

# Hilbre High School Humanities College Parents' Newsletter



### 21st September 2015 - Week B

| Date                                 | Event                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> September    | Staff Development Day - School closed to all students                      |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September   | Year 7 Barnstondale trip                                                   |
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September | GreenPower Race (Aintree)                                                  |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September  | Year 7 Barnstondale trip. Welcome to 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Evening 6-7.30pm |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September    | Year 7 Barnstondale trip                                                   |

#### Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to thank students and staff for the excellent way they have settled back into school after the summer break. From evidence collected during our lesson by lesson walkabouts, students are engaged in their work and there is a real sense of focus and determination around the building.

Congratulations to our Year 11 students who represented the school at Rugby on Wednesday evening. We won 36-12 against Rydal School in the Cheshire Shield. The team stuck well to the game plan that had been coached over the past few years, with a hat trick scored by Jamie White. It was a real team effort. Well done lads. Thanks to all the staff involved in the organising and coaching of the team and to the parents who came along to support the boys.

We were really pleased to contribute donations of clothing and food gathered by staff, and money from a bucket collection amongst the student population, to Mr Martin's charity relief trip to the refugee camp at Calais. Thank you to everyone for their excellent efforts.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September are both INSET days for staff. I wish you all a lovely long weekend and look forward to welcoming the students back on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Best wishes

#### **HILBRE STARS OF THE WEEK**

#### **HOYLE HOUSE**

| Name of Student  | Form  |
|------------------|-------|
| Evan Davis       | 7AMA  |
| Jessica Arden    | 7EGU  |
| Joseph Pospisil  | 8AEL  |
| Mike Gunatilleke | 8HRO  |
| Ronan Friel      | 9TBA  |
| Thomas Carroll   | 9NMO  |
| Chloe Greensmith | 10KAR |
| Louis Norton     | 10KPE |
| Lewis Langton    | 11LHA |
| Nicholas Durham  | 11TBL |

#### **ROYDEN HOUSE**

| Name of Student   | Form  |
|-------------------|-------|
| Kate Williams     | 7RST  |
| Jessica Jenkinson | 7NST  |
| Mya McGrail       | 8TMA  |
| Will Fennah       | 8SBU  |
| Abbie Tebay       | 9AFY  |
| Thomas Jenkinson  | 9MHE  |
| Niamh Mannix      | 10NAR |
| Faye Cunningham   | 10FLE |
| James Monks       | 11SMK |
| Jennifer Clarke   | 11PLE |

#### **DEE HOUSE**

| Name of Student  | Form  |
|------------------|-------|
| Alexander Hickey | 7KMI  |
| Nell Mathot      | 7MKN  |
| Levi Bryant      | 8SFL  |
| Ruby Davies      | 8KTE  |
| Louie Evans      | 9LEA  |
| Wesley Smith     | 9SRO  |
| Lennon Mather    | 10JCL |
| Lauren Birks     | 10JWA |
| Abbie Currums    | 11NMA |
| Helena Jones     | 11SHO |

#### **CASHLESS LUNCH: CARD SYSTEM**

Please note it is now only possible to buy brunch/lunch using our lunch card system. **Cash will no longer be accepted to pay for food.** Therefore, please ensure your child's lunch card is 'topped up' with the appropriate funds so that your child is able to buy their food using the card system. This rule applies to staff, 6<sup>th</sup> Formers and students in the Main School. This is specifically to stop the build-up of queues at such times.

#### **INSTRUMENTAL TUITION**

There are places for tuition on a range of instruments, ie. Brass, Singing, Woodwind and Keyboards, including piano and drums. Please see Mr Rooney for further information.

#### SCHOOL EVENTS THIS TERM

Monday 21st September – Teacher INSET day. Please note school is closed to all students.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Welcome to 6<sup>th</sup> Form Evening for Year 12, 6-7.30pm

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Open Morning, 9.30-11.20am Interim Principal's talk 9.30am.

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> & Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – School Photographs

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Welcome to Key Stage 4 Evening

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Friends of Hilbre High School meeting 6-7pm

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October – UCAS deadline for applicants to Medicine, Oxford and Cambridge

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Year 7 "Meet the Form Teacher" Evening, 5-7pm

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October – October Half Term

#### **SHOW MY HOMEWORK**

We do not give out parental logins for Show My Homework; we only issue logins to pupils. If you require access to SMHW then you can use the filters on the right and filter down to your child or you can ask your child for their login and use that.

