



9th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great pride that I look at all the amazing learning and events that have happened over the last half term. Well done to all the year 11's with their mock exams! For those who didn't quite get the outcomes they wanted there is still time to put in the work and take up all the offers of extra learning available before exams start in May. A very significant amount of revision should be taking place over this half term holiday but it's also important to have some down time to recharge the batteries for next half term.

It has been a delight to see students continue to flourish and develop, gaining their stride now we are half way through the academic year. Thank you to all those students who get things right day in day out; we have been focusing on reinforcing our expectations in the last couple of weeks around not wearing jewellery to school and every student having their planner. After half term we will continue to firm up our adherence to school rules and begin by focusing on uniform, especially removing outdoor coats and wearing blazers when in the building.

I hope that the weather is good next week and that students are able to get a restful break before we return to studies on Monday 19th February.

[Term dates for 2024/2025](#)

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

[PE Kit](#)

Please be reminded that students can only wear their PE kit to school on days on which they have a PE lesson. A school blazer must always be worn over your child's PE kit.

Please ensure your child does not wear their PE kit to school on a day on which they do not have PE. Thank you!

[Year 9 Options evening, Thursday 29th February](#)

Options evening for Year 9 will take place on Thursday 29th February from 4.45pm until 5.45pm. This is obviously a very important evening which will provide an opportunity to discuss the different options available with subject leaders. There will also be a presentation in the activity studio at 5.15pm.

There is no need to book places as we do for parents evening as subject leaders will be available throughout the event in the 'market place' which will be situated in the social dining area.

The options booklet is now available on the school website which provides in depth information on course content and assessment methods.

Student Leadership News!

Luke and Tanisha celebrated the varied cultures and heritage at our school by hosting a cake sale for yr7s. Generous staff and students donated Manchester treats such Vimto cake, Eccles cakes and hot cross buns. There were also treats from further afield including Caribbean cake, Indian sweets, Italian profiteroles and tiramisu. The event raised £60 for Rubens Retreat our school charity. Well done!

Raven held an after school workshop for pupils to design their own cloth tote bag. Participants used special fabric crayons and took away their bag with their own design on it. Raven was keen to allow pupils to get creative and also raised money for Rubens Retreat.

'Stationery Bank' deliveries (pens/pencils) have been made to every form tutor by the student leadership team. These items help tutors discreetly support the students who struggle to provide their own equipment for school. Donations are always welcomed. If you can help please contact school.



NATIONAL MEASLES INCIDENT: Call for immediate action

The UK Health Security Agency has recently declared a national incident following measles outbreaks in London and the West Midlands. They have indicated that we are highly likely to see cases spread.

Measles is highly infectious disease and spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated. Measles can be a very unpleasant illness and in some children can be very serious. The measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine is a safe and highly effective way to protect children from three infectious diseases: measles, mumps, and rubella. Two doses are required to offer the best protection.

Please click [HERE](#) to read a letter from Public Health England.

Music Events

The inaugural GCSE Music Recital Evening which took place last Thursday was a great success. GCSE musicians were given the opportunity to perform their coursework live to a small and appreciative audience. A massive thank you to Mr Freeman for organising such an enjoyable event.















The London Music Trip is now sold out. If your child has missed out and has been awarded a Music Badge of Excellence, then please email s.anthony@hydehighschool.uk to be placed on the reserve list.

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 after half term. Students interested in performing should email s.anthony@hydehighschool.uk.



Extra Music

HYDE MUSIC DEPARTMENT: CLUBS				
Hyde Music Department offers many extra-curricular activities. All Music Clubs are free to attend. There is no need to sign-up, just turn-up!				
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.

HYDE MUSIC DEPARTMENT: LESSONS			
Students are able to learn a musical instrument whilst at Hyde High School. 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#!/			
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
PIANO	WOODWIND	SINGING	STRINGS
			
with Mr Zan Gwynne	with Ms Sarah Hind	with Mr Michael Jones	with Ms Elly Palmer
		BRASS	DRUMS
			
		with Mr Christian Conway	with Mr Matthew Blackwell
			GUITAR
			
			with Mr Stephen Beswick

Year 9 Gateway Trip

The Year 9 Gateway Group attended the University of Manchester to learn more about university life. The group were amazing and got involved in everything.

National Apprenticeship Week

At the start of National Apprenticeship week a group of Year 11 pupils attended an Apprenticeship and C.V. workshop at Findel Education Limited to gain some valuable hints and tips and knowledge from members of staff either who are currently or have completed an apprenticeship in the past. Thank you Findel.

To find out more about apprenticeships and opportunities within Greater Manchester please click on the following links:

<https://www.gov.uk/become-apprentice>

<https://gmacs.co.uk/find-apprenticeships/> (Greater Manchester find an apprenticeship)

Year 9 Industry Day

On Tuesday our Year 9 students had the opportunity to interview employers from industry. This was to help them to learn more about the world of work, skills and qualifications needed and progression as part of the options process. Year 9 were fantastic and asked lots of great questions. Some of the companies involved were: AFL Architects, Ashton 6th Form, Clarendon 6th Form, Fortem Solutions Limited, GMP, NHS, Oldham College, PWC, Siemens, Tameside College and Whitcroft Lighting. A big thank you to all the employers who kindly took time out of their day to attend this event.



Year 10 Law Workplace safari

On Wednesday a group of our Year 10 students took part in a Law workplace safari where they got the opportunity to learn about different job roles within Law, ask questions, actively take part in group work with other schools and colleges and present their findings. The students were brilliant on the day and actively took part in all the events. Well done Year 10. Thank you to ProManchester (Social Mobility Committee) and Freshfields Bruckhaus and Deringer for hosting the event and making our students feel so welcome.




Thank you for your continued support. I wish you and your children a great half term.

Warmest regards,



Rorick Houghton
Headteacher

Helping Hand at Tameside Family Hubs
Come along to one of our drop-ins where you can speak to our Welfare Rights team and find out more about cost-of-living support available to you.  Find help local to you.

Upcoming Information Stalls:

- East Family Hub**
 - Tuesday 6 February
 - 10am – 12noon
 - School Crescent, Ridge Hill, Stalybridge, SK15 1EA
- North Family Hub**
 - Tuesday 20 February
 - 1-3pm
 - Trafalgar Square, Ashton, OL7 0LL
- West Family Hub**
 - Wednesday 21 February
 - 10am – 12noon
 - Greenside Lane, Droylsden, M34 7RA

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 for more general queries where these can be passed on to the best person to deal with them.