



Hyde Community College

Newsletter – July 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another school year has flown past and the pace certainly hasn't lessened as we head towards the end of term! Year 11 have survived the exam season and can finally relax whilst they await their results in August, we wish them every success! Year 7 have thrived in their first year and set an excellent example to our new intake who visited for 2 days earlier this month. Students throughout the school have, as always, surpassed all expectations this year and continue to make such positive contributions in terms of progress, behaviour, positive attitudes and sporting prowess. We are very much looking forward to what next year will bring.

Thank you so much for all your continued support, for your children and for our school.

Andrea Radcliffe, Headteacher

IMPORTANT – change to school start time.

Further to our consultation with parents regarding an extension of lunchtime from 30 to 40 minutes I would like to thank all those parents who were able to respond. There was overwhelming support for the change and so as of September, Governors have agreed that the school day will run as shown below. School will continue to be open from 8.30am to accommodate parents who then need to drop off younger children at primary school.

8:50 Registration

9:05 Lesson 1
10:05 Lesson 2
11:05 Break
11:20 Lesson 3
12:20 Lunch
1:00 Lesson 4
2:00 Lesson 5
3:00 Finish



**PLEASE NOTE THE
EARLIER START
TIME OF
8:50am.**

Dates for your diary

Friday 21st July – School finishes for the Summer Holiday at approx. 12.05pm

Tuesday 5th September – School reopens for the Autumn Term

New **Year 7** should arrive for a **10.00am start**

Years 8 – 11 should arrive for an **11.00am start**

Friday 6th October – INSET Day: school closed to pupils

Friday 27th October – School finishes for the Half Term Break

Monday 6th November – School reopens at normal time

Thursday 23rd November – Year 7 Tutor Evening

Thursday 30th November – Year 11 Parents' Evening

Friday 22nd December – School closes for the Christmas holiday

Monday 8th January – School reopens at normal time

All term dates for 2017/18 are available on the school website.



Reminder – any students with overdue library books; please return them as soon as possible. Thank you!



School Uniform

If you need to update uniform over the holidays, please can we remind you of the following rules?

Trousers (boys and girls):

Trousers must be **tailored black school trousers**; no denim, no skinny trousers or leggings and no jeans-type trousers.

Skirts:

No more than 4 inches above the knee; no denim or lycra.

Shoes: Plain black shoes; no trainers, sports shoes, sandals or boots.

Uniform will be for sale in school on 4th and 25th August from 10.00am – 3.00pm

No jewellery (other than a wristwatch) to be worn in school and **no piercings**.

Please be aware that not all clothing sold in 'Back to School' sections of a shop complies with our school rules. All of our rules regarding uniform are in student planners and on the school website – if in doubt, please don't hesitate to ask us for advice.

At the start of this month we had our two Activities Days during which students were offered the opportunity to go on a trip/visit and to take part in a wide range of enrichment activities in school. From Blackpool Pleasure Beach to the Crocky Trail, over 700 students enjoyed a brilliant day out and we received many comments about their excellent conduct and good manners! In school, the British Military Fitness team put our pupils through their paces and we had a variety of workshops to enhance the normal curriculum in a more interesting and interactive way – again, our learners got involved and had a go at everything.

The visiting ice-cream van got particularly good feedback! 😊



Attention Year 9...

Students moving into Year 10 in September should wear their blue tie on the first day of term and we will swap it for a brand new black one with no charge.



Non-uniform day – Friday 21st July

Students who wish to do so can come to school in non-uniform clothes on Friday for a donation to charity of **50p**. All clothing does need to be appropriate for the school setting e.g. no bare midriffs or offensive slogans.

School car park

We would politely ask all parents/carers who use the school car park to drop off or pick up their children to park considerately and to drive at a sensible speed in the vicinity of school for the safety of our students. The car park does become very congested at 3pm so you may wish to consider parking a little further away and having your child meet you at the car to avoid this. Thank you for your cooperation; student safety is our primary concern at all times.

