

# DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER



Dear parents and friends of Sale High School,

A very warm welcome to our December newsletter!

I cannot believe I have been here for a term already, time has flown! I can honestly say I have loved every minute and it has been a total pleasure and privilege to work with our wonderful young people and super staff. I am still pinching myself and can't believe how lucky I am to be head here at Sale! We have had a brilliant first term, packed with hard work and exciting memories. I have so many favourites it is hard to know where to begin, but some highlights for me have been:

Junior Leadership team presentations: presenting ties and badges to our fabulous Junior Leadership Team and seeing the pride on the parents' faces who came to celebrate with us.

The Alice in Wonderland production: so much talent, commitment and energy!

Open Evening: September 20th: superb turnout and excellent feedback. We filled the hall twice over with prospective families coming to hear about why our school is 'the school of choice for the local community.'

Welcome events: Year 7, Year 10 and Year 11. These information evenings were really well attended with parents. Feedback was incredibly positive with 100% of parents commenting on how helpful the information given was in helping them help their child progress.

My first parents' forum. I loved this evening! Although small (only 15 parents attended) for a hotpot supper and a focussed discussion around parent/home communication, vision and values, assessment and reporting, parents were overwhelmingly positive and enthusiastic about our school. We are planning to run further parent forums and hope to welcome more parents in the New Year. Please see the story on this event further on in the newsletter.

Hot chocolate with the head: a lovely opportunity to meet and celebrate success: see Facebook and Twitter for some great pictures.

Lunch (and a grilling!) with School Council regarding what we could do with the building and to hear their concerns about facilities and what they wanted to do to make things better: superb!

I have also been meeting members of the community: primary heads, our local PC Katie Colebrook, local secondary heads,

governors and representatives of our community to make sure that I am 'up to speed' with how things tick in Sale and able to provide what is best for our school.

The students and staff have been up to masses too! The newsletter gives a taste of some of the many wonderful events we have taken part in so far this year.

Finally, I would also like to draw attention to some dates that we have calendared for our new 'Head teacher's Surgeries'. These will take place approximately once a half term and will be an opportunity for parents, prospective or otherwise, to have an appointment with me. These would need to be booked in advance by contacting Susan Stead at the school via email at [sstead@salehighschool.org.uk](mailto:sstead@salehighschool.org.uk). Surgeries will be held on Wednesdays on the following dates: 7th February, 15th March, 18th April, 23rd May and 14th June 2018.

Have a wonderful festive season with family and friends. We hope to welcome you into Sale High School in the New Year!

# Sale High School

# PRESENTATION EVENING 2017



In November we welcomed back the class of 2017 leavers for our annual presentation evening. The event celebrates the GCSE successes and school achievements of students who left us in the summer. Awards were presented for outstanding achievement in different subject areas and examination excellence. The evening also saw a number of students receive special awards for their contribution to whole school life and successes in the face of adversity. The 2017 cohort achieved record results for Sale High School and placed us 3rd best high school in Trafford. We wish all our students well with their future endeavours and look forward to hearing about their achievements as they move forward with their lives.

## THE PEOPLE'S HISTORY MUSEUM

Our Junior Leadership Team were invited to attend a parliamentary workshop at the People's History Museum in Manchester. The museum offers an inspiring learning programme for schools and we were certainly not disappointed. The students were tasked with creating their own political parties, creating a party manifesto and delivering a winning speech. They also got the opportunity to get into character and act out a debate in the House of Commons, complete with a wig and gown for the speaker of the house. JLT also had the opportunity to look round the museum and learn about the Peterloo Massacre which forms part of Manchester's rich history. The museum is free of charge to the public and should be on everyone's to do list for 2018.



## NEWSROUND

In November we were approached by Newsround to take part in an interview about online gaming. A report released earlier this year revealed that 64% of young people have experienced some form of bullying while playing a game online and Newsround wanted to find out what our students had to say on the matter. Well done to

Mason Eden, Jake Cochrane, George Frapwell, Phoebe Tomkinson, Leandro Tanswell Vargas, Arian Daryoush and Angel Lawless who shared their experiences with the team. To find out more about online gaming and how to help your child stay safe please click through the full article.

# SPOTLIGHT ON OUR ALUMNI

## Kieran Bown

As a school we are always delighted to hear from past students and their parents. Most recently we invited our alumni to get in touch to celebrate their successes since leaving Sale High School. We were inundated with responses and have since created a display in our reception area to recognise some of those students. This will be updated regularly to highlight the different career paths our students have taken. Each newsletter will focus on an individual and their story. In this edition we have chosen to share the amazing endeavours of Kieran Bown.

