



# Hilbre High School Humanities College Parents' Newsletter



7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 – Week B

Date	Event
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Year 11 mock exams start</b>
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Form Concerns Evening, 5-8pm</b>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Staff Development Day – School closed to students</b>

Life at Hilbre High School moves at such a rapid pace that it is hard to believe we are into December already! Despite the remarkably mild weather we are having, we have the Christmas tree up in Reception and decorations have already started to go up in classrooms. In true Hilbre spirit, earlier in the week we sent off many shoeboxes packed with presents as part of Operation Christmas Child.

The week has, once again, had a focus on testing with our Year 9 students all taking their CATs tests. Next week, our Year 11s begin their mocks and we anticipate lots of hard work and preparation from our students so that they are well-prepared.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank parents for responses to our most recent Parental Questionnaire. It is gratifying to see so many positive comments and we are now taking your suggestions seriously so that we can continue making Hilbre the best it can be. Further details will be available via our website, shortly.

Have a great weekend,

**Mark Bellamy**  
**Interim Principal**

## HILBRE STARS OF THE WEEK

### **HOYLE HOUSE**

<b>Name of Student</b>	<b>Form</b>
James Brown	7AMA
Oscar Pugh	7EGU
Holly Barham	8AEL
Anna Hughes	8HRO
Joel Taylor	9TBA
Ellen Wormell	9NMO
Ellen Rowe	10KAR
Heather Gibson	10KPE
Tom Stanley	11LHA
Emily Todd	11TBL

### **ROYDEN HOUSE**

<b>Name of Student</b>	<b>Form</b>
Gracie Walker	7RST
Gracie-Mae Herbert	7NST
Scott Mason	8TMA
Alex Pritchard	8SBU
George Cordier	9AFY
Jake Burns	9MHE
Ethan Sherlock	10NAR
Oliver Farr	10FLE
Elizabeth Morgan	11SMK
Kieran Leadbetter	11PLE

### **DEE HOUSE**

<b>Name of Student</b>	<b>Form</b>
Alex Arnold	7KMI
Matthew Arden	7MKN
Amy Clarke	8SFL
Tom Whitehead	8KTE
Liam Palmer	9LEA
Jack Vasey	9SRO
Ethan Toole	10JCL
Fotios Foukas	10JWA
Ella Cassidy	11NMA
Rachel Askew	11SHO

## SCHOOL EVENTS THIS TERM

w/c 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 11 mock exams

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – 6<sup>th</sup> Form Concerns Evening, 5-8pm (please see revised time)

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Staff Development Day **SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December – 6<sup>th</sup> Form Health Day/6<sup>th</sup> Form break up for Christmas

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016 – Full return to school

## CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2015



### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS

Friends of Hilbre High School have kindly organised a Christmas raffle to raise funds to support initiatives in school. With the support of FOHHS we have been able to provide new kits for rugby, dance, football and cheerleading squads. Science, English and Maths have also benefited from extra funding which has enabled them to buy equipment for exciting lessons and after school clubs.

We are sending home a book of raffle tickets with each student. There are 5 tickets in each book, and the tickets cost £1 each. Extra books are available in school and there is a reward for the form that sells the most tickets. Extra books are available from the main office.

Please return completed stubs and cash in an envelope to school by Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The draw will take place at noon on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

### WIRRAL FOODBANK COLLECTION 2015

We are now starting to accept items for the foodbank in our annual whole school collection. This year the foodbank has requested the following items;

- **Sugar, small and large bags**
- **Biscuits**
- **Sponge / Rice Pudding**
- **Instant Mash**
- **Coffee**

If everyone in school can bring just 1 item then we can make a genuine difference to families in our area. Members of the 6<sup>th</sup> Form will collect these items daily from form rooms. We will be taking these to the foodbank on the morning of 16<sup>th</sup> December.

### SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER

We are delighted to announce that this year our Christmas dinner will be served on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December. This year the cost will be £1 and we ask students to bring cash for that day. The meal will be a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and dessert.

### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Students are invited to attend school in Christmas jumpers. We are asking for students to donate £1. Students will be able to wear non-uniform only if they are entering into the festivities!

### CHRISTMAS END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

**6<sup>th</sup> Form** - all students must attend on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December for our Health and Wellbeing Morning. 6<sup>th</sup> Form students will be starting their Christmas break at the end of the school day. They return to school on 4<sup>th</sup> January and their mock examinations will start on 6<sup>th</sup> January.

**Year 11** students displaying exemplary behaviour during the mock examination period will be granted permission to start their Christmas break earlier that week. Further details will be sent nearer the time.

**Year 10** will complete normal lessons period 1&2 and after break they will attend the Christmas assembly before being dismissed at 12.20pm.

**Year 9** will complete normal lessons period 1&2 and after break they will attend the Christmas assembly. They will then return to their form rooms before being dismissed at 1.20pm.

**Years 7 and 8** will complete normal lessons period 1&2. They will attend the Christmas assembly at 12.20pm before being dismissed at 1.20pm.

Many thanks for your continued support for all our efforts.

### **GEOLOGY TRIP**

This month, Year 12 and 13 students enjoyed a fantastic trip to Liverpool University Geology Department. We were welcomed by University staff and given a short talk about the career potential available to geology graduates. We were then taken to their enormous microscopy lab and students were given the opportunity to examine rock and fossil specimens under both binocular and polarising light microscopes. We were also shown the amazing Scanning Electron Microscope and were shown how it works. Students were able to ask questions during the tour and practical sessions. Thank you to Miss Smith for organising the event.



## DECEMBER 2015 YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

Date	Subject	Unit	No's:	Start	Length
Mon 07 Dec	Religious Studies GCSE Mock x 2	REGM1	11	9:00 - 11:00	2 hrs
	D.T. Food GCSE Mock	DTFDGM	20	9:00 - 10:30	1 hr 30m
	P.E. GCSE Mock	PEGM1	26	11:20 - 12:50	1 hr 30m
	Biology GCSE Mock HIGHER	BIOMH1	47	13:55 - 14:55	1 hr
Tue 08 Dec	D.T. Textiles GCSE Mock	DTXGM1	12	9:00 - 10:30	1 hr 30m
	Business Studies GCSE Mock	BSGM1	18	9:00 - 10:00	1 hr
	D.T. Resistant Materials GCSE Mock	DTRMGM1	12	9:00 - 11:00	2 hrs
	Additional Science GCSE Higher Mock	SCGM1	29	11:20 - 12:50	1 hr 30m
	Dance GCSE Mock	DAGM1	9	13:55 - 14:55	1 hr
	French GCSE Mock	FRGM1	15	13:55 - 14:55	1 hr
Wed 09 Dec	Maths GCSE Mock Foundation Paper 1	MGMF1	64	9:00 - 10:45	1 hr 45m
	Maths GCSE Mock Higher Paper 1	MGMH1	196	9:00 - 10:45	1 hr 45m
	Humanities GCSE Mock	HUGM1	92	11:20 - 13:05	1 hr 45m
Thu 10 Dec	Physics GCSE Mock HIGHER	PHGMH1	47	9:00 - 10:00	1 hr
	Science GCSE Mock Foundation Paper	SCGMFP	27	9:00 - 10:30	1 hr 30m
	Computer Science GCSE Mock	CSGM	26	11:20 - 12:20	1 hr
	Spanish GCSE Mock	SPGM1	39	13:55 - 14:55	1 hr
Mon 14 Dec	Maths GCSE Mock Foundation Paper 2	MGMF2	64	9:00 - 10:45	1 hr 45m
	Maths GCSE Mock Higher Paper 2	MGMH2	176	9:00 - 10:45	1 hr 45m
	Geography GCSE Mock	GEGM1	59	11:20 - 12:50	1 hr 30m
Tue 15 Dec	English Language GCSE Mock Paper 1	ELGMF1	160	9:00 - 10:30	1 hr 30m
	English Language GCSE Mock Paper 2	ELGMH1	160	11:20 - 12:35	1 hr 15m
Wed 16 Dec	History Y9 GCSE Mock	HIGM1	54	9:00 - 10:30	1 hr 30m
	Chemistry GCSE Mock HIGHER	CHGMH	47	11:20 - 12:20	1 hr

