



Hilbre High School Humanities College Parents' Newsletter



17th December 2018 - Week A

This is a particularly full newsletter as it includes a number of articles relating to charities. As such, I'd like to express my thanks to the students and staff who have participated in the recent bag pack at Tesco's in Heswall - all to raise money for our badly needed Duke of Edinburgh minibus. Thanks also to the Resourced Provision team, who have done such a fantastic job collecting for the 'Shoebox Full of Love' charity appeal. You can see pictures and read more, further on in this newsletter.

Entering the final week of term, you will be receiving student Progress Reports by e-mail later this week. I am delighted we have many, many students who have worked with great determination and effort throughout the term and I hope, as parents and carers reading this newsletter that you see effort rewarded by outcome. Equally, I urge students who are not achieving the grades they know they can achieve, to take time over Christmas to reflect on their studies and begin the spring term with the grit and determination required to be a success in life! Of course, student success is a partnership involving the student, the teacher and also the parents/carers; if you think progress is good, please do congratulate the young person concerned; conversely, if outcomes are disappointing, please do challenge the young person and investigate why. Our Progress Reports include teacher e-mail addresses, which I encourage you to use if you wish to find out more.

Christmas week begins. We will end the week with festive assemblies; we have our Christmas meal during the week; the assessments are over and we should all take the time to enjoy the week we have ahead of us.

Finally, do have a look at the details about the last day of term, as students will not be returning home at the usual time.

My best wishes

Mr M Bellamy
Headteacher

YEAR 11 MOCK EXAMINATIONS

Although many subjects are currently conducting assessments for Year 11 students, the formal Year 11 Mock Week runs from 7th to 13th February.



GCSE POD

GCSEPod is an on-line revision resource which we think is a brilliant tool in assisting students with their GCSE studies. As such, we are looking to provide it to students in school who are currently studying in Years 9, 10 and 11.

To do so, we need to ask parents/carers to support us in the purchase of GCSEPod, as it is an expensive resource and our 'financial' times are a little tight at the moment. In essence, we cannot purchase GCSEPod without a small contribution of £10 from parents/carers in Years 9, 10 and 11.

Although it is a difficult request to make, we are asking for parents/carers of students in Years 9, 10 and 11 to contribute £10 to the cost of the resource and letters have now gone home to parents/carers explaining how this is possible.

Of course, we do not expect parents/carers to make such a commitment without further information about the resource and what it does. To learn more, please use the link below to go to our website and look at the GCSEPod page. There is a Powerpoint for parents/carers, an information video and a copy of the letter. If you wish to test out GCSEPod then please do so. Students are already able to log-in, using their school e-mail and password details.

GCSEPod is currently with us for a trial period and, providing we raise the required funds by mid-January, we will be able to confirm a purchase. However, if we are unable to raise the funds for the programme, then we will unfortunately need to 'pass' on this resource and refund all parents/carers who have committed to the contribution. Hopefully, this will not be the case.

Please do go to the website and have a look; we think you will be impressed.

<https://www.hilbre.wirral.sch.uk/site/data/files/documents/C71E18E7F1E71B1A0B40514528CDEC4F.pptx>

VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for an Examinations Officer. Please see the school website for further details; the closing date is Sunday 16th December.

ENGLISH REVISION

Mrs Miller is running after school revision sessions for Year 11s until 4pm on Tuesday's for Literature and Wednesday's for Language.

Christmas raffle tickets to be in school by Wednesday 19th December

Friends of Hilbre High School again, have kindly organised a Christmas raffle to raise funds to support initiatives in school. We have sent 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 Wednesday 19th December and the draw will take place at noon that day.

Prizes include;

£100 Cash	Christmas cake by Yasmin Limbert, GBBO Contestant
A case of Prosecco and chocolates	Family pass for Blue Planet
£20 Next Voucher	Family Leisure Voucher

Can I take this opportunity to thank local businesses and parents who have supported us in their kind donations this year and to the parents who have sourced the donations.

