



# Hilbre High School Humanities College Parents' Newsletter



21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 - Week B

Date	Event
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 8 Parents' Evening, 5-8pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-uniform day
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	School closed - Good Friday

This week's newsletter is packed-full of information about so many exciting events held at and around Hilbre over the last few days so that we can really feel the buzz of life in the school. For example, we can read about two of our members of staff running the Liverpool Half-Marathon last Sunday, on behalf of our students no less; we can read about our Literary Festival with excellent appearances by some actual authors; there is news about the excellent Pupil Premium Evening held recently and we can read how our curriculum trips sometimes remain very local and yet can be great fun and educational too! Our Geologists had a great day at Hilbre Island, so near and yet geologically and scientifically so far from our school which shares the island's name.

Please do take the time to read through this week's newsletter and get a feel for life in our school.

Have a very good weekend,

**Mark Bellamy**  
Headteacher

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## HILBRE STARS OF THE WEEK

### HOYLE HOUSE

Name of Student	Form
Leah O'Hagan	7AMA
Libby Blackburn	7EGU
Charlie Diable	8AEL
Sophie Kidd	8HRO
Mia Murray	9TBA
Jack Roberts	9NMO
Scott Booth	10KAR
Millie Gallimore	10KPE
Jacob Ashby	11LHA
Blaine Dodd	11TBL

### ROYDEN HOUSE

Name of Student	Form
George Salmon	7RST
James Wood	7NST
Lillie Duffy	8TMA
Madeline Howcroft	8SBU
Ella Ford	9AFY
Daniel Griffith	9MHE
Robert Williams	10NAR
Oliver Gartland	10FLE
Elle Harvey	11SMK
Caitlin Hanlon	11PLE

### DEE HOUSE

Name of Student	Form
Justin Hiles	7KMI
Matthew Arden	7MKN
Katie Jones	8SFL
Libby Boddy	8KTE
Callum Whitaker	9LEA
Joe Strangward	9SRO
Aaron Carrington	10JCL
Fotios Foukas	10JWA
Sean Barrett	11NMA
Archie Limbert	11SHO

## SCHOOL EVENTS THIS TERM

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 - Year 8 Parents' Evening, 5-8pm

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 - 6<sup>th</sup> Form Concerns Evening, 6-8pm

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016 - School closed, Good Friday

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2016 - School closed, Easter Monday

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2016 - School closed for Spring break

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016 - Full school return

## **REMOVAL OF CONCESSIONARY ACTIVITIES WITHIN WIRRAL COUNCIL LEISURE SERVICES**

We have been advised by Wirral Council that from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016, they will no longer be able to provide free swimming in the school holidays as part of budget savings.

They have asked us to let you know that:

Pupils receiving the Pupil Premium will still be able to swim free and that a process to administer this is still being developed and we will let you know when this is available.

They have asked us to remind you that Invigor8 leisure passes are available from as little as £15 a month, and include access to all of the council's fitness suites, swimming pool, exercise classes as well as discounts on pitch, court and equipment hire.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Membership and Payments team via email to [sportandrecreation@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:sportandrecreation@wirral.gov.uk) and they will endeavour to help you.

## **YEAR 8 MERSEYSIDE EMERGING SCHOOLS 7'S CHAMPIONS**

Our Year 8 Rugby team were crowned the 7's Champions of Merseyside in an Emerging Schools Rugby tournament held at New Brighton RFC. Captained by James Smith, the team played exceptionally well beating all the other teams in their way.

When all of the teams arrived we thought that we would be in for a tough set of games looking at the size of the players that the other teams had brought. After a quick warm-up and a bit of 7's coaching they entered the field of play against Cowley beating them 15 - 10. We then went out to play against our next team winning 20 - 5. This left West Derby in our way to be crowned champions. With James rallying the troops and Sam Murphy showing all spectators one of the best hand-offs we have seen, we won 15 - 10.

