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Senior School Newsletter

1st May 2020

Going Live with Microsoft Teams!

Monday will see the launch of our use of Microsoft Teams for some lessons for pupils in Years 7 to 10. Following feedback from staff, pupils and parents, we have decided to introduce Teams in order to provide our pupils with a more direct line of communication with their teachers. The intention is that pupils in each year group (from Years 7 to 10) will have access to a couple of “live” lessons each day. These lessons will be spread across different subject areas throughout the course of the week. A schedule of lessons for next week is included with this newsletter and will also be available on the Remote Learning section of the website. **Please bear in mind that no lessons will be scheduled for Friday 8th May as this is a bank holiday to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE day.** A schedule for the week beginning Monday 11th May will be released towards the end of next week.

I am sure you will appreciate that this is a new way of working for both pupils and staff and there are bound to be some teething problems, not least with the technology I suspect. Pupils can email Mr Corker to report any such issues and he will endeavour to resolve them. Although we are introducing Microsoft Teams, work will still be set for each lesson on the SMHW app as we have been doing. This is to avoid confusion for pupils and also to ensure that pupils who are not able to access the live lessons for whatever reason will still be able to access what is being taught.

In order for the live lessons to work effectively for everybody, Mr Corker has produced a Student Guide, which includes a Code of Conduct, which pupils must ensure they follow carefully. The Student Guide is available here <https://www.hulmehallschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Student-Guide-to-Microsoft-Teams.pdf> and also on the Remote Learning section of the website. Form tutors held a practice tutor group session yesterday and the results were encouraging, so a big thank you to all those who took part. As you will see from the schedule, the live lessons begin with a half-hour form group session from 9.30am on Monday morning for all form groups in Years 7 to 10.



In line with advice from Mr Corker, pupils should only log on to their live lessons a few minutes before the beginning of the lesson and they must log off immediately at the end of the session. I should make pupils and parents aware that it is likely that teachers will record the live lessons, so that they can be made available at another time to other members of the group who may not be able to access the lessons in real time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Corker and Mrs Norman for the time and effort they have put in to ensuring we are now able to launch Microsoft Teams as part of our remote learning provision, and I would also like to thank the whole teaching staff for the time they have spent training to become familiar with the new technology. I hope all the pupils are able to access and enjoy these lessons from next week.

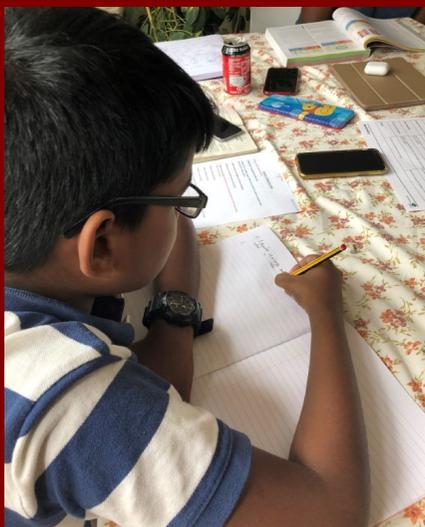
Mr Dean Grierson, Headmaster

Remote Learning 'Live' Lesson Schedule

Week beginning 4/5/20

Day	Period				
	1	2	3	4	5
Monday 4 th May	All classes – form time with form tutor (9.30am – 10.00am)	Yr 7 Geography RL	Yr 8 Science VP / JR	Yr 9 English EH/SA Yr 10 Triple Biology JR	Yr 7 Maths MS
Tuesday 5 th May	Yr 8 ICT MC Yr 9 Maths JMc/MS Yr 10 Triple Physics CB		Yr 7 Food JN Yr 9 Science JR/VP/CB Yr 10 English EH/CG	Yr 8 French KB	Yr 7 Science VP
Wednesday 6 th May*	Yr 8 Geography RL Yr 8 History MB Yr 9 Science JR/VP Yr 10 Options	Yr 8 Maths JMc/MS Yr 10 Options	Yr 7 PE AL/JS Yr 9 French KB Yr 10 Options	Yr 7 English EH Yr 10 Options	Yr 7 Music AB Year 10 Options
Thursday 7 th May	Yr 8 Art EO Yr 9 Geography RL Yr 9 History MB Yr 10 Maths JMc/MS	Yr 7 History MB Yr 10 Triple Chemistry VP	Yr 7 Drama SA Yr 9 Art EO	Yr 8 English EH/SA Yr 10 Combined Science CB	Form Group Quiz Years 7-10
Friday 8 th May	Bank Holiday				

Please note: *Wednesday 6th May Year 10 options (excluding Science) to be confirmed



JLC News

It is great to see the JLC so focussed on their home learning. This week they have been working on their comprehension skills by answering questions on *Evie in the Jungle* by Matt Haig. They certainly know the book inside out as they all got 100% in a quiz on it yesterday!

Their TA, Mrs Catanach, was due to return from maternity leave and is instead enjoying some extra time at home with her son, George. She can't wait until we all return to school so that she can work with the children of the JLC again!

Classmates



Four-Legged Friends

It seems that our four-legged friends are continuing to keep us company as we work from home! Jack has been helping Mrs Gately look through some GCSE syllabuses whilst Luna the cat is clearly slightly bored with Miss Gerrard's maths jokes!

We are most impressed with the combination of animals in George H's house! He has been joined by not one but three furry friends! His rabbit clearly thinks it is in charge of the menagerie, taking pride of place in the centre of the living room!



