

9th May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

As GCSE exams start, we are all so proud of Year 11 and all they will achieve. Every second of revision still counts. A huge thank you and well done to all parents for ensuring revision continues at home right up to the last exam. I know this is a hard time to be a parent, but it really is the final push. Thank you for all that you do. Contact us in school if you need any help or support.

Summer Sunshine Brings PE to Life!

Last week's glorious sunshine provided the perfect backdrop for an exciting start to our summer PE curriculum. Students made the most of the fine weather with enthusiastic participation and excellent learning across a variety of sports. Our PE lessons were in full swing, with Rounders played on the Astro, Softball enjoyed in the open air, and Girls Basketball bringing energy and teamwork to the MUGA. These sessions not only showcased students' skills but also their teamwork and determination, setting a fantastic tone for the term ahead.



Silver Medals in Girl's Football

A group of Year 9 and 10 students played at Alder in the Final of the Tameside Girl's Plate Cup Competition. We finished second and came back with silver medals around our necks. Well done to everyone who took part.



Science at Hyde

Year 8 applied their knowledge of forces to design and build parachutes. They enjoyed getting to test them by dropping them from the second-floor balcony to see which parachute took the longest to reach the ground. Oskar, Bobbie, and Hashim won, with their parachutes taking nearly 10 seconds to fall.



Year 11 have enjoyed using quadrats to sample the distribution of daisies in the sports field.

Year 9 tested out how effective different types of insulation were; wrapping a metal cup of hot water in the material they thought would be the most effective at keeping the water hot. The best insulator will be discovered next lesson!

Zak is our science star of the week! He has been doing good work in science and volunteering impressive, well-thought-out answers.



English Winners

A huge congratulations to Freddie, Emelia, and Jacob for winning last term's English Writing Challenge. In addition to a certificate and recognition, the three will receive a £10 Amazon voucher for their excellent work.



Students sharing ideas.

Thank you so much to Mahfuza Y. in year 10 for coming to speak to Mrs Arnold about her health and safety ideas. All students are welcome to pop in and speak to Mrs Arnold at break or lunch to discuss their passions, successes, and ideas.



Computer Science Reward Lunch

The Computer Science department chose the top students who they felt deserved recognition for their hard work to meet with Mrs Fawcett to be congratulated and receive a Golden Ticket. The Maths Department is very proud of them.

Well done to:
Amelia (Year 7)
Ben and Danika (Year 8)
Charlie-James, Taras, Zainab
and Inaya (Year 9)
James and Zara (Year 10)
Eiman (Year 11)



Headteacher Year 9 “Most Improved Students” Reward Lunch

Miss Lister (Head of Year 9) chose the top students who she felt deserved recognition for being the ‘most improved student’ to meet with Mrs Arnold to be congratulated and receive a Golden Ticket.

Well done to: Callum, Subaita, Frankey, Freya, Jamie, Hamimur and Katie.



Religious Education Rewards Lunch

Mrs Elder chose the top students in R.E. who deserved recognition for their hard work to meet with Mrs Arnold to be congratulated and receive a Golden Ticket. The R.E. team is very proud of them.

Well done to: Riley (Year7); Zi and Brook (Year 8); Lana and Suwiba (Year 9) and Reyad, Ellisa and Alfie (Year 10).

Headteacher Year 8 “Most Improved Students” Reward Lunch

Miss Donelly (Head of Year 8) chose the top students who she felt deserved recognition for being the ‘most improved student’ to meet with Mrs Arnold to be congratulated and receive a Golden Ticket.

Well done to: Keira, Dionez, Oskar and Bobbie



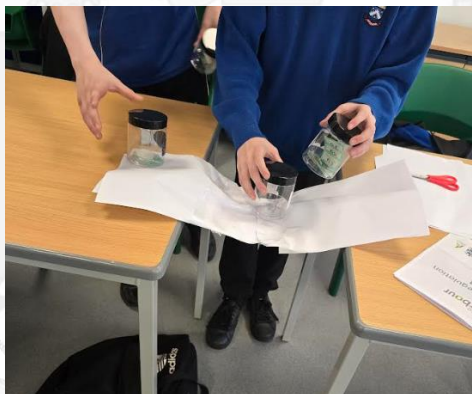
Lexia Superstars

Our Lexia superstars in Year 7 and 8 continue to demonstrate their resilience and reading powers as they make significant progress leaping up the levels online. Well done to all of you.



