



# Hulme Hall Grammar School Spotlight 2017/18



## Our New Home

2017/18 has been an incredible year for Hulme Hall Grammar School. In the Summer of 2017 we moved onto our new site in the Conservation area of Davenport and in September the school was officially opened by 'old girl', Baroness Joan Bakewell.

Built in 1909 by London-based architects Spalding and Spalding, the site was built specifically to house a girls school and formally opened in October 1910. Since then, it has been home to various schools and

we feel privileged to be the new custodians of such a beautiful building.

In the last twelve months we have started to make the buildings our own and have embraced the local community by getting involved in festivals and developing links with the local park. There is so much to celebrate this year and we are feeling excited as we move into our second year in the new building.

# Transforming the New Site



On a snowy day in March, Elite Sign Solutions battled the weather to erect eighteen signs on the new site. It took just a couple of days to rebrand the buildings and display our smart new signage. The transformation was stunning and made both staff and pupils feel that they had finally arrived!



Over the course of the year the external windows were painted and more recently Phase One of our outdoor area has been completed with the restoration of the all weather pitch.

Work will be ongoing in the Autumn of 2018 as we continue to update our premises.

# Presentation Evening



We celebrated the success of our Class of 2017 at a Presentation Evening in November and were delighted to welcome back our former pupil Hannah Whiteley.

Hannah is a Pro Kite Surfer and Extreme Athlete who captivated our pupils and parents alike with tales of her sporting prowess. She was joined on stage by her sister, Polly, who took up her role as Head Girl alongside Head Boy, Sami Zaman.

## A Fond Farewell to Miss Allen

At the end of the Summer Term we said a fond farewell to Miss Allen. In her ten years at the school, Miss Allen oversaw some major changes and the move to our new site.

She began her career at Hulme Hall Grammar

as Deputy Head progressing to the role of Headteacher in 2011. Over the years she has provided support and mentored hundreds of pupils and staff whilst embracing the values of the school. We wish her well for her future!



# A Small School with a Big Heart



Hulme Hall Grammar School has a fabulous reputation for raising money and pupils are given the opportunity to nominate a charity each academic year. Beechwood was the chosen charity for 2017-18 because of its wonderful work within the local area and its proximity to the school's new site in Davenport. In March, pupils from Years 7, 8 and 9 walked around Bruntwood Park and the surrounding area to raise funds for their chosen charity which was followed by a non-uniform day and cake sale later in the year.

Angela Gray, Beechwood's Head of Fundraising said, "The support of the local community is so important to our charity and the fact that young people are engaging in fundraising in this way means that we are able to offer help and support to more people living with cancer or life-limiting illness."

## Children in Need

Pre-School were delighted to be chosen to once again help launch Children in Need. In March, the BBC sent a crew to the Pre-School to take shots of our children having a spotty day painting and playing with their friends! We can't wait to see the final images!



# Cash for Kids

JLC welcomed Key 103's Cash for Kids to school on Superhero Day as part of their fundraising. Police cars, a fire engine and even a Batmobile heralded the arrival of the entourage who certainly made their



## Holly's Charity Chop



**In June, Holly Myers from Year 7 raised over £5,000 for the Little Princess Trust Charity by shaving her hair.**

She showed real tenacity and determination in donating 17 inches of her hair and set a brilliant example to her peers.

Chair of Governors at Hulme Hall Grammar, Tim Lowe, was one of the co-founders and is a Trustee of the charity. He said, "It takes a lot of time and effort to ensure the hair is in the right condition to be used. Holly followed in the footsteps of many other wonderful people including Jessie J and more recently, the Duchess of Cambridge, who donated her hair in January."

Holly's hair has been sent off to China where skilled specialists blend the hair donations together to create their wigs. It can take between 7-10 individual donations to make a single wig which will then be given to a child in the UK or Ireland.

# Community Links

Since moving to Davenport, we have embraced our local community and are keen to further develop links.

