



10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this Newsflash finds you well. It is with great honour and humility that I introduce myself as the Interim Headteacher of Hyde High School. I have now spoken to all of the students, and what wonderful happy children we have. I hope your child has talked to you about the assembly, my expectations and how I plan to lead their school. I have been overwhelmed with lovely welcome wishes and positive messages from parents, staff and students.

This is an exciting time for the school. A recruitment process will soon be underway to secure a substantive Headteacher and I feel incredibly privileged to have been entrusted with the leadership of this vibrant and dynamic community school. I am fully committed and looking forward to leading the staff and students on our continuing improvement journey over the coming terms.

As a parent of school aged children, and an experienced school leader and Headteacher, I know how central a school is to its local community. My expectation of the school your children attend is the same as I would expect for my own children. The relationships I promote will be rooted in an expectation of politeness, impeccable conduct, hard work and warmth. I have already been very impressed by the many students who live and breathe the school's core values of Ready, Respectful and Safe.

I am committed to working with the Governors, leadership team and staff so that we build on the strong foundations already in place at this school. I would like to thank Mr Houghton for his dedication, drive and care during his time leading the school and for his time and support during our handover last half term.

My priority is to ensure we nurture an environment where every student is supported to achieve their full potential, both academically and personally. As you will be aware, Hyde High School has been working closely with the Tame River Education Trust (TRET) for a number of months, and I am excited about the further opportunities this partnership will bring. In addition to my school leadership role, I am also the Trust Lead for Safeguarding, Attendance, Behaviour and Attitudes and this allows me to support and advise schools across the Trust on these areas of school life.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you all in person and working with you as we guide and support your child on their educational journey. I am driven by the belief that every child should receive a high-quality educational experience; an experience which allows them to grow and develop as young adults. I believe success comes from fostering positive, open relationships which allow school and home to work in partnership, but this will always be based on a joint belief in high standards, without compromise.

I am incredibly excited about the future of Hyde High School and the opportunity to work with you all so that the young people of Hyde achieve, thrive and belong.



## Year 11 Mock Exams – Important Information

Please be reminded that mock exams will commence on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January. This is a crucial phase for students as they prepare for their GCSE exams. It is essential that students approach this opportunity with focus and commitment, as it will be the last opportunity to adjust to the exam setting and to practice performing under exam conditions before their actual exams. Most importantly, mock exams provide an indicator of current performance and valuable insight for both students and teachers, highlighting gaps in learning, which informs teachers about areas to focus on, and guides students on what to prioritise in their revision.

You can support your child through this time by encouraging a structured, balanced routine that includes sufficient sleep, rest, healthy nutrition, and reduced screen time, which will help them manage the demands of this busy and potentially stressful time. In order to fully support your child, period 6 revision sessions will continue to run over the course of mocks.

It is equally important for students to review their exam timetables carefully, ensuring they are fully aware of the timings for each exam. Attendance and punctuality is crucial, so please help reinforce the importance of arriving on time and well-prepared. Your support and encouragement during this period can make a significant difference in helping your child feel confident and ready.

## Exam Arrangements

- **Morning Exams**
  - Registration: 8:40am
  - Entry to Exam Hall: 8:50am
  - Exam Start: 9:00am
- **Afternoon Exams**
  - Early Dinner: 12:15pm
  - Entry to Exam Hall: 12:50pm
  - Exam Start: 1:00pm

Students will receive their mock results on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February and Year 11 Parent's Evening on the 13<sup>th</sup> February is an ideal time to discuss results and following actions with subject teachers. Thank you for your continued support over this important time.

## Year 11 Parent's Evening

Parents and Carers of Year 11 students will shortly be receiving a letter inviting them to Year 11 Parent's Evening. This will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February from 3.35pm until 6.30pm.