Wednesday 19th December - School Christmas Dinner

We are delighted to announce that our Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 19th December and this year the cost will be £1.50. The meal will be a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings and a dessert. We ask students to bring **cash** for that day. Students who are entitled to a free school meal will be served with a Christmas dinner. Students should bring a drink with them. Please note that for anybody not wanting a Christmas dinner, there will now be alternative options available in the Bistro area - pizza, pasta, panini's and sandwiches.

Schedule: 12.30pm - all 6th Form students, RP students, all Year 7 students, non-teaching admin and any teaching staff free
1pm - all Year 8 students
1.15pm - all Year 9 students
1.30pm - all Year 10 and 11 students and any remaining staff

Christmas End of Term Arrangements

Wednesday 19th December - Sixth Form Health Day Periods 1-3, followed by Christmas lunch Period 4 and normal lesson Period 5. Non-uniform day/casual clothing for Sixth Form students only.

Thursday 20th December - Sixth Form break up at 3.10pm (please note date change from 19th December).

Friday 21st December - Year 7 to 11 students will break up at 12.30pm and the timetable for the day is as follows:-

Period 1	Normal lesson	
9.45 - 10.15am	Early break	
10.20 - 10.55am	Dee House Christmas assembly	<i>When not in assembly, students will be with their Form Tutors</i>
11 - 11.40am	Hoyle House Christmas assembly	
11.45am - 12.25pm	Royden House Christmas assembly	

Please note there will be not be any school buses home available on Friday 21st December 2018; the bus company have advised us that they are unable to accommodate an earlier school bus service. Therefore, students will be required to make alternative arrangements home; we apologise for any inconvenience but this is out of school's control. Full school return on Monday 7th January 2019, Week B.

NEW YEAR 2019

To start the new year positively we are reminding parents/carers that students should not have on any of the following; false eyelashes, acrylic nails, gel nails or false tan. Excessive make up should not be worn. Hair should be tied back and long fringes that cover the face are discouraged. We do not allow piercings and request that any piercings should be done at the beginning of the summer break, not at Christmas, as students will be asked to remove any piercings on their return to school.

CAREER INFORMATION

Airbus have opened applications for their 2019 work experience programme for 14 - 19 year olds at its sites in Broughton, North Wales and Filton, Bristol. Students will need to e-mail a covering letter and CV. Early application is advised, as places fill up quickly. Details outlined below:

Dates in 2019 are:

February Half Term:

18th - 21st February (Filton only)

25th - 28th February (Broughton only)

Easter:

8th April - 11th April (Filton only)

15th April - 18th April (Broughton only)

Summer Term Time:

17th June - 20th June (Filton and Broughton)

1st July - 4th July (Filton and Broughton)

15th July - 18th July (Filton and Broughton)

Applications are open until Friday 7th December 2018 for the February half term and Easter dates and Friday 1st March 2019 for the summer term dates. Successful applicants will be notified after these closing dates.

How to apply: Please e-mail a CV and covering letter to workexperience@airbus.com

Please put in the e-mail title: Airbus WEX Broughton or Airbus WEX Filton along with your preferred dates.

Airbus apprenticeships are now open for September 2019 recruitment. Apply from now until 3rd March 2019 - FOR CRAFT level. Other apprenticeships include degree level apprenticeships in engineering or business. Apply from now until 3rd March 2019 entry 2 A 'levels in Maths, Physics or Chemistry for engineering. Craft entry 5 GCSEs, including English, Maths and Science - machining, aero systems or plant maintenance.

Business Degree apprenticeships - business support supply chain logistics, procurement and business management entry 2 A' levels in Business and related subject, eg. IT and 5 GCSEs, including English, Maths and Science.