Massive congratulations to all the boys involved and to Mr Smith and Mrs Myers who have worked with the boys this season.

## **PUPIL PREMIUM EVENING**

Last Thursday saw the first ever Pupil Premium Parents' Event at Hilbre High School. The event, organised by our Pupil Premium Champions, was a huge success and has set a president for future Pupil Premium events at school. The evening was very well attended, and families were given the opportunity to meet Pupil Premium Year Champions and other members of the teaching and support staff.

The evening started with an informative speech on the ins and outs of what Pupil Premium means in real terms, led by our Interim-Vice Principal Mr Lloyd. This was followed with an entertaining quiz, written and led by our Senco Mr Evans, which encouraged pupils and parents to work together.

Following the evening's entertainment and free raffle; parents and pupils were able to visit the various stalls and outside agencies that had joined us for the evening. Representatives from Chester University Outreach, Response, Army Cadets and our career adviser Fran Trought were in attendance alongside our school nurse Sue Harvey, Lin Hogan our Maths intervention teacher and Tim Hodson who runs the school Breakfast Club.

Thank you to the local businesses who kindly donated gifts to our Raffle: Too Wordy, The Wro, The Potting Shed, Zero Four, Majestic Hairdressers, the Jason Rodd School of Tae Kwon Do, Red Balloon Toy Shop and Le Bizz.

A special thank you also to all the staff who volunteered to attend and all the parents and pupils who made the event such a huge success.

## HILBRE LITERARY FESTIVAL 2016

What a fantastic, action packed week! Our students had opportunities to meet and work with a range of professional writers beginning with Matt Dickinson.

Matt is a cameraman turned writer who has summited Everest on more than one occasion as well as adventuring in the wilds of Antarctica. He shared with us some of the secrets of Everest including how to stay alive as well as stories of squatters stealing food from tents on the ascent. He has written a number of books for young adults including the 'Mortal Chaos' series and 'The Everest Files' - a great read that I highly recommend.

On Wednesday 15 students from different years took part in the 'Wirral Paperback of the year' where they met 7 out of the shortlisted authors who met students in the run up to the final event of the year in June when the winning author will be announced. Students had the opportunity to meet and have their books signed by the authors.

Students also spent time with Rick Broadbent a sports journalist for 'The Times' newspaper. Nick has interviewed every sportsperson worth knowing including Oscar Pistorious, Usain Bolt and Steven Gerrard. He has also ghost written Jessica Ennis' autobiography 'My Story - from beating the school bullies to becoming a Golden Girl'.

Linghams bookshop provided a selection of popular young teen fiction and pupils used their 'World Book Day' vouchers against books they bought. Students gave their own recommended best reads and Mrs Phelan purchased these books for the school library so all students will be able to share in the experience.

On Friday, Catherine Bruton - renowned children's author shared hints and tips on becoming a successful writer. She read part of her latest novel: 'I Predict a Riot' - a gritty tale of loyalty, mistrust and suspense - another highly recommended read!

In addition to this, the English department ran a Creative Writing competition where students had to produce a piece of writing of 200 words on the theme of 'Conflict'. The standard was very high and we had worthy winners from each of years 7 to 11. The winners were:

Year 7 - Will King  
Year 8 - Charlotte Bagley  
Year 9 - James Vasey  
Year 10 - Thomas Swinscoe  
Year 11 - Eve Courtenay

Our 'Junior Writer of the Year' went to Thomas Austin in Year 8 and our 'Hilbre Laureate Award' went to Aaron Geary in Year 13.

Well done to all who took part!





### **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY OPEN DAY AT THE COUNTESS OF CHESTER HOSPITAL**

The Countess of Chester Hospital is holding an Open Day for Year 11 and 12 students interested in Occupational Therapy within the NHS. This should help pupils who may be thinking about choosing their A-levels/BTEC's or considering their UCAS applications/looking into University Open Days.

Limited places are available and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Registration forms (available from the School Careers Co-ordinator Fran Trought) need to be returned by post by Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April with a cheque for £10.

