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SENIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends,

I hope you were all able to enjoy a pleasant May bank holiday weekend, even if the weather did rather let us down.

This week, it has been pleasing to see some of our co-curricular clubs resume and in this newsletter you can find out more about Year 7 Science Club and Computing Club. In the Art Department our Year 10 and Year 11 pupils have been busy working on their pieces for assessment and in Food Preparation and Nutrition, the children have been making pasta - one of my favourites! From my office, I have also been able to hear a lot of work going into rehearsals in Drama lessons.

Today we will be posting the latest Pupil Progress Records (PPRs) to the parents of pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9. These cover the work done by the children since we returned to the school site in early March. Parents should also read the guide to the PPRs, which has been produced by Mrs Norman. This will be posted with the PPR document.

Finally, I am sure all Manchester City fans will be delighted that their team has reached the final of the Champions League. With United also set to feature in the Europa League final, maybe the blues and the reds will be celebrating European success come the end of the month?

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Practising Billy Liar in Drama

Our Year 11 Drama pupils have been practising for their AQA Drama Component 3 Scripted piece this week.

Their scene is from Billy Liar and is played by Lexie and Harvey.



Alumna—Ellie Herbert

Ellie joined Hulme Hall in Year 9 and left in 2015 after completing her GCSEs. She went on to Stockport College to study beauty at Level 3 and 4, then onto a foundation degree at The Cheadle College. She has become an entrepreneur by creating and developing her own business called 'Skin By Elegant Aesthetics' which is based in Stockport.

What was pupil life like at Hulme Hall?

My overriding memory is being part of the schools musical and drama events led by Ms Ahsan and Mrs Bevan. I really enjoyed those and took part in as many as I could.

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

The support from the teachers that you receive at Hulme Hall is what makes it special, it has shaped me into who I am. I also remember the fun we had, I wish I could come back all the time!

How did Hulme Hall prepare you for your career?

I pushed my strengths to the very limit whilst there. I identified what my barriers were but knew how to cope with them and this has created so much success in my career to date as I knew what I was good at.

Describe your career journey post Hulme Hall.

As an Advanced Practitioner I have many goals but ultimately, I want my clients to have the skin they desire. I've worked in the beauty industry in and around Stockport since the age of 14 so I've seen it evolve and develop. My love for beauty grew and I developed an even bigger love for the clinical side once I'd experienced it. I felt something was missing in the aesthetics sector as I could personally not find what I wanted, so I decided to train in it myself and that's how I ended up opening my business.

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

I run my own Aesthetics business specialising in facial rejuvenating treatments. I help people improve their self confidence, treat acne, ageing, and help them feel vibrant and healthy. I love being able to make people happy in their own skin. After I completed Level 4, I progressed to specialise in skin rejuvenation, acne removal and anti ageing. I find the admin challenging though, as maths was never my strong point!

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

Enjoy it and take every opportunity given to you. I haven't come across anywhere that supports and nurtures you and has your best interests at heart the way Hulme Hall did for me. Absorb it all!

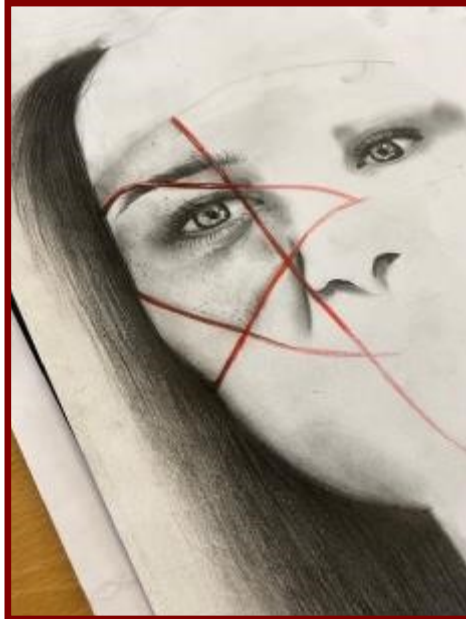


Art in Progress

There has been lots going on in the Art Department this week. Here's a selection of some of the fantastic work our GCSE pupils have produced.



This was created by Jack in Year 10 during his 3D Design exam which was inspired by natural forms.



Issabella from Year 11 has been working on her art final piece on portraits, focusing on body image.



This is Imogen's from 3D Design construction project, focusing on the use of materials and structure.

Pasta Skills

Our Year 10 pupils have been making pasta carbonara using their own fresh pasta dough this week.

Some interesting facts about pasta that you might not know:

- Spaghetti is the singular word for spaghetti.
- Al dente pasta not only tastes better, it keeps you full longer.
- There are approximately 350 shapes of pasta.
- The most popular shapes are spaghetti, macaroni and penne.
- Italy produces between 1,700,000 and 3,300,000 TONS of pasta per year.



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 share the recommendations from staff, parents and friends weekly in the hope it inspires you, and our pupils, to read more and investigate learning. **Let us know if you have something to share!**



Book Review

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig



Podcast

David Walliams' Marvellous Musical Podcast



TV Programme

Line Of Duty - BBC



Science Club Experiment

Our co-curricular provision has started this week with a bang. In Year 7 Science Club, our pupils were making 'elephants toothpaste'. This is a foamy substance caused by a rapid decomposition of hydrogen peroxide, using potassium iodide or yeast and warm water as a catalyst. Washing up liquid is also added which traps the bubbles of oxygen produced in the reaction. How rapidly the reaction proceeds will depend on the concentration of hydrogen peroxide. As you can see by Willow's reaction, Mrs Pendleton's happened very quickly!



Computing Dissection

Year 7 computing pupils were able to explore the insides of a computer and find out how they work this week. They even managed to put them back together!