We are lucky to have Cale Green Park on our doorstep and our JLC have already utilised the space for outdoor recreation. In the Autumn they are going to plant and maintain a flower bed within the park which will add colour to the area whilst providing numerous learning opportunities.



The Music and Drama Departments were invited to perform at both the Christmas and Summer Fairs in the park, regaling onlookers with some fabulous songs and giving them a sneak preview of our Summer Production of Bugsy Malone.



## Stockport High School for Girls

During the Summer Term, twenty-five ladies who had attended Stockport High School during the mid-twentieth century were given the opportunity to catch up with old friends and reminisce about life at school.

Many of the 'old girls' had not been back to Beech Avenue since the 1950s and were eager to see how the buildings had changed over the years. Current pupils took the ladies on a tour of the building and were regaled with stories of detentions, lessons and friends.

Former pupil, Susan Wyatt, was interested to see how various rooms had changed their use. She said, "I campaigned hard with the authorities to ensure the beautiful buildings didn't fall into disrepair, and I am delighted, as I'm sure we all are, to see them being looked after so well."

The building reflects the era in which Hulme Hall was established back in 1928 and old girl, Margaret Heaton, believes that the "atmosphere within the school of warmth and friendliness has remained since the 1950s." We are hoping that it is the beginning of a long and special relationship with the Stockport High Alumni and that the ladies will be back again to share more stories!

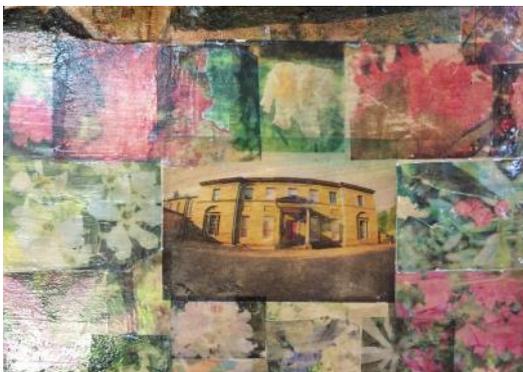


# Victorious Houses



Every year our Houses have a fiercely fought battle to win the prestigious House Cup and this year Tatton were the victors!

Dunham took the first win of the year at the Tug of War in the Autumn and all three houses gained points throughout the year in Sports competitions and for great behaviour and good deeds!



Final scores for the House Cup were:

**Tatton 9,166 points**

**Lyme 8,278 points**

**Dunham 7,684 points**

**A valiant effort from all pupils!**

Pupils entertained us at the House Talent Show and Christmas Quiz and this year we introduced a House Art Competition.

Congratulations to Oliver Chadwick who won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Senior category and Keegan Wilson and George Barratt who came 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively. Shaun Blair and his Mum won the JLC award and Zidane Naveed from Pre-School was chosen for his interpretation of a House.

There were some stunning entries and the winning pieces are now proudly displayed in the corridor.

# Top Music Award

We were delighted to be named as one of the top 58 schools in England for our Music Department in 2018.

The ISM (Incorporated Society of Musicians) Trust Gold Award recognised the excellent work achieved by the Music department and its high GCSE results in 2017. It celebrated the fact that 20% of all GCSE students at Key Stage 4 took and achieved an A\*-C.

Head of Music, Mrs Bevan, was thrilled with the award and commented, "It is so rewarding to nurture a love of music and see my students flourish. With all the pressures that children face nowadays, we as a school want to ensure that the Arts are not overlooked."



## Musical Opportunities

Music is an integral part of life at Hulme Hall Grammar School and this year our Spring Concert was a great success with students showcasing their musical talents. They were also able to apply their skills at a Creative Music Day at Manchester Metropolitan University and in a visit to the Bridgewater Hall where they went 'Back to Nature' at a Hallé for Youth concert.



