

Hilbre High School Humanities College Parents' Newsletter



19th October 2015 - Week B

Date	Event
Monday 19 th October	
Tuesday 20 th October	
Wednesday 21 st October	
Thursday 22 nd October	Year 7 "Meet the Form Teacher" Evening 5-7pm
Friday 23 rd October	School closes to students. 6 th Form New York trip leaves.

Dear Parents/Carers

As a thank you to our students for their excellent start to the school year, we have listened to their opinions about school and recognise that they are very keen for us to have a non-uniform day. Therefore, in recognition of their commitment to Hilbre High and their excellent start to this year, there is a non-uniform day this Monday 19th October. To participate, each student must please pay £1.00 to their Form Tutor. Money raised will go towards various school supported charities.

This week, after enquiries made by students, we have discussed the issue of having wireless speakers in school. Unfortunately, because of the possibility of the speakers being played very loud and being open-to-abuse both inside and outside the school building (which is, of course, contrary to our superb atmosphere in school) we have taken the decision to ban such speakers on the school site. However, in recognition that some students would like a 'place to go' in which they can listen to music played loud, Mrs Gunatilleke has very kindly agreed for her room, G16, to be made available as a place to listen to music during break times on certain days of the week. More details will be made available to students after half term.

On Wednesday this week, the Year 11 Geography students completed their fieldwork for their GCSE coursework. They hopped on the bus to Liverpool to investigate the Central Business District and find out how it compares to Toxteth by examining the land use, quality of the environment and footfall. The students even braved a public questionnaire. The day was a huge success, in large due to the fantastic behaviour of the students; and even avoided the age old Geography curse of heavy rain!



Mark Bellamy Interim Principal

HILBRE STARS OF THE WEEK

HOYLE HOUSE

Name of Student	Form
Matthew Kerr	7AMA
James Phillips	7EGU
Tiegan Powell	8AEL
Jack Robinson	8HRO
Robert Parkin	9TBA
Nathan Barham	9NMO
Archie Fletcher	10KAR
Oliver Stanley	10KPE
Shirin Tahmasebi	11LHA
Tyler Morris	11TBL

ROYDEN HOUSE

Name of Student	Corm
	Form
Samuel Taplin	7RST
Sam Marsh	7NST
Ryan Williams	8TMA
Madelaine Walton	8SBU
Abbie Tebay	9AFY
Daniel Smith	9MHE
Jacob Barber	10NAR
Lewis Pugh	10FLE
Reid Higgins	11SMK
Hannah Washington	11PLE

DEE HOUSE

Name of Student	Form
Jack Newman	7KMI
David Griffiths	7MKN
Jimena Garcia Ceinos	8SFL
Hollie McNoon	8KTE
Millie Bailey	9LEA
Eleanor Rothwell	9SRO
Loui Fox	10JCL
Saul Turner	10JWA
Emily Melling	11NMA
Erin Bradley	11SHO

SCHOOL EVENTS THIS TERM

Thursday 22nd October – Year 7 "Meet the Form Teacher" Evening, 5-7pm Monday 2nd November – School re-opens to all students

DANCERS OF THE FORTNIGHT

Year 7 Caitlin Senior Year 8 Archie Davies Year 9 Amber Boileau-Bennett Year 10 Niamh Acton Year 11 Anna Riley

Well done!

HILBRE HIGH SCHOOL KITCHEN ASSISTANT WANTED:

Kitchen Assistant wanted for 10 hours a week with the possibility of an additional 5 hours overtime a week. Hours are from 12.45-2.45pm each day. If interested, please call the kitchen and ask for Sandra Ward on 0151-625-9728. Training will be done on site.

DROPPING FORGOTTEN ITEMS INTO RECEPTION

If you child/ward forgets any items and you need to drop them into the school office during the day, can you please ensure:

- It is labelled with your child/ward's name.
- It is your child/ward's responsibility to collect the item from the main office.

WATER IN SCHOOL:

All pupils are allowed water in lessons; if they bring in plastic refillable bottles they can fill it up in the main hall at break and lunch times.

Thank you.

Diane Cundall Office Manager



FUNDRAISING FOR THE FAMILY OF EX HILBRE HIGH STUDENT PC DAVID PHILLIPS, AGED 34 YEARS. TRAGICALLY KILLED ON MONDAY 5th OCTOBER.

PC David Phillips was a student at Hilbre High School from 1992-1997 who was tragically killed in the line of duty. Our School Council have been carrying out bucket collections and all funds raised will be going directly to his surviving wife and children. We were contacted today by David George, lifelong best friend of PC Phillips, to pass on the family's gratitude and thanks for thinking about them at this time.

GREENPOWER FINAL AT ROCKINGHAM SPEEDWAY RACE TRACK

The international final took part over the Saturday and Sunday 10th & 11th October 2015. We managed to get to the final by qualifying at Aintree race course in September. The final had teams from high schools all over Britain, Poland, Portugal, plus America.

We started on the grid in 70th position, the team managed to go through the field and finished the race in 24th place completing 67.6 miles in total. This was a great team performance and to achieve 24th place from 70th meant that on the day we were the most improved competitors. Whilst at the event the team managed to learn many new ideas from other teams and organisations at the event. The girls in the group would like to build their own girls' car for next year.

This is another large challenge and we need to start looking for more sponsors to support us either financially or in other ways; that could be components or contacts of people in the industry to help us.

