



# Hulme Hall Grammar School

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## Senior School Newsletter

29th January 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

The past week has been another busy one at Hulme Hall as we 'virtually' welcomed almost 50 prospective Year 7 pupils to our entrance assessment. I am looking forward to meeting all the candidates and their parents for Zoom meetings over the course of the next two weeks. It is pleasing to see so many families are interested in the education that our School has to offer, despite us not being able to run our usual open events last term, due to the Government restrictions that have been in place.

Staying with the theme of the Government restrictions, the Prime Minister this week announced that schools would remain closed for the majority of pupils until Monday March 8<sup>th</sup> at the earliest. This is obviously very disappointing news for all involved in education and we recognise the valuable work parents are doing to support their child's remote learning at home.

We have been very pleased to receive some positive feedback regarding the programme we have put in place, however, we are always looking to reflect and improve and, to that end, we are hoping to publish a short survey for parents to complete, so that we can gain some valuable feedback into your child's lockdown learning experience. More details will follow in due course.

## Mental Health

The nature of remote learning and studying at home raises some serious questions about pupil wellbeing and mental health. Mrs Smith is writing to parents with some useful tips and links that could prove valuable. Please look out for her letter in your inbox.

Of course, our excellent pastoral team are always on hand to offer help and support as we know it isn't easy, so please don't hesitate to get in touch with them if you feel your child needs some.

pastoral support.

## Year 9 Events

Yesterday evening we held our Virtual Year 9 Curriculum Evening. This evening represents an important staging post in our pupil's educational journey as it effectively marks the start of their GCSE studies as they begin to think about which options they would like to choose for Year 10.

This event will be swiftly followed by the Year 9 Parents' Evening which will also take place remotely on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

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## Term Dates 2021—2022

### Autumn Term

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021	Inset Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021	Inset Day
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Term Starts
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2021	Break up for Half Term (3.30pm)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2021	Term Starts
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Term Ends (12.30pm)

### Spring Term

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Inset Day
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Term Starts
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2022	Assessment Day for prospective pupils (School closed on this day)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Break up for Half Term (3.30pm)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Term Starts
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Term Ends (12.30pm)

### Summer Term

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Inset Day
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Term Starts
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022	Bank Holiday (School closed)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Break up for Half Term (3.30pm)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Term Starts
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Term Ends (12.30pm)

Mr Dean Grierson, Headmaster



# A Time to Remember



This week our assembly and PHSE sessions focused on the Holocaust, to mark the Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi death camp. Holocaust Memorial Day encourages remembrance in a world scarred by genocide. We spent time thinking, learning and discussing the Holocaust. We remembered the six million Jewish people who were persecuted and murdered by the Nazis and their collaborators.

We were reminded of what can happen, and is still happening in our world, when prejudice and persecution are left unchallenged, and discussed our responsibilities to stand against these processes when we see them in our own communities. Pupils took part in the 'We Remember' campaign to show their support for the Memorial Day.

## Our Very Own Alumni—Miss Lucas

Miss Lucas was actually a pupil of Hulme Hall from 2004 to 2008. She went on to Manchester Metropolitan University to study BSc Sports Coaching and Development, gaining her degree. We thought who better to start off our set of Alumni interviews than someone who has come full circle on her Hulme Hall journey and returned to where it all began as our Sports Co-ordinator.

### What was student life like?

Student life was fun and I felt happy. I was House Captain which I was really proud of. I was on every sports team and loved playing the fixtures. We travelled to other schools on the bus and that was so enjoyable, it created a sense of camaraderie within my class. If we won the game, it was even better.

### What do you remember most about your time as a student at Hulme Hall?

I loved my time at Hulme Hall as I got the support I needed straight away, that I didn't get in my previous state school. Hulme Hall has a big place in my heart as without attending as a pupil, I wouldn't be where I am today.

### How did Hulme Hall prepare you for your career?

When I moved to Hulme Hall, I was shy and not a confident person. Over the 4 years, I grew as a person and became more confident and left with the belief that I could do anything I set my mind to, regardless of any barriers I may have had.

### What made you come back and work here?

One of the main reasons was my vivid memory of really supportive teachers who helped and nurtured each pupil in an individual way. I liked the working environment and I wanted current pupils to see me, and what I had achieved, and realise that they could achieve anything that they set their mind to. The delicious hot school dinners were a big pull too!

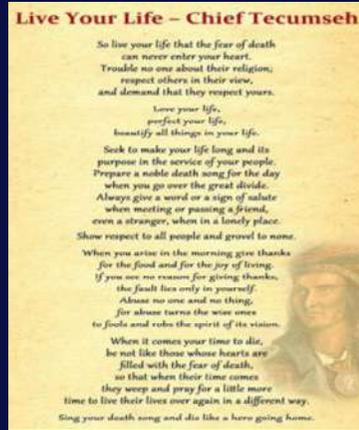
### Describe Hulme Hall for someone who has never been here before.

Hulme Hall has a very warm, family feel to it. Everyone knows everyone, and the staff know each pupil and their individual needs in detail. It is a friendly environment and all the pupils feel safe, happy and enjoy learning here.



## JLC News

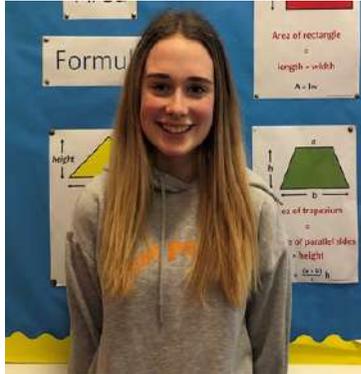
We focused on poetry from other cultures this week in English. The children enjoyed reading 'Live your Life' by Chief Tecumseh, from the Shawnee Nation. 'Autumn' by Alexander Posey from the Muskogee Creek Nation and 'Remember' by Joy Harjo who is the poet laureate for the United States and from the Mvskoke Creek Nation.



## Functional Skills Maths

Congratulations to all our pupils who completed their Level 1 or level 2 Functional Skills maths exam in November.

The results have arrived and we couldn't wait to announce that Lexie from Year 11, received a brilliant 78 out of a maximum 80.



The Mathematics Department is so proud of Lexie's result, and want to say a huge well done to all the pupils who sat their exam!

## Answers to Previous Quiz

1. The Blue Whale
2. Twice: 2013 and 2016
3. 1869
4. Prince Louis of Cambridge
5. Netherlands
6. Four: Mitral, Tricuspid, Aortic and Pulmonic
7. New York in 1943
8. Mango
9. Dizzee Rascal
10. James McAvoy is Scottish

## Congratulations!

January Birthdays:

Thomas - Year 10

Harry - Year 9

Michael - Year 7

Hadi - Year 7

Nimra - Year 8

Harvey - Year 11

To Mrs Bevan who has become a grandparent this week for the first time to baby Emilia!



## Stockport Landmark Challenge

See how many you can get right...

