



Hilbre High School Humanities College Parents' Newsletter



28th March 2016 - Week A

Date	Event
Monday 28 th March	School closed - Easter Monday
Tuesday 29 th March	School open to all students
Wednesday 30 th March	
Thursday 31 st March	
Friday 1 st April	

Hilbre is a school that simply never stops still. We are always looking to move forward and celebrate our successes on the way!

This week began with a Pupil Premium Review of our practices at school, which confirmed that the support, guidance and initiatives we have in place are all well-regarded, whilst also giving us advice and guidance on how to develop things further. I fully welcome the opportunity to have expert visitors on our site and to share best-practice, so that the Wirral community of schools can work together successfully and grow in-unity.

On Tuesday, Mrs Phelan visited the Houses of Parliament to receive the Discovering Democracy Award from John Penrose MP, Minister for Constitutional Reform. What a great achievement for Mrs Phelan and our school!

On Wednesday, the Senior Leadership Team met to make plans for our journey to further success and improvement. What an exhilarating day we had. I look forward to sharing the outcomes with you, as we move through the rest of this academic year. The prospect of new ideas and change to some of our systems is truly exciting. Also on Wednesday we had our Year 8 Parents' Evening and I thank all who attended for their involvement in our Hilbre-life.

Finally, as I write, we are looking forward to the long Easter weekend; many of us appear a little different as it is a non-uniform day on behalf of 2 local defibrillator charities for whom we have the greatest admiration.

Have a restful and enjoyable long Easter-weekend.

Mark Bellamy
Headteacher

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HILBRE STARS OF THE WEEK

HOYLE HOUSE

Name of Student	Form
Emillie Grace	7AMA
Ellie Randles	7EGU
Sonia Tuck	8AEL
Guillermo Pla-Hernandis	8HRO
Louis Nutter	9TBA
Alfie Callister	9NMO
Euan Martin	10KAR
Alex Williams	10KPE
Chloe Page	11LHA
Lauren Eccles	11TBL

ROYDEN HOUSE

Name of Student	Form
Jake Towse	7RST
Kyle Lunt	7NST
Lewis Green	8TMA
Katelyn Gilbert	8SBU
Nathan Lewis	9AFY
Molly Kilty-Eyre	9MHE
Harry Walker	10NAR
James Swaine	10FLE
George Knowles	11SMK
Chloe Hagan	11PLE

DEE HOUSE

Name of Student	Form
Max Whibley	7KMI
Holly Sampson	7MKN
Bethany Major	8SFL
Max Bradley	8KTE
Joe Pouncey	9LEA
Ben Stanway	9SRO
Cameron Boyd	10JCL
Chloe Nixon	10JWA
Emily Melling	11NMA
Jack Macadam	11SHO

SCHOOL EVENTS THIS TERM

Monday 28th March 2016 - School closed, Easter Monday
Monday 4th - Friday 15th April 2016 - School closed for Spring break
Monday 18th April 2016 - Full school return

POLITE NOTICE TO PARENTS

Would parents please be mindful of where they park when dropping off/picking up students, etc. Please DO NOT park right outside the main reception area. It has been reported to us that some parents are blocking in the Becks special transport buses, which is obviously causing issues.

CURRENT CONCERNS ABOUT SUBSTANCE MISUSE IN WEST WIRRAL

Caldy Grange Grammar School and Hilbre High School would like to issue the following joint statement;

In recent months we, as educators, have become increasingly concerned about the alleged expansion in the availability of drugs in the West Wirral locality. We are very concerned that students may now be more likely to be offered drugs than they were previously or that they may be at a heightened risk of being in the presence of those taking illegal substances. We believe that there is a genuine danger due to dealers coming in from other areas and supplying MKAT, MDMA (Ecstasy) and cannabis, particularly the very pungent variety known as skunk. Students with a large disposable income and/or those who spend the majority of their free time away from family or adult supervision are particularly at risk. As the Easter weekend and the Spring Break are approaching, we are particularly concerned that some students will be vulnerable to this activity.

