



Hilbre High School Humanities College Parents' Newsletter



12th September 2016 - Week B

Date	Event
Monday 12 th September 2016	
Tuesday 13 th September 2016	
Wednesday 14 th September 2016	
Thursday 15 th September 2016	Open Evening, 6-9pm
Friday 16 th September 2016	

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school following the summer holiday. Can I begin by thanking you all for your patience this week, whilst we dealt with our kitchen problem. I was pleased that we were able to resume normal service on Thursday.

I would also like to say a massive thank you to you all for ensuring students have returned both on time for the start of our new school day and wearing immaculate uniform. Your ongoing support with these issues will help to secure continued improvements at Hilbre.

Last year, we achieved many great successes. Our Post 16 results were the best the school has ever achieved. We were delighted with both our academic results and our vocational results. We achieved a 100% pass rate and saw many of our students going on to apprenticeships and university. This year our students secured 9 places at top Russell Group universities and we are incredibly proud of them all. After a long nerve-wracking wait, one of our students secured his place at Lancaster University to study medicine, another first for Hilbre.

Following on from our GCSE successes this year, we have been delighted to welcome back so many of our Year 11 students from last year into our 6th Form. I am confident, given the calibre of our new Year 12 students, they will help us to secure even greater improvements.

This year, we build on what we achieved last year and we continue to work hard to make Hilbre the 'Outstanding' school that our students deserve. It was a very rewarding experience last year for the OFSTED inspectors to recognise the improvements we have made at Hilbre and listen to their advice on what we can do further to achieve an outstanding grading.

I would like to make a special mention of our new Year 7 students. I have been delighted with their attitudes to learning, their work ethic and their behaviour. They are a real credit to you as parents/carers. Only 6 days into the new term and they have settled in already.

Best wishes

Mark Bellamy
Headteacher

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HILBRE STARS

Due to the summer break, stars of the week will start from next week

SCHOOL EVENTS THIS TERM

Thursday 15th September 2016 - Open Evening, 6-9pm
Thursday 22nd September 2016 - 6th Form UCAS Evening, 6-7pm
Friday 23rd September 2016 - INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS
Monday 26th September 2016 - INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS
Tuesday 27th September 2016 - School re-opens to all students
Thursday 29th September 2016 - Individual School photographs Years 7, 9, 11 and 6th Form
Thursday 29th September 2016 - Year 8 synagogue trip
Thursday 29th September 2016 - Welcome to 6th Form Evening, 6-7.30pm
Friday 30th September 2016 - Form School Photographs Years 7, 8, 10 and 11
Tuesday 4th October 2016 - 6th Form Science trip Chester Zoo
Wednesday 5th October 2016 -Year 11 Concerns Evening 5-6pm
Wednesday 5th October 2016 - Welcome to KS4 Evening 6.30-7.30pm
Thursday 6th - 8th October 2016 - Silver DofE practice
Tuesday 11th October 2016 - Year 10 Empire Theatre Trip (after school)
Tuesday 11th October 2016 - Friends of Hilbre High School 6-7pm
Thursday 20th October 2016 - Year 9 Geography China Workshop
Thursday 20th October 2016 - Year 7 'Meet the Form Teacher' Evening, 5-7pm
Friday 21st October 2016 - BREAK FOR HALF TERM
Monday 24th - Friday 28th October 2016 - SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL STUDENTS
Monday 31st October 2016 - School re opens for all students

OPEN EVENING

This will run Thursday 15th September 2016, 6-9pm. There will be a crèche facility available on the evening. There is no need to pre-book.

NEW SCHOOL DAY STRUCTURE

We are writing to inform you of the change of timing of sessions in the school day at Hilbre High School, with effect from September 2016. There will be no early morning form time; this will now take place after period 2 as shown below and, as a result, lessons will start **promptly** at 8.45am.

School buses arrive in plenty of time and we would urge any students that walk to school or get a lift to ensure they are in school for 8.40am. This is so we can have an intervention or Active Form Time slot in the middle of the school day to best utilise all of the time available.

The new school day will be:

Period 1	8.45am - 9.45am
Period 2	9.45am - 10.45am
Active Form Time	10.45am - 11.10am
Break	11.10am - 11.30am
Period 3	11.30am - 12.30pm
Period 4	12.30pm - 1.30pm
Lunch	1.30pm - 2.20pm
Period 5	2.20pm - 3.20pm

Many thanks for your anticipated support in this matter.

LUNCH CARD

Can I please request that you top up your child's lunch card via the on-line link on the school website, if possible. Putting money onto cards at the tills during brunch or lunch times does severely hold up the queues and delays service.