Fantastic Week in Harbour

It has been a fantastic week over in the Harbour! In Design and Technology, students got hands-on learning about Aboriginal history by designing and making their own boomerangs. This was a brilliant mix of culture and creativity. We also kicked off our first learning behaviours session, where the focus was on resilience. Students had just 30 minutes to build a bridge strong enough for EdBot to perch on – and no giving up was allowed! The teamwork and determination were great to see.



Harbour Shoutout

Big shoutout to Leland who kindly took time out to teach Isabelle how to play chess; we love seeing those moments of leadership and kindness in action.

Alpha Book Club

A carefully selected group of students are spending time improving their reading skills and expanding their vocabulary through attending the book club in the Alpha Centre each Tuesday after school.



Hyde on Tour

The members of our Choir, Musical Theatre, Rock Band and Orchestra have all been practising hard ready for Hyde on Tour on Saturday the 17th of May. We hope to see you there!



HYDE MUSIC DEPARTMENT EVENTS

HYDE ON TOUR

DATE: Saturday 17th May 2025

INVITE: All students can audition by filling out the Google Form

TIME: 11.00am until 1.00pm

INFO: Hyde Market Square, Hyde, SK14 2QW
Free to attend

EXTRA-CURRICULAR MUSIC

HYDE ON TOUR		
Saturday 17th May 2025		
11am until 1pm		
Hyde Market Square, SK14 2QW		
Time	Act	Song(s)
11:00 12:00	Hyde Voices	Time After Time Call Me Maybe
11:05 12:05	Vocal Quintet	Rewrite The Stars
11:10 12:10	Ruby T (9)	Out Here On My Own
11:15 12:15	Jessica B (10)	Woke Me Up When September Ends
11:20 12:20	Emelia G & Zoe S (8)	What Is This Feeling
11:25 12:25	Hyde Orchestra	Bohemian Rhapsody Shallow
11:30 12:30	Hyde Musical Theatre Club	When I Grow Up We Don't Talk About Bruno
11:40 12:40	Hyde Rock Band (Blue)	In The End Human Chelsea Dagger
11:50 12:50	Hyde Rock Band (Red)	In My Life Take Me Out Come and Get Your Love

Shorts

We have had some questions from parents regarding whether boys can wear shorts in periods of warm weather on non-PE days. Although this is not part of our uniform policy, it has been agreed that black tailored shorts can be worn and the uniform policy will be updated for September 2025. If your child chooses to wear shorts, please ensure these are tailored and not sports shorts, as per the image shown. Please also ensure that plain black or white socks are worn, as per our current uniform policy.



Games

We are looking to increase the number of activities that students can take part in at lunchtime. Do any families have any board or card games in good quality condition with all pieces intact that they would be willing to donate to school? If so, please send these in with your child and give them to Mrs Lang.

Year 10 College Taster Day 4th July 2025

If your child is in Year 10 they have been invited to attend the Year 10 College Taster Day on Friday 4th July 2025 at either Tameside College - Beaufort Road Campus, Tameside College - Tameside One Campus or Clarendon 6th Form. Information regarding this event is on ParentPay including consent for students to attend. Please note a letter nearer the event will be sent highlighting which site students will be attending along with time they need to be there and the subjects or choices they selected.

College Open Day /Evening Events

College open days or evening events will be added onto our school website calendar and can be found either directly off the website or via the link below.

<https://www.hydehighschool.uk/news-and-events/college-open-evening-calendar/>

Please note this calendar is constantly updated throughout the academic year.

Accessing Support in HE (Higher Education)

GM Higher are offering an online session on Thursday 15th May 18:00-19:00

Accessing Support in HE (Parent/Carer) - suitable for parent/carers of learners who are currently in Year 10-13

During the session GM Higher will highlight support available within higher education and outline the ways to access this. It's an opportunity to receive up-to-date information around support services to enable your young person to fulfil their potential.

<https://gmhigher.ac.uk/events/accessing-support-in-he/> (click on the link to sign up for the session)

Raising Funds: A thank you message from Reuben's Retreat

As we're flying through the start to the year, we wanted to get in touch to give you a little update about the BIG impact we have had already in 2025!