## Year 7 Royal Armouries Trip

Sixty of our Year 7 pupils visited Royal Armouries in Leeds just before the Christmas break. They had a very enjoyable and informative day which included a 'museum trail' focussed on galleries related to the Norman Conquest, a battle re-enactment between a Saxon and a Norman soldier, artefact handling workshops and an interactive session practising Norman battle tactics, including marching and shield drill. This was a fantastic curriculum visit which enhanced the pupils' learning and linked to their recent work in school about the Battle of Hastings.



## Attendance Badges

Well done to all the students who were awarded an attendance badge for the first term, just before Christmas.

We are very proud to report that 248 gold badges, 266 silver badges and 123 bronze badgers were awarded, which is over half the students here at Hyde!

Attendance badges will be awarded again for term 2, just prior to breaking up for Easter. Attendance has been reset for this term, so every student has the opportunity to receive an attendance badge.

### **Street Dance Club**

If your child would like to join our new Street Dance Club, this will take place in the Activities Suite every Monday from 3.10pm until 4.00pm with Miss Morris.

### **Politics Club**

Following on from our hugely successful work last term, Politics Club is back up and running for the Spring Term and we have so many exciting projects planned.

We are thrilled to have been asked to collect evidence to support the Youth Select Committee as they carry out an investigation into youth violence, with a particular focus on the impact of social media. Over the coming weeks we will be asking students and parents to share their views and experiences on this matter. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and community to have their voices heard in parliament and have a direct link to future policy and projects.

We also have also set out our intentions to campaign for new legislation for taxis regarding access for people in wheelchairs. This is something that was bought up by one of our Year 11 students during our session with MP Jonathan Reynolds. We are excited to see how our campaign progresses!

We are also planning to launch a project called GEPIC later in the term. This is an exciting project with the European Commission which is focusing on raising girls' voices within local and national politics.

A group of Year 10 girls are busy with their campaigning to ensure that free sanitary products for schools continue after the current agreed end date this June.

With so many exciting projects on the go, we have now opened the club up to Year 9 students. If your child would like to become involved please tell them to come to see Mrs Tong in classroom 1.09 during a Thursday lunchtime.

### **Sports Fixtures next week**

Good luck to all our amazing students who are taking part in sports fixtures next week. Go Team Hyde!

#### **Monday**

Tameside U16 Badminton Championships at Alder

#### **Tuesday**

Year 9 Boys Football V Rayner Stephens (h)

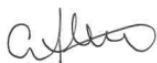
#### **Wednesday**

U16 Girls Football V Mossley Hollins (a)

Y11 GCSE Practice Moderation @ STM

I wish you and your families a warm and restful weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mrs G Arnold  
Interim Headteacher

## Tameside Umbrella Parent Carer Forum Launch

The new DfE funded Tameside Umbrella Parent Carer Forum is a group of volunteer parents and carers of young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). It is the strategic voice of families in Tameside and provides a supportive space. The group is made up of parent carer representatives from Tameside family support groups.

Their mission is to ensure that voices are heard, strong networks can be built amongst families, and to work collaboratively with local services to make a real difference for children and young people with additional needs or disabilities.

The Forum is hosting their launch event on Friday 10th January with two sessions from 11am-2pm and 4pm-7pm. This event will welcome families and professionals at Dukinfield Town Hall in the Lesser and George Hatton Rooms. It will provide the opportunity to speak with other families and hear more about the Forum's objectives in a collaborative environment.

The event also includes a presentation from Contact, a national charity who support families of children with additional needs.

Book your place - [first session](#)

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The Tameside Umbrella Parent Carer Forum now have a Facebook group where they share updates with followers. [Follow their Facebook page.](#)

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**Positive masculinity at home**  
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Year 7 - 11
- **Thursday 13 February, 6 - 7pm, online**  
**A guide to student finance and Disabled Students' Allowance**  
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Year 12 - 13
- **Thursday 13 March, 6 - 7pm, online**  
**Future ready: supporting your child's higher education journey**  
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Year 10 - 13
- **Thursday 15 May, 6 - 7pm, online**  
**Accessing support in higher education**  
Suitable for parents and carers of learners who are currently in Year 10 - 13

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