



15th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the days are becoming lighter and we are beginning to see better weather, school seems more vibrant than ever! Our year 11 students are working hard in the run up to their exams; our students are continuing to thrive and learn and I am reminded what a privilege it is to see our young people grow and develop.

We will soon be consulting with students on the toilet facilities we have available within school, as we attempt to make the school environment more student friendly. With a similar aim, we have a fantastic group of year 10 students who have just finished their prefect training and will be very visible around school setting a good example and supporting an orderly break and lunch times.

Can we also take this opportunity to pass on our best wishes to all those students and families who are currently fasting during Ramadan. With an early meal and prayers it is reassuring that our students are still in school on time and raring to learn, even when a little tired! Ramadan Mubarak!

[Year 11 Leavers Hoodies](#)

Year 11 students can now order their leavers hoodies online by clicking [HERE](#).

[Term dates for 2024/2025](#)

Our term dates for the next academic year are now available on our website. Click [HERE](#) to view.

[SENCO Drop in](#)

Following the success of the last 'Meet the SENCO' drop in, we are now offering this every half term. The next one is **Friday March 22nd** from **9.00am - 12.30pm**. Mrs Reveley, Mr Tristram and Mrs Cowdell-Harrison will be available all morning; no agenda, just come and say hello and have a chat and a brew! All welcome.

[Opportunity for parents of neurodiverse children](#)

If you miss those playground conversations with other parents now your child is at High School, we have a great opportunity for you to make some new connections and share experiences. On **Thursday 21st March** from **4.00pm until 6.00pm** we have an expert in school who will be available for tips and guidance, as well as a few laughs. This is a drop-in opportunity so no need to book; stay as long or as short as you want. Mrs Reveley (SENCO) will also be there, so please do come along; coffee will be available! See you there!

[Year 10 Art Trip](#)

Year 10 GCSE art pupils enjoyed a trip to Manchester Museum this week to be inspired by the dinosaur, fossils and natural world collections. Our students enhanced their coursework portfolios by taking amazing photos and drawing from what they saw while in the museum.

[History trip](#)

As part of Careers Week, a group of Year 10 History students enjoyed a visit to Manchester Museum for their first ever 'Museum Takeover' event. The day involved a museum careers showcase where students found out about some of the different roles that, together, make Manchester Museum. From curators and conservators to marketing, design and social media, to educators and fundraisers, and many more careers. Students met the people working in these roles at the museum, and found out more about what is needed

to get into these careers. They were also able to experience a private guided tour of the museum galleries, with a particular highlight being the new South Asia gallery.

World Book Day

The English Department celebrated World Book Day in style with a Harry Potter theme. We had Bellatrix, Narcissa Malfoy, Hermione, Harry Potter himself, Moaning Myrtle, Mrs McGonagal, Professor Snape and Voldermort. In KS3 lessons, the students read an entire novel in a day and some took part in a Harry Potter magical setting activity. We are so delighted with the feedback from the novel, Pale, please encourage a love of reading at home - they really did enjoy it!



Boccia Final

On Wednesday an amazing group of 5 students, four of our wheelchair users, Lucas V, Blake C, Olivia C, Hashim N along with another student, Jessica W made it to the Panathlon, North West England U19's Physical Disability and Learning Difficulty Boccia final in Liverpool.

Our amazing students showed fantastic resilience and team effort as they played through the rounds to reach the semi-final.

The Panathlon challenge is an amazing event in which our students with disabilities get to join in various competitions at events in Bolton and Liverpool. Here at Hyde we are honoured to be part of this amazing and rewarding scheme that enables and encourages our wheelchair students to participate in sporting events.



Ramadan

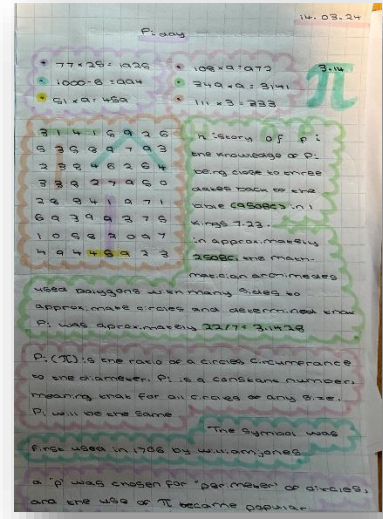
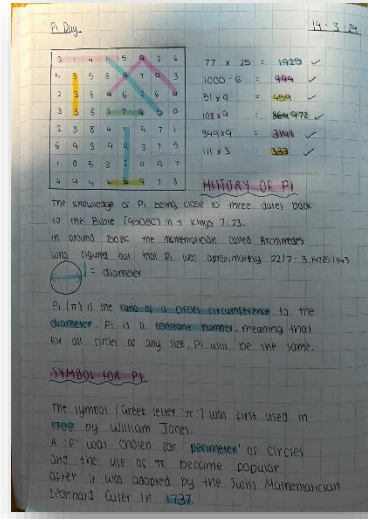
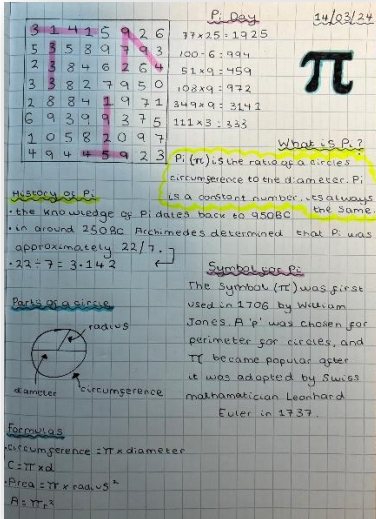
Ramadan Mubarak to all our families celebrating Ramadan! Please can parents of students celebrating Ramadan be aware of our [PE Ramadan Policy](#) on our website.