### **SCHOOL BUSES**

Following reports from parents and members of the public of unacceptable behaviour by students (allegedly including Hilbre students) on school buses, can we please remind parents and carers of those who use this service of the following:-

It is essential that our students travelling home are able to do so in a safe and orderly manner, and in order for us to feel secure in continuing to guarantee this, please understand that any students found violating Merseytravel rules will be banned from using the service.

We are in regular contact with Merseytravel who have requested that any issues/comments/complaints regarding the Supported Bus Service must be reported directly to the Merseytravel Traveline team on 236 7676. For further contact details, please refer to the Merseytravel website [www.merseytravel.gov.uk](http://www.merseytravel.gov.uk), "About Us", "Contact Us".

## **6<sup>th</sup> FORM**

This week in Tutorial 6<sup>th</sup> Form students attended a presentation concerning Student Finance. They received current information from the Government for students starting university in 2016/2017. The representative from the Department for Business Innovation & Skills presented the Student Finance Tour. As a recent graduate she was able to share her experiences of higher education. All students received a small booklet entitled 'Financial Support for Full-Time Students going to University or College in 2016/17'. Further information can be found on the website - [www.gov.uk/unimoney](http://www.gov.uk/unimoney)



## **FREE UNIFORM FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS (FUSS)**

The new-look Wirral FUSS (Free Uniform for Secondary School) website - [www.wirralfuss.co.uk](http://www.wirralfuss.co.uk) - is up and running. There are good quantities of free stock for many schools and select items for others. Families do not need to worry about budgeting for uniform at Christmas time!

FUSS have reported to us that during the first 3 weeks of November the e-mail trigger on the old website's order form had been inadvertently turned off during the re-construction. If you are aware of anyone who has tried to order during that time, please try again. Wirral FUSS has just won the Inspire National Award 2015 for Children/Youth Initiative! They have helped over 1,500 Wirral families over the past 3 years, and now have hubs serving 20 of the Primary Schools in Wirral (FUPS).

Some of our staff took part in the national 'Wear your old band T-Shirt' to work day, run by BBC 6 Music



Miss Boyle (Led Zeppelin), Mr Wallis (The Lemonheads), Mr Maycox (Neil Young), Mr Lloyd (The Damned) and Miss Holmberg (Iron Maiden) – rock on!

### **GCSE HUMANITIES CONTROLLED ASSESSMENT SUPPORT**

Revision will take place every Wednesday after school in F20, 3.30pm-4.30pm with Miss Fleming and Mrs Boyle. You will have access to resources, laptops and help.

### **YEAR 7 PUPIL PREMIUM STRETCH AND CHALLENGE GROUP**

Maths and English continues on a Monday, 1.40-2.10pm. Pupils have been informed and have been issued with a reward card.

### **BUSINESS STUDIES**

Revision will take place every Tuesday after school, 3.20-4.20pm and Wednesday lunch time in G12 with Mrs Lewis.

### **GCSE RESISTANT MATERIALS**

Coursework catch up sessions are available every Tuesday and Wednesday after school in G21, 3.30-4.30pm with Miss Easton.

## **CHARTWELLS' MENUS**

### **Meal Deal**

Available from the canteen every day and includes:

Main meal

Cake/cookie/fruit/pudding

**All the above for £2.31**

**See attachment for menu**