



Hulme Hall Grammar School

◆ Caring ◆ Nurturing ◆ Achieving



GCSE PATHWAY PROSPECTUS



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Welcome To Hulme Hall Grammar School

At Hulme Hall we treat every pupil as an individual and support them to achieve their full potential. This is especially important as your child approaches the crucial GCSE years.

Our small class sizes, high quality teaching and individually tailored enrichment programmes combine to ensure your child can fulfil their potential and achieve academic success. We are not an academically selective school and cater for children with a wide range of abilities. We simply want every individual child to achieve well.

Although we are only a small school, we offer a wide range of GCSE options to support the traditional core curriculum of English, mathematics and science. For those who need some further academic support, our Enrichment Department can offer specific assistance, whilst our excellent pastoral team are on hand to offer support in other areas, for example to those who may be anxious about coping with the demands of GCSE courses and the subsequent examinations.

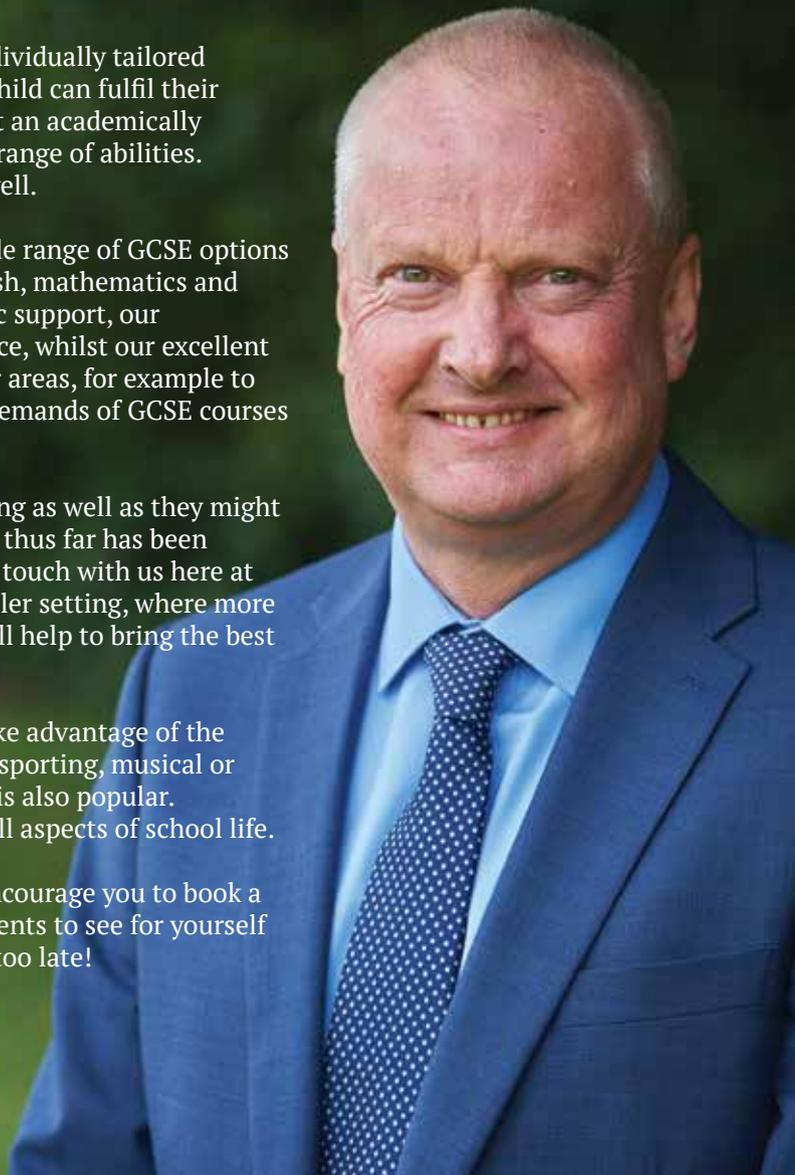
If you feel that your child is not currently performing as well as they might academically, or perhaps their educational journey thus far has been disrupted for whatever reason, then why not get in touch with us here at Hulme Hall. It might simply be that you feel a smaller setting, where more care and attention can be devoted to each child, will help to bring the best out of your child.

Beyond the classroom, pupils are encouraged to take advantage of the many co-curricular opportunities on offer, be they sporting, musical or dramatic. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme is also popular. Our pupils are encouraged to become involved in all aspects of school life.

We welcome all visitors to our school and would encourage you to book a personal tour or come along to one of our Open Events to see for yourself what we have to offer. Take a look now before it is too late!

I look forward to meeting you.

Mr Dean Grierson
Headmaster





A Caring and Nurturing Ethos

At Hulme Hall, every pupil is an individual who is nurtured and supported to reach their full potential. They leave with a feeling of self-worth and as a valuable member of society, equipped to enter the next stage of their academic career.

