



22nd March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to all students for their hard work this term. We will be finishing for the Easter holidays at the usual time on **Thursday 28th March** which will also be a **non-uniform** day.

Mrs James, our HLTA who works with students with physical disabilities, is raising money so that we can have a full size physio bed in school. Although we do have a bed at the moment, it is quite small and our students' exercise sessions require them to be able to move more. The physio sessions are vital in keeping joint mobility and movement for our students. The bed we need costs between £1,300 - £1,500, so we are asking for a **minimum donation of £1.00**. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

We return on **Monday 15th April** for the last term of the academic year, ready for a fresh start. Year 11's will be receiving their exam timetables next week with their first exam taking place on 9th May!

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.

Mobile Phones

For a long time now we have had a ban on mobile phones being used in school. They must be switched off, not used and not seen, otherwise they will be confiscated. We acknowledge that mobiles do help keep students safe on the way home, especially with some students traveling a significant distance to come to Hyde High; we do not want to have to consider a total ban. However, recently we have had an increasing number of students found using phones in school, sometimes even calling parents. Can we ask that you support school in upholding our rules regarding mobile phones by reminding your sons/daughters that they must not use their phones during the day under any circumstances. Obviously, if there is an urgent need to contact home, students can go to Student Services or their Head of Year who can help facilitate this, either by supervised use of their mobiles or using the school's landlines.

Parental Conduct

I feel sad to have to write this, but recently we have had a tiny number of parents being abusive to staff, either face to face in school reception or over the phone. To be clear we will not tolerate this. I would ask that we all remain civil and polite; this doesn't mean that we have to agree with each other. Disagreements can be resolved if all parties remember that, at the end of the day, we all have the children's best interests at heart. It's always good to phone or email to make appointments as staff often have packed days where it is impossible to meet parents at short notice. Please avoid turning up at reception unannounced as reception staff may only be able to pass on a message. Thank you for your understanding and to the vast, vast majority of parents who are always civil, polite and supportive.

Free School Meals

Food vouchers for families on Free School Meals will be sent out during the last week of term to the value of £31. Please check your mobile/email to access the voucher. If you have changed your mobile or email please contact the school to update. If you do not wish to receive the voucher or you have trouble accessing please contact the school admin@hydehighschool.uk.

Science Week

This year's Science Week theme, "Time," sparked a flurry of creativity and ingenuity among our students. In their Design Technology and Science lessons, they delved into the world of physics and engineering by designing and constructing roller-coasters.



Imagination ran wild as our young scientists and engineers crafted roller-coasters that defied the laws of motion and gravity. From loop-de-loops to steep drops, each design showcased the students' innovation and problem-solving abilities.

The highlight of the week was the thrilling competitions held in class, where students eagerly vied to see whose roller-coaster could defy time the most by being the slowest. It was a joy to witness their enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the challenges.

We're incredibly proud of all the students' hard work and dedication during British Science Week. Not only did they explore the fascinating concept of time, but they also honed their STEM skills in a fun and engaging way.

Maths Trip to Leeds

On Tuesday, a group of pupils who had engaged with form time numeracy were invited to MathsCity in Leeds to celebrate their hard work. Pupils worked in groups to build a Leonardo bridge - a free standing structure they could sit underneath - followed by lots of interesting puzzles and games based on mathematical challenges. The pupils had lots of fun! If you want to be considered for the next trip, make sure you enter form time numeracy every week!



Year 10 – Summer School

GM Higher are pleased to announce the launch of our **Uni:4U summer schools for Year 10's** are now open for learners to apply.

The summer schools take place at a range of university and higher education institutions across the region throughout **June and July**. Participants will take part in a variety of interactive activities and workshops, allowing them to:

- Get an insight into higher education
- Meet other like-minded students from Greater Manchester
- Develop their skills and boost their confidence
- Learn about different industries and the careers they can open up
- Get crucial advice on making decisions post Year 11 and beyond

The summer schools will give a deep dive into specific subjects and others give a broad overview of higher education and student life:

- **From Screen to Script-** Creative writing, performance and TV production
- **Glow up Manchester-** Media Make-up
- **Football Champions-** Football Industry Insight
- **Code and Conquer-** Coding and Digital Defence
- **Games Design-** Gaming Industry Insight

- **Wise Up**- IAG regarding University and student life (residential)
- **Scientific You**- Biology and Chemistry (residential)

To find out more information please look at the [Uni4u website](#) for each event.

Learners will need to complete an online application form to express their interest in one of the summer schools, **closing date of 28 April 2024**.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Houghton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rorick Houghton
Headteacher