At Hyde CC we are very fortunate to be fully staffed for September with teachers who are all specialists in their subject area. I'm sure that many parents and carers will be aware of the difficulties currently facing schools in terms of funding and recruitment and we are blessed to have such a talented and committed staff team. Sadly we do have to say farewell to three members of staff this year: Mrs Mitchell is relocating to Ireland and Mr Joshi and Mrs Howard have secured promotions at other schools. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work, their positivity and their fantastic contribution to our school during their years here, they will be much missed by students and colleagues alike.

We are delighted to welcome some new staff to the team for September:

Mr Brodie (DT)

Mr Chowdhury (Science)

Ms Cunliffe (Science)

Miss Kowalczyk (Humanities)

Mr Shaw (English)

Mr White (Maths)

And a warm 'welcome back' to Mr Bradbury following his sabbatical to Huddersfield.



Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter; we wish you an enjoyable holiday and look forward to working with you in the new term.

And now a taste of what's been happening in school over the last few months:

The amazing staff team at Hyde work ceaselessly to make the students' learning experience is the best it can be and so much goes on week in and week out that I would like to draw your attention to. The amount of time given to Year 11 after school and during holidays in the run up to their exams was, as always, remarkable. The list below shows only a fraction of what happens and is all in addition to the incredible amount of work that goes into preparing and delivering quality lessons day in and day out and ensuring excellent administration and support for everything that goes on in school.

Some good news stories and congratulations...

Miss Lawson's Y8 Literacy Nurture class have improved their reading ages dramatically – an average of +1year 7 months since September. Brilliant!

A mention from Mrs Mallon for the two Y7 classes who come to participate in the form time reading buddies, a weekly session to encourage reading aloud to an older student. Special mention for the Y9, Y10 and Y11 students who have volunteered to be the buddies and listen to the younger students.

Mr Petrucci and Mrs Wrigley shared a display of the fantastic work submitted by the Year 11 GCSE Art group with students across the school to motivate and inspire them.

Mrs J Howard would like to congratulate Callum Haynes in Year 7 who has completed the Lexia Core 5 online program. He is only the 3rd student in school to have ever completed this – well done Callum.

3 year 9 pupils have taken their language GCSEs early: Jasmin Smit Dutch, Saharup Choudhury Spanish and Libby Walker Italian. Georgia Harris has taken her second language GCSE in Y10 in Spanish having secured an A* in French in Year 8!

Y11 BTEC Music student, Michael Hesford, has worked tirelessly during the 2 year course and has achieved a Distinction* in the subject.

Another successful World Book Day took place in March with lots of creative costumes!

Trips and Visits:

Mr Eyre reports that our Year 10 boys' team won the Tameside Maths Challenge at Fairfield High School. Congratulations to Fahim Ali, Raheen Rana, Jamie Chea and Ben Hughes!

Miss Nichols and Mrs Lever took 8 students to compete in a University Challenge style high school quiz at Clarendon College on 22 March; schools from Tameside, Manchester & Oldham took part. One of our teams got the highest points score in the rounds but were unfortunately just pipped to a place in the final by the eventual winners....and Georgia Harris is a machine! What a star!

The English department have been busy enriching their curriculum with a variety of visits this year: They went to Quarry Bank Mill with Year 7 in February for a really interesting day which has helped students to understand the context of the Victorian Literature topic they have been studying. They also had theatre visits to Blood Brothers at The Lowry in November, Blood Brothers at The Forum Theatre in February and Grease at The Palace Theatre in March. All of these trips were very well-attended and students loved the experience!

A successful Year 10 trip to Liverpool took place to complete an RE workshop on Islam/Christianity as well as essential geography fieldwork to prepare learners for their exam. Behaviour and attitudes of the pupils were exceptional and all were actively involved throughout the day. We were praised by the company running the faith visits on the maturity shown by our students. The next geography fieldtrip is due to take place in two weeks on Rivers.

On the morning of 30th March we had 107 students from Year 10 attend the CHOICES Skills Show at Event City. This is a Careers and Apprenticeships show and the students were amazing and praised by organisers for their conduct.

On Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th May, 2 groups of Year 10s took part in the Greater Manchester Higher (Raising Aspirations) Maths Challenge at Manchester Metropolitan University where they competed and took part in a Maths event; on both days we had groups of students that won.

On Friday 9th June we had 35 Year 10 students from the high achievers cohort attending a visit to university to give them a taster of undergraduate life.

Approximately 50 Year 8 students have taken part in the Positive Steps - Reach for the Future pilot meeting and talking to employers to enrich their experiences.

Musical Events:

On 16th March the Music Department held a brilliant Spring Show giving us the opportunity to admire the many talents of our young musicians!

Hyde Rock Band, Hyde Voices, Hyde CC Band, Anna Ellison, Nacoya Adams and Charlotte Hall all performed at Hyde Market on Saturday 20th May. Local Community Matters reported that the performance 'gathered a large crowd and the young entertainers gave a great performance as they entertained shoppers. The students represented their school brilliantly and the crowd applauded and cheered them on.' Thank you to all students and staff involved for giving their time to showcase the excellent musicians we have in school.

£146 was also raised during this event for Elliot's Trust fund – well done team!

Congratulations to the very talented Bethany Fawcett in Year 7 who passed her Grade 5 piano exam! Superstar!

The Music Department also ran a successful trip to 'Design a Gig' in Manchester in February where BTEC students spoke to Music Industry experts and experience live music in a local venue.

Some sporting achievements:

Year 9 girls won GOLD at the Tameside dodgeball competition.

Y7/8 girls got the silver medal at the Tameside schools tag rugby competition

Masum Miah and Helen Greaves attended an FA disability talent day and did very well. Masum was identified as a talented performer and selected to go to a further talent ID event in Manchester. Masum also recently ran in the Manchester 10k and came in with a time of 1 hr 2 min and 50 sec!

Caitlin Lansom won 5 gold medals at the recent regional swimming finals and at the North West championships she won 3 gold and 2 silver medals!

The Y7 Quadkids Athletics team qualified for the Greater Manchester school games and did very well.

Charlie Barnard in year 7 has been picked to represent Cheshire for cricket.

Tameside Athletics Championships saw many successes for Hyde students:

- Nadine Bailey: Silver in Junior Javelin
- Kelsey Lawler: Silver in Intermediate Javelin
- Charley Hughes: Bronze in 100m
- Patricija Bagdonaviciute: Silver in High Jump
- Caitlin Hutchinson: Silver in Discus
- Molly Webb: Bronze in Triple Jump
- Ruman Ali: Silver in Triple Jump
- Declan Feakes: Gold in the 800m
- Harry Ditchfield: Gold in the Javelin
- KS4 Relay team (Cameron Tierney, Harry Ditchfield, Declan Feakes and Jason Stelfox): Gold in the 4 x 100m Relay - outstanding performance where they beat a very good St Thomas More team in the final event of the day by a comfortable distance.

Very well done to all those who took part and to those achieving medals!

Harry Ditchfield recently competed in the Javelin competition at the English Schools Athletics competition, and has now been selected to represent the North of England at the UK school games. Brilliant!

Duke of Edinburgh Awards:

Mr Leadbeater went to Buckingham Palace in May with 4 ex-students who collected their Gold DoE Award from Prince Philip. They were; Grace Parker, Megan Doyle, Kaitlyn Simister and Olivia Haigh. A brilliant event and Mr L even got to tango with professional dancer Erin Boag ... what more could you ask?

Doing the Duke of Edinburgh Awards this year and overseen by Mr Leadbeater and Miss Nichols are:

- Bronze: Holly Peart, Caitlin Hutchinson, Oleah Hill, Dominic Harrop, Niamh O'Reilly, Ellie Gur-Scott, Paige Staniforth, Lauren Monks, Helayna Warburton, Jayna Mistry.
- Silver: Robyn Green
- Gold: Athens-Georgia Cotterill, Georgia Wilson, Niamh Worthington, Rianna Mistry, Amanda Todd, Iona Jones and Alice Hollingsworth.

Year 7 Tag Rugby Team



KS4 relay team