



26th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a brilliant start to the new term, albeit a cold start! Students have continued to come to school ready, respectful and safe. Watching them grow and learn is both a joy and a privilege to see. Moving forwards over the next few weeks we will be reiterating the importance of getting the basics right by following our simple rules. With a view to this please support us in ensuring that your child comes to school punctually, in the correct uniform and ready to engage in lessons with energy and effort. No matter what year our students are in, we are always keen to maximise progress so that they can leave us at the end of year 11 with the best possible exam grades they are capable of.

### [A friendly face...come and meet your new SENDCO!](#)

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February Mrs Reveley, Hyde's new SENDCO, is offering an open house drop in throughout the day from 9.00am until 3.00pm. Refreshments will be available. Please come and say hello if you can; Mrs. Reveley is very much looking forward to meeting you and this gives you the opportunity to put a face to a name!

### [Hyde Alumni](#)

This week saw two Hyde alumni come back and visit school to share their successes since leaving us in 2020. Both students left school during the Covid pandemic, however they have not let this interfere with their determination to succeed.

Rizwan is currently competing in BBCs Junior MasterChef, and is a social media content creator. Samadul runs 3 successful businesses; property, a restaurant and an e-commerce business.

Alongside their very busy ventures they are both also studying for degrees; Rizwan is studying towards an Architecture Degree and Samadul a degree in Construction Management.

They were truly inspirational and were role models of where hard work and dedication gets you. They came to talk to our year 10 Business classes and also spoke to our Year 11 Computer Science class.

Thank you for your visit Rizwan and Samadul and we all wish you all the luck in your degrees, BBC masterchef and many business ventures!

### [Year 11](#)

Please can all parents/carers of year 11 read through the more thorough year 11 update that was issued last week by clicking [here](#).



## [Trip to Berlin](#)

I am pleased to announce plans for our 2024 Christmas trip to Berlin 7th - 10th December 2024.

This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to visit the Christmas Markets as well as visiting the city's many historical and cultural attractions, including the Brandenburg Gate, Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp and Germany's tallest building, the TV Tower. Travelling and staying away from home also helps children become independent, develop confidence and make new friends.

There are a limited number of places available, so if you would like your child to go on the trip, please log onto ParentPay to pay the initial deposit of £107 by Wednesday 31st January.

## [Access College Music Trip](#)

The Access College Music Trip was enjoyed by Y10 & Y11 music students and showed the students one way they could continue their music studies when they leave Hyde. The students were given a full tour of the amazing facilities and given tasters of the courses on offer. Students conducted themselves impeccably and were a credit to the school. College tutors commented on the amazing talent of our students who bravely performed in front of their peers, college students and tutors.



## [GCSE Music Recital Evening](#)

The GCSE Music Recital Evening will take place on Thursday (1st February) between 5pm and 6pm in the Music Department. Parents & carers of GCSE music students have received an invite via ParentPay, please respond ASAP.

## [London Music Trip](#)

There are now just 5 places left for the London Music Trip. If your child is one of the 90 Music Badge of Excellence holders and would like to attend the trip please confirm their place via ParentPay. The 2-day trip takes place on Wed 10th & Thu 11th July 2024 and will see us visit London landmarks, The Lion King in the West End & Madame Tussaud's.








## [Hyde on Tour](#)








Hyde on Tour has been confirmed for Saturday 18th May, 11am until 1pm. This will see our talented students perform at Hyde Market. Invites will be sent out in the coming weeks.

## Extra Music

Just a reminder that the Music Department offers many extra-curricular activities. All Music Clubs are free to attend. There is no need to sign-up, just turn-up!

Students are also able to learn a musical instrument whilst at Hyde. Instrument lessons are provided by an incredibly talented team of teachers from Tameside Music Service. More information and sign-up forms can be found here: <https://uktameside.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

HYDE MUSIC DEPARTMENT CLUBS				
MONDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
3.10pm - 3.40pm	3.10pm - 3.40pm	3.10pm - 3.40pm	3.10pm - 3.40pm	3.10pm - 4.10pm
MUSIC TECH CLUB	UKULELE CLUB	HYDE ORCHESTRA	HYDE VOICES	HYDE ROCK BANDS
				
Students can independently use computers to complete homework or finish work. Students can also record in the studio and release music on Hyde Records.	Ukulele players of all abilities & ages come together to perform popular songs.	Woodwind, brass & string players of all abilities & ages come together to perform popular songs.	Singers of all abilities & ages come together to sing modern pop songs.	Musicians of all abilities & ages come together to perform rock & pop songs.

