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Senior School Newsletter

9th October 2020

Looking Forward to the Weekend

Tomorrow we host our annual Open Morning, but this year, due to the Coronavirus restrictions, the event will have a very different feel to it. Usually, our pupils are our greatest asset and we are very proud to have them lead tours and show off our school. This year, however, our current pupils will sadly not be present, but we are still looking forward to welcoming prospective pupils and their families to the school site for a socially distanced tour. I am pleased to say that tomorrow's event is now fully booked, but if you know of any family or friends who may be interested in what Hulme Hall has to offer, please encourage them to contact our Admissions Officer, Mrs Cooke (d.cooke@hulmehallschool.org).

We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 10 pupils back to the school site next Tuesday (13th October) following their period of remote learning at home. I would like to congratulate our pupils for their attendance and positive contribution to the live lessons that have been provided in the last two weeks.

I would also like to thank the teachers for the prompt and proactive way they have responded to the challenges we have faced this half term.

Mr Dean Grierson, Headmaster



Staff Go Red for Dyslexia

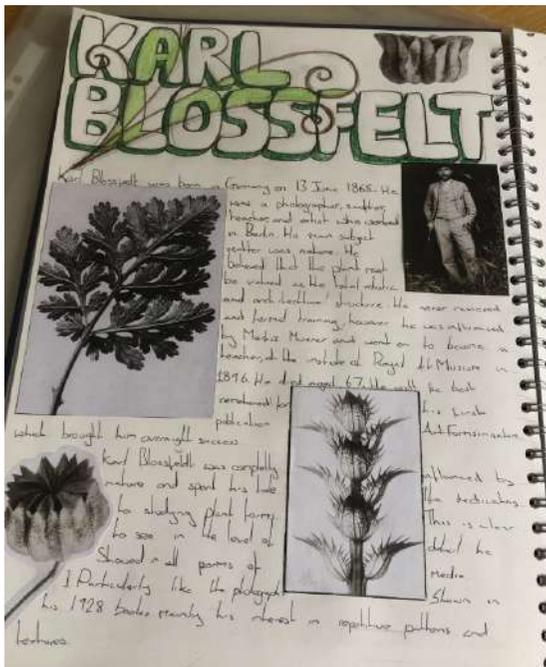
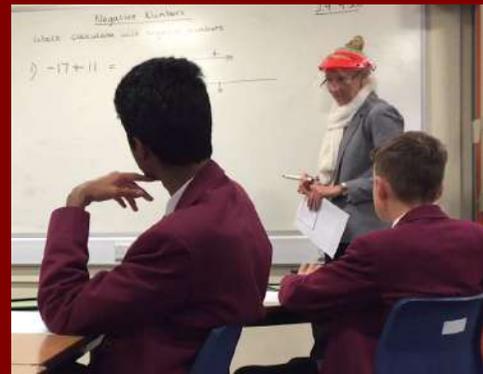
Yesterday saw staff wearing red in support of Dyslexia Awareness Week which aims to raise awareness for the 10-15% of people who have dyslexia in the UK. As a condition, it is very misunderstood and can go undiagnosed for many years.

At Hulme Hall, we are proud of our Enrichment team who work hard to empower children with dyslexia to help them achieve their potential and build their confidence. In recognition, on #GoRedForDyslexia day, staff searched in their wardrobes for something red! It was particularly tricky for Mr Grierson who avoids the colour as a general rule! However, he rose to the challenge and managed to find a retro Manchester City shirt that fitted the bill!

Hybrid Learning

It has certainly been an interesting and challenging week in terms of teaching. Staff have been running lessons as normal in school for the majority of pupils, whilst also providing 'live lessons' for our Year 10 pupils who have been working from home. In some cases they have also done a combination of the two, delivering hybrid lessons to pupils where some members of the year group are quarantining and some are in school! We have even had a few teachers who have taught virtually from their own home whilst they have been self-isolating!

As you can imagine, this is no mean feat! Special thanks must go to Mr Bradford for coordinating all of the lessons and to our IT Technician, Mr Lea, for making sure the correct technology was available. Mr Corker and Mrs Norman have again done a fine job ensuring our pupils were ready and able to access their lessons on Microsoft Teams.



