



19th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the autumn term is upon us and I think that all of our pupils and staff deserve a lovely Christmas break so that they can recharge their batteries ready for a positive start to 2024. We will be finishing at **12 noon on Thursday 21st December 2023** and returning as normal for more learning and a fresh start to a new year on **Monday 8th January 2024**.

Students may wear **non-uniform on the last day** for a suggested donation of £1 for the Red Cross and Red Crescent.



This week we have been delighted to issue a host of certificates acknowledging the amazing effort and progress of so many of our pupils this term, as nominated by their teachers. A huge congratulations to all those pupils who have received one or more of these – very well done!

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

[Money raised for Rubens' Retreat](#)

Our Year 7, 8 and 9 students have been working really hard since the start of the year on their Character Development projects. We have raised well over £700 for our school charity after the Year 7 Hampers, the Year 8 Winter Markets and Year 9 Cake Sale! Thank you to all pupils involved, we look forward to celebrating these achievements during our awards ceremony next year!



[Computing news](#)

The Computing department has been taking part in the annual #GCHQChristmasChallenge since Thursday 14th December. Students have been set the task of cracking seven fiendish puzzles and using the answers

to help uncover a hidden festive message! You can have a go at home too; the challenge is available for anyone to download on the GCHQ website.



Music News

The **Winter Concert** was a great success this year. Over 50 students bravely performed to a packed out room, impressing the audience with their talents. Rehearsal rooms in the department have been buzzing for months on the run up to the concert. The hard work that these students put into their performances was evident for all to see and it was utterly joyous and a privilege to witness. Thank you to everyone who supported the event. A short highlight video of the concert can be seen [here](#).



The Music Department is also working to organise the next **Hyde on Tour** event, where we take our students to perform in Hyde Market. The provisional date is Saturday 18th May, 11am until 1pm. More information to follow in the new year.

The **Access College Music Trip** has been finalised and will see Y10 & Y11 music students visit the college on Thursday 25th January. Students will be given a taster of the courses & facilities on offer. The trip is free to attend, please can parents / carers of Y10 & Y11 music students confirm places on ParentPay ASAP.








Mr Freeman is currently planning a **GCSE Music Recital Evening** on Thursday 1st February. The event is likely to take place between 5pm and 6pm in the Music Department. Parents & carers of GCSE music students will soon receive an invite to the event.

Places for the **London Music Trip** are going fast. 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.










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!

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.

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#/>

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY
 Piano Mr Ian Gwynne	 Woodwind Ms Sarah Hind	 Singing Mr Michael Jones	 Strings Ms Elly Palmer	 Drums Mr Matthew Blackwell
		 Brass Mr Christian Conway		 Guitar Mr James Race

Year 11 update

Year 11 mocks begin the week beginning 15th January. Although Christmas is a time for rest and spending time with family, students also need to make sure they are spending time revising as well! In order to support year 11 with revision they should refer to the revision guidance that all subjects have provided - this is in the revision Google Classroom. Students will also find lots of different revision activities that they can do including revision clocks, flashcards, Cornell notes and knowledge organisers. Please see our website for more information.

I would also like to pass on my huge congratulations to those students who were awarded Period 6 prizes - they were nominated by each subject for their effort and attendance to period 6. Also, a massive congratulations to Kai, Nafeesah and Eve who won the period 6 lottery. Keep up the good work!

PE	Zach & Cameron
German	Zahra
Spanish	Abigail
Science	Olivia & Mikey
Art	Sarah
Maths	Jack & Muttasin
English	Connie & Amira
History	Benjamin & Noorin
Geography	Macy & Ava
Computer Science	Thomas
Business	Muttasin
ICT	Ahsan

Personal Development - Careers

Trips during this term have included a workplace safari for some Year 10 students to Content+Cloud (a video from the event can be found on the school Facebook page) and a group of Year 9 students exploring the University of Salford in preparation to help them make option choices.

In-school events included our upper school Careers Fair and Year 10 Mock Interview event, which went very well, and a massive thank you to all the employers giving up their valuable time to volunteer to support our events.

We are looking to grow our volunteer community for in school events, for example to interview students at our mock interviews, or answer questions from the world of work at our speed networking events, so if any parent/carer would like to volunteer for any future events please can you contact admin@hydehighschool.uk and put 'Events' as the subject.



Vaping in School

After Christmas the school will be carrying out random bag searches upon entry to school due to concern about the number of students purchasing disposable vaping equipment illegally and bringing them into school. Any vaping equipment found will be disposed of. We take the health and wellbeing of students in school very seriously.

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

Please ensure your child attends school in the correct uniform. If in doubt, please visit our website by clicking [here](#).

Warmest regards,

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