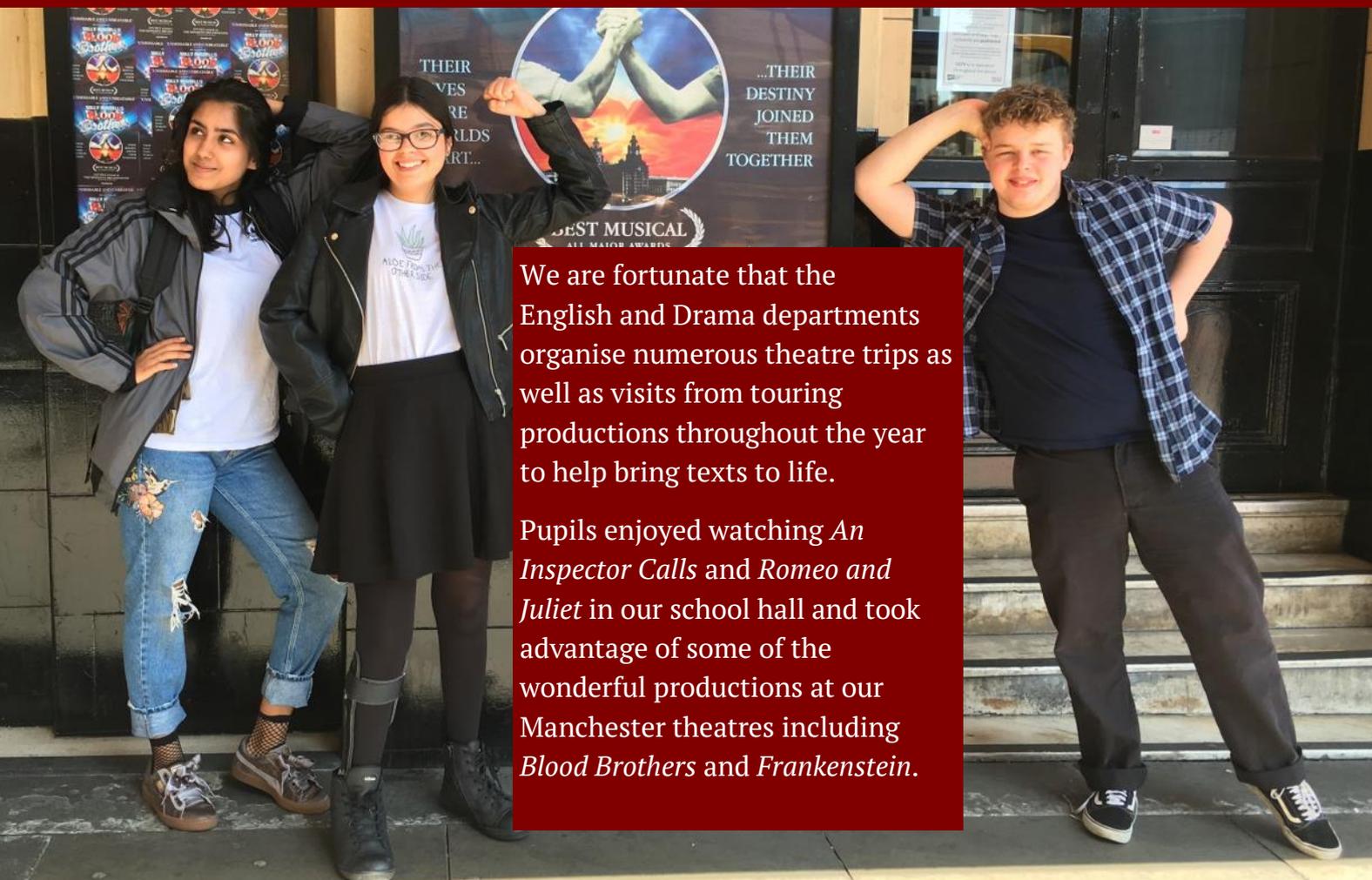
# Bugsy Malone



This year our Summer Production was the *splurgetastic* Bugsy Malone! Children from across both the JLC and Senior School put on a fantastic show singing, dancing and acting their way through the performance!



# Theatre Visits



We are fortunate that the English and Drama departments organise numerous theatre trips as well as visits from touring productions throughout the year to help bring texts to life.