Our aim is to provide your child with an excellent all-round education in a safe, happy and stimulating environment that inspires a life-long love of learning. At Hulme Hall, **caring** for the individual has always been at the heart of our philosophy and our exceptional pastoral provision ensures that each child can thrive within the school and wider community.

We will **nurture** your child through a vital phase in their growth and development, focusing on all aspects of education – academic, personal, social and moral – to create confident and respectful individuals.

We believe that by combining and focusing on all these supporting factors for each individual pupil, they will **achieve** GCSE results that reflect their maximum potential, whatever their ability range. They will be results that pupils will be proud of and will underpin their learning for further education or training.

“I was really unhappy at my previous school and came to Hulme Hall for taster days. As soon as I had finished day one, I did not want to leave, I knew I would be happy here. This school feels like a family, everyone is so friendly. The teachers really support you and help you progress. I hated maths and now my maths enrichment class is my favourite lesson. At last I finally understand maths. I am the happiest I have ever been.”

Grace





The GCSE Curriculum

At Hulme Hall, it is our aim to design a timetable for each pupil which will be in keeping with their abilities and enable them to make the most effective use of the examination courses on offer in Years 10 and 11.

The compulsory (core) curriculum consists of English Language, English Literature, Mathematics and Combined Science (which counts as 2 GCSEs).

In addition, pupils are required to select four optional subjects. We offer an array of opportunities across the curriculum such as:

Humanities – Geography and History

Creative Arts – Art and Design, Photography, 3D Design, Food Preparation and Nutrition

Performing Arts – Music and Drama

Modern Foreign Languages – French and Spanish

Sciences – Separate Sciences in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Psychology and Computer Science

Sports – Sports Studies

In making their choices, pupils should consider factors such as interest, aptitude and possible career paths.

“Settling into Hulme Hall when I transferred here in Year 9 was like being welcomed into a family. Hulme Hall is a caring, small community. I have felt supported and encouraged throughout my time here.”

Issabella





An Educational Journey Tailored To The Individual

As a small school we can design an individual programme of study to meet the needs of each pupil.

Pupils are encouraged to stretch and challenge their abilities where possible. We enter selected pupils for additional subjects such as further mathematics and challenge their intellectual curiosity to achieve higher than their expected grades. 36% of our 2020/21 entries achieved grades 7-9 in their GCSEs, and our overall pass rates are consistently well above the annual national average.

For pupils who may need extra academic support, our Enrichment Department is a welcoming environment available to those pupils who may need a little bit of extra help in order to reach their full potential. Our staff are highly experienced working with a range of additional needs, such as dyslexia and dyscalculia. Pupils work in small groups with a maximum ratio of 1:4, which scaffolds and enhances their in-class learning.

We feel that it is important for pupils to appreciate that they are making a choice which will cover their final two years in school. We engage pupils and parents in decisions regarding option choices by offering advice and guidance, to ensure parents and pupils have a thorough understanding of all the subjects on offer. Our bespoke individual programme of study, along with our outstanding pastoral care, give pupils every opportunity to succeed.

“Pupils respond positively to the well-designed, flexible curriculum”

ISI Inspection

Moving your child to a different school is daunting, especially in Year 9, but from the minute she started, mine and my daughter's lives have improved so much. The high standard of teaching, small class sizes, regular communication and supportive staff have made this a really positive move. My daughter is happy, inspired, confident and is fulfilling her potential. This is the best decision I have made for my child's future both for her personal and educational development.

Current Parent





Developing The Whole Person

As an academically non-selective school, Hulme Hall Grammar School focuses on developing well-rounded citizens for the community.

A comprehensive co-curricular activity programme ensures that if you are sporty, musical, theatrical, creative or an explorer, there will be something for you. Every pupil is actively encouraged to participate in as many activities, clubs and trips as possible. We encourage all pupils to find and develop their passions. We have two annual curriculum enrichment days across all years and a variety of subject specific school trips, as well as lunchtime and after school clubs offered in a range of subjects and sports to keep the pupils busy at all times. Opportunities to perform in productions and musical events and competing in sports fixtures and ISA tournaments are just a selection of what is available.

“From the initial welcoming telephone call to her first day, the whole process was extremely easy and straightforward. Hulme Hall is everything a school should be. The care, learning, enthusiasm and commitment to every student’s success by the school staff is unrivalled. GCSE preparation and exams were enjoyable with a caring, stress-free approach. Every child deserves the Hulme Hall experience. I am so glad we contacted the school. We now have a young lady who has grown into a confident, happy learner that wants to change the world.”

Parent of 2021 Leaver



The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme



As an official licensed organisation for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme - the world's leading youth achievement award - we offer bronze and silver awards, which are open to pupils in Years 9 and 10.

The bronze and silver awards are split into four sections: expedition, physical, skill and volunteering. These sections are designed to be completed at a pupil's own pace and they involve helping the community or environment, becoming fitter, developing new skills and planning, and training for and completing an expedition. The awards are a tool to develop essential skills for life and work.

