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Senior School Newsletter

11th September 2020

New Routines

At the end of our first full week back, we are all settling into the new routines and the pupils have responded well to the measures we have implemented for their safety.

As I have walked around school, it is satisfying to see the pupils are engaged and eager to learn. During the week, I visited the Enrichment Department which had several bubbles of children working with staff and there was a real sense of effort and enthusiasm. Long may it continue!

As you are aware, the Government have once again tightened restrictions and I would like to reassure you that we are constantly monitoring guidelines to ensure that we are operating safely. We are continuing to ask children to wear masks as they move around inside the building and are endeavouring to make sure that they remain socially distanced in outdoor areas. I would ask parents to reiterate to children the importance of frequent handwashing and sanitising. Stations are located throughout school and staff are constantly reminding them, but any opportunity to reiterate the message at home would be appreciated.

Enjoy the weekend—I am sure both staff and children are ready for a couple of days to relax!



Creative Bread Art

During the summer holidays, Mrs Norman challenged pupils to get creative with bread and she had some inspiring entries from our budding bakers!

Congratulations to Tom C in Year 10 for his themed focaccia which Mrs Norman chose as the winning entry (top left photograph). A special mention must also go to Daniel H in Year 8 for his floral design (bottom left photograph).

Unfortunately we were unable to do a taste test but they certainly looked good enough to eat!



The New Routine

Pedalling for Pounds



We are so delighted to have welcomed Mr Bradford back to Hulme Hall after his battle with Stage 4 Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma in 2019. Not only is he now back in work full time but he has set himself the challenge of cycling 300 miles during September to raise money for Cancer Research UK!

Thankfully Mr Bradford entered into the remission stage at the end of March 2020 and is using fitness to aid his recovery after some gruelling chemotherapy. He will be pedalling harder than ever to reach his 300 mile target and has already clocked up 110 miles over the past 11 days. He has now upgraded his bike with stabilisers (pictured) for a road bike, which will hopefully speed up the process for him!



It is estimated that over lockdown, CRUK lost out on £44 million in funding from donations with many treatments and operations being delayed. He is hoping that his efforts will raise money to further research into treatments and one day find a cure .

Mr Bradford has surpassed his £1,000 target and his current total stands at an amazing £1,745! Every penny makes a huge difference so if you would like to show your support, please visit his page

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/philips-cycle-300-fundraising-page-31?fbclid=IwAR0mctfUNkQ2UG4jLu6rIOWT-k1Ip556mLjfaNNy459ihadjXSookHss33A>

Hydration Station

It is really important for pupils to remain hydrated during the school day. Poor hydration affects mental performance and learning ability by reducing the brain's ability to transmit and receive information.

We are unable to allow pupils to drink directly from our water fountains at present and would therefore ask that you send them into school with a water bottle. This is particularly important on days when they have PE as they can work up quite a thirst during their lessons!

Water fountains can be used for the purpose of refilling bottles and we are adhering to strict cleaning processes to ensure that they are safe to use. We have also put a notice up in front of the area to remind pupils to socially distance if there is a queue.

Remember, 'Bottles in Bags' on Monday morning!



PE Kit Reminders

Just a reminder that we have asked pupils to wear their PE kit to school on any day that they have practical PE. Please make a note of these days for Week 1 and Week 2 on your calendar, so that you and your son/daughter know whether it is a uniform day or a PE kit day!

Pupils should not travel to school or move around school in just shorts/skort and a polo shirt.

Every student will need to wear the Hulme Hall hoodie over their PE polo shirt. Hoodies are available from the School Office for £20. Please make an appointment with our office staff by emailing c.connolly@hulmehallschool.org or call 0161 485 3524 to make an appointment to arrange to purchase the hoodie. Our preferred method of payment is by contactless card payment or by putting £20 cash in a sealed envelope. If you are unable to make an appointment, pupils can attend the office and staff will help them with their purchase.

All other items of School PE kit are now available online from our PE kit suppliers, Super Sports, including the new the slim/tapered leg tracksuit bottom for boys and the navy school legging for girls (to be worn under their skort).

<https://www.supersport.co.uk/schoolwear/hulme-hall-grammar.html>

Updated Information Regarding Tracksuit Bottoms / Leggings

As we have asked Super Sport to update the bottom part of the PE kit, school has now purchased the remaining stock of standard straight leg school track suit bottoms. These are available to purchase at a reduced cost of £20 from the school office. This style is available for boys and girls and would suit anyone who prefers not to wear a slim fit track pant. Most sizes are available, but stock is limited.

To re-iterate, all pupils must wear a hoodie and bottoms on their PE day, so please ensure that purchases / orders are made as soon as possible.

We anticipate that all families will ensure that their child is wearing the full kit by half term.



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Leggings



Slim Leg Tracksuit
Bottoms



Boys Polo



Shorts



Girls Polo



Sports Socks

Alumni—Where are they now?



It is always a pleasure to receive news of our Alumni and we recently heard from ex-pupil, Francis Eaton from the Class of 2018.

After leaving Hulme Hall, Francis went on to study a BTEC in Sport at Wilmslow High School, achieving a Distinction*, Distinction, Distinction which is equivalent to A*, A, A at A Level and is now off to Exeter University to study Sport and Exercise Science.



Francis joined Hulme Hall at the age of 7 when he was struggling academically and lacked self-confidence. His mum attributes his recent results to the hard work, commitment, encouragement and belief that Hulme Hall instilled in him.

Whilst at school, Francis contributed to the life of the sports department and even won a gold medal in the 4x100m relay at the ISA National finals for Hulme Hall!

Mrs Smith, Mr Bradford and Miss Lucas are all particularly delighted that he is continuing to go down the sporting route and Miss Lucas is especially happy to hear that he will be trying out for the university basketball team!

We wish him lots of luck in the next step of his education.

If you are a member of our alumni and would like to share your news, please contact marketing@hulmehallschool.org