Young people interested in Airbus should connect with them on Twitter and Facebook (from Year 10 onwards) as lots of information on events such as the cadets programme and engineering clubs can only be found this way - www.linkedin.com/company/airbusgroup
Twitter link: www.facebook.com/airbuscareers. For additional careers information see www.company.airbus.com/careers. For apprenticeships see <http://company.airbus.com/careers/apprentices-and-pupils/In-the-United-Kingdom.html>.

E-mail apprentices@airbus.com

Work experience applications now open. Apply online at <http://company.airbus.com/careers/apprentices-and-pupils/In-the-United-Kingdom.html#chapter-01>

- Applications are open until Friday 30th November 2018 for the February half term and Easter dates.
- Applications are open until Friday 1st March 2019 for the summer term dates.

Apprenticeship Open day 1st December 2018 1.30 - 4pm, North Factory (where the A350 Wings are made), Off Chester Road, Broughton, Flintshire, CH4 0DQ

Unilever Work Experience: Year 12

Unilever is now open for applications for work experience. The closing date is 31st January 2019 but places fill quickly so early application is advised. One of the weeks on offer is 19th June when Year 12 are out for a week's work experience, so it makes sense for students to put this as their preferred date.

Students will need to complete an application form and e-mail or post this off. Applications will need to be endorsed by a teacher or by Fran Trought, Careers Co-ordinator, beforehand. For more information students should contact Fran or their Form Teacher.

CHARLES DICKENS

For all students in Years 9, 10 and 11 there is a film of 'A Christmas Carol' on Sunday 16th December on BBC4 at 10pm. It is available on BBC iPlayer thereafter. The film has a useful introduction that will help students understand the context and explores why Dickens wrote this particular story.

Enjoy!

Mrs Whiteley
Progress Leader: English

Parents/carers

Are you planning to buy your child/ward a new computer for Christmas? If so then **DO NOT** buy Microsoft Office as your child/ward is entitled to a **FULL, free copy** of MS OFFICE for as long as they are on roll at school.

To obtain this FREE MS OFFICE FOR WINDOWS AND MAC OS for up to 5 computers and mobile devices in the family visit <https://portal.office.com>

Login with their student e-mail address, which is school username@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk;
Password is their 'school computer password';
Then click install office in the top right, the computer will prompt you what to do next;
School username is the login they use to login to school computer.

Any issues, please e-mail: ictsupport@hilbre.wirral.sch.uk

CHARITIES

The bag pack at Tesco, Heswall held earlier this week raised £797.51 plus \$1, 2 euro's and 5 Thai Baht for the school Duke of Edinburgh mini bus!!! Thank you to all involved in this amazing collection and well done to the School Choir and Year 7 and 8 bag packers for all of their hard work.

The Non-Uniform Day and cake sale for Bethany Devlin in aid of Claire House has raised £1,415.27 to date.

Thank you to all parents, students and staff for your contributions.

DROPPING OFF/PARKING

We have recently received a number of complaints from residents. Could we please ask that parents/staff/visitors do not park up on the grass verges opposite school.

Thank you for your consideration.

TERM DATES 2019-2021

Proposed term dates are at the end of this newsletter.

SHOEBOXES

Well done to Mrs Brindle and our amazing Resourced Provision students in the Base for such a fantastic contribution to the Merseyside homeless charity appeal called 'Shoebox Full of Love'.

The charitable initiative is a community led appeal, aiming to help homeless people and vulnerable families - particularly important over the Christmas period.

Hilbre High's RP students learned the value of compassion with their very generous donations of essential items required by those less fortunate. Our Base students and staff donated items to 5 main categories: Adult Female, Baby, Dog, Teenage Boy and Teenage Girl. Many items were donated such as: deodorant, toys, body wash, dog bowls, dog toys, teething toys, toothpaste, toothbrushes, gloves, warm hats, socks and many, many more.



DO YOU WANT TO PUT YOUR BRICK BUILDING SKILLS TO THE ULTIMATE TEST?

LEGO MASTERS

The popular Channel 4 series is looking for imaginative building pairs to take part in the creative brick-building competition to find the UK's most talented amateur builders.