As schools we have both adopted 'zero tolerance' on drugs and students who are found in possession of any illegal substances or their associated paraphernalia will be dealt with severely, ultimately resulting in exclusion.

The following link gives useful advice on what the effects of each drug are and the signs that people who take them may display;

http://www.adfam.org.uk/families/drug_factfile

Please contact your home school if you have any concerns or would like to share any information; as always this will be dealt with in a confidential manner.



EDGE HILL 6TH FORM STUDY SKILLS DAY THURSDAY 31ST MARCH 2016

6th Form students have identified that they do not always know how to prepare for exams and assessments, so we are delighted to have been invited to attend a Study Skills Day at Edge Hill University. This will include advice from current undergraduates and several workshops. **We will be leaving school at 8.45am and returning by 3.00pm; lunch is provided and there is no cost for this trip.** It is compulsory that all students attend. Letters have been sent home with students; please return reply slips to school by Thursday 24th March.

FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Food Technology will be collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers that started to appear in stores from Wednesday 27th January. Last year we were able to order over £100 of equipment which has benefitted all students. This year we are looking to extend our range of baking tins. Please send any vouchers into school, marked for the attention of Mrs Long - Food Technology.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS COURSES

Who We Are:

'Our mission is to facilitate inclusion through Sport and Physical Activity, particularly during school holidays...

We aim to offer a safe and enjoyable environment for children to participate in a variety of fun sports...

We believe children develop important social and emotional characteristics during our course and gain a new found confidence in all situations.'



Mr D. Holder

Mr Holder is a qualified PE Teacher with over 12 years of teaching & / coaching experience.

In 2012 he was selected to play for England PD in an ODI Cricket Series vs Pakistan in Dubai.



Mr T. Freeman

Tom is a PE Teacher at Delamere Academy with over 12 years of teaching & coaching experience.

Outside of teaching, Tom works as a Development Centre Coach for Everton Football Club.

COACHES QUALIFIED IN THE DELIVERY OF A WIDE VARIETY OF INDIVIDUAL & TEAM SPORTS AND GYMNASTIC, DANCE & PROBLEM SOLVING PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES:

ALL COACHES IN RECEIPT OF A FULL ENHANCED DBS CERTIFICATE

www.tdmultisports.co.uk



EASTER HOLIDAY MULTISPORTS COURSE

at

HILBRE HIGH SCHOOL



This course is delivered to specifically progress children's social and emotional development and improve their key skills through sport.

We ensure EVERY child experiences SUCCESS!

Monday 4th April '16 - Wednesday 6th April '16

9am-3pm at Hilbre High School, Frankby Rd, West Kirby, Wirral, CH48 6EQ



****Price — Only £10 per day****

Sibling Discount: £5 off total cost



SIGN UP SHEETS AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL. RETURN PROMPTLY TO ENSURE A PLACE

FREE UNIFORM SECONDARY SCHOOLS (FUSS)

Wirral FUSS receives higher than average requests for Hilbre blazers - boys' and girls' - and they are running short of them! If you would like to donate any items of clothing, including blazers, please send them in to school marked 'FUSS'.

Many thanks for your assistance.

CAREERS UPDATE HIGHER EDUCATION

Useful website - Any pupils in Year 12 who are thinking of applying to higher education should consider attending university open days and summer schools, in order to see if they would like to study at that university and on a specific course for 3 or more years.

An excellent way to do this is via a new website 'mystudentevents' the link to this website is <http://mystudentevents.com/>

Liverpool John Moore's summer Schools - LJMU Summer University is an opportunity for Year 12 and 13 students to find out what life at university is really like. The summer universities are totally FREE and will take place during June/July 2016.

During the 3 days students will:

- Find out more about certain degree programmes.
- Stay in student accommodation.
- Meet current students.
- Make new friends.
- Get the real insider view on University life.

Summer Universities 2016: (students get to pick one subject area). Students must register in order to attend any of these events.

Tuesday 28th - Thursday 30th June: Architecture, Dance, Events, Food, Geography, Law & Criminal Justice, Sport, Tourism.