*“I took Spanish at school for 5 years with Mrs Horn. Fast forward 10 years and Spanish still plays a huge role in both my professional and personal life.*

*I left school with 10 A-Cs and went to South Trafford College to study Sports Development & Coaching. I achieved a Triple Distinction and was offered numerous scholarships in the US and UK. After deciding not to go to university, I moved to Ecuador and began an apprenticeship to become a scuba instructor and boat captain. A few years later I moved to Mexico and my Spanish developed even more. I worked in a marine environment; swimming with humpbacks, sailing and diving. It was here that I also met Michelle my partner of 5 years. We have been travelling the world ever since; diving, sailing and adventuring. We operate a video channel called Panga MX which has been featured on Discovery, National Geographic and CNN. We now operate a luxury yacht business in the Caribbean, offering charters in English and Spanish. I'm hoping to work in all 7 continents before I'm 30. Just Africa & Antarctica left!”*



## PLANS FOR PRIMARY

Thanks to the hard work, commitment and passion of our teaching and support staff, our school is fast becoming the first preference for local children, which is reflected in the initial applications list received from Trafford in November. To build on the close relationships we have formed with our feeder schools over the years, we are excited to be launching our primary programme in the New Year. The programme will see primary children taking part in taster sessions at Sale High School, enabling them to use equipment which they don't have access to in their own schools. Sale High staff will also be delivering lessons in primary settings to ensure our curriculums are aligned and contribute to a smooth transition when children move to high school. We will also be offering a series of SATs masterclasses for Y6 children to help them feel confident and well prepared for testing in the summer term. Finally, we are looking forward to inviting Y5 and Y6 children into Sale High School on Thursday afternoons to take part in a weekly coding club. Details to follow. Our new Head, Jayne O'Grady, said "I have absolutely loved visiting some of our feeder primaries in the last few weeks and thank all the super primary heads for giving us such a warm welcome and inviting us into their brilliant schools. We can't wait to get more involved and are hoping to attend lots of primary events in the New Year!"



# ALICE IN *wonderland*

A huge congratulations to all the cast and crew of Sale High School's 'Alice in Wonderland Jr.' Two superb performances were given on the 1st and 2nd of November with Miss Bussell and Mrs Arukavic at the helm. Rehearsals started way back in January after a thorough audition process and all the hard work certainly paid off!

Both evenings were a riot of colourful cakes (in the theme of Alice...of course), good company and comedy laughs, what more could you ask for on a night out?

We could not have done this without parents, friends,

colleagues from other departments and local businesses who supported us on our way; either by assisting on the night or donating raffle prizes. Thank you!

A special mention also to Miss Kenny who started the production process with us but has since moved to pastures new.

Thank you all, we hope you enjoyed the experience as much as we did and we will see you in July for the next production.

## WELCOME TO KS4

Our welcome to Year 10 and 11 events were well received by parents and students; we were delighted that so many of you could attend. As well as star performances from our students and a welcome from our Head boy and girl, parents received important information about the courses that our students will be sitting for the first time this year. We also looked at the new GCSE grading structure.

Parents and guardians reported that they found the session on revision tips particularly helpful. One of the main messages given by our past students is to start reviewing learning early and not leave revision to the last minute. This message is even more important with many subjects now being assessed through terminal examination and the minimising of coursework.

Our stall selling revision guides was really popular: we stock the correct guides for the specifications followed by our students and at discounted prices too! If you missed out on this, they are still available through our library or ask the relevant Head of department.

We also invited colleges to the evening so our students could begin to think about their next steps on their learning journey. We often find this can act as a great motivator for improving attendance and reaching for the stars! Ambition, dedication and hard work are key to success!

If you have any further enquires about your child's progress please contact Mrs Rainey, Assistant Head teacher, via her email [lrainey@salehighschool.org.uk](mailto:lrainey@salehighschool.org.uk) or contact the Head of department for the relevant subject.



# TRIP TO *Spain*

In October we took 23 students to enjoy the delights of Andalucía in Spain. After an early start (2.30 am) we arrived in Málaga and spent the afternoon exploring this beautiful Spanish city. The students had some tapas and walked around the beautiful cathedral and harbour. After returning to the hotel and enjoying the pool we had a Flamenco lesson in the hotel. After some reluctance from the boys, they participated and all the students were fantastic.

The following day we went to Seville. After a 3.5 hour coach ride with lots of Mrs Horn's jokes to keep everyone happy we arrived in Seville. As soon as we arrived we saw a spectacular Flamenco exhibition in the street which demonstrated all the skills we had been taught the previous evening. We went around the beautiful cathedral and Giralda tower in Seville and learnt a lot about Christopher Columbus and the kingdoms of Spain. We had lunch in the old area of Santa Cruz and again the students enjoyed some tapas.

