks go to everybody who helped to make that happen.

May I also take this opportunity to congratulate our Catering Team, CH&Co, who received the highest possible hygiene rating when visited by Health Inspectors this week. They continue to provide a high quality service offering your children freshly cooked, nutritious food and we are delighted to work alongside them.

Finally, I would like to remind all pupils and parents that the Enrichment Centre is now open until 5.00pm from Monday to Thursday and 4.15pm on Fridays. I hope parents will join me in encouraging their children to make use of this facility as it presents a great opportunity to get homework completed before travelling home. It is also an ideal place for our examination candidates to carry out some much-needed revision.

Dean Grierson, Headmaster



### 11+ Assessment

Yesterday was our 11+ Assessment day for pupils wishing to enter Year 7 in September 2019. All the children participated in Science, Art and Drama workshops alongside sitting the CEM Centre test.

Thanks to all our current pupils who supported them throughout the day—the children all left with a big smile on their faces and a positive impression of our school.

### The Producers

Hulme Hall GCSE drama students visited The Royal Exchange Theatre in Manchester last Friday evening to see the Mel Brook's musical, *The Producers*.

It was an absolute visual feast. The costumes, acting, singing and dancing were incredible!

The Royal Exchange is an amazing space and gives the pupils an invaluable insight into performing 'in the round'. I am taking the pupils to see *Noughts and Crosses* at the Lowry on 2nd March so it will have a lot to live up to!"

Ms Ahsan, Head of Drama



# Spotlight on PE



## Parkrun Persistence Pays Off

Many congratulations to all our Hulme Hall Cross Country runners who participated in this week's Independent Schools Association North Regional Cross Country Championships at Scarisbrick Hall School, near Ormskirk. This annual event is always fiercely contested, with more than 15 schools participating and hundreds of athletes. Nearly 30 HHGS pupils from Years 7-11 braved the elements and every one of them crossed the line and completed the course so we are immensely proud.

For lots of you I am sure the distant memory of school cross country running reminds you of muddy trainers, being cold and forged excuse notes! You may be wondering why we still do it! Read on.....

Historically cross country competitions had their grounding in the old traditional Hares and Hounds routine where two or three runners (the Hares) would lay a trail, leaving the pack of runners (the Hounds) to follow. The early courses were muddy and brutal with stream crossings, hedges and many ploughed fields to negotiate. The coaches of the time were convinced that runs like these laid the endurance foundations for success on the track in the summer.

At Hulme Hall our cross country lessons and annual House races are all about participation, enjoyment, improving cardiovascular fitness and fulfilling individual goals. One student this week has proved that endeavour and commitment to his sport has paid off, reaching a goal that he has tried to reach previously in Years 7, 8 & 9.

Matthew Furniss, now in Year 10, discovered a talent for distance running and has regularly competed in the weekly Marple Parkrun, improving all the time, becoming fitter and stronger. This week he achieved his ambition as he crossed the line in 10<sup>th</sup> position and therefore qualified for the National Finals at Rugby School in March!

Very well done to all our athletes and good luck Matthew. Your persistence and hard work has paid off!

**Mrs Smith, PE Dept**

## Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 7th February**  
Year 9 Options Evening  
and Career Fair  
6pm

**Friday 8th February**  
PPRs issued for  
Year 7,8 and 10

**Wednesday 13th February**  
Year 10 Parents' Evening  
6pm

**Friday 15th February**  
Break up for Half Term

**Sunday 17th February**  
Ski Trip to Andorra  
departs

**Saturday 23rd February**  
Ski Trip returns

**Wednesday 13th March**  
Open Morning  
9.30am-11.30am

**Tuesday 26th March**  
Open Morning  
9.30am-11.30am

**Ski Trip  
Countdown  
3 weeks to go!**

As a department, we are playing regular, competitive fixtures to give our pupils a chance to improve and compete. This week we played Basketball against Beech House – congratulations to Maximus, Vito and Harry T who were voted Most Valuable Players!

**Miss Lucas, PE Dept**