Tuesday 5th - Thursday 7th July: Built Environment, Business, Computing, Engineering, Maths

For more details of their summer University programmes and to register see <https://www.ljmu.ac.uk/study/undergraduate-students/visit-us/subject-specific-events>
Or - www.ljmu.ac.uk/outreachevents.

CAREERS UPDATE APPRENTICESHIPS

The Civil Service Fast Track Apprenticeship scheme is now open for applications. Opportunities are available in *Business, *commerce, *finance, project delivery and IT. * = open to applicants with 5 GCSE's ac C or above including English Language & Maths.

Remaining positions are for 'A' level and BTEC level 3 applicants. The following link can be used for additional information <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/civil-service-fast-track-apprenticeship-brochure-2016>

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COMPUTER SCIENCE

A reminder that Year 11 Computer Science pupils can arrange any time at lunch or after school to catch up with coursework. This must be arranged at least a day in advance. Please see Mrs Matthews.

FUTSAL FOOTBALL

The Year 11s fought hard in the National Final's at Derby Arena last week. They represented Tranmere and came 4th. The youth Tranmere coach - Shirley Waring and Faye Jones - Ladies Tranmere player came and supported our boys! Well done to Blaine Dodd, Michael Burkey, Liam Bickett, Ciaran Meek, Matthew Thomson and Matthew Knowles.

TEACHER OF MATHS

We have a vacancy for the above position required for September 2016 (or 1st July for NQTs). Please see the school website for further details.

RUGBY YEAR 10 EMERGING SCHOOL 7S

After last week's wake-up call at the Cheshire 7s, the Year 10 boys pulled off our best performance ever at an emerging schools competition. Training in the week was looking at how to improve our performance as a team and positive thinking. On turning up at Southport we had another team talk about the importance of confidence and being positive in both attack and defence but most of all how important it was to work as a team.

Our first game was against Stanley where we won 20 - 0
Our second game was against Sacred Heart winning 25 - 0
Third was against SFX winning 15 - 5

In the final game and competition decider we played Cowley. From watching their games during the tournament, Mr Hodson and Mr Ellis predicted that it would be a close fought encounter. How wrong we were. The Year 10s produced some of the best 7s Rugby we had seen at this level with the opposition only entering our half on 2 occasions. The defence was all done on the front foot pushing Cowley into making mistakes and in good old 7s play, they capitalised on these and punished Cowley for it running out winners 30 - 0. Our boys were crowned the Merseyside Emerging Schools Champions.

A massive well done to all the boys and coaching team for this win. It has been a massive collective Team Hilbre effort by all involved to ensure that the way forward is through positive thinking and playing with a positive attitude.

CHARTWELLS' MENUS

Meal Deal

Available from the canteen every day and includes:

Main meal

Cake/cookie/fruit/pudding for £2.31



Autumn 2015				
WEEK 1 W/C 2 nd Nov, 23 rd Nov, 14 th Dec, 4 th Jan, 25 th Jan, 15 th Feb, 7 th March				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken Korma with Basmati Rice	Roast Turkey with Crispy Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bourguignon with New Potatoes	Crispy Battered Fillet of Fish with Chunky Chips
Spicy Vegetable and Bean Quesadillas with Cous Cous	Goan Vegetable Curry with Coconut and Lime and Basmati Rice	Vegetable Hotpot	Quorn and Vegetable Lasagne with 50/50 Garlic Bread Wedge (wholegrain)	Spinach and Mushroom Roulade with Chunky Chips
Oat Crusted Bloomer	Naan Bread	Wholemeal Loaf	Garlic Bread Wedge 50/50	Poppy Bread
Sweetcorn Panzanella Salad	Raitta Coconut and Green Bean Stir Fry	Seasonal Cabbage Cauliflower	Fresh Carrots Fresh Broccoli	Garden or Mushy Peas Coleslaw
Plum and Cinnamon Twice Cooked Crumble with Custard (fruit based)	Lemon Soufflé Custard	Apple and Blackberry Pie with Custard (fruit based)	Chocolate Brownie with Crème Fraiche	Wildberry Fool with Shortbread

Cool drinking water, yoghurt and fresh fruit available daily.
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.

EAT LEARN LIVE

Chartwells