



10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The start of the summer term has started with a bang! Students are now enjoying the benefits of our large school field now the weather is drier and warmer, giving them yet more freedom and space during break and lunch.

Our year 11 students have begun their GCSE's this week, showing us how mature they are; their conduct being exemplary. We wish them the best over the coming weeks as they work hard revising.

The physio bed has arrived which we all raised money for with the non-uniform day before Easter. Thank you to all who contributed! This is a fantastic help for our Alpha Centre students.



On a sadder note, we are seeing an increase in the number of incidences where staff are reporting inappropriate behaviour towards them from parents and carers. Please remember that our staff should be treated with respect at all times. All our staff have the students' best interests at heart, and as you can imagine, having 1,200 students in one place is always going to present a challenge. However, by working with both students, parents and the wider community we can achieve the best outcome for our amazing young people.

### Summer weather and school shorts

Due to sensible requests from some of our students in the hot weather, we are going to **trial** the option of school shorts for the rest of this term. At the same time, we are going to have a focus on all aspects of uniform being smart and rules being fully adhered to moving forwards. Please refer to student planners and our [website](#) for any clarification on our normal uniform rules.

From **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May** until we finish for the summer holidays on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** students may wear school uniform shorts. Governors will review this and then decide if we are going to make this a permanent option for the summer term.

Should students wish to wear them they must be: **plain black; tailored and reaching the knee.**



### Year 9 Immunisations

Year 9s have been given consent forms for tetanus, diphtheria, polio and meningitis immunisations, which we are distributing on behalf of the Tameside NHS Immunisation Team. Please complete and return the consent forms to student services by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Please be aware that there are two boxes to

complete on the consent form; please complete both. We must have your child's completed form even if you don't give consent. Immunisations will take place week commencing 10th June 2024.

### **Y10 trip to Salford University.**

Just before the Easter break a group of 30 year 10 pupils enjoyed a visit to Salford University to find out more about studying law. They enjoyed a tour of the university, finding out about all its facilities and campus life. The highlight of the day was preparing for and taking part in a mock trial based on a real case, our pupils were confident and argued their points well, we have lots of potential barristers at Hyde!



### **Maths**

70 Year 7 and 8 students took part in the 'UK Junior Maths Challenge' last week. Well done to Zain B in year 8 who achieved a gold and has been invited to compete in the next level of the challenge. Well done to students who achieved a silver award: Emilia G; Zarah R; Hannah S in year 7 and Maximilian B; Heather D; Leah R; Isla S and Corey W in year 8. A further 20 students achieved a bronze award. Well done to all of the students who took part!

### **KS3 Diverse Library Club**

Miss Kelly's KS3 Diverse Library is on from 3.15pm every Wednesday if your child would enjoy cakes, biscuits and a good chat about authors and books.



### **Spirited Arts Competition**

We are very excited to have been invited to take part in the NATRE Spirited Arts Competition 2024. NATRE is a national body for religious education, and huge range of prizes are up for grabs! We have been given the theme 'Wise Words, Holy Words', which encourages students to produce a piece of art work based around meaningful words and phrases; this can be phrases from religious texts such as the Qur'an or the Bible, religious sayings or teachings or even meaningful song lyrics. Any art form is accepted including dance and music. If you would like more information please see your RE teachers. All entries need to be submitted to school by Friday 14th June 2024. Good Luck!

### **Year 11 Pre-Exam Briefings**

Yesterday all of year 11 started their live exams. This can be a stressful time for students and we want to do everything we can to support our year 11s through this time. All students have been invited to pre-exam briefings in order to get last minute support, advice and guidance from their subject teachers. These run directly before exams, and if the exam is in the morning then students will be provided with breakfast so that they are getting some nutrition before a busy day ahead. Please find out more information [here](#).

### **PE Study Space**

Year 11 students have been given the opportunity to use one hour of PE to do some additional revision. Students need to have applied for their place with Mrs Lang and will have been invited by email with further details. If your child has not applied for this opportunity please ask them to see Mrs Lang. There are limited spaces available.