Please email build@tuesdayschild.tv for more information.

Unfortunately, we are unable to answer all the requests individually. Under 18's - must be aged 9+ by 03/02/2019 in order to take part and a parent or guardian must email on their behalf. Tuesday's Child is committed to safeguarding and protecting your Personal Data. Further information can be located on our website - www.tuesdayschild.tv

TUESDAY'S CHILD

JUSTHELPING

Registered charity number 1149068

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION in aid of



and other local charities

LEAVE THE EFFORT OF GETTING RID OF YOUR TREE TO US!

We would welcome a
donation for the collection
of your Christmas tree.

We are collecting
trees from
POSTCODES

**CH41, CH42, CH43,
CH44, CH45, CH46,
CH47, CH48, CH49, CH60,
CH61, CH62, CH63 &
CH64 from Saturday
12th January 2019.**

Register your tree by
9th January 2019 @ 5pm

To arrange a collection please book in at:
www.charityxmastreecollection.com

After costs, 90% of the monies raised will go to the Hospice and the
remaining 10% donated to other local charities.



About Wirral Hospice St John's

We serve a wide area and are funded predominantly by charitable donations.

It is thanks to YOU that we can continue to provide our essential service.

It wouldn't be possible for patients to have the high quality care and support they deserve without the wonderful and generous support we get from YOU - our community.

Our care is free of charge to patients and their families, but not free to provide.

To have your tree collected and recycled
Please visit www.wirralhospice.org/treecollection

Suggested Donation

£5.00 Small Tree

£7.00 Medium Tree

£10.00 Large Tree

But please give generously

Your generous donations are very much appreciated to enable the continued work of the Hospice.



If you wish to volunteer for this event or have a van to help with the collections please contact us on
0151 343 0778

For more information

We would be thrilled to have you join our team

www.charityxmastreecollection.com

STARS OF THE WEEK

DEE HOUSE

STUDENT NAME/S	FORM
Lily Hughes and James McIver	7DCR
Abbie Griffiths and Ted Haddon	7CBO
Harry Newman and Finley Lampkin	7LWA
David Lee and Charlie Holme	8KHO
Lucy Robinson and Harry Davies	8MGA
Stacy Kemp and George Lally	8JGA
Kai Martindale and Kyla Kemp	9LRO
Emily Wilkins and Freddie Davies	9CSI
Ellis Hydes and Thomas Hayes	10DHU
Ruby Hitchmough and Mckenzie Toner	10KMI
Nathan Jones and William Dolan	11SFL
Ruby Davies and Jamie Owen	11KTE

HOYLE HOUSE

STUDENT NAME/S	FORM
Adam Wormell and Olivia Browning	7ARO
Grace Wilmin and Alex Hughes	7NMO
Adam Wormell and Olivia Browning	7ARB
Abigale Kewin and Keira Tudor	8BMA
Louis Wynbeek and Grace Brennan	8CHU
Lauren Kelly and Charlotte Green	8CLL
Erin Booth and Michael Wilkinson	9LCR
Beth Atherton and Finlay Pringle	9KHE
Amelia Littler and James Brown	10AMA
Jess Arden and Elizabeth Roberts	10EGU
Sunia Tuck and Sofia Murad	11AEL
Anna Hughes and Mike Gunatilleke	11HRO

ROYDEN HOUSE

STUDENT NAME/S	FORM
AJ Larkin and Joseph Faulkner	7ADA
Luca Vagianos and Caidy Culley-Gaskin	7RWO
Darryl Thomas and Riley Schorah	7KSL
Erin Eastwood and James Spotswood	8FLE
Beth Hodgson and Aaron Casey	8OKO
Kieran Davies and Molly Pownall-Jones	8LHO
Tom Hughes and Jack Burgess	9LMC
Jack Smith and Ben McGillivray	9EST
Rosie Thornton-Allen and Sam Sephton	10NST
Natasha Watson and Ben Wright	10RST
Ben Sweeney and William Fennah	11NAR
Emily Green and Keira Parry	11TMA

