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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends,

As Covid case numbers continue to fall and government restrictions (fingers crossed) continue to be eased in the coming weeks, I am hopeful that we can take a few small steps to returning to some kind of normality at school, perhaps even before we break for the summer holiday.

The first of those small steps will be taken next week, when some of our co-curricular clubs resume. Please encourage your child to take a look at the attached timetable and take part in one or more of the activities available.

I would like to congratulate the Year 10 pupils for completing their internal examinations over the course of the last couple of weeks. These papers will provide teachers with a valuable picture of progress and also highlight any areas for development, especially following the lockdown period in January and February. Full reports are scheduled to go out to Year 10 parents on or around Friday 21st May.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Art Club KS3 Lunchtime (Week 1)	Art Club KS3 Lunchtime (Week 2)	Art Club KS4 Lunchtime	Art Club KS4 Lunchtime	
Rounders Club Year 7 Lunchtime (Week 2)	Chess Club Key Stage 3 Lunch	Science Club Year 7 After School	Homework Club Year 11 After School	
Further Maths Club Year 11 After School	Maths Homework Club Year 10 After School	Cricket Club Years 9 & 10 After School		
	Rounders Club Year 7 Lunchtime	Rounders Club Year 8 Lunchtime		
Homework Club After School until 5pm	Homework Club After School until 5pm	Homework Club After School until 5pm	Homework Club After School until 5pm	Homework Club After School until 4.30pm

I am sure many of you will have read about the social media blackout being promoted by the professional football industry this weekend and the dangers of social media form the theme of my second 'Headmaster's Blog'. Those of you who would like to read it can find the blog by following this link:
<https://www.hulmehallschool.org/headmasters-blog/>

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Congratulations Mrs Oakes!

We are delighted to share the news that our art teacher, Mrs Oakes, safely delivered Oscar Ludwig Oakes last week. He weighed 7lb 14oz and both Mrs Oakes and Oscar are healthy and doing well.

We can't wait to meet Oscar!

Congratulations



Alumnus - Cameron Zandi

Cameron Zandi came to Hulme Hall in 2006 and left in 2010 after finishing his GCSEs. He went on to study A levels at Aquinas College in Applied Business and Government and Politics, gaining two As and a B which enabled him to go to Newcastle Business School where he studied Business Management. In his second year, he was placed on an internship for four months at Pareto Law, which is where he went on to work. His current role is Senior Business Development Manager.

What was pupil life like at Hulme Hall?

Hulme Hall was all about inclusivity and support, both academically and pastorally. The teachers went above and beyond every day and it was very clear to me it was not 'just a job' to them, they genuinely cared for their pupils. There was so much one on one time, teachers gave consistent feedback and they really broke down the subjects to make it easier to learn. They celebrated each pupils individual strengths and were amazing at motivating you to perform to the best of your abilities.

What do you remember most about your time at Hulme Hall?

Sports was a big part of my time at Hulme Hall. I was on the school football team and we used to travel to fixtures against other schools in Mr Lamerton's car where he used to let us put Capital FM on! Being in the team helped prepare me to collaborate with others and to share a win was such a good feeling.

How did Hulme Hall prepare you for your career?

Looking back, when you made a good point in class, the teacher would come back to it and ask you questions about it to develop the point further. It really felt like a partnership and I felt empowered in my learning which really helped me succeed.

I really felt that Hulme Hall was one of the best schools in the country as the attention and the way the teachers use techniques to get the absolute best out of you has really helped get me to where I am today.

What are you most proud of in your life so far?

I'm proud that I was able to buy my first property at age 24.

Describe your current role and what parts you find the most enjoyable and challenging?

Pareto Law is the UK's largest Sales Development company. I advise and sell to decision makers who invest in training so they can run their business more effectively and ultimately increase their sales. It's a lucrative career as we are leaders in what we do.

What is your best piece of advice to a senior pupil now, that you wish you had known when you left Hulme Hall?

Look at what motivates you as a person e.g. money, helping people, and research how you can apply that to roles and careers out there so that you go into a career you love. Ask your teachers for feedback as to your strengths as they know so much about you, they may see something you haven't in yourself.

Ask questions!



Recommendations

Everybody loves learning. The snippets people drop into conversations that spark an interest are usually followed up and investigated and our lives are enriched for the better. We thought it would be interesting to start a weekly share in the newsletter of recommendations that are interesting and informative. It would be great to inspire our pupils to read more too. **Let us know if you have something to share!**



Book Review

Me Before You - Jojo Moyes



Podcast

All The Best with Mr and Mrs Hinch



TV Programme

Ackley Bridge—Channel 4



Experiments Resume with Gusto!

We have had some really interesting experiments in science this week that our pupils have enjoyed. This hands on approach to learning was really missed during our national periods of lockdown, but we are thrilled to be back!

In Physics, Year 11 watched Mrs Basu demonstrate 'the motor effect', the results when two magnetic fields interact with one another.

In Biology, pupils were testing different foods for the presence of proteins, carbohydrates and fats.



JLC News

In English this week the children looked at award winning animated films and then retold the story from their own perspective. The animation lasted for about five minutes. It was lovely to see them taking notes while watching the film and then using their notes to write a longer narrative.

