



Hulme Hall Grammar School

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Senior School Newsletter

We had an excellent start to the week with 12 Prep schools from the North visiting us to compete in an ISA Netball Tournament on our new all-weather pitch. Happily, the sun decided to shine and the event was a huge success. Thank you to Mrs Smith for her organisation and to all those who helped on the day. We will be doing it all over again next week, when we host 10 smaller Prep schools from the region. It is a brilliant marketing opportunity for Hulme Hall and a great chance to showcase our new facilities.



Half Term Fun in the Snow and the Sun!

The HHGS Ski Trip Party couldn't believe their luck during this February's half term trip away. The weather conditions in Andorra were fabulous – plenty of snow and lots of lovely sunshine greeted us on the slopes high above the village of El Tarter.

28 students and 5 staff split into three groups to test themselves on the piste. I was delighted that our new skiers mastered the chair and button lifts which allowed them access to lots of scenic blue runs at the top of the slopes. The inters practised their carving turns on the blues and reds around Soldeu and Canillo. The top group really pushed themselves on some adventurous blacks and even had a couple of runs down a half-pipe gully, mastering mogul fields and jumps!

Pupils' work rate, behaviour and attitude on the slopes were exemplary, with our instructors emphasising what a fantastic and enjoyable week they had experienced with an amazing set of students. High praise indeed!

The après-ski was equally as enjoyable, with a pizza night, a disco/games night and a shopping visit to the capital, Andorra la Vella. Needless to say Mc Donald's was busy that evening!

My lasting impressions of this trip will not just be about the progress on the slopes, but also the personal developments made by everyone concerned. The students developed resilience, independence, bravery and showed a great deal of spirit to overcome a week of tough challenges. They made new friends and, I am sure, lasting memories.

Finally, a huge thank you goes out to the staff who worked tirelessly (we were VERY tired on the return to school on Monday morning!) to ensure that the pupils had the trip of a lifetime. Thank you Miss Lucas, Mr Ryan, Mr Marsh and Mr Smith!

If you would like to see some photos and videos of our trip, please see our Twitter account @HHGSSkiTrip

Jackie Smith, Ski Party Leader



Spotlight on MFL

Dates for your Diary

Monday 11th March
Year 7 Exams begin
Year 11 Elevate Study Skills
Workshop

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

Friday 15th March
Year 11 PPRs Issued

Monday 18th March
Individual Senior Photos
Years 7-11

Our Mission

The Languages Department at Hulme Hall holds a firm belief in the value of being able to speak one or more foreign languages. Languages are not just an academic subject but a life skill which can enhance travel, tourism and employment prospects. Indeed, one of Señora Hughes' favourite sayings is 'The limits of my language means the limits of my world'. (Ludwig Wittgenstein)

With our mission to make learning languages enjoyable we incorporate varied activities such as songs, games, role-plays and puzzles, as well as ensuring our pupils have a firm grasp of grammar. We are justifiably proud of our GCSE results and especially delighted with Beth's Grade 9 in French last summer.



Pen Pals

We have a longstanding link with Collège Jules Verne near Paris in France. Not only have we revived the ancient art of letter writing but have also hosted two visits from the Collège and watched live fashion shows by their pupils.

The Spanish Department has initiated an e-twinning link with 'Colegio Inmaculada Marillac' from Madrid and it will be exciting to see how this develops in the future.

Unforgettable Trips

Trips abroad often provide the most memorable experiences of school life. We have been visiting the fabulous Château de la Baudonnière in Normandy for over ten years immersing ourselves in the French language. Activities there include archery, fencing, canoeing, climbing, bread making, the inexplicably popular and very muddy assault course, excursions, shopping and sampling delicious French cuisine.

Our next trip is scheduled for September 2019. There is still time to collect a letter and hand in your deposit. The trip is open to pupils from Years 7 to 10 and deadline for deposits is Thursday 14th March.