Pupils enjoyed watching *An Inspector Calls* and *Romeo and Juliet* in our school hall and took advantage of some of the wonderful productions at our Manchester theatres including *Blood Brothers* and *Frankenstein*.

# Sporting Achievements



Children in school are encouraged to participate in a variety of sporting events throughout the year culminating in Sports Day in the final week of term. Since moving to the new site, we have been utilising the beautiful grounds of Stockport Cricket Club for our home cricket matches and have enjoyed success in a variety of sports fixtures.



Imogen, George, Sami and Drew made it through to the ISA National Cross Country Finals but unfortunately the bad weather meant the event was cancelled. Fingers crossed it goes ahead this year and our success can be replicated!



**Congratulations to Year 11 pupil, Drew Bickerton, who has been selected for the U15 England Lacrosse Academy.**

Drew has been playing Lacrosse with Mellor Lacrosse Club since he was five years old and has now been selected for the England Talent Pathway which will ultimately lead him to a place in the England squad.

His determination and dedication to the sport are an inspiration!



We were delighted to secure the LTA Northern Tennis Coach of the Year, Ben Bush, to coach our JLC and Senior pupils.

Ben brought a wealth of experience in his field and a real passion for tennis. Pupils took advantage of the tennis coaching and its significant benefits. As well as helping with problem-solving and hand-eye coordination, the sport also builds muscular and bone strength in children and is good for aerobic fitness and cardiovascular health.

# Sports Day Surprises



**Sports Day was hot and sunny this year but the children battled the heat to compete for their House at Woodbank Park.** If they needed inspiration on the day, it came from Irish Long Distance Runner and Olympic athlete, Ciara Mageean who happened to be training on the track alongside us. Ciara stayed behind after her training session to encourage and support our pupils and she made a real impression on us.



**The afternoon at the Cricket Club gave our children the chance to cool off with some fun water games and was finished off with a BBQ and Parents V Staff Rounders Match.** It was a fiercely fought battle but the staff were victorious and the parents very gracious in their defeat!



**At the end of the day, it was Tatton who were crowned Sports Day champions and given a boost towards their bid for ultimate victory in the House Cup!**

# Vive La France!

In September, KS4 visited Château de la Baudonnière, a French language immersion school centre in La Manche, Normandy where they were able to practise their skills. The children took part in a wide range of activities from orienteering and climbing to archery, bread making and canoeing.



## Une Visite de Collège Jules Vernes



In March we welcomed 49 pupils and 5 staff from Collège Jules Verne for the day.

Hulme Hall has a long-established link with the school which is situated in La Croix Saint Ouen to the north of Paris.

Pupils in Year 9 were finally given the opportunity to meet with their pen friend and had fun getting to know them through various activities including some fast-paced games of basketball!

# London Trip was a Roaring Success



Just before Easter, the Music Department made their annual pilgrimage to London and this year they went to see the *Lion King* at the Lyceum Theatre. Staff and pupils loved the spectacle and definitely adopted the Hakuna Matata vibe as they left the theatre.

The trip also took the children to Covent Garden, Madame Tussauds and a visit to Wonderlab at the Science Museum. It was an exhausting but memorable mini break to the big city!



## A Rewarding Day Out



Our pupils are rewarded for their good behaviour throughout the year with a day out in the Summer Term.

This year they were able to choose from a trip to Chester Zoo, Blackpool Pleasure Beach and Blackpool Sandcastle Waterpark.

The lovely summer weather meant that the pupils had an amazing day.

