



# Hulme Hall Grammar School

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## Senior School Newsletter

With Mr Grierson away at the ISA Head Teacher's Conference, I am delighted to be back in the saddle and reporting about all things Hulme Hall this week – and it certainly has been a very busy week!

Our most important event was the start of the Year 11 GCSE Examinations. It is such a testing time for the cohort and I must thank everyone for their constant support. A big thank you goes out to our dedicated staff team who continue to offer freely of their time before, during and after school to give our Year 11s extra revision sessions and the best preparation possible.

The Year 10s have stepped up to the 'Top Jobs' this week and are all completing 'work experience' in school, acting as Senior pupils and supporting the staff in their roles as prefects at breaktimes and lunchtimes. Application Forms have also been submitted by the Year 9s applying to be Vice House Captains. Good luck to all applicants.

There have been a wealth of sport and extra-curricular activities happening too, so enjoy reading and we will hopefully see many of you at our Tea on the Lawn event next Friday.

**Jackie Smith – Assistant Headteacher**

### Food Glorious Food!

Many thanks to our school caterers CH & Co for providing a veritable feast at this week's 'Taster Roadshow.'

Those that attended were treated to a mini selection of fabulous tasting and awesome-looking food to sample, including kebab skewers, mini chicken pies and feta quiche along with desserts that were not only delicious but healthy too. Catering Manager, Viv, Nutritionist, Rory, (who had presented a Healthy Eating assembly earlier in the morning) and Operations Manager, Helen, were all on hand to answer questions regarding healthy choices, sustainable and local sourcing and menu options.

If you didn't get a chance to come along but are keen to find out more, then please contact the School Office for details regarding school meals.....and still on the theme of food, we are on the countdown to our Tea on the Lawn event, next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019, commencing at 2:30pm. This is a catered event, so if you haven't let us know that you are coming along, then please register with our office staff and let them know of any dietary requirements. The event will be a lovely opportunity for parents to meet up and socialise and also for school to open our doors to the local community. We are looking forward to showing off our facilities to our nearest neighbours and welcoming back nearly 40 members of Stockport School Old Girls' Association. As always we are hoping for glorious weather.....but have an indoor option planned should the lawn be too soggy!



### Dates for your Diary

**Friday 24th May**

Tea on the Lawn

Break up for Half Term

3.30pm

Year 8 Reports Issued

**Monday 13th May**

GCSE Examinations begin

**Wednesday 12th June**

Whole School Open Morning

**Friday 14th June**

Year 10 Reports issued

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## Morning Campers – Hi De Hi!

So...only readers of a certain age will recognise this intro!

It wasn't quite Maplins, but the scout camp at Hope Farm, Dunham Massey played host to 31, Year 9 and 10 students and 6 staff who spent the night camping under canvas as part of our inaugural Bronze D of E Award. The Practice Expedition required our intrepid explorers to pitch their tents; set up camp and plan and cook a meal on Trangia stoves; plan walking routes; navigate their way around the Cheshire countryside - all whilst being self-sufficient and carrying a rucksack for 6 hours!

It certainly was a cold night and many new sleeping bags and woolly hats were put to the test!

I was pleasantly surprised at the determination, teamwork and resilience demonstrated by all of our walkers. Today, they prepare for more fun in the sun (we hope!). We are heading for the mountains of Marple (ok hills!) to complete their final Assessed Expedition – this time incorporating 2 days of walking. Good luck to all involved.



## Calling All Cricketers

It has been an absolute delight to see so many of our pupils, both boys and girls from Years 7-10 joining in the lunchtime kwik cricket sessions led by Jamie Wilks and ably assisted by Mr Savage and Mr Marsh. Many of you will know Jamie as our Site Manager, but what you may not know is that he is a man of many talents! In his spare time Jamie is also a qualified football referee, Chairman of Stockport Cricket Club – and luckily for us, also a qualified cricket coach!

Jamie's knowledge, passion and enthusiasm for the game are evident when he coaches the pupils. He is now stepping things up a gear and ready to select our first boys' team to play hard ball cricket in some forthcoming fixtures.

Anyone interested should attend the first open trial after school on Monday next week, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 from 3:30-4:30p.m. All equipment (except for one personal safety item) will be provided. If you are not sure what the piece of equipment is???...ask Jamie!

## Citius, Altius, Fortius

Faster, Higher Stronger has been the aim in P.E. lessons for the past few weeks. We have been focusing on track and field athletics to prepare for this week's annual ISA North Athletics Championships at The City Of Manchester Stadium.

Athletes from Hulme Hall once again aimed to compete to the best of their ability in sprints and middle distance track events and throwing and jumping field events.

I was really proud of all our teams. It is a really big event - this year involving 15 other Independent schools – many much bigger than Hulme Hall. So to get on the track and compete in front of hundreds in the stadium is a challenge in itself. Achieving a top ten finish and recording a PB (Personal Best) was achieved by many. The ultimate accolade is to be first – and this was achieved by Year 10 student, Becky Moore, who won her Inter Girls' Shot Put event. She now goes on to represent the North ISA team at the National Finals in June. We wish you continued success Becky – very well done for being the strongest of them all!