If you have any queries regarding SMHW then please e-mail 'ictsupport@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk' in school hours and we will assist in the first instance. Thank you.

#### **ICT Support**

#### **MATHEMATICS HOMEWORK FOR YEARS 7 - 10**

The Mathematics Department has recently subscribed to the Pearson online homework package called Active Teach 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 Teach 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** 

#### 'PHOTOGRAPH 51' FEATURING NICOLE KIDMAN - BIOLOGY TRIP TO LONDON

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September students will be required to come to school at normal time, 8.45am in casual clothes. There is some walking involved throughout the day so trainers and comfortable clothes will be required. Students will need a waterproof coat.

Students should bring a packed lunch for the train and some money for an evening meal, which will be in Covent Garden. Students will also be able to go into the shops in Covent Garden so they may wish to bring some spending money and will be allowed to go around Covent Garden for an hour but must stay in groups of at least 3.

We will be returning on the 20.07pm train from London Euston and will arrive at Liverpool Lime Street at 22.25pm where we will be picked up by a coach and will return to school for 22.50pm. Students will need to be picked up from school at that point and are expected to be in school on 1<sup>st</sup> October at normal time.

Jane Whisker Interim Vice Principal

#### **DANCERS OF THE FORTNIGHT**

The following students have been nominated for their excellent work in Dance:

Ellie Randles Year 7
Millie Gallimore Year 10

Libby Rothwell Year 8 Helena Amery Year 11 Joe Strangward Year 9

Well done!

Mrs Walker Dance/Drama Teacher

#### **RUGBY**

Boys (all years) training Tuesday 15:30 – 16:45pm Girls training Monday 15:30 – 16:45pm

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Training for all years is now on a Tuesday night 3:30-4:45pm.

## Rugby Fixtures/Results For September Updated

| Tue <b>22 Sep</b> 2015 |             |       |                                       |                        |   |
|------------------------|-------------|-------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---|
|                        | <u>(15)</u> | 16:00 | Rugby Union U14A                      | v Central Venue League | Α |
| Wed <b>23 Sep</b> 2015 |             |       |                                       |                        |   |
|                        | <u>(15)</u> | 14:30 | Rugby Union 1st XV<br>Cheshire Shield | v Rydal Penrhos School | Α |
| Tue <b>29 Sep</b> 2015 |             |       |                                       |                        |   |
|                        | <u>(15)</u> | 16:00 | Rugby Union U13A                      | v Central Venue League | Α |

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#### Wed**30 Sep**2015 16:00 v Mosslands School **Rugby Union U15A** Α 16:00 **Rugby Union U16A** v Mosslands School Н Thu**1 Oct**2015 16:00 **Rugby Union U14A** v Mosslands School Α 16:00 v Mosslands School **Rugby Union U12A** Η Tue**6 Oct**2015

#### **FOOTBALL**

Boy's football training for all years takes place every Wednesday. Matches begin next week.

v Central Venue League

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**Rugby Union U16A, U15A** 

Girl's football takes place every Thursday.

Please look on the sports fixture website for more details.

16:00

Mr Teasdale PE Teacher

#### **SPORTS KIT**

As we approach the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of term, there are a minority of pupils who attend their PE lesson not equipped with kit. Would parents please check with their child when they have PE lessons and ensure that their child attends these PE lessons fully equipped with kit.

During the half term, if a pupil comes to their lesson without kit, in the first instance, we will phone home/use call parent. The second time they do not bring kit we will issue them with a lunch/break detention. Any future 'no kit' will result in an after school detention.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Mr Blackstock

**Progress Leader: PE** 

#### **ENERGY DRINKS**

As a 'Healthy School' we are becoming increasingly concerned with the number of students drinking energy drinks with a high caffeine content. One particular brand of energy drink contains more caffeine than two cups of coffee, and this can make students feel irritable and restless.

The Food Standards Agency recommends that drinks with a high caffeine content are labelled with 'not recommended for children'. Therefore, we no longer allow students to drink such energy drinks on the school site. This includes Red Bull, Monster and Rockstar.

We appreciate all of your support in this matter, and would ask parents and carers not to buy these drinks for students to bring into school.

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#### **Meal Deal**

Available from the canteen <u>every day</u> and includes:

Main meal

Cake/cookie/fruit/pudding

Couplet drink

All the above for £2.31

# PLEASE NOTE WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 2015 THE PRICE OF SCHOOL MEALS HAS RISEN TO £2.31