### **Year 10 - College Taster Day - Friday 5th July 2024**

Most students have now chosen their option choices for our college taster day (Clarendon 6th Form / Tameside College (Beaufort Road or Tameside One), and nearer the time they will receive a letter with their final choices and college campus information.

Our deadline to submit all the information to the college is **Friday 17th May 2024**. Please can we ask any parent/carer who has not yet completed the electronic consent information on ParentPay to do so before this date. Thank you!

## Year 11 - OURPASS

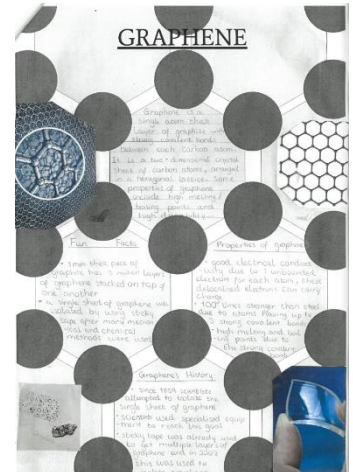
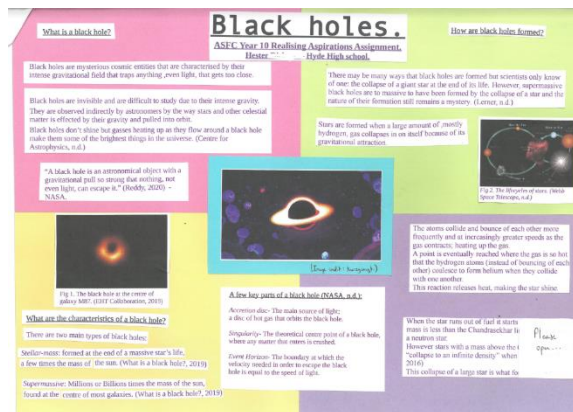
OURPASS have launched their online application form for year 11's to apply for a bus pass.

Applying early means that any issues with their application can be addressed before 9th August 2024, to ensure you receive your card before 1st September 2024. OURPASS is for students aged 16-18 years of age.

Click [here](#) for a link to a YouTube video for more information, and to sign up click [here](#).

## Year 10

Hira and Hester, two of our fantastic year 10 students have taken part in the Science and Maths Realising Aspirations programme at Ashton Sixth Form. The programme provided students with an insight into post-16 education and the confidence and skills to make a successful transition to college once they leave school. We are so proud of both students and pleased to share that Hester won the Science and Maths award. Here's an example of their work!



## Inhalers

If your child uses an inhaler, please ensure they bring theirs to school. We have had a number of students without their inhaler!

## Important dates:

Please click [here](#) to see our school calendar for any important dates.

However, here's a reminder of important dates moving forwards:

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – last day of half term

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – School reopens

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 7 parents' evening (booking information will be issued nearer the time)

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 10 mock exams

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> & Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** – Activity days and Hyde Day Out

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** – Year 11 Prom

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July** – School finishes for the summer holidays

## Music News

The Music Department would like to congratulate year 11 for completing their music coursework on time. Y11 have been working tirelessly for 2 years to complete various compositions and performances. It has been a privilege to work with these talented students and we wish our y11 musicians the very best in their exams and future studies.

**Music Events**



Important information regarding the upcoming London music trip has been sent home via letter and also emailed to those students involved. If you have not received this key information, which includes the itinerary, then please email [s.anthony@hydehighschool.uk](mailto:s.anthony@hydehighschool.uk) to receive a copy of the letter.

**Hyde on Tour** takes place next Saturday (18th May), 11am until 1pm. This will see our talented students perform at Hyde Market. The running order for the free event has now been confirmed. We hope you can join us to see the incredible talent our school has to offer!