TERM DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Date	Event
Monday 17 th December 2018	Year 9 Health Day
Tuesday 18 th December 2018	Year 8 Girls STEM Day
Wednesday 19 th December 2018	Christmas Lunch £1.50, 6 th Form Health Day and non-uniform day/casual clothing for 6 th Form students only
Thursday 20 th December 2018	Girls Interhouse Netball, Year 9 Christmaths Challenge Event and 6 th Form students finish at 3.10pm
Friday 21 st December 2018	School closes at 12.30pm for Christmas for Year 7-11 students

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2018-19

Close Friday 21st December 2018

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - Monday 24th December 2018 - Friday 4th January 2019

Spring term 2019

Open Monday 7th January 2019
Close Friday 15th February 2019

HALF TERM - Monday 18th February - Friday 22nd February 2019

Open Monday 25th February 2019
Close Friday 29th March 2019

SPRING BREAK - Monday 1st - Friday 12th April 2019

Summer term 2019

Open Monday 15th April 2019
Close Friday 24th May 2019

BANK HOLIDAYS - Friday 19th April, Monday 22nd April and Monday 6th May 2019 - School closed
HALF TERM - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2019

Open Monday 3rd June 2019
Close Friday 19th July 2019
Closed Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th July 2019 - INSET Days (School closed staff/students)

**HILBRE INSET DAYS AND SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS -
Monday 22nd July 2019, Tuesday 23rd July 2019 and Wednesday 24th July 2019**

Autumn term 2019

Monday 2nd September 2019 staff development training - INSET Day (School closed students)
Open Tuesday 3rd September 2019 school open for Years 7 and 12 only
Open Wednesday 4th September 2019 full school return
Close Friday 25th October 2019

HALF TERM - Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2019

Open Monday 4th November 2019
Close Friday 20th December 2019

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - Monday 23rd December 2019 - Friday 3rd January 2020

Spring term 2020

Open Monday 6th January 2020
Close Friday 14th February 2020

HALF TERM - Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2020

Open Monday 24th February 2020
Close Friday 3rd April 2020

SPRING BREAK - Monday 6th - Friday 17th April 2020, including Bank Holidays Friday 10th and Monday 13th April

Summer term 2020

Open Monday 20th April 2020
BANK HOLIDAY Monday 4th May 2020 (School closed staff/students)
Close Friday 22nd May 2020

HALF TERM - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2020, including Bank Holiday Monday 25th May

Open Monday 1st June 2020
Close Friday 17th July 2020

REMAINING 4 HILBRE INSET DAYS TO BE CONFIRMED

**Proposed 1 further day in September 2019 and
Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd July 2020**

Autumn term 2020

Tuesday 1st September 2020 staff development training - INSET Day (School closed students)
Open Wednesday 2nd September 2020 school open for Years 7 and 12 only
Open Thursday 3rd September 2020 full school return
Close Friday 23rd October 2020

HALF TERM - Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2020

Open Monday 2nd November 2020
Close Friday 18th December 2020

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - Monday 21st December 2020 - Friday 1st January 2021

Spring term 2021

Open Monday 4th January 2021
Close Friday 12th February 2021

HALF TERM - Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2021

Open Monday 22nd February 2021
Close Friday 26th March 2021

SPRING BREAK - Monday 29th March - Friday 9th April 2021, including Bank Holidays Friday 2nd and Monday 5th April

Summer term 2021

Open Monday 12th April 2021
BANK HOLIDAY Monday 3rd May 2021 (School closed staff/students)
Close Friday 28th May 2021

HALF TERM - Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021, including Bank Holiday Monday 31st May

Open Monday 7th June 2021
Close Wednesday 20th July 2021

REMAINING 4 HILBRE INSET DAYS TO BE CONFIRMED

Proposed 1 further day in September 2020, 1 other day to be confirmed and Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July 2021