



Hyde Community College Newsletter – December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been, and continues to be, a very busy and positive term at Hyde with our fantastic students taking advantage of all that school has to offer – they should be commended for all the hard work they have done this term! Our new intake have settled quickly and many of them enjoyed the PGL adventure weekend in November. Year 11 have had their first set of mock exams and have risen to the challenge of increasingly difficult GCSEs with many of them working before and after school to support their revision.

Please read on for some key information, important dates and some requests for your support. School closes for the holiday at **12.00pm on Friday 22nd December** (this will be a non-uniform day with no charge) and reopens on **Monday 8th January**.

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

Andrea Radcliffe, Headteacher



Parents' Evenings:

18th January – Yr 10 Parents' Evening

1st March – Year 9 Options Evening

8th March – Year 9 Parents' Evening

16th March – Deadline for options choices

26th April – Year 8 Parents' Evening

14th June – Year 7 Parents' Evening

2018 Dates for your diary

Monday 8th January – School reopens

Thursday 15th February – School finishes for Half Term

Friday 16th February – INSET day; school closed to students

Monday 26th February - School reopens

Thursday 29th March – School finishes for the Easter break

Monday 16th April – School reopens for the Summer Term

Monday 7th May – School closed (Bank Holiday)

Friday 25th May – School finishes for Half Term

Monday 4th June – School reopens

Friday 20th July – School finishes for the Summer Holiday.

Full details are on our school website.

BBC Children in Need

Well done and thank you HCC!
Your kind donations for Children in Need raised a grand total of £1050!

WINTER WEATHER

As we head into the coldest months, please could you ensure that your child has a coat and footwear suitable for the weather, which as we all know can be changeable at this time of year! Once they have eaten lunch, all lower school students are expected to go outside for the rest of lunchtime and will need appropriate clothing.

In anticipation ... in the unlikely event that we have to close school due to severe weather conditions, we will update parents as soon as possible via the school website and the My Ed app.



Use of the school car park

Could I please ask all parents/carers who pick up or drop off their children by car to be considerate of pedestrians, local residents and other drivers in doing so? If using the school car park, please use marked bays and be aware of children walking to or cycling past cars or crossing the gates. Impatient or aggressive driving puts our students at risk and further incidences may result in us having to close the car park at the end of the school day. It would be very helpful if students could perhaps be collected a short distance from school. Your cooperation in this matter is much appreciated.



School uniform... As always, can we remind anyone updating shoes or other uniform over the holiday to check that it complies with the guidelines listed in full on our website. A reminder that no piercings are allowed in school and no lines shaved into hair. Thank you.



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





Introducing our fabulous Student Leadership Team

We are delighted to announce that after a rigorous application and interview process earlier this term, we now have Hyde Community College's first ever Student Leadership Team. Head Girl, **Georgia Harris** and Head Boy, **Kieran Stafford** are ably supported by their Deputies **Siba Al-Dalaty** and **Harry Southgate** and Student Leaders **Nathan Buckley, Caitlen Johnson, Elise Sleigh, Bethany Morgan, Robyn Green and Lis McHugh.**

These outstanding students have already been involved in showing visitors round our school, meeting interview candidates, meeting Governors and suggesting ways to improve school for the benefit of all our learners. They are superb role models and ambassadors for Hyde CC and we are extremely proud of them!

Christmas Jumper Day 2017

On Wednesday 13th December, students can swap their school jumper for a Christmas jumper if they would like to join in our charity fund-raising event. This is totally optional and any students wishing to wear a Christmas jumper for the day are asked to make a **donation of £1**. PLEASE NOTE – all other items of uniform must be the same as usual, **it's only the jumpers that are different!**

Keeping in touch ...

Can we take this opportunity to remind parents and carers how important it is that you update any changed contact details with us? Should we need to contact you urgently about your child, it is vital that we have the correct phone number. Please notify us of any changes in person or in writing. Many thanks.

Huge thanks to all those who have already contributed to our **Foodbank Appeal** to support our local community. If you would like to contribute, we are collecting dried and tinned goods until this Friday, 15th December.

Thank you!



ICE SKATING

This Friday sees the first of our annual ice skating trips. Students taking part should arrive at school at the normal time and will return to school for approximately 3pm depending on traffic conditions. The trips are as follows:

Friday 15th December – Year 10
Monday 18th December – Year 8
Tuesday 19th December – Year 11
Wednesday 20th December – Year 9
Thursday 21st December – Year 7



Wrap up warm!

Have you logged onto Go 4 Schools yet?

Don't miss out on live information about your child's timetable, behaviour, rewards, homework, attendance and progress – we just need an up to date email address for you. Simply google Go 4 Schools, click on the 'Parents' link and enter your email address where it says 'First time user'. If you need help to get signed up, please email Mr Garlick: a.garlick@hydecc.tameside.sch.uk
Lots of information about your child at your fingertips!



Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. On behalf of all the staff at Hyde Community College, we wish you a peaceful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year; we look forward to working with you in the new term.