On our final day we took a trip to the small mountainous village of Mijas, about a 30 minute drive from Benalmádena. We saw churros (doughnut) being made in the square, visited the bull ring and talked to the students about bull fighting and visited the little church. The students had free time to do a spot of shopping. We returned back to the hotel for a bit more relaxing by the pool and then returned home to a dreary Manchester.

The students were superbly behaved throughout the journey and a credit to the school. One student said "it was the best trip I've ever been on".



# MEDIA CITY TRIP

This Autumn we launched an anti-bullying poster competition in conjunction with bullying awareness week. Students were asked to create eye catching posters about bullying and what to do if they or someone they know are being bullied. We had over 100 entries, all to a very high standard. After some careful deliberation, 3 winning designs were chosen. Well done to Maxx Shannon, Antonio Wilson, Kesenet Oquba and Charles Hamilton and Tanya Somardiwakara who came joint first. Elements of all 3 designs will now be merged to create one poster which will be displayed in school and our local primaries.

The winning students were rewarded with a trip to Dock 10 studios at Media City where they were treated to a VIP tour of numerous sets and backstage areas which members of the public rarely get to see. Particular highlights were a visit to the Blue Peter and Match of the Day sets and a peep through the doors of The Voice! They also had the opportunity to try their hand in the editing suite and have a chat with broadcasting engineers and set designers. Thank you to Paul McGavin at Dock 10 for facilitating the visit and helping to create some lifelong memories for our winners.

# RISING STARS

As well as celebrating the achievements of our alumni we would also like to share some of the successes of our current students.



## Alex Easby, Year 7

Well done to Alex Easby, Year 7, who performed in Company Chameleon's 50-strong show Illuminate - A Journey of Seven Stories. The piece was performed in different rooms at Manchester Central Library in November. Alex performed a solo which he choreographed himself symbolising strength, agility, stealth and power. Alex featured in the Messenger newspaper, you can read the full article here

[http://www.messengernewspapers.co.uk/leisure/local\\_leisure/15671814.Alex\\_overcomes\\_adversity\\_to\\_follow\\_his\\_dance\\_dream/](http://www.messengernewspapers.co.uk/leisure/local_leisure/15671814.Alex_overcomes_adversity_to_follow_his_dance_dream/)

## Isabell Hine, Year 9

Congratulations to Year 9 student Isabelle Hine who rowed an epic 31 miles down the River Witham in Lincolnshire in the Boston Rowing Marathon in September. Isabelle at 14 was the youngest member of her quad and managed to raise a fantastic £297 toward their total of £800 for new boats at Agecroft Rowing Club. Isabelle who has been rowing for only 2 years trained for 4 months to be able to compete in this gruelling race. Well done Isabelle, keep up the training and the hard work and we hope to see you competing in the Olympics one day!



## Tyler Shaw, Year 8

Lastly a huge well done to Year 8 student Tyler Shaw who is involved with a Manchester Homeless charity. Tyler has been regularly volunteering on the streets of Manchester, providing much needed essentials to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. Tyler has been so moved by his experience that he will be giving up his Christmas day to instead provide a Christmas dinner to the homeless.

# THE SHARP SYSTEM



On the 13th November we re-launched the Sharp System in conjunction with anti-bullying week. We all work together at Sale High to help with any problems our students may be having in or out of school. There are many reasons why young people decide not to talk about incidents, whether that is due to not wanting to talk face to face, lack of confidence, scared or due to peer pressure.

As a result we are using The SHARP System (Student Help Advice Reporting Page System), which allows young people to report any incidents which occur within the school and local community anonymously and without fear. Aside from the reporting tool SHARP delivers educational content to raise awareness on a wide range of subjects including: bullying, health, community issues, weapons and hate crime.

# PARENT VOICE EVENT

Parents of Year 10 were invited to stay after the 'Welcome to Year 10' event, on 22nd November 2017, to take part in a parent focus. An invitation was also extended to Years 7 and 8. Parents were asked to comment on the positive aspects and development areas of three main areas in school: assessment, reporting and homework; our mission statement and our vision and values and lastly, parent/home communication. The event was extremely useful in helping the school to recognise what we do well and where we can improve. The full feedback report is available on the school website.

# CHANGES TO THE HOUSE SYSTEM

In response to feedback received at the Parent Voice event, please find details of our school houses below. Heads of House are our dedicated pastoral team, they are responsible for their respective houses and for the support of children outside of the classroom, liaising with parents/carers and other agencies. Each HOH is also supported by a Director of House who are a member of the school Senior Leadership Team.