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 <b>Piano</b> Mr Ian Gwynne	 <b>Woodwind</b> Ms Sarah Hind	 <b>Singing</b> Mr Michael Jones	 <b>Strings</b> Ms Elly Palmer	 <b>Drums</b> Mr Matthew Blackwell
		 <b>Brass</b> Mr Christian Conway		 <b>Guitar</b> Mr James Race

## Important request regarding our disabled parking bays

Please can parents collecting their child not park in our disabled parking bays unless you are blue badge holders. We have a number of wheelchair users who get collected and need easy and safe access to the vehicles collecting them. We do not want our disabled students, or our staff, put in the position of crossing the car park at the busiest time of the day. Thank you for your understanding.

## MMR vaccinations

We have been contacted by the Head of Education Improvement and Partnerships to advise parents and carers that there is a national concern about the uptake of the MMR jab and the risk this presents of a serious measles outbreak. Intrahealth are currently offering a catch up programme for the vaccine but the take up at present is low across Tameside so please consider to take up the offer from Intra or contact your GP to ensure that the serious long term health risks of measles are mitigated. 1 in 5 people with measles will need to go to hospital and 9 in 10 unvaccinated children will catch measles if someone in their class has it.

For more information on MMR please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine/>

## Please return overdue library books

Please can any library books borrowed before xmas be brought back for either returning or renewal.

## Don't be late!

Please make sure your child arrives on time, as if they are late there are sanctions in place (detentions). Here is a reminder of our school day:



## 2023-2024 School Day Timings



- **8:20am** - Gates open.
- **8:30am** - Doors open.
- **8:40-9:00am** - Form/assembly.
- **9:05-10:00am** – Lesson 1. 55 minutes.
- **10:05-11:05am** – Lesson 2. 60 minutes.
- **11:05-11:25am** – *Break. 20 minutes*
- **11:25-12:25pm** – Lesson 3. 60 minutes.
- **12:25-1:05pm** – *Lunch. 40 minutes*
- **1:05-2:05pm** – Lesson 4. 60 minutes.
- **2:10-3:10pm** – Lesson 5. 60 minutes.
- **3.10pm** – Home, clubs, or detentions

Times in **bold & red** are when the lesson starts; any pupil arriving after this time will be recorded as late.

### Uniform

We are sure that all parents and carers would want us to maintain high expectations and high standards. School uniform remains non-negotiable and I would much prefer that staff are discussing with students their work and their progress in lessons than using their time having to deal with non-uniform clothing; to this end we have tried to make guidance as clear as possible. Please visit our website for more information by clicking [here](#).

### Make-up in school

A few reminders:

**Year 7, 8 and 9:** No make-up is allowed.

**Year 10 and 11:** A discreet layer of foundation if necessary and/or discreet mascara is allowed.

**The following are not allowed:** fake tan, fake nails, false eyelashes, eye liner, blusher, lipstick/lip gloss.

### Important dates

Please remember for important dates please see our website by [clicking here](#).

Some upcoming dates include:

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 11 Parents' Evening

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Students finish for half term

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** – Students return to school

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 9 Parents' Evening

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** – School closed to students (staff INSET day)

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Students finish for the Easter holidays

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** – Students return to school

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – Year 8 Parent's Evening

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** - May bank holiday: school closed

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - Students finish for half term

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – Students return to school

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 7 Parent's Evening

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – Students finish for the summer holidays

Warmest regards,

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

Rorick Houghton  
Headteacher

*We are always keen to do things better at HHS; please do let us know of things we do well and things we need to improve. The best lines of communication for individual issues are through form teachers or subject teachers. You can also contact us via [admin@hydehighschool.uk](mailto:admin@hydehighschool.uk) for more general queries where these can be passed on to the best person to deal with them.*