# Getting Creative!



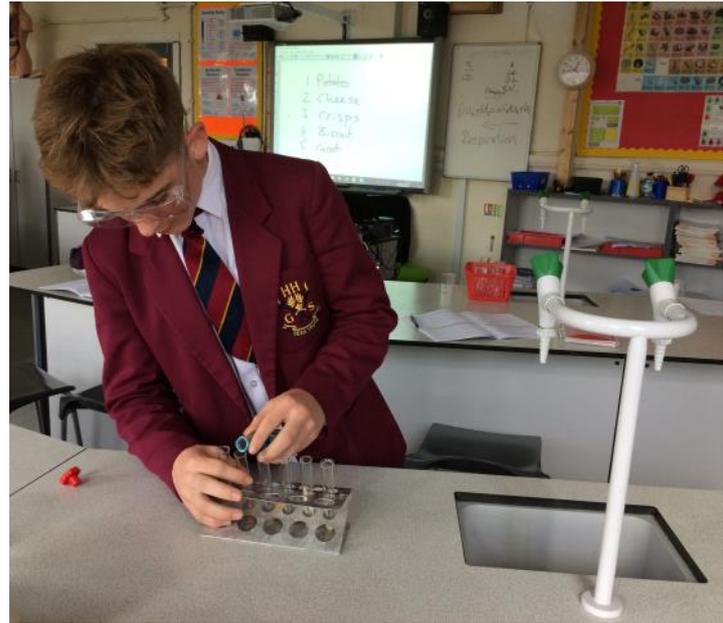
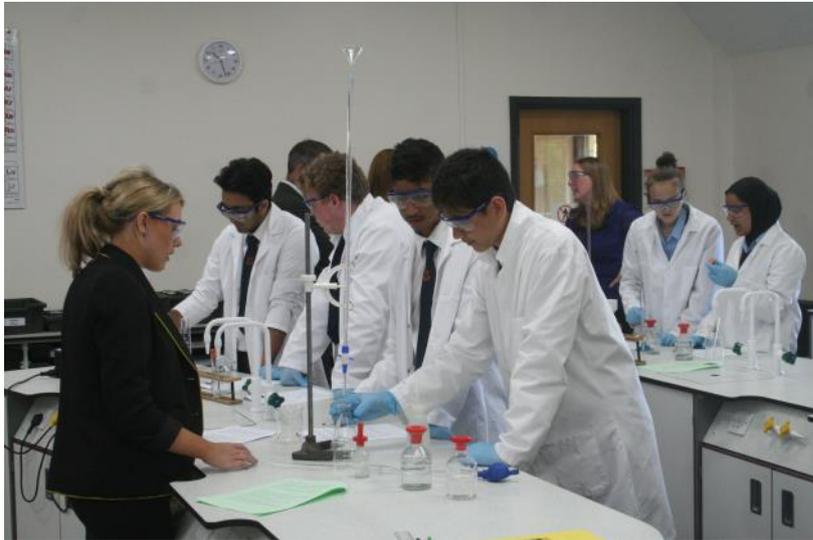
Our Art department always produce magnificent pieces throughout the year from Klimt portraits to Modroc sculptures under the expert eye of Mrs Wing! This year was no exception and the GCSE exhibition at the end of the year was an

inspirational and fitting compliment to Mrs Wing who retired after 28 years at Hulme Hall. We wish her well in her retirement and will miss her artistic flair!



# Sensational Science

We always love doing Science experiments in school and this year, amongst others, we made jelly babies scream, looked at how metal reacts with water and tested the chemical reaction of food.

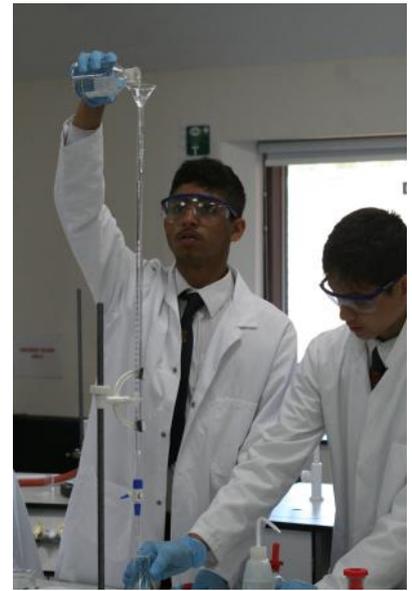


Our Year 10 pupils were chosen to take part in a Sustainable Science Day at Stockport Grammar School and had a fantastic day carrying out different experiments.

