



Positive Start to the Half Term

As we enter a second national lockdown, here at Hulme Hall we are very much trying to get on with life as “normally” as possible and I would once again like to pay tribute to the pupils and staff for their positive approach to school life.

Our newsletter this week contains some excellent examples of positive stories. Mrs Smith was delighted to present over 40 first aid certificates to our Year 10 and Year 11 pupils, following successful completion of their training before half term. Some of our Year 11 pupils will be organising our annual collection in support of the Poppy Appeal and representatives of Manchester College provided some excellent feedback to our Year 11s following mock interviews earlier this week.

I hope you are all able to stay safe and well during this latest lockdown period and fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us so we can all get some fresh air!

Mr Dean Grierson, Headmaster



Cadet Creates Charity Candle-Holders

With Remembrance Day coming up later this month, we are currently trying to contact our local representative to source some poppies and other items that can be safely sold in school. However, whilst we are waiting to see if this will happen, some of our Year 11 pupils have stepped in with an idea for raising money for the British Legion. They have designed some limited edition remembrance-themed candle holders that they will be selling in school.

Art student and Army Cadet, Emma, is the inspiration behind the hand-painted candle holders which she has painstakingly created and is selling for a minimum donation of £5. They picture silhouettes of soldiers and are beautifully crafted. It is a cause close to her heart - she has been a member of the Greater Manchester ACF for 2 years and hopes to join the Grenadier Guards once she has completed her education. A big well done to Emma, Ben and Jake on their inspired approach to fundraising.

Anyone wishing to buy a candle holder should send money in a sealed envelope and pass it to the Main Office.

A Life Saving Certificate

Congratulations to the 40 pupils in Years 10 and 11 and 5 members of staff who have been awarded their First Aid at Work qualification!

During Curriculum Enrichment Day, Manchester First Aid Training delivered Covid-secure instruction on some essential life skills that will enable all participants to practise first aid for the next three years. Whilst we hope that they will never have to use their knowledge, it is another life skill for pupils that is also favourably recognised by colleges and improves their employability.

The government are currently rolling out proposals which encourage schools to teach life-saving skills, such as CPR, as part of their health programme. At Hulme Hall, we have been doing this for more than ten years and are proud that virtually every member of staff has received First Aid training and all pupils will leave with the opportunity to gain their first aid certificate.

Well done everyone and thank you Manchester First Aid Training for making the training so much fun!



Next Steps



Thanks once again to The Manchester College who came into school on Monday to do mock interviews with our Year 11 pupils. For the last five years, their fantastic liaison team have been delivering face to face questions and individual feedback to each student as part of our transition programme.

It is an invaluable experience for students, that may be a little daunting at first, but ultimately boosts their confidence and prepares them for the 'real thing'. It builds upon the brilliant work that Mr McNaught and Mrs Burge have been doing with our Year 11s during PSHE when they have been researching colleges and looking at applications.

A big well done to everyone in the cohort—you all impressed the interviewers with your attitude, answers and smart appearance.

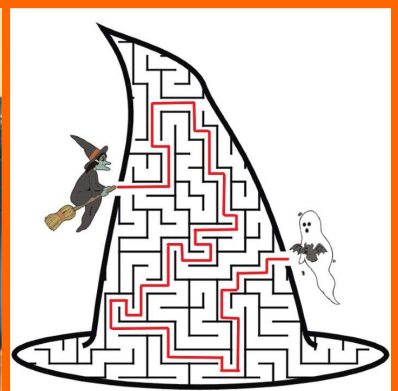
JLC News

Hauntingly Good Homework

Over the half term holiday, the JLC were tasked with making a spooky setting using a shoe box and the results were spooktakular! They created eerie graveyards, a fantastic Griffin's lair and Harry M even used lights to add a creepy atmosphere to the mysterious mist hanging over his setting. We can't wait to see how they use them as a prompt for their ghoulish stories next week!



Spooktakular Answers



word search

T	P	U	M	P	K	I	N	G	S	L	K	E	X	E
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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

SOLUTIONS

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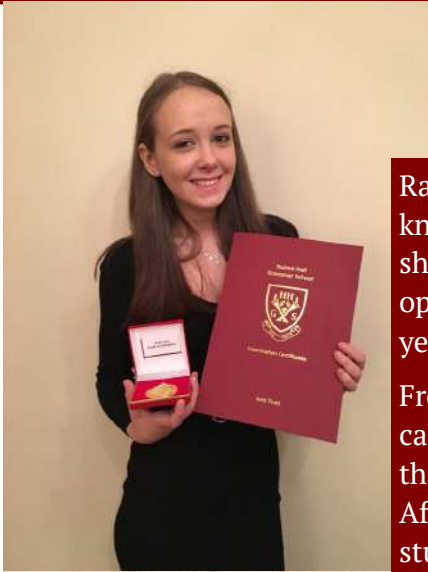
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Here are the answers to our Spooktakular puzzles from the Halloween newsletter...

Did you manage to spot the 5 differences on the picture of Mrs Conway? Answers are circled in red.

Spotlight on Alumni



Rachael Hibbert, from the Class of 2016, knew exactly what she wanted to do when she left Hulme Hall—it was her dream to open her own bespoke cake business.... Four years on and she has achieved just that!

From the age of 13, she began entering her cakes into competitions and knew instantly that she had a passion and flair for baking. After leaving Hulme Hall, she went on to study Bakery and Patisserie at Reaseheath College and then took a foundation degree at the University of Chester.

Whilst studying, she set up her business, Beauty Bakes Cheshire, which specialises in bespoke cakes and cupcakes. In the last 12 months it has gone from strength to strength but Rachael's ambitions haven't stopped there! She is currently studying her Level 3 Teacher's award to enable her to offer cake decorating classes next year and has future plans to open a café offering patisserie goods.

At a time when everything is a little uncertain, her advice to our current Year 11s is "Stay positive, work hard and make it happen."

We wish Rachael lots of luck for the future—please take a look at her Facebook page for more examples of her fabulous cakes: <https://www.facebook.com/beautybakescheshire/>

