



# Hulme Hall Grammar School

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# Senior School Newsletter

16th October 2020



## A Positive End to the Half Term

As the half term draws to a close, I would like to pay tribute to all pupils and staff for their efforts throughout the last seven weeks. It has certainly felt as though we have been operating in strange times, but everybody has worked together to ensure that we have been able to carry on as close to normal as possible. It is a true reflection of how our Hulme Hall family works.

It was very pleasing to end the half term on a high yesterday with the presentation of Senior Ties to fifteen deserving members of our Year 11 cohort. All those who received ties have successfully completed an application and selection process and fully deserve their new positions of responsibility. Congratulations to them all. Shortly after half-term, we will also be announcing our new Head Boy and Head Girl for this academic year.

In the meantime, I wish everyone involved with Hulme Hall continued good health and an enjoyable and restful half term.



## Goodbye and Good Luck

Yesterday we said goodbye to one of our Teaching Assistants, Mrs Helen Walton. Mrs Walton has been an integral part of our Enrichment Team for the last two years and was instrumental in delivering our Step Up to English programme. Everybody at Hulme Hall wishes Mrs Walton well as she returns to her previous incarnation as a college lecturer.



# Curriculum Enrichment Day

Today, we ended the half term with our first Curriculum Enrichment Day of the year!

Curriculum Enrichment Days happen once every term and are designed to give students experiences outside of the curriculum that are fun, educational and normally very hands-on!



Year 7 pupils enjoyed a Science Day learning about the structure of DNA. They modelled DNA using sweets and extracted the DNA from kiwi fruit. They then used their knowledge to interpret DNA fingerprints.



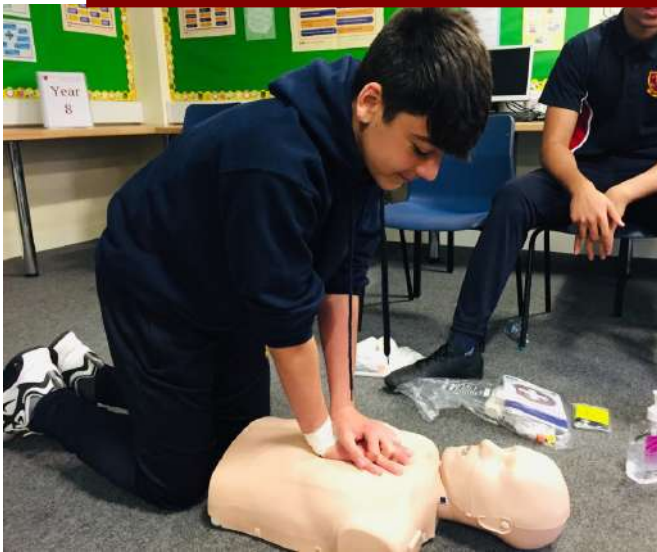
Various House activities were undertaken by Years 8 and 9 including an Art competition, Maths challenge, Spelling Bee and PE contest.



# Enriching Experiences



Students in Years 10 and 11 completed a First Aid qualification, which may prove vital in saving a life in the future. They had lots of fun with the 'Blood Circulation Dance', practised their sling techniques and learnt resuscitation. Thank to Manchester First Aid Training for their brilliant delivery of some really important life skills!



## An Important Lesson in History

October is Black History Month which celebrates Black Britons who have helped shape our country's history and culture.

Teachers used their PSHE time to show videos and talk about the importance of remembering those who influenced our past whilst looking to the future and the possibilities that it brings.

In particular they focussed on four significant figures— pioneering nurse from the Crimean War, Mary Seacole; Walter Tull, the first professional Black footballer; artist, Yinka Shonibare and comedian and founder of the Comic Relief Charity, Lenny Henry.



## A Polite Reminder

Any pupils arriving late to school after 9.15am should enter via the Main Office Entrance.

All other access routes into school will be locked at this time to ensure the safety of pupils and staff.

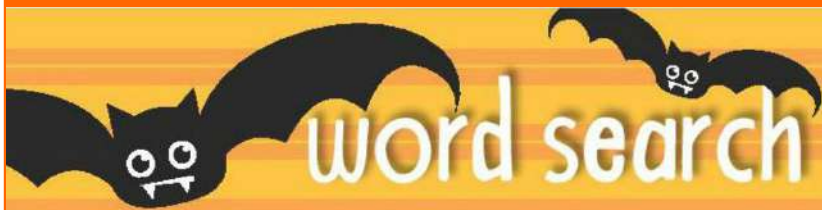
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## Spot the Difference

You may have spotted the lovely Mrs Conway getting into the spirit of Halloween and walking around school with a bucket of treats in the last couple of days...but can you spot the 5 differences in the pictures below? Answers in the next newsletter!

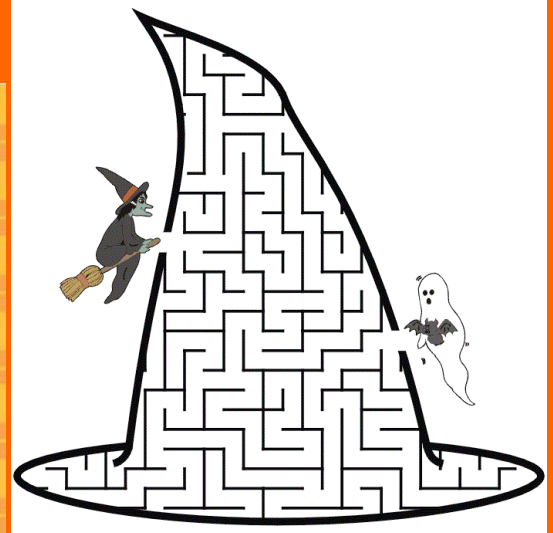


## Witches Hat Maze



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| 1. Scarecrow      | 5. Spider     | 9. Pumpkin  | 13. October |
| 2. Pumpkin        | 6. Haunted    | 10. Bat     | 14. Zombie  |
| 3. Trick or treat | 7. Spooky     | 11. Boo     | 15. Mask    |
| 4. Ghosts         | 8. Candy Corn | 12. Vampire | 16. Costume |



## Halloween Sudoku

Fill in the grids so that each column, row, and box contains one and an only one of the letters from the given word.

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