



7th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Update on School Yesterday (Monday)

May I pass on, again, my thanks to all parents and students who have been so supportive over the last week as we have dealt with the challenging circumstances. Yesterday (Monday) students were very responsive to our year group assemblies and school felt calm and productive in lessons and at social times. Moving forward we are in the process of setting up "Safe Space", a facility at lunchtime where students can book in to talk about their concerns and worries relating to the current conflict in the Middle East. Above all, I'm really proud of how well students have come back into school and got straight back to the business of learning. They have been a credit to themselves and their parents/carers.

Parents' Evenings

Please make sure you have your child's parents evening date in your diaries! We will contact you a couple of weeks before the date with how to book your appointments.

- Thursday 7th December 2023 – **Year 10**
- Thursday 8th February 2024 – **Year 11**
- Thursday 7th March 2024 – **Year 9**
- Thursday 2nd May 2024 – **Year 8**
- Thursday 13th June 2024 – **Year 7**

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.

Pumpkin Carving Charity Competition

Earlier this week, some students took part in the Year 9 Pumpkin Carving Competition with Mrs Reeves and Miss Taylor. A group of students carved their pumpkins after school on Monday and let the rest of the school vote for the best creation on Halloween! Overall there were 105 votes and the winners were Luke S and Liam T with their 'vomit emoji' pumpkin. They got 61 votes overall! Well done boys!

The group also managed to raise some money for our school charity (Reuben's Retreat) by asking people to donate when they voted if they were able to. Through their own determination, the group raised an admirable £22.85 - Every little helps!

A special well done and thank you to the students who took part: Faith R and Kaytlyn W for coming up with the idea, meeting with Mr Houghton and getting permission for the event; Erin T, Aiden B, Robyn-Leigh R, Maariyah S, Sumaya A, Jessica W, Imogen M and of course the winners Luke S and Liam T.



[Tameside Panathlon Ten Pin Bowling Competition](#)

Last academic year the Alpha Centre entered a team into the 2023 Panathlon Ten Bin Bowling Competition and went on to win at every stage and became North West Champions. Expectations were therefore high as 6 students from Y7-9 travelled to Tameside Wellness Centre on 1st November to take part in the local heats. After a rocky start when transport issues nearly stopped the team getting there, our plucky students kept their cool despite arriving late and came first so will now go on to represent Tameside at the Greater Manchester finals in December. Their success was made even sweeter with 2 of the team joining the '100 Club', the same 2 coming 1st and 2nd overall individually and another member getting the most strikes and spares.

Well done to our wonderful team who were highly praised by the event organisers. I would also like to thank Mr Horan who came to support on the day and Mrs Ford for rescuing us and getting us there! Mr Kettle, SENDCO.

[Pupil Achievements](#)

Raven A - year 11 for achieving her Grade 1 award in British Fencing.

[Lost Property](#)

If your child has lost any clothing, please get them to check our lost property located near student services. Any unclaimed items will be recycled within school.

[Library Books](#)

When your child has finished their library books, please remind them to return them so other students can enjoy them too!

[Music News](#)

Upcoming Event

Preparations for the **Winter Concert** are well underway with the running order now confirmed. The Winter Concert will take place on Thursday 30th November between 6pm and approximately 7.45pm. We ask all participants to confirm their attendance on ParentPay as soon as possible. The event will be free of charge. Mrs Wrigley plans to organise a raffle for Ruben's Retreat during the evening.

Upcoming Trips

Students in all years have been working hard to earn excellence stickers for homework, effort, performance, presentation & behaviour. Once students collect all 5 stickers in a term they are awarded a Badge of








Excellence & invited on our annual **London Trip**. Many students are now working frantically for the chance to attend the highly popular London Trip. The 2-day trip this year will see students visit many major tourist attractions, The Lion King Musical & Madame Tussaud's. Places are going fast so please respond to the invite promptly to avoid disappointment.








The Music Department is currently working closely with **Access College**, Manchester to provide a further education route for our KS4 students. In the coming months we will aim to run a trip to the college so students can see how they can continue their studies when they leave Hyde. More information will be shared with KS4 Music students in due course.

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 round-up

I want to say a massive thank you and well done to all those year 11s who are making all the right choices so far this year by attending period 6. There have been over 600 sessions of P6 attended so far this year. Please make sure to check the timetable <https://www.hydehighschool.uk/students/period6/> to see what P6 sessions are running you are expected to attend. If your child has not attended sessions, it is not too late - if they make the effort now, it will take the stress off later!

