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Senior School Newsletter

11th October 2019

Pupil Voice

Pupil voice has been high on the agenda this week and I am delighted to announce that we have appointed our "Senior Prefect" Team for this academic year. Congratulations to our new Head Girl, Becky, and Keegan, the new Head Boy. Assisting Keegan and Becky will be Deputy Head Girl, Charlotte, and Deputy Head Boys, Max and Harry. This group were successful following an impressive round of interviews and I would like to thank everybody who took part in the process. Our excellent team will be supported by the various members of our new Student Council, who were elected as representatives of each form group. I look forward to working closely with both of these groups during the year.

Staying with the pupil voice theme, and as I alluded to in last week's newsletter, we are considering whether to rename our school "Houses". We launched a competition in assembly on Monday for the pupils to suggest some possible new names and an entry form has gone home with your child this afternoon. Cinema Vouchers will be awarded for the most inspirational names!

'Smart and Smiling' for Open Morning

We are all looking forward to showing off our school to prospective pupils and parents at our Open Morning tomorrow. My thanks in advance to all the pupils and staff for giving up their Saturday morning to support and promote Hulme Hall. It is a very important date in the school calendar and I would like all pupil helpers to arrive 'Smart and Smiling' between 8.45am and 9.00am. The event is scheduled to finish at 12.00pm and we hope to welcome lots of new and existing families.

Mr Dean Grierson, Headmaster



Winning Ways

I am delighted to report on more sporting successes this week, as we took part in a series of fixtures against Beech Hall. On the football field, the Under 14 team were victorious (7-0), with George S voted man of the match, whilst the Under 16 team recorded a 7-1 victory, thanks to Dom's hat-trick and two goals apiece from Hamza and Steven.

Not to be outdone, the Girls Under 16 team followed up last week's outstanding basketball victory with an equally impressive performance on the netball court. Becky was the most valuable player in an 18-11 victory.

Well done to all our sportsmen and women!

Enriching Experiences

It was our first Curriculum Enrichment Day of this academic year on Wednesday. I think days such as these are very important for the overall development of your children and I hope you enjoy reading about their exploits.

Looking to the Past at Salford Quays

Pupils from Years 8 and 9 spent the day at Salford Quays visiting the Imperial War Museum and The Lowry.

They began at the IWM learning about the stories of war that have affected men, women and children across the Commonwealth from 1914 right up to the present day. They were fascinated by the range of artefacts on display and had a chance to view the 'big picture show' where images and sounds are projected onto the high walls of the main exhibition space that captures the consuming power of war.

At the Lowry, pupils had a guided tour in which they learnt about the life of L.S. Lowry when he lived in Salford and the surrounding areas. They viewed his collection with pieces from the beginning of his career right through to the end and were inspired to create their own sketches of their favourite Lowry pieces.

Sensational Science for Year 11 at MOSI

Science was on the agenda for our Year 11 pupils with a visit to MOSI. It was an action packed day where they completed Physics-related tasks, enjoyed an exhibition on the 'Sun' and learnt about the history of cotton production in Manchester.

The Air and Space Hall proved to be a big hit as the children experienced flight simulators and learnt about how aircraft can fly.



Perfect Poetry

Year 10 immersed themselves in English literature, participating in a poetry workshop before listening to a presentation on the comparison of two GCSE poems.

In the afternoon, they were treated to a showing of Frankenstein The Movie having completed a reading of the book.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 12 October

Open Morning

9.30am-12noon

Friday 18th October

Close for Half Term 3.30pm



Year 7 Intrepid Explorers

Our Year 7s enjoyed a day in the great outdoors as they visited Castleton to see the Blue John Cavern. The series of natural water worn caverns were carved by deposits on the floors of great oceans which have long since receded. Pupils were able to view Blue John, found only in this region, fossils and even an inverted river bed!

Having negotiated the 245 steps down and back up, they then charged up to the summit of Mam Tor! They survived the strong winds at the top and headed back down into Castleton to enjoy a well earned ice cream.