## Fabulous Food Tech

There is often a delicious aroma in the corridor that can be traced back to our Food Technology room!

We had a *Ready, Steady, Cook* lesson this year using basic ingredients, made over 200 Pancakes for Shrove Tuesday (and ate them all!) and Mrs Coulduck set our Year 11 GCSE pupils the task of creating different recipes using flour, sugar and fat! The results were amazing!



# Celebrating the Curriculum



## Fabulous Field Trips

Our Geography syllabus allows us lots of opportunities to explore the area and this year our pupils went to test the water in Castleton and carried out a study of Salford Quays with the added bonus of a tour of the BBC Studios.

## Harnessing History



History adopted a carousel learning approach to their revision swapping their knowledge and expertise with their peers!

# Marvellous Maths



Our Year 7 and 8 pupils have been embracing the Numeracy Ninja programme this year which is a key tool in helping to improve fluency, a necessary skill for the reformed GCSE. Many of them achieved at least Black Belt status with a handful achieving Grand Master status (equivalent to 5 black belts), 7 gaining Double Grand Master and a couple on triple Grand Master.

A huge congratulations to you all!

## Brilliant Pythagoras

Some amazing 3D Pythagoras models were produced this year in Maths! Our pupils love applying their maths skills to practical tasks.



# Feasts Fit for a King!

Our catering company, CH&CO, freshly prepare all our meals on site and have provided some delicious food over the past year. Alongside our normal menu, they also provide themed events that tie in with what is happening in school and the wider world.



We were lucky enough to have the 'Royal Family' in the kitchen the week before the Royal Wedding cooking up a fantastic feast for a king!



Every day our pupils from Pre-School through to Senior School are provided with high quality three course meals that are nutritionally balanced and locally sourced.



Our catering services are provided by CH&CO, a company that holds a Royal Warrant for the provision of catering services to HM The Queen.

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## Fabulous Festivities



**Our Pre-School are always keen to get involved with festivities and celebrations and this year was no exception!**

The children enjoyed sharing a book with the JLC on World Book Day, delighted the school with an Easter Bonnet parade around the whole site and had a Tea Party for the Royal Wedding to name a few!

## Fun on the Farm

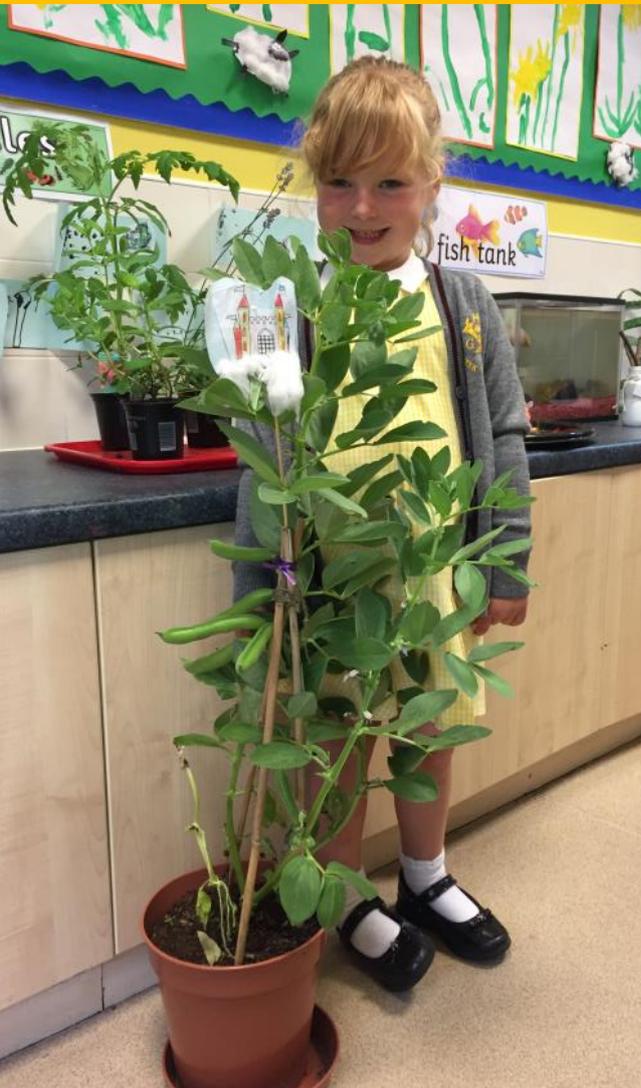


In May, the children had a fun-filled visit to Stockley Farm.