### **CIVIL SERVICE FAST TRACK APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME**

This high quality apprenticeship scheme for Year 11, 12 and 13 pupils is now open for applications in:

- Business
- IT
- Finance
- Product delivery
- Commerce

For further information and applications see <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/civil-service-fast-track-apprenticeship-brochure-2016>

### **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.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## NON-UNIFORM DAY

It has been decided that the students will have a non-uniform day next week on Thursday 24th March. This is to support a local defibrillator charity. The cost will be £1/student and staff are also welcome to participate.

## GEOGRAPHY & GEOLOGY

It has been an exciting few days for 6<sup>th</sup> Form Geography and Geology students. We've been on a fantastic residential trip to the Kingswood Centre in Colomendy, North Wales to conduct a river study and develop our fieldwork skills and even got to venture out for a spot of caving and Jacob's Ladder. Since then we've also been for a day out on Hilbre Island to investigate its geology. Armed with hard hats and clinometers, we left no stone unturned in our quest for knowledge!



## 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](http://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

### 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.

### MARCH 2016 BTEC/ECDL/MOCK EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT TIMETABLE

Date	Subject	Unit	No's:	Time	Len	Room
Mon 21 March	ECDL - IT (Year 11)	WP	13/13	10:00 - 11:00	01:00	F3 / F4
	ECDL - IT (Year 11)	WP	8	11:20 - 12:20	01:00	F3

## FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Food Technology will be collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers that started to appear in stores from Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## EDGE HILL 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM STUDY SKILLS DAY THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2016

6<sup>th</sup> 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; will reply slips please be returned to school by Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

## 6<sup>TH</sup> FORM FUND RAISING

Recently in Tutorial, students had a presentation from Matthew Houghton from HQ Coaching who lead a volunteering project in Cape Town, South Africa. A couple of years ago our Head Boy and another student travelled to Cape Town where they were involved in football coaching and teaching. Following on from the presentation a group of our Year 12 students are planning a trip in October with the organisation. The students need to raise funds for the trip and are actively arranging fund raising activities around school.

To boost the fund Mrs Devonport and Mrs Hogan ran the Liverpool Half Marathon at the weekend. They both finished the course in good time! Sponsor money has been collected all week from staff and 6<sup>th</sup> Form students. If anyone would like to make a donation, please send it directly to Jane Hogan in the Finance Office who has kindly agreed to collect funds.





**Meal Deal**

Available from the canteen every day and includes:

Main meal

Cake/cookie/fruit/pudding for £2.31

**Autumn 2015**

**WEEK 3** W/C 16<sup>th</sup> Nov, 7<sup>th</sup> Dec, 28<sup>th</sup> Dec, 18<sup>th</sup> Jan, 8<sup>th</sup> Feb, 29<sup>th</sup> Feb,

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Salmon Tortellini and Dill Bake	Shepherds Pie	Pot Roasted Honey Glazed Ham with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Sauté of Chicken in Black Bean Sauce with Singapore Noodles	Cajun Battered Fillet of Fish with Chunky Chips
Black Eyed Bean and Potato Burrito with Rice (wholegrain)	Macaroni Cheese	Pan Haggerty (Quorn and Potato Pie)	Bean and Vegetable Chilli with Rice	Goats Cheese, Leek and Tomato Tart with Chunky Chips
Wholemeal Loaf	Garlic and Herb Bread	Crown Loaf	Sesame Seed Twist	Poppy Bread
Garden Peas Healthy Salad	Fresh Carrots Sweetcorn	Swede Seasonal Cabbage	Broccoli Florets Sweet Chilli, Cucumber and Tomato salad	Garden or Mushy Peas Coleslaw
Apple and Cinnamon Crumble with Custard (fruit based)	Eton Mess	Vanilla and Coconut Rice Pudding	Honey Baked Bananas with Crème Fraiche (fruit based)	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce

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