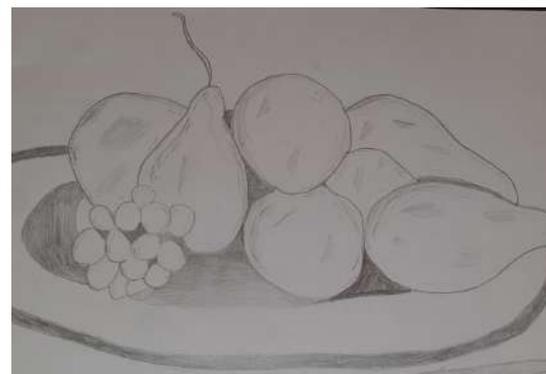
A Studious Approach

The standard of work remains high whether students are working remotely or in the classroom. In Art, Mrs Oakes was particularly impressed with George S in Year 10 who produced an artist research page on Karl Blossfeldt whilst working in quarantine.

In the classroom, Lewis M from Year 8 drew a beautiful sketch of a fruit bowl in the style of Paul Cezanne, taking particular care with his shading and perspective.

All in all, it has been a great team effort from pupils and staff to minimise disruption to education.

Let us hope for a more straightforward week next week and then we can all enjoy a well-deserved half-term break!

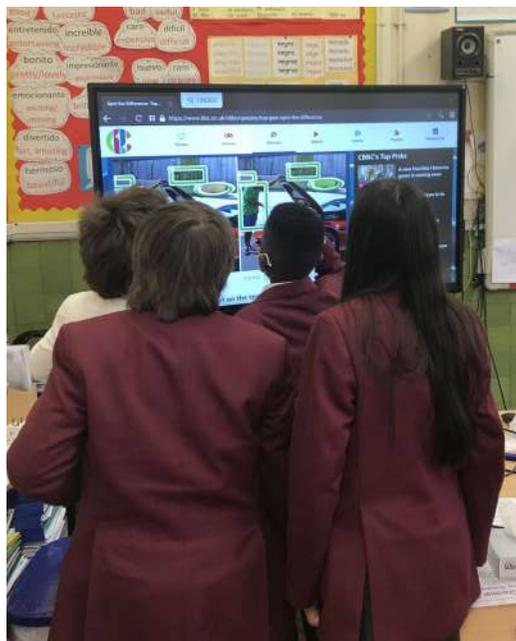


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Smart Ways to Play

With interaction between pupils limited to year-group bubbles at the moment, they are finding creative ways to stay in touch with their friends across school! Pupils have moved to smart board technology on wet play days to socialise!

8MS challenged 7EO to a game of spot the difference whilst 7VP played hangman! It's great to see them taking advantage of technology and working as a team, even during their lunchbreak!



The PE department are also finding creative ways to get pupils playing summer sports in weather that is anything but sunny! Having missed out on cricket last year, KS3 have been enjoying playing in the Sports Hall and getting prepared for Cricket Club in the Spring! Some year groups have even received some top tips from resident Cricket Coach, Mr Wilks!



On those increasingly rare sunny days, they are also making the most of the outside space at lunchtime to practise their throwing and catching.

Roll on the summer when competitive cricket can resume!



Positive Praise

Our Class of 2020 have been returning some of their text books to school in the last few weeks and it has been lovely to catch up with them and find out how college life is going.

Milly and Oscar arrived in school laden with presents yesterday to thank staff for all their support during their time at Hulme Hall.

Milly was a pupil here for nine years and in a letter to Mr Grierson, her parents praised the staff at school. In particular they acknowledged the Enrichment department *“who daily went above and beyond, in fact far past the call of duty and requirements of any teaching staff. They enabled [Milly] to maximise her potential, kept her happy and were always there for her, we simply cannot thank them enough.”*

Wonderful comments for our staff who dedicate so much time and effort to each individual child in school to ensure that they achieve their potential and leave as happy, confident individuals.



Perfect PE Kit

Our smart and smiling Year 8 boys (pictured) are modelling our new style of slim leg tracksuit bottoms that are now available to order at <https://www.supersport.co.uk/schoolwear/hulme-hall-grammar.html>

A reminder that all PE kit must be Hulme Hall branded after half term. Orders placed online are arriving within a couple of days so there should be no excuse for wearing non-regulation items!

A reminder that hoodies can be purchased from the School Office for £20. There are several ways to pay:

- ◆ via ParentPay (if you have activated your account)
- ◆ by card (in person or over the phone)
- ◆ by cash or cheque in a clearly marked envelope

We look forward to seeing more smart and smiling pupils in PE in November!