Many thanks

Jane Doyle
Director of Business & HR

SWITCHING TO EMAIL FOR HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

This academic year, we have elected to amend our home-school communication procedures to facilitate a reduction in paper usage. In order to achieve this, we now intend to use email as our primary means of communication with parents and carers. You will appreciate that this measure is likely to enable us to achieve a significant reduction in our stationery costs. With this in mind, may we politely request that you notify the School Office of any changes in your e-contact details by e-mailing schooloffice@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk

THE HILBRE 100 CLUB

In order to recognise and award students worthy of special commendation, this year sees the launch of the Hilbre 100 Club. Throughout the year, all subject teachers will be able to award 'achievement points' to students in every lesson to recognise student attainment, general effort or improvement. At the end of each two week cycle the top 100 (i.e. The Hilbre 100) will be personally congratulated by the Headteacher in a celebration assembly, during which time there will be an opportunity for the successful students to win a prize in the celebration draw that will be held.

As the year progresses, all of the names of the 100 students from each two week cycle will be carried forward for an end of term and an end of year draw for extra special prizes. In this way, we shall ensure that there is still a chance for a student to win, even if the first time they are not successful. In fact, the more times you are in, the more chance you'll win!

It's the start of the new term already, and time for students to start thinking about their travel options – which is where we can help!

Here at Merseytravel, we're committed to making travel more affordable for young people aged 18 and under, and we have some great ticket options to help get young people to school or college:

Term Time Tickets are really good value for money, offering reduced fares on buses, trains and Mersey Ferries. They are valid from Mondays to Fridays until 8pm during term times and can work out at as little as £1.26 per day. You can buy a Solo for bus travel only, a Railpass for rail travel only or a Trio for bus, rail and ferry.

MyTicket is a one-day bus only ticket for young people aged 18 and under. It costs just £2, you can travel all day and it's available from all bus drivers in Merseyside and Halton.

Weekly **Solo** (bus only), **Railpass** (rail only) and **Trio** (bus, rail and ferry) tickets are also available. They can be used all week with no time restrictions and can work out really cost effective if you're likely to travel in the evenings and weekends too.

Full details of tickets for Young People can be found [here](#) or you can call Traveline to discuss which ticket is best for you on 0151 236 7676.

6TH FORM

A record number of our students received outstanding A level results this summer, ensuring an increase in places at Russell Group Universities and a 100% pass rate for all subjects.

Zac Houghton will be studying Medicine at Lancaster University after achieving AAAB in Biology, Chemistry, Maths and EPQ. Rob Webster secured a place at St Andrews University studying Earth Sciences with AABBC. Mandy Chan will go on to study Accounting & Finance at University of Liverpool together with Katy Magee who will be studying Law and Hispanic Studies with AABB grades. Other top achieving students include; Vicky Birks BBB, Michael Bradshaw ABB, Georgia Clayton Dist*Dist*Dist*, Ellie Gilfoyle Dist*Dist*Dist*, Kiera Hanlon Dist*Dist*B, Maddy Hughes A Dist*C, Flinn Knowles A D*C, Hannah Mariott D*D*C, Hollie Miller Dist*Dist*Dist*D, Emily Paul A Dist* B, Kirsty Rothwell Dist*Dist*Dist Merit, Amy Webster Dist*Dist*Dist*.

Our new Year 12 students have made a good start to the term. They engaged well in a Transition Day at Edge Hill University on the first day of term. The trip included a campus tour, study skills workshop and complimentary lunch! We are proud of our 6th Form at Hilbre and are delighted that students have returned focussed and also looking so smart!

DIARY DATES

Thursday 22nd September - (Year 13) UCAS information Evening and Student Finance 6-7pm in the 6th Form Block

Thursday 29th September - (Year 12) Welcome to 6th Form with the 6th Form Team and Form Tutors 6-7.30pm in the Main Hall

Mrs Devonport
Director of KS5 Student Services

YEAR 8 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SYNAGOGUE

Letters have gone out this week for the Year 8 Synagogue visit on **Thursday 29th September**. This is a curriculum trip which will support work in lessons and assessments. Please return reply slips and £5 contribution to the Finance Office by Friday 16th September.

