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Senior School Newsletter

6th September 2019

Welcome Back

I would like to begin my first newsletter of the academic year by welcoming all our pupils back to school and extend an especially warm welcome to our Year 7s, as well as those new pupils who have joined other year groups this week.

I trust they will all have an enjoyable and stimulating academic year and I would urge them to take full advantage of everything Hulme Hall has to offer, both inside and outside of the classroom.

It was a great pleasure to share in the successes of our former Year 11 pupils last month on GCSE results day. I would like to wish them every success as they begin the next stage of their educational journeys at the local sixth form colleges and congratulate them once again on their achievements.



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It has certainly been a busy first week in school as staff have completed their annual Safeguarding Training and pupils have returned full of enthusiasm.

I look forward to reporting on the children's achievements in my newsletters throughout the year.

The Journey Towards GCSEs

In assembly this morning I spoke to our KS4 pupils and outlined my hopes and expectations for them in the coming academic year. Whilst I obviously expect them to give of their best in every aspect of school life, I was keen to point out that they should not be afraid to ask for help should they require it. This applies to all our children in school who are supported by an excellent teaching staff and pastoral team.

Our current Year 10 cohort begin their GCSE courses this week and our first important event for pupils and parents, the GCSE Preparation Evening, takes place on **Thursday 12th September at 6.30pm** in the Main Hall (please note this is a change from the originally advertised date). All Year 10 pupils and parents should attend and any Year 11 families are also welcome, especially if they were unable to come to the same event twelve months ago. Mrs Smith has emailed details to Year 10 parents and can be contacted if you have any questions.



Staff News

A new academic year often brings changes in the staff room and this year is no exception. I would like to welcome Mr Mark Lynch to the role of Business Manager at Hulme Hall. I have known Mark for several years and will be working closely alongside him to take the school forward in the coming years.

On the teaching staff, we welcome Mrs Vivienne Pendleton to the Science Department, Mr Max Parker to the Enrichment Team and Mrs Joanna Mills as Teaching Assistant in our Junior Learning Centre.

Finally, Mr Dylan Gair joins the PE Department to cover for Mr Bradford, who is unfortunately unwell at this time. I am sure everybody connected with Hulme Hall would like to wish Mr Bradford a speedy recovery and we hope to see him back at school in the near future. In the meantime, Mr Bradford's academic management duties will be shared between Mr Lamerton (KS4) and Mrs Norman (KS3). Both will join the SLT to support myself and Mrs Smith.

Important Dates

I would like to point out some important dates in the school calendar. We have our main Open Morning on Saturday 12th October this year, followed by a further Open Evening on Thursday 7th November. I would expect all pupils, especially our Year 11 prefects to be available should they be required to assist at these important events for the school. We are also running a series of "school in session" open mornings this year, the first of which takes place on Thursday 24th September.

Another important date for the diary is our Presentation Evening, which takes place on Friday 15th November at the Plaza Theatre in Stockport. All pupils are expected to attend on this evening and we would hope that all parents would wish to be present to celebrate the successes of their children.

A final note on the calendar – you may be aware that the date of the first Bank Holiday in May has changed to tie in with the 100th anniversary of VE day. School will, therefore, now be open as normal on Monday 4th May, but **close on Friday 8th May 2020** for the Bank Holiday.

Mr Dean Grierson, Headmaster

Dates for your Diary

Monday 9 September
Yr 10 Elevate Study
Skills Workshop

**Thursday 12
September**
Yr 10 GCSE
Preparation Evening
6.30pm

Tuesday 24 September
School in Session
Open Morning

Friday 27 September
Macmillan Coffee
Morning

Saturday 12 October
Open Morning
9.30am-12noon