So far this year, we have provided over **800 hours of support** to families suffering the loss of their child and families whose children are living with medical complexities and may face an uncertain future. We have welcomed **90 individuals** into the arms of Reuben's Retreat for the very first time, bringing our current support figure to **832 beneficiaries** who are now able to seek emotional, practical and holistic support, and Relax, Recharge, Remember and Rebuild.



Our recent Easter Eggstravaganza also brought **13 families** together to make *hoppy* seasonal memories together.

Moments like these are incredibly special to all our Reuben's Retreat families. Not only are families able to access family fun events together, but they are also able to meet other families walking similar paths. We truly would not be able to continue the beautiful work we do without kind hearts and generous souls like yourselves. **THANK YOU!**

Please be proud of the impact your students fundraising has. They are helping us make a difference and know that we are forever grateful for all they do.

Upcoming dates for your diary	
Thursday 8 th May 2025- Wednesday 18 th June 2025	Year 11 Exams in progress
Friday 23 rd May 2025	Students finish for half term
Monday 2 nd June 2025	Students return to school
Monday 2 nd -4 th June 2025	Year 9 Immunisations
Thursday 12 th June 2025	Year 7 Parent's Evening 3.45pm - 6.30pm
18 th – 26 th June 2025	Year 10 Mocks
Friday 18 th July 2025	Students finish for the summer holidays

Warmest regards,

Mrs G Arnold
Headteacher

Year 11 OUR PASS

From the 1st of September 2025 your child could be eligible for Our Pass which gives them the following benefits for the next two years!

- 1) Free bus travel across Greater Manchester.
- 2) Half-price off-peak Metrolink tickets.
- 3) Access to Our Pass Exclusives.




Our Pass Exclusives are freebies, discounts and experiences, such as free tickets to sport and music events including Manchester Originals cricket, Parklife and the Halle Orchestra, discounts in cafes and coffee shops across Greater Manchester, and behind the scenes tours of the Palace Theatre.

This year, for the first time, they will be able to apply for the brand new digital Our Pass in the Bee Network app.

To ensure their Our Pass is ready to use on the 1st of September 2025, they can apply from Monday 19th May '25.

Go to ourpass.co.uk to find out more and please encourage your son or daughter to apply. The only cost is the £10 administration fee. Students can start applying for an OUR PASS bus pass from Monday 19th May 2025.



	From 19/05/25	From 18/08/25	From 1/09/25
Our Pass Activity	 Year 11 application window opens	 New physical Our Pass cards issued	 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New cohort eligible for Our Pass• Digital passes become active in Bee Network app
Student Activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apply for Our Pass from 19/05/25• If you apply by 08/08/25 you will receive your Our Pass before or on the 1/09/25	If you apply for a physical Our Pass card, you will receive this in the post before the 1/09/25, if you apply by 8/08/25	You can now use your Our Pass!
What you'll need	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An email address• Passport-style photograph• Proof of date of birth• Proof that you live in Greater Manchester• A valid payment card (so that you can pay the one-off £10 administration fee – this can be your parents or carers card with their permission)		
Support from school	Your school can help confirm your eligibility for Our Pass if you don't have these documents		



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↑ WEBINARS FOR APPLICANTS

Join us online for our **Hello, Future – Applicant Webinar** series and ask your questions to our expert teams.

Our tutors will be presenting webinars covering a wide range of areas.

↑ **T LEVEL APPLICANT WEBINAR**
Tuesday 13 May, 6.00 – 6.30pm

↑ **TRAFFORD COLLEGE A LEVEL APPLICANT WEBINAR**
Wednesday 14 May, 6.00 – 6.30pm

↑ **MARPLE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE APPLICANT WEBINAR**
Thursday 15 May, 6.00 – 6.30pm

↑ **CHEADLE COLLEGE APPLICANT WEBINAR**
Tuesday 20 May, 6.00-6.30pm

↑ **BUSINESS AND COMPUTING T LEVEL APPLICANT WEBINAR**
Thursday 22 May, 6.00-6.30pm

↑ WHO ARE THESE WEBINARS FOR?

The webinars are tailored for applicants to help them find out more about College and prepare for their start in September. The sessions are also ideal for parents, carers and educators.

BOOK YOUR PLACE HERE!

Visit the link above to access our website, where you'll find details about the webinars. You'll also find links to register for the sessions that interest you most.

We look forward to seeing you online!