Miss Fleming
Head of RE and Citizenship

Lunch

Main Dish & dessert	£2.34
Main Dish	£1.76
Chicken Royale	£1.67
Beans on toast	52p
Chips	£1.07
Large Salad Pot	£1.76
Love Joes Chicken Wrap	£2.08
Chicken Wings	£1.19
Pasta with sauce	£1.88
Pasta (plain)	£1.07
Cheese	54p
Pizza Slice (Margherita, Veg)	£1.50
Burger/Hot Dog	£1.56
Pizza Slice (with meat)	£1.71
Jacket potato	£1.07
Fillings	54p
Soup & a roll	£1.17
Baguette	£1.81
Sandwich	£1.45
Wrap	£1.76
Salad Bar (small pot)	£1.28
Cheese burger	£1.66

Morning Break / Breakfast

Crumpet	48p
Toast	24p
Cheese on Toast	45p
Bacon on Toast	97p
Bacon Roll	97p
Toasted Muffin	62p
Cheese & Bacon Bagel	£1.07
Currant Teacake	52p

Drinks

Water (500ml)	54p
Milk (189ml)	48p
Cuplet (85ml)	43p
Calyпсо Cup (185ml)	54p
Fruit Juice (200ml)	64p
Ranor juice	92p
Viva Milkshake (200ml)	74p
Capri Sun Fruit Crush	69p
Berry Aid	92p
Slush	69p
Lolly ice	£1.04
Jelly squeeze	71p
Juice burst	£1.02
Pancakes	89p
Waffles	99p
Pizza batch	£1.01
Croissant	76p
Teacake	52p
Hot cross bun	64p

Fresh Fruit & Desserts

Fresh fruit per piece	43p
Fruit Pots	74p
Yoghurt	74p
Jelly	69p
Mousse	69p
Cookies	59p
Iced Fingers	69p
Cup Cakes	79p
Tray bakes	74p
Hot Pudding	75p
Yo Yo Bears	£1.07

ALL prices displayed exclude VAT.
As required by law all adults & visitors will be charged VAT, currently 20%

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Meal Deal

Available from the canteen every day and includes:
Main meal and cake/cookie/fruit/pudding for £2.34

Spring 2016
WEEK 1 W/C 18th April, 9th May, 30th May, 20th June, 11th July, 1st Aug, 22nd Aug, 12th Sep, 3rd Oct, 24th Oct

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Italian Beef Bolognese with Pasta**	Chicken Tikka Masala with Basmati Rice	Roast Turkey with Crispy Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Please see Theme Day posters for this week's "Pop Up" menu	Crispy Battered Fillet of Fish with Chunky Chips
Spicy Vegetable and Bean Quesadillas with Cous Cous	Quorn Katsu Curry with Basmati Rice	Cauliflower and Creamed Corn Bake with Roast Potatoes		Cumin Spiced Black-Eyed Bean and Sweet Potato Burger With Chunky Chips
Oat Crusted Bloomer	Naan Bread	Wholemeal Loaf		Poppy Bread
Healthy Salad Appleslaw	Raitta Coconut and Green Bean Stir Fry	Seasonal Cabbage Fresh Carrots		Garden or Mushy Peas Coleslaw
Apple and Blackberry Crumble with Custard	Mango Fool (fruit based)	Orange and Almond Cake with Custard		Peaches with Homemade Granola and Yoghurt (fruit based)

This menu is compliant with the school food standards. We encourage pupils to enjoy a healthy balanced diet. Chartwells can cater for many special dietary requirements. Please speak to the Catering Manager if you have any questions.

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THEME DAY THURSDAY!

JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY FOR OUR AWESOME POP-UPS

SICILIAN PIZZA

Fresh dough Sicilian style Pizza – either Meatfeast or Margherita with a green salad and ice cream pot



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WINGS & THINGS

Sticky Tabasco chicken thigh ciabatta or feta & beetroot burger with baked paprika wedges, sweet chilli slaw and a watermelon wedge



GREAT BRITISH ADVENTURE

Your favourite roast in a giant Yorkshire pudding wrap with a mixed salad, mini roasties, gravy and an apple crumble flapjack



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SICILIAN PIZZA

Fresh dough Sicilian style Pizza – either Meatfeast or Margherita with a green salad and ice cream pot

WINGS & THINGS

Lemon & herb chicken thigh ciabatta or cheesy Quorn & mushroom burger with baked garlic & herb wedges, red slaw and a giant golden syrup cookie



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INDIAN ADVENTURE

Chicken tikka masala or roast cauliflower & chickpea korma with rice, ½ a naan and a lemon yoghurt lassi

SICILIAN PIZZA

Fresh dough Sicilian style Pizza – either Meatfeast or Margherita with a green salad and ice cream pot



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LOOK OUT FOR OUR THEME DAY MENUS EVERY WEEK.

For more information, speak to a member of your catering team.

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