In addition to P6, quiet study space will be launching next week. This will enable students to come into school at 8am to use room 1.14 to do some quiet work and revision, and for the first time it enables students to do the same after school. If your child hasn't yet applied for their study space pass, they need to pick up an application form from Mrs Lang.

In order to maximise the opportunity to complete quiet work and revision, year 11s are also expected to use form time three times a week to study. Year 11 should be bringing revision materials to complete during these sessions. In addition, all form tutors have been provided with highlighters, coloured pens and a selection of revision guides to use during this time.

Some students can find starting revision difficult, so to aid with this all of year 11 have access to a dedicated revision Google classroom. This contains a blank revision timetable that students can edit, along with some suggested revision techniques that they can use in preparation for their mocks.

All of year 11 attended Clarendon College on the 20th October for an Exam and Revision skills day. The guest speakers were so motivational and we hope that students take their words of wisdom and the revision strategies learnt and use these in revising and preparing for their GCSE exams.

The next half term is a busy one for year 11 with college applications, revision for mocks and tracking reports. To help both you as parents and our year 11s plan their time more easily please find a list of key dates below:

HYDE HIGH SCHOOL

Year 11 Dates for your diary

Between November and January all college applications are due in for the various different colleges. Below are the dates for the local colleges, please refer to the information sheet sent out by Ms Amdurer for all deadlines.

- 6th Nov** - Priority Deadline Connell College
- 9th Nov** - HHS Careers Fair
- 30th Nov** - Aquinas College application deadline
- 5th Dec** - Tracking 1 reports
- 21st Dec** - Clarendon 6th Form College application deadline
- 21st Dec** - Tameside College application deadline
- 5th Jan** - Ashton 6th Form application deadline
- 15th Jan - 19th Jan** - Mock exam week
- 8th Feb** - Parents' evening
- 4th Mar** - Tracking 2 reports
- 15th May** - Live exams begin
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New Half Term Expectations

As ever, the vast majority of our students are getting it right every day by following our school rules of: Ready, Respectful, and Safe which creates a safe and secure environment to allow our students to learn well and be the best that they can be. Thank you to all parents and carers who support us daily in preparing their children to arrive at school on time, in the correct uniform, fully equipped, and ready to succeed.

Each half term we like to return to our expectations to maintain our high standards; therefore, we would appreciate if all parents and carers would check their child(ren) have everything they need to meet the school rules:

Punctuality to school: The gates open from 8.20am where a large number of warm and free bagels are distributed to students. Students can enter school at 8.30am and they need to be in their form room or assembly at 8.40am. We are closely tracking students who are late to school and working with families where there is regular lateness.

Punctuality to lessons: We have provided 5 minutes of movement time between lessons with a reminder bell and a late bell as signals to help students to arrive on time. There is no reason to be late for lessons and detentions are held after school for students who have been late to lessons. Staff will record lateness to lessons on the register and in student planners.

Equipment: all students need to bring as a minimum each day:

- a school bag (to carry A4 size books)
- their planner (containing their timetable)
- pens, pencils, and ruler

Uniform: all students need to be correctly dressed for school each day. Please see pages 44-45 in student planners for details. Some key issues we will address this term are:

- Skirts must be no more than 10cm above the knee and not rolled up.
- Socks must be plain black or white without frills or bows.
- Hoodies must have the school logo and may only be worn on PE days.
- Jewellery (other than a wrist watch) is not allowed.
- Makeup etc was covered on page 1 of the newsletter

PE Kit: May only be worn on the day the student has PE. Students should also wear their blazer and have their bag and equipment with them on PE days.

Mobile phones: must be turned off and in student bags at all times.

Vaping: is illegal for all under 18s and is not allowed.

Behaviour: students need to be ready, respectful, and safe at all times.

Social Media: please monitor your child's electronic devices if they use social media to ensure they are being safe, respectful, and appropriate at all times. It is disappointing when issues arise in school which stem from inappropriate use of social media.

We very much prefer spending time and energy discussing learning, progress, and celebrating successes but we will be heavily investing in these expectations and this will result in sanctions (as a minimum: confiscation, detention, isolation) for students who are not meeting our expectations.

Thousands of positive behaviour points are awarded to students each week and we look forward to recognising and celebrating with students at the end of term awards assemblies in December.

We look forward to another very happy, healthy, and successful term at HHS.

Warmest regards,

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

Rorick Houghton

Headteacher

We're 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.