



# Hulme Hall Grammar School Spotlight 2015/2016 Review

## Awards Galore for our Year 12's!

**November saw the Annual Presentation Evening, an opportunity to acknowledge, celebrate, and quite frankly, show off the very best of Hulme Hall Grammar School.**

The evening managed to surpass our usual high standards in every way; fantastic music accompanied the presentation from our fabulous

Chamber Choir, and Our School Governor Professor Sam Moore, was delightful, he treated the audience and especially our Y12s to an inspiring speech. His words highlighted exciting times for our school leavers and urged them to "grasp every opportunity".

Prizes for GCSE Results, Academic Awards, Effort and Sustained Progress.



# Cracking Christmas Celebration!



## Fantastic Festive Evening of Music and Song!

A packed theatre was treated to mulled wine and mince pies before listening to Christmas Music from the Stage Band, Junior and Senior Choir and the Rock Band, ending with a wonderful rendition of Auld Lang Syne, accompanied by Mr Carson on the bagpipes!

# Visit from Jules Verne College

Our year 9 pupils were in charge of looking after their French pen pals and more than 49 students and four staff from College Jules Verne spent a day in school.

The day began in the theatre with items performed by the Y9 French class. Well done to Sam and Beth for delivering their contributions in French!

This was completed by a competition to build the tallest Eiffel Tower out of newspapers. Following on from this challenge, the French students then attended two lessons before socialising at lunch and playing sport in the afternoon.

To commemorate the day a hamper and a crest of Hulme Hall were given to the college.

Their reply was: *Tout fraîchement de retour a la maison (nous sommes rentres hier a 2h du matin), je voulais vous remercier mille fois pour votre accueil et l'accueil de tout le staff et votre gentillesse.*

*C'était 1 superbe journée. Les élèves étaient ravis!*



# Oaklands Manor Trip



Students from Years 8 and 9 travelled to the Oaklands Manor Outdoor Leadership Centre for their Enrichment Day experience.

Here they took part in a range of activities, including climbing, low ropes, the leap of faith and problem solving games. The course objectives were transfer of skills understanding of team dynamics and delegation of tasks.

The experience also helped pupils develop their self confidence. There was a great emphasis placed on team building and having lots of fun. The day in Buxton was both challenging and rewarding and all students and teachers had a great time.

# First Aid Certificates for KS4



**Congratulations to the 73 pupils from year 10 & 11 who recently gained certification in Emergency First Aid.**

The certificate is valid for 3 years and forms part of the KS4 Pupil's CV and will help support any future job applications.

The pupils attended a 6 hour course and they all felt that the day was interesting and rewarding.

Essential life saving skills such as Recovery Position, CPR Incident Management: how to stem bleeding and what to do if a casualty has a seizure.

We highly recommend this program.

# London Trip - Spring 2016



One of the best London trips so far! First time travelling by train which enabled more time enjoying the big city.



Billy Elliot, the musical, was superb; a spectacular production which was enjoyed by all. Sightseeing in the sunshine at the Tower of London was followed by a boat ride along the Thames to Westminster, where the London Dungeons awaited.

Although very scary, most of the students survived to brave the "drop" at the end.



A short shopping spree at Westfield Mall and back to Euston for our return journey with some exhausted but happy children concluded a fantastic two days.

# Tatton House wins the House Tables



Huge well done to all pupils who took part in a fun packed afternoon off timetable, giving Tatton House the final victory of being House of the Year.

## Exciting new Collaboration!

**We are excited to report that we have formed a partnership with International House Manchester and now offer a specialist football programmes to our existing and potential pupils.**

The programme is open to boys (year 7-10) and girls (Year 7-8). If you love football then this is the school for you.

You will be coached by top quality professionals and have the opportunity to play in teams against challenging opposition, to learn strategy and to develop leadership skills.

You will also be given the opportunity to visit football clubs and twice a year you will be invited to take part in national trials.

This programme will not guarantee you will become a professional footballer but it will develop your football skills, improve your understanding of the game and open doors into the world of football.

You will have the chance to be seen by professional scouts and you will receive regular feedback .

We provide a first rate individually tailored, challenging education with small class sizes and a positive friendly working environment. Our aim is to encourage all pupils to be the very best they can be.



**International  
House**  
Manchester

# Rocco Goes the Extra Mile!



This time last year Rocco Zaman-Browne, 15, a pupil at Hulme Hall Grammar School, was celebrating winning a silver medal in the U16, 4,000 meters race at the Independent Schools Association (ISA) National Cross-country Championships in Warwickshire. This year he has surpassed his national best and is now the proud winner of the gold medal, having beaten 66 competitors from around the United Kingdom.

After starting out as a "reluctant runner" five years ago, Rocco has shown what can be achieved when raw talent is combined with dedication, determination and encouragement. He explained, "I do eight hours a week of gym work, I play County football and compete regularly." Clearly, Rocco's high level of fitness has enabled him to forge ahead when racing.

## Senior Head Pupils



The school is pleased to announce this year's Head Boy is Joseph Pailin, Head Girl is Liberty Franey.

