



# Hulme Hall Grammar School

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1st February 2019

## Senior School Newsletter

The wintry weather has certainly gripped the local area this week and I would like to thank all the pupils and staff who braved the elements and made it into school on Wednesday. Special thanks also to Mr Wilks, who ensured the site was safe for school to open. Unfortunately, it soon became clear that the local traffic conditions were not going to ease and I took the decision to close at 12.30pm. I would like to reassure parents that taking the decision to close the school on occasions such as these is not one I take lightly.

Looking forward to next week, I would like to draw your attention to our Careers Fair which takes place on Thursday evening and is open to all pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11. This is a great opportunity to begin planning for life after Hulme Hall and many of the local Colleges will be represented. It is especially important for our Year 9 pupils as it coincides with their Curriculum Evening and provides an opportunity to receive specialist advice regarding GCSE option choices and courses.

Year 9 families should have received the latest Pupil Progress Record (PPR), detailing recent progress in all subject areas and this information might also be useful when making those all-important option decisions. PPRs for Years 7, 8 and 10 will follow in due course.

I wish you an enjoyable weekend and let's hope for more settled weather next week!

Dean Grierson, Headmaster

### A Gentle Reminder

May we respectfully remind parents not to park in front of Pre-School when dropping off and picking up children from the Senior school.



### Hoops Galore

Congratulations to our Basketball team who beat Beech Hall 27-8 on Monday! A particular well done to Qazi Abdullah who was voted Most Valuable Player.

**Herts RADIO MANCHESTER**  
**MISSION CHRISTMAS cash for kids**  
Reliant calling Rudolph... Reliant calling Rudolph.  
**THANK YOU!**  
We supported 35,746 children across Greater Manchester!  
You've helped us make Christmas Day 2018 different for disadvantaged local children.  
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### Bad Weather Policy

As we had to close early on Wednesday due to the weather, please do remind yourselves of our School Closure Policy on the website.

In the event of further disruption due to snow, we will endeavour to make a decision by 7.30am as to whether school will open.

A text message will be sent out to your primary contact number and information will be added to the website and on social media.

Thank you for your continued support.



# Spotlight on Maths

## Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 7th February**  
Year 9 Curriculum  
Evening and Careers Fair  
6pm

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

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

**Friday 15th February**  
Break up for Half Term  
3.30pm

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

**Saturday 23rd February**  
Ski Trip returns

**Monday 25th February**  
Return after Half Term  
Year 9 Exams Begin

**Thursday 28th February**  
Year 8 Parents' Evening  
6pm

**Monday 11th March**  
Year 7 Exams Begin

**Wednesday 13th March  
& Tuesday 26th March**  
Open Morning  
9.30am-11.30am

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

## Meet the New Head of Maths

As the new Head of Maths, Mr McNaught has already implemented weekly GCSE booster sessions for Year 11 pupils and runs individual drop-in sessions after school for all year groups. The department is constantly looking to develop new initiatives for pupils from the Numeracy Ninjas programme to improve skills in KS3, to Functional Skills that supplement their GCSE studies and a fun weekly Pi Club.

Mr McNaught has been teaching Maths at HHGS for 8 years. An inspirational Maths teacher, a natural fondness for the subject and a desire to garner that enthusiasm in others is what led him to teaching.

He said, "I get a great buzz out of helping young people with Maths and encouraging them to be curious, to explore and to make links and spot patterns in the classroom and outside of it.

I enjoy working with pupils who say they dislike Maths and convincing them otherwise, or helping our more able pupils think about Maths beyond the GCSE curriculum and post-16. The best thing, however, is the point a pupil reaches when they take responsibility for their learning and you see a real development and maturity as they progress in class. That is the stage where I'm no longer in control of a pupil's achievement; instead, they've taken over the responsibility themselves and you see a desire on the pupil's part to achieve. That is a pleasure to see!"

If you want to get more involved in Maths, please see Mr McNaught or go along to Pi Club every Monday at 2pm.

## Welcome to Mr Savage

This term we have welcomed Mr Savage to the Maths department and we thought it would be good to find out a little more about him.

He completed a degree in Mathematics in 2013 and has been working with numbers ever since! Having secured a job in insurance, he initially deferred a teaching course but the pull of his preferred career meant it wasn't long before he qualified as a teacher!

So what was it that lured him into education? His love of Maths of course and a desire to see children progress. We are excited that he chose to come and work at Hulme Hall and look forward to lots of inspiring Maths lessons.