If you would like further information or would like to sponsor our team in any way, please e-mail qreggi@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk

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6TH FORM

DRESS/APPEARANCE

As part of our dress code, students were asked to not wear hoodies, jeans or trainers to school. This request, sadly, has not been adhered to, and we are finding students are openly flouting the rules. Therefore, to stop any further indecisiveness about what can and cannot be worn, please note the following:

As from Monday 2nd November 2015, **NO** hoodies, jeans, leggings, or trainers (of any sort, which includes Vans, Converse, Nike, Adidas, etc.) will be acceptable forms of dress. If a student arrives inappropriately dressed, he/she will be sent home to change. As a 6th Form, we value the pursuit of learning in a friendly and supportive environment, which includes a focused and determined consideration of our expectations. Letters will also be sent home confirming this.



On Thursday 17th December 2015 we are planning an afternoon at the Everyman Theatre to see the Rock and Roll pantomime Rapunzel. There is a cost of £12.50 per person, which includes the coach to the Everyman and ticket for the show. The coach will pick us up at Hilbre High School at 12.30pm and students will need to make their own way home from Liverpool. Payment is to be made by Friday 23rd October 2015, which will secure you a place. Letters have been sent home.

EXAMS

All Mock Examinations will start for 6th Form students on Monday 2nd November. It is important that students prepare well by attending Directed Study and planning a revision timetable at home. Study Skills advice can be found on the school website in the Learning and Support section.

CAREER IN TEACHING

If any 6th Formers are interested in a career in teaching they can sign up to the Tomorrow's Teacher course which we offer. This is run in conjunction with Edge Hill University. Please see Mrs Lewis in G12 for extra information.

Mrs Whisker Director of 6th Form

HILBRE DRAMA AWARD

Please click on the link below to view the recent article in the Globe after our success with GCSE Boys Drama:

http://www.wirralglobe.co.uk/news/13846211.Wirral Bond star Daniel Craig s former school shaken and stirred by new honour/

VACANCY UPDATE

Jaguar Landover Apprenticeships now open: <u>Degree Apprenticeship Programme-Technical-Merseyside</u>

Covers:

- Design
- Manufacturing Engineering
- Programmes & Engineering
- Purchasing (Engineering based role)

Entry:

5 GCSEs at grade C or above, including Maths and English, plus a Science / Technology / Engineering related subject. You will also require 2 A Levels at grade C or above in both a Mathematical subject and a Science / Technology / Engineering related subject or a Level 3 qualification (180 credits with a minimum of a MERIT award in the Maths element). For more information see:

http://www.jaguarlandrovercareers.com/job-roles/9702-degree-apprenticeship-programme-technical-mersevside/

Advanced Apprenticeship Programme - Traded Positions Merseyside Area

- Maintenance
- Tool Room/Model Factory

Entry:

Minimum of 5 GCSEs at grade C or above, including Maths and English, plus a Science / Technology / Engineering related subject or an academic equivalent. For more information see:

http://www.jaguarlandrovercareers.com/job-roles/9683-advanced-apprenticeship-programme-traded-positions-merseyside-area/

<u>TTE</u> – Engineering, Instrumentation and Lab work training for the Chemical industry. Train most of the top multinational company apprentices such as ICI, BT, Capenhurst, etc.

Entry:

Minimum grade C GCSE in Maths, English and Science. Anyone applying will need to attend the TTE Open Evening (Thursday 12th February 2016) to stand a good chance of getting onto the programme. TTE will be hosting its annual Open Evening to showcase its Employer Led Level 3 Advanced Apprenticeship Programmes in Engineering and Laboratory Operations in February between 5.30 and 8.30pm. To book your time slot, please call 0151 357 6100. For more information see http://www.tteltd.co.uk/news-item-1/

MATHEMATICS HOMEWORK FOR YEARS 7 - 10

The Mathematics Department have recently subscribed to the Pearson online homework package called Active Learn and for each unit of work, pupils will be expected to complete a number of homeworks.

Pupils have been shown how to login and use this package during their Mathematics lessons over the past fortnight but to assist parents and carers the login process is summarised below:

Click on the Active Learn icon on the front page of Moodle.

Login is their normal computer login with the word hilbre at the front. Please note the first letter of their surname and their initial must be in capitals.

Password is hilbre123 unless they have changed it. It can be reset by the teachers, if necessary.

I hope this information is helpful but should your child encounter any problems, please e-mail me at bassettt@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk

Mr Bassett

Progress Leader: Mathematics

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FRIENDS OF HILBRE

Friends of Hilbre 50:50 if you would like to keep your number from last year please send your £12 into school clearly marked 50:50, F.A.O Mrs Myers along with your name and your child's form. This can be handed into the school office.

If you would like to join the 50-50 club please send £12 into school with your name, child's name, form and your e-mail address and you will be issued with a number. Alternatively, e-mail myerse@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk for further information.

RUGBY

Boys (all years) training Tuesday 3.30-4.45pm Girls training Monday 3.30-4.45pm

This year we have entered the Cheshire Shield, the second tier of the County Cup competitions. The teams competing in this are Years 8, 9, 11 and 1st XV. For these games we would welcome all support from parents.

All fixtures for the whole year can be found on our school sports website www.hilbrehighsports.co.uk. found at the top of our school website under Sports Fixtures.

FOOTBALL

Boy's football training for all years takes place every Wednesday. Girl's football takes place every Thursday. Please look on the sports fixture website for more details

BUSINESS STUDIES

Revision will take place every Thursday after school in G12, 3.20-4.20pm with Mrs Lewis.

CHARTWELLS' MENUS

Meal Deal

Available from the canteen every day and includes:

Main meal

Cake/cookie/fruit/pudding

Couplet drink

All the above for £2.31