House	Head of House	Director of House
King	Ms D Boardman	Mr J Reeve
Pankhurst	Ms A Williams	Ms M McMillan
Howard	Mr J Worrall	Ms L Rainey
Turing	Ms K Varley	Mr J Scully

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**11 January 2018**  
Year 9 Pathways Evening

**16 January 2018**  
Year 11 Parents Evening

**1 February 2018**  
Super Learning Day

**8 February 2018**  
Year 8 Parents Evening

**9 February 2018**  
February half term begins

**19 February 2018**  
Return to school

## HELLOS & farewells

We are delighted to have had a number of new staff join us this term. We wish them a warm welcome to Sale High School and looking forward to working with you.

**Ms J O'Grady**  
Headteacher

**Miss S Robinson**  
Teacher of Humanities

**Mrs P Verma**  
Teacher of Maths

**Miss N Body**  
Intervention Leader

**Mrs M Curtis**  
Business Manager

**Mr G Williams**  
Teacher of Science

**Miss S Welsh**  
Teacher of Design Technology

**Mrs K Cook**  
Finance Assistant

**Mr D Thomas**  
Teacher of Maths

**Mr J Mcauley**  
Intervention Leader

We are also have number of colleagues who are moving on the pastures new. Good luck in your new endeavours!

**Mrs S Hocking**  
Business Manager

**Mr C Britton**  
Teacher of Science

**Mr C Kerrigan**  
Site Team

**Miss J Stalmach**  
Teacher of Science

**Ms E Greaves**  
Finance Manager

**We wish a special farewell to Eileen who has given 17 years service to Sale High School. She an SHS institution and will be sorely missed. We hope she has a lovely Christmas break and exciting start to her retirement.**

# SPORTING NEWS

## THE STORY SO FAR

The year began well for the year 7 football team with back to back victories against North Cestrian and BTH. We then earned a hard fought point against a strong Wellington Road team. Our final game of the year was against another strong team from ACA where we left it until late to grab a deserved winner, which took us in to the winter break unbeaten. The team have played exceptionally well as a team and there have been some stand out performances from Leo Violett, Umar Bah, Zade Rattray and player of the season so far, Matthias Grobi.

The year 8 football team have made a good start to their season winning 3 and losing 2. Some outstanding performances meant we could have easily won 4. The season picks up in February with a cup competition to also look forward to. Well done to all members of the Year 8 team.

The Year 10 football team has seen a massive improvement this year. Some brilliant individuals from last year have continued their hard work; namely Jacob Jenkinson and Will McInerney. Many more of the old faces have put in stellar performances such as Jack Flynn, Josh Axford, Heyden Picken, Joe Wheeldon, Alex Willimason, Louis Horridge, Jordan Turpin, Ali Syed, Abudullah Mukaram and more. Some amazing new signings have really boosted the teams attacking

threat in the silky Kieran Fraser and the brilliant Devonte Scott. Another fantastic new addition was the new goalkeeper Brandon Jones who has kept some clean sheets. The results have not always gone our way, but the endeavour, work rate and sportsmanship has been second to none.

4 pupils took part in the Trafford year 10/11 badminton tournament held at St Ambrose. There was some individual success from Tailai Huang but as a team we finished in 8th place.

The basketball season has had a stuttered start for the year 7 and year 11 teams, with circumstances meaning we have only had 2 fixtures each. The year 10/11 team suffering defeats to two exceptionally good teams in Altrincham Grammar and Wellington Road while the year 7 team have been narrowly defeated by the unbeaten BTH and Wellington Road teams.

The year 8/9 basketball team has had a slow start, but performances have greatly improved. There are several games left to play to see how far we can move up the league table. Well done to all involved, keep up the fantastic work.

There are plenty more games to come after Christmas, where we hope to turn good performances

into better results. The football season will begin again in our fourth term when the clocks go forward and we have some light to play in. Hopefully we will continue with our impressive unbeaten run.

The Year 7 and 8 netball teams have enjoyed a successful start to the season with both participating in the Trafford Schools League. Congratulations to the year 8 team for reaching the league finals which will be held in January. A huge thank you to Jean Leigh who has been a huge support enabling the school to run two teams for both years. In November our Year 8 Sport Leaders hosted the Winter Games Primary Indoor Athletics Competition alongside Sale Harriers. Over 100 Year 5 and 6 took part in a very competitive afternoon.

Our Street Cheer squad have been working hard throughout this term perfecting their routine which they performed in the annual Trafford Schools dance Festival at George Carnall Leisure Centre. Fun was had by all involved.

A big thank you to all the parents who have supported their daughters' sporting endeavours.

