

Hulme Hall Grammar School

Senior School Newsletter 28th February 2020

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Netball Tournament

On Wednesday of this week, Hulme Hall was full of enthusiastic Under 11 netball players as we hosted the ISA Big Schools' 7s Netball Tournament. Thirteen prep schools from the North region were represented and an exciting morning of matches took place on our all-weather courts and in the sports hall.

The wintry weather we have been experiencing just about abated in time and the girls put on a fantastic display of skilful netball. Both semi-finals and the final produced tense, exciting matches and our congratulations go to the eventual winners, Bowden Prep. I am sure that they, along with Alderley Edge School for Girls and Lady Barn House School, who finished second and third respectively, will represent the North with great pride in the National Finals in March.

My thanks go to all the players who took part in the tournament, the teachers and coaches who accompanied them and to all the parents who came along to support. A special vote of thanks must go to our Assistant Head, Mrs Smith, whose organisational skills once again proved second to none and to our band of Year 10 helpers, who ensured the whole morning ran smoothly.



Show My Homework

Our pupils are making good use of the new Show My Homework app and the feedback we have received so far has been very positive. However, I would encourage all our parents to activate their accounts, so that they too can monitor the homework given and help to ensure it is being completed and submitted promptly. This is especially important for our pupils who may need some help with their organisation, not just in school but also at home.

A number of parents have still not logged on to their accounts. If you need any help or advice with this, please contact Mrs Norman (<u>i.norman@hulmehallschool.org</u>) and she will be delighted to assist. I am sure she would even be prepared to meet you in school to discuss how best to use the new app.

Mr Dean Grierson, Headmaster 🛛 🛐 🕑 🖸



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Coronavirus Update

I am sure you will all have seen the regular news updates relating to the Coronavirus outbreak. Especially in an educational setting, I am sure you will agree that we all have a duty of care to ensure that we minimise the risk of the virus spreading.

To that end, I would ask that you read carefully the letter that was emailed home yesterday and please follow any advice offered by Public Health England and the Department for Education.







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Living History at Quarry Bank Mill

Year 8 pupils recently visited Quarry Bank Mill in Styal to supplement the work that they had been doing in class on the industrial revolution.

Beginning in the textile mill, pupils had a go at typical jobs such as 'doffing the bobbins' and 'carrying the cans' before entering the weaving floor and experiencing what it was like to hear the machines in action.

In the Apprentice House, the pupils were given an insight into the lives of the pauper apprentices who once worked at the mill, how they lived and the punishments they were given. Charles was unfortunate enough to receive a typical punishment, but only for a minute!

Finally, the children visited Styal Village and the cottages that were built by the Greg family to house their adult workers. It is a fantastic resource on our doorstep and I would recommend a visit if you have not already been.

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Food Glorious Food

Congratulations to our Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition students, who this week completed their GCSE practical exam. I know all the students worked incredibly hard on their dishes and Mrs Norman was delighted with the fruits of their labours.

I am confident this will translate into good results in the final examination, but I guess, on this occasion, the proof of the pudding really was in the eating! Well done to everyone involved.

Internal Examinations

A reminder to pupils in Years 8 and 9 that their internal examinations take place during this half-term.

Year 9 examinations will commence on Monday 9th March, with Year 8 examinations beginning on Monday 23rd March. Hopefully you are utilising some of the revision strategies that Elevate have been sharing with you.

Year 11 reports to parents are scheduled to be sent out next Friday 6th March.

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Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th March Year 9 Exams Begin

ISA U11 'Small' Schools Netball Tournament

Tuesday 10th March Visit from College Jules Verne

Wednesday 11th March Open Morning, 9.30am—11.30am

> **Thursday 12th March** Year 7 Parents' Evening

Monday 16th March Meet the Headmaster Open event for pupils interested in joining in September 2020 & 2021 4.30pm–6.00pm

> Senior School Individual Photographs

Thursday 19th March Curriculum Enrichment Day

Monday 23rd March Year 8 Exams Begin

Thursday 26th March 13+ Open Evening Open events for pupils wishing to join Years 9 & 10 in September 2020

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