Pi challenge

Congratulations to all the students who were brave enough to take part in the Pi competition. Students were asked to memorise as many digits of Pi as they could. Emilia G (y7) remembered 91 digits! Closely followed by Hannah S who managed 71 digits.

Both girls won an Amazon voucher and other goodies such as pencils, rubbers and some sweets.

Thank you to all participants: Ben (who sang his digits), Adam, Isabella, Alma, Tom, Alfie and Kayden.



Mental Health

Our Mental Health and wellbeing provision at school for students, parents and staff is of the highest priority and we would like to direct you to the [Mental Health & Wellbeing section of our school website](#). Here you can find who to talk to for support in school, very useful videos and a range of websites and details of local services to support students and their families.

Maths Winners!

Congratulations to our first winners on Eedi. These hardworking students each win a £10 Amazon voucher: Y7 - Gina S; Y8 - Aliyah B; Y9 - Fareeha K; Y10 - Lincoln B and Y11 - Inaayath I. Well done!!

Free School Meals

If you are on free school meals you are entitled to the food vouchers sent out during the school holidays. You will get a text and an email notifying you and then you can choose the supermarket and download the voucher. Therefore, please can you make sure your email and contact mobile number are accurate on the school database. If for any reason you do not wish to use the vouchers please can you contact Mrs Randall - w.randall@hydehighschool.uk.

Chewing Gum

We have seen an increase in students having chewing gum in school. Please can parents and carers support school in reminding your child that chewing gum is not permitted in school. We encourage students to take pride in our building.

MMR Immunisations

You may be aware we have cases of measles in Greater Manchester, these numbers are increasing. Measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill. Achieving high levels of immunity against vaccine preventable diseases is vital to reduce the spread of infection and prevent outbreaks. High levels of immunity can result in herd immunity, whereby the protection from immunisation programmes extends to individuals who cannot be vaccinated for a number of reasons.

As part of the control measures, initiated by GM health protection, the NHS Immunisation Team are offering vaccinations to students who have a 'nil' or 'incomplete' MMR vaccination status. Consent forms have

gone out to identified students this week. The Immunisation team will be coming to school on **Wednesday 20th March 24** to administer students for whom consent has been received.

Dates for your diaries from Careers:

Year 10 College Taster Day is Friday 5th July 2024 - Students will get to choose subject tasters from either Tameside College (2 sites) or Clarendon 6th Form.

Open Evenings

Tameside College - **5pm -8pm Monday 29th April (last open event of the academic year)**

Clarendon 6th Form - **5pm -8pm Monday 29th April (last open event of the academic year)**

Year 11 - The Apprenticeship Team at Tameside College will be running screening sessions to assess any students who have applied for an apprenticeship on the dates below. Emails inviting students to book on have been sent and students who should follow the link in their email to book on. There are dates in May half term/Easter break, so they do not need to take time out of school.

These screening sessions are a crucial part of the process for Apprenticeships so the college can evaluate students' credentials and ethics before shortlisting CVs for partner employers. If students do not attend one of these sessions, they will not be shortlisted:

Date : 20 March - Wednesday

Date : 3 April - Wednesday

Date : 8 April - Monday

Date : 12 April - Friday

Date : 30 May - Thursday

Date : 8 July - Monday

Date : 16 July - Tuesday

A reminder that telephone interviews will take place on Monday 11th March 5-7pm. Students should have received an email and letter. This will be the last round of interviews for Clarendon 6th Form but there are two more dates in April and May for Tameside College.

Year 10 Work Experience

We have had some enquiries regarding the arrangements for work experience recently. The policy and procedure for applying for work experience is available on the school website via the [Personal Development](#) section. In summary, all students in year 10 can apply for work experience, but it is their responsibility to source a suitable placement. The school will then assist by ensuring that a risk assessment takes place and that the employer has up to date employer's liability insurance. In addition to this, year 10 students can also apply to participate in a workplace safari which is a visit to a workplace linked to the students careers aspirations, again details of these visits are available on the school website.

Library Books

Please ask your child if they have an overdue library book and ask them to bring it back to our lovely librarian before Easter so other students can also enjoy them!

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you and your children a lovely weekend!

Warmest regards,



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Headteacher