Supporting them are Deputy Head Boy Danial Ranjha and Deputy Head Girl Alexandra Waddacor.

## HHGS Charities

Last year 15/16 we asked the pupils to help us decide on the two charities that they would like to raise money for.

We are pleased to announce that we have been working towards two worthy charities: Mind and Seashell Trust and we managed to raise a total of £2,379.88.



This year 16/17 we are pleased to announce that the two charities we will be supporting are Children in Need and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Look out for some of our children in the up and coming Children in Need campaign.





# Cross Country Event ISA

Scarisbrick Hall, Southport  
January 2016

Once again almost 40 Cross Country runners from HHGS competed in the annual event.

Competitors from years 7-11 braved the elements to complete a gruelling course which, depending on age, gender, required runners to race a 2,400m - 4,500m circuit.

Success was indeed the order of the day with no less than nine of our team qualifying in the finals.

## Top ten placed:

### U16 Boys

- 1st - Rocco Zaman-Browne
- 8th - Dominic Parkman

### U19 Boys

- 4th - Jordan Anderson
- 10th - William Furness

### U16 Girls

- 8th - Ella Meeks

### U19 Girls

- 6th - Eva Mellor 6th
- 7th - Phoebe Tiernan
- 8th - Lauren Marsh
- 9th - Emmie Ince

# Curriculum Enrichment Day

Pupils in Years 7, 8 & 9 visited Cadbury World in Bournville, Birmingham in March.



Cadbury World offered a unique experience that gave a fascinating insight into the rich heritage of the nation's favourite chocolate brand. Pupils discovered origins of the cocoa bean and its journey to Europe.

They had the opportunity to explore how Cadbury manufacture popular products and create innovative advertising and packaging design.

After lunch, pupils expanded their knowledge with a educational talk based around subjects of Design Technology & Home Economics. No trip is complete without having the opportunity to sample some chocolate. It was delicious.

## Athletics Success!

A wonderful day at Wigan's Robin Park Arena on May 11th 2016 at the North ISA Athletics Championships.



Our pupils proved that this year's sporting heroes from HHGS can compete with the best in the North and around the country!



## Our New Librarians

Left to right..

Keegan Wilson, Bailey Latham,

Oscar Wood, Charlotte Wynn.

# BBC Comes to Hulme Hall



**BBC Children in Need selected Hulme Hall to be one of the schools to promote Children In Need November 2016.**

Running this alongside the ASDA campaign, some of our children selected will appear in promotional/marketing material.

Keep a look out, you may recognize some.



The photoshoot was held at the school towards the end of the Summer term.

This was a full day filming in all areas of the school.

*"From everyone here, thank you so so much for all the work you and your team put into Saturday, The staff and the Kids were an absolute credit to you and we really can't say thank you enough for all your help."*

Emily and the BBC Children in Need Team.



# School Receives a Defib

In December, 15 Hulme Hall students were awarded a Defib through a company called Hand On Heart.

This was solely down to the fundraising of a very special past parent Mrs Janet Jackson, who sadly lost her son and former pupil to the school to Sudden Adult Death Syndrome. Nic Jackson was just 26 when he died.



Nic's family wanted to honour Nic's life and felt that the best way forward was to dedicate their time to fundraising to allow schools to have the very costly Defibs.

This could someday save a life.

As part of the package awarded from Hand on Heart was a personal training session for up to 30 pupils to have a full First Aid training session and Defib training for eight members of staff.

All the Y7s who took part in this exercise had a fun and informative time.

If you would like to know more about Nic or simply donate to a worthy cause, please take a look at the sites listed below.

- [littlevisuals.co.uk](http://littlevisuals.co.uk)
- [justgiving.com/nicjackson26](http://justgiving.com/nicjackson26)

# Composing Day at MMU

Our GCSE Music students were treated to a day of composing at Birley Campus MMU in June.

The trip gave the pupils the chance to use the latest musical equipment as well as giving them an insight into university life.



# Rewards Day Blackpool



Every year the school rewards all the pupils who have worked hard over the last academic year.



They offer them a chance to partake in a fun school trip to Blackpool.

This is usually towards the very end of the summer term.



# Design Technology Competition



Two of our students have been presented with prizes for outstanding Design and Technology work.

The prizes were donated by The Furniture Makers Company.

Well done to Rachel Hibbert and Liam Freeth Year 11 2016.



## U11 Netball Win

Every Year Hulme Hall host a netball tournament for the ISA linking in with other Independent schools from in and around the North of England.



This is always a fun packed day with the sports leaders from Hulme Hall helping to run the event alongside Mrs Smith.

This year's winners were Grange School with Greenbank 2nd Place and runners up in 3rd place were Hale Prep.

## Success for Ludo!

Ludo McMahon one of our Year 9 pupils won a silver medal at the Runcorn Regatta on the 2nd of July.

He competed in a double at the stroke position. His Family and Hulme Hall are very proud of this success.



# Popstar Visits Hulme Hall



We welcomed Lydia Lucy in February to give an inspirational assembly about her journey following her dreams in the music industry.



