



# Hulme Hall Grammar School

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## Senior School Newsletter

2nd October 2020

It has certainly been an eventful week this week, as the inevitable happened and a member of our community received a positive Covid test result. We wish the individual concerned a speedy recovery and I would also like to thank all the impacted pupils and parents for their cooperation as we took the necessary measures to protect other members of the school. Thanks are also due to the teaching staff for switching immediately to remote learning and “live” lessons for those pupils now having to self-isolate. I would especially like to thank Mr Bradford and Mrs Norman for ensuring that the necessary planning was in place to deal with such an eventuality.

For the rest of the school it has been business as usual with House cross country taking place at the Cricket Club during PE lessons and Year 11 mock GCSE examinations. Pupils continue to show great resilience and are mostly remembering to wear their masks in communal areas—with the occasional prompt needed from a member of staff! Signs are up throughout school to remind them to be worn and I would ask that you continue to help us by ensuring that pupils bring a mask into school with them each day.

There is much to look forward to in the next couple of weeks—this Saturday we will be filming a 3D tour of school that will be used to complement our open events and, in the eventuality we cannot run them, will provide an alternative tool for marketing the school.

Next Saturday 10th October is our annual Open Morning. As I am sure you can imagine, we have had to rethink the event in order to safeguard our staff and pupils and any visitors coming on site. With this in mind, we have decided that current pupils will not be in attendance at the event. This is very disappointing for us as we know that our pupils are our greatest asset and visitors always tell us how much they have enjoyed and appreciated a pupil-led tour. Hopefully, we will be able to utilise them later in the year, but in the meantime, we are pleased with the demand for a tour of school and more timeslots have now been added for anyone wishing to pre-book for this event or for the Open Evening on Thursday 15th October.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable weekend.



### Superb Science

It is always lovely to hear that pupils are building upon the work they are doing in class by completing their homework to a high standard.

This week, Mrs Pendleton was delighted when Nikhil from Year 7 went above and beyond with the work she had set. As well as doing reading homework and a Bitesize test, he took it upon himself to do the chromatography experiment at home and even took some pictures so that she could see his results! A brilliant effort!



Mr Dean Grierson, Headmaster

# House Cross Country



**The start of Autumn can mean only one thing... it's time for pupils to put on their running shoes and compete to win points for their Houses in cross country running!**



This week saw Years 7, 9 and 10 battle it out within their year group to win House points for either Lyme or Dunham.

Points are awarded according to the final position in the race—one point for first, two for second, etc. Therefore, the lower the total score the better!

At present Lyme are running away with it (*excuse the pun!*). They received a total of 204 points across the three year groups, 59 less than Dunham. With two year groups still to compete, the competition is still up for grabs and Years 8 and 11 have everything to run for!

## A National Assembly

On Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September schools across the UK took part in the first Big Anti-bullying Assembly. This was a virtual school assembly organised by The Diana Award (a charity that supports young people). Broadcast over YouTube, the assembly welcomed students back to school after the Coronavirus lockdown and encouraged them to make a stand against bullying.

Celebrity guests, including Peter Andre, Tyrone Mings and James McVey, shared their experiences of being bullied and helped the children to understand how they can support others in stopping it.

The JLC watched the assembly with enthusiasm and loved the format of it! They came up with a list of adults they could turn to if they had a problem and then made empathetic posters to show that bullying is wrong. They were able to make connections in their guided reading book (*Fuzzy Mud* by Louis Sachar), recognising that Chad only bullied Marshall because he was jealous of him. It just shows the power of a message in assembly!



## Floral Artistry

The JLC children have been working hard on their entry for the ISA Art Competition with Mrs Oakes. They have created 'A Collection of Flowers' with mixed media using paint, pen and paper collage.

The result is stunning and we think it looks beautiful in the corridor outside our classroom!

## ParentPay

If you have not already done so, please activate your ParentPay account. This is a safe and secure website that allows you to make payments for trips, activities and other school related items. Please note tuition fees cannot be paid using ParentPay.

At present, only 63% of families have registered but with more items being added for upcoming extra-curricular activities, it is the safest way of ensuring that payment comes straight to school rather than being lost at the bottom of a school bag!

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