"All the staff are kind, caring and supportive which has really helped me settle in. The small classes are great and the teachers are able to help and explain anything I need. I feel lucky that Hulme Hall is my school."

Lola

Click on the codes below to see more of our co-curricular activities.



DRAMA



SPORT



D of E





Our Pastoral Programme Is At the Heart of Everything We Do

At the heart of everything we do in school is an exceptional pastoral care programme which underpins everyday life at Hulme Hall.

We have a strong support system in place to ensure each child has access to a range of caring and dedicated staff, who make sure each child is known as an individual and nurtured so they can achieve their potential.

From the form teacher through to the pastoral manager, we have an experienced team in place who are committed to making sure our pupils feel happy and supported in their school journey.

We offer further ways to improve a pupil's character and resilience outside of the structure of the classroom which aim to develop social and emotional communication skills. This all helps to educate the whole person in preparation for life after Hulme Hall.

“Hulme Hall Grammar School's supportive and nurturing environment has been very beneficial for my son. He has made so much progress, both academically and in confidence, since starting at Hulme Hall. It's a lovely school with caring staff.”

Current Parent

Hulme Hall is a life changing school. It enables the children to reach their potential in a safe, caring, and inspiring environment. My daughter's three cousins, who attended Hulme Hall, all thrived and left with excellent qualifications and the confidence to go on to university.

If schools had a star rating for class size, reaching your potential academically and following an excellent moral code, it would be 5 stars for Hulme Hall.

Current Parent





Life after Hulme Hall

Hulme Hall staff have the knowledge and experience to educate, guide and inspire our pupils regarding their post 16 education. We support families through this important decision-making process.

We educate our pupils from Year 7 to Year 11 using PSHE lessons to encourage them to begin to think about what skills and talents they have. They explore the qualities needed to do certain jobs, look at how they can develop themselves further and they will start to put together their first CV and Personal Statement, which all enhance their applications to further education and training institutions.

The pupils discuss the variety of types of work available and the reasons why people do certain jobs. They are introduced to websites where they can find out about many different careers. Each individual receives targeted information and advice when selecting the most suitable pathway for the next step on their educational journey. In a challenging and competitive jobs market, we work hard to not only equip our students with the best qualifications that they can achieve, but also encourage them to develop the key employability skills needed to succeed in the world of work.

Teamwork, communication and leadership opportunities are actively encouraged throughout school.

Over the years, Hulme Hall has developed a close working relationship with local colleges and training providers. In partnership with their representatives, we guide our pupils through:

- Employability Workshops
- School's annual Careers Fair
- 1:1 Mock Interviews
- College applications
- College Taster Days

We have links with many colleges and apprenticeship providers, including:



Annually, 100% of Hulme Hall Year 11 leavers go on to further study or training, with some remaining in the independent sector and others transitioning to local sixth forms or colleges.



Alumni of Hulme Hall Grammar School

At Hulme Hall, we nurture our pupils and value the relationship we build with them individually and with their family. Many of our alumni members are still active members of the Hulme Hall community.

Lexie joined Hulme Hall to complete her GCSEs and left in 2021 after achieving outstanding results. She has gone on to sixth form to study A Levels in French, Law and Mathematics and an EPQ in the cognitive benefits of being bilingual. She is hoping to train as a teacher. Lexie came back to talk to us about her time at Hulme Hall, including settling in after moving in Year 10 from a different high school.

Click on the link below to watch the full interview with Lexie.



“I moved to Hulme Hall in Year 10 and it was the best decision I have ever made”

“Hulme Hall is honestly like a family, everybody knows everybody, it’s brilliant!”

Qazi joined Hulme Hall at the start of Year 7 from primary school. Qazi was chosen as Head Boy in Year 11 and led his peers alongside Imogen, who was chosen as Head Girl. They liaised with school staff, including the Headmaster and helped to shape the school, which was a key position of responsibility in Year 11 and a great leadership opportunity. Pupil voice is a key feature of life at Hulme Hall and Qazi was part of that journey in his time here.

Qazi gained excellent GCSE results and is studying A Levels in Business, Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Psychology and is already looking forward to applying to university. Qazi is planning to apply to Oxbridge to study Law.

Qazi gave his thoughts and reflections on his time at Hulme Hall. **Click on the code below to view the full video.**



“Hulme Hall shapes you very holistically, not just academically”

“The support that you get is actually unbelievable”



We Welcome Visitors

Open Events

We run open events and in session events throughout the year.

These are a great opportunity to come and see for yourself how unique Hulme Hall really is. We can offer a personal tour of the school with a member of the Senior Leadership Team. Full details can be found on our website:

www.hulmehallschool.org/open-events

or call our admissions team on 0161 485 3524 to book your place.

In Year Transfers

If your enquiry is regarding moving a pupil in year, call our admissions team to find out more about the process and availability of a place.

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