She sang a couple of tracks and was happy to have a Q&A session with the pupils. Lydia got to the final this on Will I Am's team for The Voice, and to the Judges chair line up for the X Factor.

## Summer Fair 2016

Hulme Hall held its annual Summer Fair on the 4th July 2016.



A great day was had by all with games, raffle's, stalls for second hand uniform, cupcake's and books.

Mrs Wing braided hair and Mr Lamerton kept a watchful eye on the bouncy castle.

All the teachers helped out on stalls and games and everyone enjoyed an ice cream from the local

ice cream van. The kitchen kept a good supply of burgers and chips flowing.

This year we held the fair in conjunction with the Senior School Sports day, this proved to be a great atmosphere for children and parents alike.

The sum raised from all the stalls/raffles and games came to an amazing £664.76 which has been given to the PTA.

**Thank you to all who came along.**



# Barcelona Visit

Home Economics and Spanish students from Years 8-10 spent the last four days of the spring term in Spain.



Experiencing the delights of Barcelona. Our pupils took part in a number of cultural activities and visits, designed to reinforce classroom-based learning by giving students experiences not available in the classroom.

Students explored Barcelona's Gothic quarter and Boqueria Market on Las Ramblas, the best known market in Spain, where they found a wide variety of local produce, as well as foods from all over the world.

Pupils spent a morning at one of Barcelona's top cookery schools, learning how to cook traditional Spanish tapas and had the opportunity to sample the dishes they had produced for their lunch.

We paid a visit to a chocolate museum, Barcelona Aquarium and the Nou Camp Stadium, home to Barcelona Football Club, including a tour of the stadium itself, with a chance to walk out onto the pitch, as well as a visit to the museum which charts the team's history.



# There's No Place like Hulme Hall!

Hulme Hall pupils put on their fantastic production of the Wizard of Oz this summer.

The show was held over two dates the 29th and 30th June.



A lot of hard work went into the production from costumes, lighting, set design, to the rehearsals from all the students. Lots of the staff were involved in the production from Mrs Ahsan Director to Mrs Bevan, Head of Music, with help from the DT Department to the Enrichment/Office/Catering and Maintenance staff.

It's a full on family production!



# Dunham Wins Tug of War!



The annual House Tug of War took place where the winners for the 15/16 academic year were Mrs Smith's House: Dunham House.



# From Bean to Bear



Both children and staff in the JLC had lots of fun when Chocolate Collective came into school.

We learnt about the chocolate making process and the skills involved in being a chocolatier.

However, the children all agreed that being able to make their own chocolate treats and piped sweets was the best part of the day.

## Success for the JLC!

This academic year saw a refreshing change to the way our juniors learn with the opening of the JLC (Junior Learning Centre).

They offer an environment which ensures that your child feels valued and secure.

It is a nurturing environment that celebrates the uniqueness of every child, recognizing that children develop at their own rate, and therefore teaching our pupils accordingly.

The spacious, open plan rooms lend themselves to multi sensory learning.

We ensure expert support is given, whilst at the same time, setting work that is appropriately challenging so that every child reaches his or her potential.



## JLC Minecraft Day

In May the Junior Learning Centre were treated to a day of computing and learning all about Minecraft and computing in general. They attended a presentation and then had an afternoon of hands on learning.

# Celebrating World Book Day



The JLC children arrived at school on Thursday in an array of amazing hats.

We were so impressed by their wonderful creations and the time and effort that had gone into them. Well done everyone and thank you to parents for ably assisting the children.

We had a super day sharing stories, looking at books, and thinking about our favourite books that have been adapted for film.

Hot chocolate and sweet treats helped to make this a perfect celebration of books and reading

# Pre-school Nativity



Wow! We were proud of our children when they performed their nativity play in front of a packed audience of families and friends.

A fabulous and magical way to end the busy term. It was wonderful to watch our young children sing with confidence, remembered their lines, danced gracefully and most importantly, enjoyed the whole experience. Well done to all the children on their great performances.

A great morning was had by all.



# Everyone's a Winner!



Each and every one of our children went for gold on Thursday at our Olympic Sports Day.

We are sure all the spectators would agree that the athletes deserved their medals due to their sportsman like attitude and their new found skills.



## Look who flew in!

Miss Ellis kindly arranged for Sally the Kakariki to pay us a visit.



## Children in Need meet Pre-School

When the BBC spent the day at Hulme Hall they met our Pre-School in the morning where they had a photoshoot for the up coming marketing for Children In Need 2016.



Sally is a type of parrot that can be found in the rainforest. Her beautiful plumage was admired by staff and children alike.

Sally seemed quite at home in our rainforest themed classroom.

Sally was huge hit with the children and they seem to have adopted her as the JLC Mascot.

# Year 11 Prom Night

Our Year 11's enjoyed a fantastic evening to mark the end of five years at Senior School.

The prom was held at The Village Hotel in Cheadle and started with a pre-prom party hosted by Phoebe Blakeley-Crewe and was followed by an after-party hosted by Vicky Fisher with a meal and awards ceremony in-between.

Good luck to all our Year 11's in their next chapter!





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