Our Working Environment

Not only are we all working with new classmates at the moment but for most of us, our working environments are also looking slightly different! We love seeing where you are doing your work — whether it is at the kitchen table or perched on a window ledge!

It's also good to see that some environments haven't changed and that Mr Wilks is continuing to look after the grass for us!

Many of you are discovering innovative ways to present your work to your teachers as well! Izzy in Year 7 found a creative and visual way to work out her maths problem yesterday! Keep up the good work!



Charity

From HHGS to NHS

We are incredibly proud of our Senior school TA, Mrs Jones, who is currently volunteering at Stepping Hill hospital and making scrubs in her spare time!

Mrs Jones volunteered to work for the NHS when they put out the call for 250,000 volunteers towards the end of March. The response from the public was phenomenal with over three quarters of a million people signing up to the scheme.

The TA has temporarily swapped the classroom for the maternity ward at Stepping Hill, helping to clean, make beds, serve meals and deliver supplies around the hospital site. In her spare time at home she is sewing scrubs, wash bags and ear protectors.

What a fantastic role model for our pupils!



Let it Grow for Little Princess Trust

Our Chair of Governors, Tim Lowe, is also a co-founder and trustee of the Little Princess Trust, the charity that gives wigs to children who lose their hair through cancer treatment. As with most charities, the income for the Little Princess Trust has dried up due to the Coronavirus crisis. Fortunately the charity have always kept reserves and they still have a good stock of wigs at present. However, these won't last for long and they desperately need help to raise some money to create more.

They are asking people to turn their bad hair day into a good hair day for LPT by donating the money they are saving by not going to the stylists. People can either donate online via the website (<https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/donate-money/>), by phone (01432 352359), or via text (text HAIRCUT2LPT, followed by an amount between £1 to £20, to 70085).

A number of celebrities are joining in and letting their family members cut their hair and even Mr Lowe let his wife have a go!

For those supporters who are less keen to let their friends/partners/children loose with the kitchen scissors, they are being encouraged to #LetItGrow for LPT - in the hope they will get even more of the longer hair donations so desperately needed to make longer wigs.

If you are brave enough to let your family play hairdressers, make sure you get a picture, tag us in and post it on social media with the #LetItGrow!



Thank You to Our Carers

Students across school have been showing their support for our carers in the last few weeks. Here are a few of their pictures!



Keeping Busy



Recipes for Success

We may have been in lockdown for over a month now but our Hulme Hall chefs are not losing their appetite for baking at home! On the menu this week was Sausage and Leek Mash Pie in the Alderton household, Meatballs and Pasta for the Banns' and Tom C made some fabulous bread!

Hopefully you have been inspired to try some of the recipes that CH&Co are providing on our Remote Learning page of the website. Don't forget to send us some pictures!

Keeping Fit

We've had various pictures and videos sent to us this week showing us how you are keeping active.

Have a look on our social media feeds for Matthew A catching a tennis ball on his trampoline followed by an impressive backflip! Barney has been getting out and about on his bike and George H has recommended a game of rounders as a great way to stay active—especially good if you have well trained dogs who will fetch the ball for you apparently!



Birthday Messages

Quite a few of you have been celebrating birthdays in the last week and we thought, as we are unable to celebrate with you, we would give you a special mention in the newsletter instead!

Happy 16th to Vito, Ayaan and Izzy H

Happy 15th to Tom C

We hope you enjoyed your special day—it will definitely be one to remember!



Hulme Hall Challenges

Countries of the World

This geography teaser caused quite a stir with pupils, staff and the wider community! We've received messages from people desperate for us to publish the answers and praising Mr Lamerton for sharing a quiz that has given them a few hours distraction during isolation!

A massive well done to Miss Gerrard, who got all answers correct in under two hours and Daniel H, from Year 7, who completed the quiz with his grandparents and scored 30/32.

How did you do?

Answers

1. Canada
2. West Indies
3. Iceland
4. Russia
5. Mozambique
6. Bahamas
7. Taiwan
8. New Zealand
9. Holland
10. Colombia
11. Brazil
12. Cuba
13. Wales
14. Portugal
15. Romania
16. Japan
17. Liechtenstein
18. Bali
19. Iraq
20. China
21. Belgium
22. Singapore
23. Bahrain
24. India
25. Hungary
26. N. Korea
27. Kampuchea or Cambodia
28. Sweden
29. Italy
30. Hong Kong
31. Botswana
32. Grenada



Hulme Hall Challenges

Manchester Place Names

How well do you know your city? Mrs Basu has set you the challenge of working out the 20 places in Manchester based on the clues given below. Email your answers to marketing@hulmehallschool.org and let's see who can be first to complete the teasers!



1. Set the years alight **Answer: Burnage**
2. Does the wine merchant...?
3. Come to our bring and buy...
4. Wear your hats ... in cold weather!
5. When it snows, the farmer has a ...
6. Vehicle, circle, weight
7. A case for the optician
8. After a hard day's work, we all...
9. Found in a stale sandwich.
10. Less rowdy part of the town.
11. Squashed hag.
12. Sounds like wintry weather.
13. The Godfather of archery.
14. Panache.
15. Almost crimson.
16. Farmer surprised to find quacking on land.
17. When it's cold, turn the ...
18. Activity for an undertaker.
19. Add more.
20. Agatha Christie detective



