

May 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we break up for half term, the exam season is well underway for Year 11 and we wish the Class of 2018 every success. Pupils are working hard across the board in the run up to end of year exams and they have much to be proud of. During the next few weeks we will welcome our new intake for their induction days and we are very much looking forward to getting to know our new starters. Hyde continues to be a harmonious, aspirational and friendly school due to the fact that everyone makes the effort to work in partnership for the good of the pupils and the whole school community.

Dates for your diary

Friday 25 th May	School finishes for Half Term
Monday 4 th June	School reopens
Thursday 14 th June	Year 7 Parents' Evening
Thurs 28 th & Fri 29 th June	Hyde Activity Days
Friday 29 th June	Year 11 Prom
Monday 16 th July	Prize Evening
Friday 20 th July	School finishes for summer
Thursday 23 rd August	GCSE results 10am – 12pm
Tuesday 4 th September	Term starts

Please note - full details of term dates are always available on the school website.

Message for Year 11...

Just a reminder that Year 11 pupils should use up any dinner money on their school accounts before they leave and should empty lockers and return keys to Student Services ☺

Changeable Weather

Please could you ensure that your child has a suitable coat/jacket and footwear appropriate for the weather, which as we all know can be changeable even in the summer months! Once they have eaten lunch, all lower school pupils (Year 7, 8 and 9) are expected to go outside for the rest of lunchtime and will need to be dressed appropriately.

Exam preparation

For all year groups ... your child has access to a service called **GCSEPod** free of charge. This superb service gives access to hundreds of professionally produced mini-lessons, in the form of short videos called "Pods", across 21 GCSE subjects. The Pods are produced specifically for learning, homework and revision and contain all the right facts, quotes, keywords, dates and annotated diagrams that your child needs for GCSE success. Students in KS4 have already created their accounts online. If you have a child currently in KS3, they can access the GCSE Pod website and they can create their own account as well! Get them started early!

Ready, Respectful, Safe

We have simplified our school rules to make them easy to remember – all of our expectations fall into three categories: **Ready, Respectful or Safe.**

All students need to arrive on time at school and at lessons **ready** for the core business of learning – uniform, equipment, homework, PE kit and a positive attitude all need to be in place so that learning can run smoothly.

Respect - for all other members of our school community and for our school environment is vital if our learners are going to be happy and successful and so we have a culture of good manners, we celebrate diversity and we look after our school.

Safety is paramount – we look after our students extremely well and Ofsted confirm that pupils at Hyde feel safe and well supported; pupils and parents say that bullying is rare and any incidents are dealt with quickly and effectively. All of our pupils are taught how to keep themselves safe (including online safety) and are given the skills and knowledge needed to make healthy choices.

Buddy Reading

During the year, a number of our Year 11 students have volunteered to be buddy readers as part of a reading scheme for Year 7 students. The scheme could not run without their help, commitment and support, so Ms. Mallon would like to say a really big thank you to any of the Year 11 students who have volunteered during the year. These include: Elise, Nacoya, Jason, Yasin, Cameron, Sharika Corey, Robyn, Nafisa, Sophie, Georgia, Max, Chloe, Beth, Jemma, Monju, Aida, Tasnim and Khadija.



So many 'good news' stories read on to be reminded how brilliant our pupils are:

Aspirations and Ambitions

Year 9 Industry Day went ahead on 28th February despite the difficult weather conditions. Year 9 had the opportunity to interview employers from different job areas to learn more about the world of work and the employers involved were hugely impressed with the pupils they met.

[The University of Oxford delivered assembly to Year 8 earlier this month on careers in Research](#)

Cogent Skills (for science industries) delivered a careers event on 'Enterprising Science' to groups of Year 10 science students.

[A group of Year 10 students took part in the Ashton 6th Form Realising Aspirations Programme 2018. This is a programme designed to provide students with a unique insight into post-16 education, and to equip them with the confidence and skills to make a successful transition after they leave school. The programme also introduces students to higher education and other post-18 pathways. Programmes are offered in 7 subject areas: Art & Design; Business, Economics & Finance; Digital Technologies & Multimedia; Humanities; Performing Arts; Science & Maths and Social Sciences.](#)

[Well done to Millie, Aaron, Katie, Mizanul and Robin who achieved Bronze standard; Eesha, Nasir and Hannah who achieved Silver and Ben and Faraj who achieved Gold standard!](#)

Several students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are participating in the University of Manchester Gateway Programme which allows learners to undertake a series of academic enrichment and higher education awareness activities. The programme enables students to

- find out more about University life;
- explore a range of degree courses;
- develop a range of skills that will aid success at GCSE and beyond.

[Also in conjunction with the University of Manchester, a group of Year 9 students took part in the 'Princes in the Tower' History Trip at the University. Our students had to act as detectives to decide who killed the 'Princes in the Tower'. They took part in a debate to persuade a jury who was guilty of this crime - Richard III or Henry VI. This was a really enjoyable event and the students involved gained a valuable insight into how historians research history.](#)

In March, Year 10 visited 'Skills North West' at Event City which is the largest careers event in Greater Manchester.