They explored the area for bugs, had a bumpy ride on a tractor, fed some baby goats and even petted a tortoise! By the end of the day, Pre-School were budding farmers!

# School

## Sensational School Days



We love to see the children engaged in learning and this year they were encouraged to grow their very own beanstalk. Isla's beanstalk took a little longer than one night but it was still a fantastic achievement!



## Active Kids



The children like to be active and enjoy being outside in any weather whether it is snowing or sunny! They take part in a variety of activities that keep them fit each week and love their dance classes with Miss Anna. On Sports Day they showed off their sporting skills with dressing up races, running races and a sack race. Even the parents and grandparents got involved!

# Junior Learning

## A Legendary Day in Chester



What better way to bring the curriculum alive than a school trip so the children can immerse themselves in the subject!

This year the children became Romans for the day with a visit to Chester. They discovered what life was like as a Roman, going on patrol with a Legionnaire and learning some of the battle moves! They were lucky enough to see some archaeologists in action and hold a bird of prey at Chester Cathedral.

## Discovering the Local Area



We are proud to live in an area that is close to some stunning scenery with areas of geographic interest and the JLC were keen to explore them!

They explored the flow, depth and width of the river in Longdendale and even went paddling despite the cold weather!

The children learnt about agricultural life at Reddish Vale Farm and later in the year they had a warmer day at Lyme Park investigating the landscape and wildlife and even managed to test out the playground!



# Centre

## Keeping Fit

The JLC took on many sporting tasks last year, walking a mile every day during the Spring in a Marathon Challenge and then representing Hulme Hall at the ISA National Championships in a Tug of War!

The Year 6 children achieved their Level 2 Bikeability course making them more competent and safe cyclists and the sporting calendar was rounded off with a Sports Day spectacular!



## Moving On



The school site provides plenty of opportunity for outdoor learning and the children have used it as a starter for learning about the story of Stick Man, doing some den building and getting green-fingered at Gardening Club!



At the end of the year, the JLC said goodbye to Mr Thorley and their Year 6 pupils who were moving up to High School and celebrated all their achievements.



# Congratulations Class of 2018



We were so proud of our Class of 2018! With our headline figures showing that 88% of pupils gained Grade 4 and above in both Maths and English, we have certainly proved the difference a small, nurturing school can make!



## Promtastic Evening

Our Leavers looked stunning at their end of year Prom with pupils arriving in style at the Village Hotel in Cheadle and enjoying an evening of entertainment and food to celebrate the end of their exams and their time at Hulme Hall.



# New Hulme Hall Head Announced

**In July, the Governors formally announced the appointment of Mr Dean Grierson as the next Headmaster of Hulme Hall.**

Mr Grierson began his career as a Teacher of Economics and Business Studies in 1996 and has since embraced the Pastoral side of teaching becoming Head of Year in both KS3 and KS4. He brings ten years of Senior Leadership experience to the role including seven years as Deputy Head.

Whilst in his current position, Mr Grierson has helped to deliver the marketing strategy and seen the school grow to new strengths. He is hoping his experience will enable him to replicate the success at his previous establishment and grow Hulme Hall in its new site.

He said, "I am very proud and excited to have been appointed the new Headmaster of Hulme Hall Grammar School and to have been entrusted with the responsibility of leading the school on the next phase of its growth and development."

Mr Grierson, who is currently Deputy Head at St Bedes will take up post in January 2019.



In the meantime, Mr Bradford and Mrs Smith are delighted to step in as Interim Headteachers and are leading the school into its second year in Davenport.



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