



Hilbre High School Humanities College Parents' Newsletter



7th September 2015 – Week B

Date	Event
Monday 7 th September	Year 7 CATs
Tuesday 8 th September	Year 7 CATs
Wednesday 9 th September	Open Evening 6-9pm
Thursday 10 th September	
Friday 11 th September	6 th Form Induction Task deadline

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to begin this first newsletter of our new academic year by saying how proud I am to have been given the opportunity to be the Principal. Hilbre is a fantastic school and, given the evidence of this first week, I can only see us going from strength to strength.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for sending your children back to school looking amazingly smart in their uniforms, correctly equipped and ready to learn. Your continued support will be greatly appreciated as we move through this term and beyond.

I would also like to pay tribute to the staff at Hilbre who have returned following their summer breaks and have fully embraced the changes that we are making. Their support for the new leadership team has been overwhelming and there is a real drive and focus to make Hilbre the best it can possibly be.

At the time of writing this article, our new Year 7 pupils have only been in school for 2 days and they have already settled in to life at 'big school' so well. They have been so polite and attentive; in every lesson I have visited, they have been actively engaged in learning.

I would also like to congratulate our students on some fantastic GCSE, BTEC, AS and A Level results that they achieved last year.

A core aim of this academic year is to ensure expectations are high, the level of challenge is demanding and that students take an increasing level of responsibility for their own progress and behaviour.

Can I wish our students, staff and parents and carers a very happy and successful new academic year and I genuinely look forward to celebrating even more success throughout the year.

Best Wishes

Mark Bellamy
Interim Principal

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Hilbre High School Humanities College



Open Evening
Wednesday 9th September 6:00 - 9:00pm



Walking into Hilbre, you will feel the spirit of the Humanities in all that we do. Believing fully in developing global citizens of the twenty-first century, we foster an understanding of human values and attitudes in our students.

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The Interim Principal, Mr Bellamy, will hold his talks at 6pm and again at 7.30pm.

YEAR 11 STUDENTS

In order to further improve student safety during allotted recreational time, the decision has been taken to permit only Year 11 students to leave the school site during lunchtime. In order to benefit from this arrangement, please ensure that you complete a Lunchtime Pass Consent Form on behalf of your son/daughter/ward (which he/she will bring home this week). In order to maintain this benefit it is essential that students realise at all times during periods off the school site that they are ambassadors of our community. With this important point in mind, it would be appreciated if you would kindly reinforce this message with your son/daughter/ward in order that they may continue to enjoy the privilege responsibly.

Thank you.

Mr Devonport
Assistant Vice Principal: Student Progress and Wellbeing

CASHLESS LUNCH: CARD SYSTEM

Please note that as from Monday 14th September it will only be 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, 6th Formers and students in the Main School. This is specifically to stop the build-up of queues at such times.

RUGBY FIXTURES FOR SEPTEMBER

Tue 15 Sep 2015

 16:00 **Rugby Union U15A** v Central Venue League A

 16:00 **Rugby Union U13A** v Woodchurch High School A

Wed 16 Sep 2015

 16:30 **Rugby Union U16A**
Cheshire Shield v Rydal Penrhos School H

Thu 17 Sep 2015

 16:30 **Rugby Union U14A**
Cheshire Shield v Rydal Penrhos School H

Tue 22 Sep 2015

 16:00 **Rugby Union U14A** v Central Venue League A

Wed 23 Sep 2015


 16:00 **Rugby Union 1st XV**
Cheshire Shield v Rydal Penrhos School H

Tue 29 Sep 2015

 16:00 **Rugby Union U13A** v Central Venue League A

Wed 30 Sep 2015

 16:00 **Rugby Union U15A** v Mosslands School A

 16:00 **Rugby Union U16A** v Mosslands School H

Thu 1 Oct 2015

 16:00 **Rugby Union U14A** v Mosslands School A

 16:00 **Rugby Union U12A** v Mosslands School H

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.

Training for all years is now on a Tuesday night 3:30-4:45pm. Year 7 trials are being held Tuesday 8th September. All abilities are welcome.

Tim Hodson (Rugby Coach)

SCHOOL EVENTS THIS TERM

Thursday 17th September – 6th Form UCAS Information Evening for Year 13, 6-7pm

Friday 18th September & Monday 21st September – Teacher INSET days. **Please note school is closed to all students.**

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

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

Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd October – School Photographs

Wednesday 7th October – Welcome to Key Stage 4 Evening

Tuesday 13th October – Friends of Hilbre High School meeting 6-7pm

Thursday 15th October – UCAS deadline for applicants to Medicine, Oxford and Cambridge

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

Monday 26th – Friday 30th October – October Half Term

EXTERNAL EXAMS RE-MARKS 2015

Students who require a re-mark of any unit must discuss this in the first instance with their subject teacher who will then liaise with Ms Arkwright, Examinations Officer (arkwrightc@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk). Please be aware that the exam boards are reporting a delay in this service so please be patient and your child will be notified of any outcomes.

This year, all students will be required to sign a permission form stating that they are happy for the school to proceed with the re-mark.

Mrs Whisker
Interim Vice Principal

MERSEYTRAVEL

Merseytravel has some fantastic news for young people in Merseyside. Merseytravel is extending the age eligibility for its Young Persons' tickets up to, and including the age of 18 from 1st September 2015. This now means that travel is now more affordable for all young people, including anyone aged 16-18. Commercial operators Arriva, Stagecoach, Halton and Avon have also confirmed they are raising the age limit on their young people's products up to and including the age of 18, and will reduce the cash fares for young people too.

To find out more information about Young People's tickets, please visit their website or contact Leah Ellis on 0151 330 1255.

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.

FRIENDS OF HILBRE

50:50 Draw details

July	First Prize - Helen Parkin	Second Prize - Sandra Leonard
August	First Prize - Mr & Mrs Devonport	Second Prize - Sandra Byrne

TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2016

Booklets are available for parents online at www.wirral.gov.uk/schooladmissions, from a One Stop Shop or by calling 0151 606 2020.

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

PLEASE NOTE WITH EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 2015 THE PRICE OF SCHOOL MEALS WILL RISE TO £2.31

Week 2 – w/c 27th April, 18th May, 8th June, 29th June, 20th July, 7th September, 28th September, 19th October

MONDAY

Sausage and Mash
with Onion Gravy

Vegetarian Pasta Bake
(wholemeal pasta)

Floured Loaf

Fresh Carrots
Fresh Cauliflower

Peach and Yoghurt
Granola
(fruit based)

TUESDAY

Chicken, Chive and
Mushroom Pie
with New Potatoes

Curried Lentil Cottage
Pie

Crown Loaf

Garden Peas
Fresh Broccoli

Zesty Carrot Cake

WEDNESDAY

Roast Turkey Breast
with Sweet Paprika,
Crispy Roast Potatoes
and Gravy

Cheese and Potato Pie

Seeded Loaf

Fresh Spring Cabbage
Fresh Carrots

Apple Cracknell
with Custard
(fruit based)

THURSDAY

Tex-Mex Beef and Bean
Burrito
with Mexican Rice

Sweet Potato Gumbo
with
Cheesy Corn Bread

Wholemeal Loaf

Sweetcorn
Roasted Vegetables

Eton Mess
(Meringue with Berries
and Cream)

FRIDAY

Lemon and Lime
Battered
Fillet of Fish
with Chunky Chips

Spicy Bean Burger
with Chunky Chips

Classic Bloomer

Garden or Mushy Peas
Mixed Salad

Marmalade Sponge
Cake
with Custard

Fresh fruit and salad is offered 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.

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