March also saw 15 Year 9 students attend Manchester Metropolitan University for a GCSE Multimedia Journalism Day that gave students the opportunity to find out what it takes to be a journalist! Teachers and pupils are invited to attend a day within the department of multimedia journalism at MMU and experienced hands-on demonstrations and taster sessions which were both educational and fun. They had a go at being a journalist, writing a front page story, touring the TV and radio studios and meeting staff and students in the journalism department.

A talented group of Year 9 pupils have taken part in the Scholars Programmes in conjunction with the University of Manchester and the Brilliant Club. All pupils graduating the programme had to produce a 2,000 – 2,500 word assignment on their research topic, pitched at a Key Stage above their current level and marked in a similar way to a university style essay. Nicole, Joshua and Alicia achieved fabulous 2:1 grades and Rebecca was awarded a 1st Class mark. A fantastic achievement – well done to all who took part!

Year 7 have taken part in the amazing Rocket Car Competition which is intended to inspire tomorrow's engineers and scientists. Student teams design and make a foam rocket car and race them to find the fastest model.

Team 'Just Keep Moving' - Maizie, Jessica and Keena - qualified for the regional finals to compete against other rocket car teams from all over North West England.

On the 15th of May, Maizie and Jessica spent the day designing and building a new rocket powered car at Fulwood Barracks in Preston. They produced the second fastest car in Manchester schools and have qualified to represent North West England in the national finals!

It's fantastic to see girls taking an avid interest in design, technology and engineering...Well done to all who took part!

Sporting Success

Year 7 & 8 Girls' Tag Rugby.

Despite a very wet afternoon, the girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves! They played really well and came runners up to St Damian's in the Tameside Girls' Tag Rugby Competition.

Year 10 Dodgeball.

A great competition with lots of schools entered. The Year 10 girls were brilliant, finishing 3rd overall, winning a fantastic bronze medal.

Sports Hall Athletics

Once again the PE Department organised and hosted the Tameside Sports Hall Competitions for Years 7 - 9. All Hyde year groups reached the finals, and the Year 9 Boys won a bronze medal. We are really proud of all the students who took part!

Sports Leaders Awards

20 Year 11 pupils will receive a Sports Leaders Award at the end of this month. They have worked really hard all year to gain this qualification, giving up their own time to volunteer at after school competitions and activities. This Thursday they are delivering an activity to a group of Year 7 pupils and they are excellent role models for our younger students!

Volleyball success...

After comfortably winning the Tameside competition, our U13 boys volleyball team competed at the Greater Manchester competition last month. After beating Parswood, Cansfield, St Annes Academy, Ladybridge High and Radclyffe School they then faced the favourites - Urmston Grammar - who had also won all of their games. In a tense match the Hyde team won 25-21 to win Gold. It was a tremendous achievement. Congratulations to a fantastic team - Harry, Daniel, Charlie and Ramsey!

Musical News

Hyde Music Department celebrated the Royal Wedding with performances at Hyde Market. The students who performed did a fantastic job and represented the school brilliantly. A local news outlet commented on how 'enthusiastic & talented' our students are and on the 'fabulous community spirit' achieved. Students had been performing in assembly all week to help prepare for the event.

The Music Department has also launched a new rewards system which has seen over 50 students receive the prestigious 'Badge of Excellence'. Students who have demonstrated excellent behaviour, effort, homework, presentation & work in the subject have been rewarded. Badge-holders will have access to exclusive trips & rewards.

Lunchtime Music clubs continue to grow with the new Hyde Wind Band rehearsals taking place every Tuesday lunchtime and Hyde Voices rehearsing every Wednesday lunchtime. It has been fantastic to see students grow in confidence and ability throughout the academic year.

Other news:

Students and staff came together this week to support #loveMCR bee rocks.

Pebbles were painted with the symbols of the Manchester worker bee, along with messages of strength and hope. The pebbles were taken to St. Ann's Square in Manchester along with hundreds of others from all over the North West.

People who attended the events in the city to remember the first anniversary of the Manchester Arena attack can take a pebble and little bit of love and hope home with them.



21 Key Stage 3 students were published in a book called "Stranger Sagas" following successful entries in a fantastic creative writing competition from Young Writers. Brilliant!

The Victorian Book Club is up and running and all are welcome. They have already tackled Jeckyll & Hyde and are now reading Dracula. See Miss Kelly for more details.

Shortly before the Easter holiday Ms Bentley was delighted to have the chance to take two students to France and Belgium as part of a special event to commemorate a First World War battle that holds incredible relevance to the history of Manchester. Along with other schools from across Greater Manchester, our students visited a number of locations that were significant to the Manchester Regiment during the First World War. On the final day of our visit they went to the actual site of the Battle of Manchester Hill, the event that we had come to commemorate, exactly 100 years after the fighting took place. The trip was arranged by Manchester City Council and as part of the legacy of the event the two students successfully delivered assemblies about the battle to the rest of the school.

Some of our Year 8 pupils took part in the Faraday Challenge Event at the University of Manchester. This was a programming competition using BBC Micro:bits and our amazing students designed and made a program that warned drivers when to take a break after driving for too long. The second program was on the theme of leisure and our students programmed Pacman and 'rock, paper, scissors'. The outstanding Hyde team were the winners of the whole event! Huge congratulations to Rian, Solomon, Molly, Bethany, Nazifa and Holly!

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. On behalf of all the staff at Hyde CC, I wish you an enjoyable half term break.

Yours sincerely,

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