HYDE ON TOUR			
Hyde Market Square Sat 18th May			
SK14 2QW 11am - 1pm			
Times	Act	Song	
11:00 - 12:00	Rebecca B (Year 11)	Vocal solo	I See The Light
11:05 - 12:05	Luke C (Year 11)	Vocal solo	Phenax
11:10 - 12:10	Freya W & Elliot W (Year 9 & Year 10)	Vocal duet	I See The Light
11:15 - 12:15	Declan G (Year 10)	Drum solo	The Trooper
11:20 - 12:20	Emily A (Year 11)	Vocal solo	Slipping Through My Fingers
11:25 - 12:25	Ukulele Band (Year 7)	School group	The Lion Sleeps Tonight
11:30 - 12:30	Hyde Orchestra (Mixed Years)	School group	Polkka Star - One Day Dream The Four Seasons - Spring
11:35 - 12:35	Hyde Voices (Mixed Years)	School group	How Far I'll Go - Pure Digital Art Rise Up
11:45 - 12:45	Hyde Rock Band (Mixed Years)	School group	Fast Food - The Empire State Building Somewhere, There Are Old Times - Kase
/	1:00	END	

**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: <a href="https://uktameside.speedadmin.dk/registration/#/">https://uktameside.speedadmin.dk/registration/#/</a>			
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
PIANO	WOODWIND	SINGING	STRINGS
with Mr Ian 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	

We hope all our school community enjoy the warm weather this weekend to recharge for another week of learning and enrichment.

One of our year 8 parents has written a really important letter to other parents and carers. I would encourage all parents and carers to read it; we have included it at the end of this newsletter. Thank you to that parent for being honest and open in their endeavour to safeguard our children.

Warmest regards,

Rorick Houghton  
Headteacher

Good afternoon year 8 parents and carers.

I'm a parent of a year 8 student that has recently been involved in a situation involving a group chat on social media, more specifically Snapchat.

I think I speak for all of us when I say that as parents, we feel very lost in how we can protect our children online and there's a fine line between over and under controlling our children's access to the internet.

I myself am guilty of making the mistake of thinking the dangers my child faces are outside of our home. I felt that as long as my child was under my roof, they were safe - just as we were taught growing up in an era where social media didn't exist, that you needed to be home when it got dark and that's when you were safe and when our parents breathed a sigh of relief.

I have since learnt the hard reality that our children are less safe in our homes than any dangers they face outside, because of their phones.

Our kids not only have access to awful content on the internet, but they are also exposing each other to this information by sharing shocking and disturbing videos and images via group chats.

You might read this and think my child is safe, I know what they're up to, we're a good family and this doesn't apply to us. That was exactly how I felt until I checked my child's phone.

When I think back to last summer, scrolling through Facebook to see the latest police post about anti-social behaviour over the 6 week holidays and how us as parents need to be more vigilant and know where our kids are: I thought to myself, this doesn't apply to us, my child is home and out of harms way. They aren't causing a nuisance to local residents - what could they possibly be up to that would be dangerous in their bedroom?

Time after time I would hear stories and think this doesn't concern our family, my child makes the correct choices. I've given them the talk about respect, consent, racism, homophobia, and all other important topics in between. What I hadn't realised is that the talk needs to be reinforced regularly. Telling them once is almost the same as not telling them at all.

Our family have been served a very hard lesson when I received a shocking phone call from school to evidence that everything that I thought was true and everything I thought I knew - was wrong. This then prompted me to check my child's phone thoroughly.

Let me tell you, what I found from both boys and girls of year 8 was more shocking than you can imagine or realise was even possible.

I asked school if I could write to you all to implore you to take action so that we can work together and keep all of our children safe from the internet in a way that works for everyone.

It transpired that my child had shared their Snapchat password with other members of year 8 and vice versa. It goes without saying that this in itself poses a massive risk to the children's safety. I would advise you to all please change your children's passwords and don't let them know what it is so they can't share it with anyone.

We want to do right by our kids, giving them freedom so that we can keep relationships with them. Trying to understand their complex teenage emotions whilst also laying down the law. It is hard - really hard to get it right.

I would love if Snapchat especially could be banned for young teens but that is an unrealistic expectation but as long as we as parents are educated on the dangers they are exposed to we can help keep our kids safe.

Please learn from our mistake; check their phones regularly, reinforce the rights and wrongs often and encouraging them to talk to you if they have any concerns about something they may have been or inadvertently been involved in as part of a group.

We can all do something to make this right and guide our children into making better, safer choices and ultimately save them from choices with disastrous consequences.