

Sale High School

Welcome to **PRIMARY** links



Welcome to our primary links newsletter. We wanted to share just some of our news and events with you as well as our plans for primary liaison this year.

We value the strong links we have with local primary schools and see our school as the natural next step for local children. Sale High School offers a wealth of opportunities both academically and in terms of our enrichment curriculum, some of which your child will experience this year by taking part in our primary links workshops.

As a smaller high school, we take pride in the fact that all of our students are known to us and that our pastoral care and liaison with parents and carers is outstanding. We offer a safe, happy and successful school environment where children flourish. The staff are dedicated with exceptionally high expectations of students. We cannot emphasise enough how valuable it is

for children to attend their local school, in terms of the social, sporting and after-school opportunities this gives them. At Sale High School your child will benefit from academic excellence as well as a nurturing school environment which develops the 'whole' child. Sale High School sets children on the right course towards a successful future.

We hope you enjoy our Spring newsletter and look forward to meeting you in the future. We are holding an open morning on 10th July and our open evening will take place on 19th September. We also offer personalised tours of the school. If you are a Year 6 parent or pupil who has already chosen Sale High School, we look forward to meeting you as part of our transition process.

If you are interested in booking a tour please contact Charlotte Hulton, School Development Officer, chulton@salehighschool.

What a start to the year!

I cannot believe I have been here for half a year 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 had a brilliant first term, packed with hard work and exciting memories, some of which are shared here. I have been meeting with our local primary Headteachers over the last few months and am excited by the programme of activities we are able to deliver to Year 5 and Year 6 this year. These include Maths workshops with Year 5, SATs Masterclasses for Y6 and a variety of practical sessions which will be delivered by our Science, Technology and Computing staff at SHS. We have also arranged to come and speak at a number of parents events across the borough to help alleviate any worries and answer any queries you may have about transition to high school. I also run a monthly Headteacher surgery which you are welcome to attend. For more information on these please contact Mrs S Stead, PA to the Headteacher, sstead@salehighschool.org.uk

Kind regards
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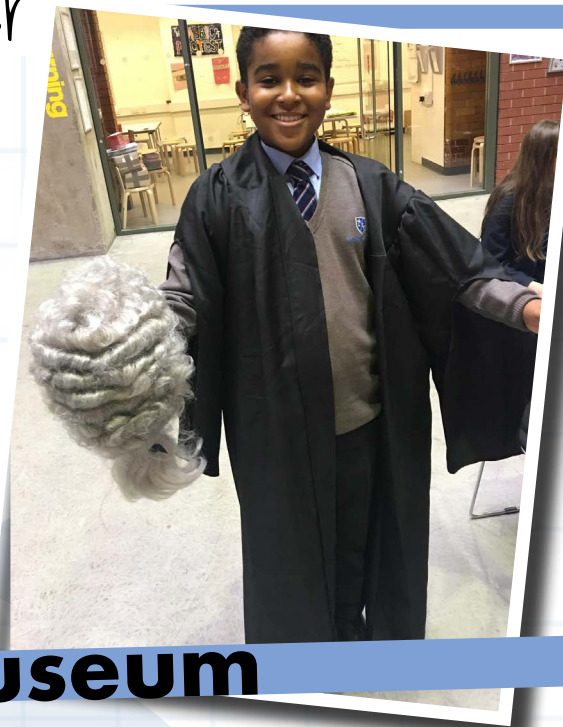
Some highlights

so far...

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.

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".



VIVA
ESPANA

In October we took 23 students to enjoy the delights of Andalucía in Spain. After an early start 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 our teacher'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

Students have also had the following trips and enrichment activities to enjoy!

Film reward morning, the whole of King House won a film morning as a reward for achieving the most house points last term! Hot choc and gingerbread were included!

Super Learning day, on SLD days the whole school comes out of their normal timetabled lessons and takes part in activities to develop their personal, social, health and economic wellbeing (PSHE), activities range from steel pans to mock interviews. We have had two of these exciting events this year.

Polestar Planetarium, Year 7 visited Altrincham Grammar school for boys to experience the wonder of a planetarium! The show enhanced their learning around the Year 7 science curriculum and was brilliant fun!



Primary links

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. So far this year Mr Gallagher, our KS3 Maths Coordinator, has delivered fantastic workshops to Year 5 pupils at St Anne's Primary School, Worthington and Moorlands Primary Schools. Our Ambassadors enjoyed helping on the day and are looking forward to meeting lots more of you when we visit, Limetree and Springfield later on this term! Look out for all the dates in your school's newsletter. Our teachers are also hard at work planning activities for primary pupils to enjoy at Sale High School. Y5s will have the opportunity to use resources and facilities not available to them at primary school and give them a taste of what lessons are like here. We have a wonderful programme lined up including Coding with Mrs Beswick; pupils will be learning how to apply computing in the real world using microbits, Science with Mrs Shawcross and Mrs Woods; Year 5 will be creating their own rainbows and learning all about DNA and Design Technology with Miss Conce and Miss Welsh; this workshop will see pupils designing and making their own headphones! See you soon Year 5!

Media City

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 so meone 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 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.



NEW initiatives FOR 2018



SALE HIGH SCHOLARS

The Sale High School curriculum is broad and balanced and is differentiated to meet the needs of all abilities. The Sale Scholars Programme is aimed at the most academically able 10% of our students. It starts in year 7 and helps to prepare, stretch and challenge students throughout their time at Sale High School. Students are selected for the Scholars programme based on their KS2 data and their performance across Maths, English, Science, Geography, History and Modern Foreign Languages at Sale High School. Students must also demonstrate a growth mind-set, which leads students to be relentless in their determination to develop, grow and achieve. Students are expected to take up a significant number of the opportunities offered, including those that take place or require assignments to be completed outside the timetabled hours of the school day. The Scholars Programme also sees students taking part in excursions and university visits. 15 students are currently looking forward to a residential trip to Cambridge University next month to experience life on campus and inspire their future life choices.

LEADERSHIP LADDER

New for 2018 is our Leadership Ladder. The Leadership Ladder provides opportunities for students to gain leadership experience and recognises achievements through the different leadership colours, bronze, silver, gold and platinum. Year 7 and 8 students can work towards Lower Bronze, Lower Silver and Lower Gold leadership colours, achieving a certificate and badge to recognise their hard work, as well as extra house points. At each level, students must complete five leadership activities. There are many activities to choose from including: leading a lesson, helping on open evening, attending an extra-curricular club or writing a book review. Students will follow the Leadership Ladder right through to the end of Year 11 and be able to talk about their achievements on their sixth form and college applications.

TENNER CHALLENGE

Have you ever thought about running your own business or turning a great idea into reality? Well our students have the opportunity to do just that when they sign up to take part in the 'Tenner Challenge'. Working in teams students have been asked to come up with a winning business idea. The teams with the best business plans received up to £10 for each member and have 4 weeks to develop, design and sell their product. At the end of the 4 weeks students must pay back their £10 start up loan and donate 10% of their profits to charity. The rest is theirs! The objective of the Tenner Challenge is to use the Young Enterprise Employability Competency Framework to develop students' skills in the following areas; communication, confidence, financial capability, initiative, organisation, problem-solving, resilience and teamwork. The project also helps students gain real life experience and become active citizens. We can't wait to see what ideas they come up with. The project also underpins much of the curriculum taught in our new GCSE options; Business Studies and Creative Media.

Performance tables

We are delighted to share our school's performance rating with you. We are immensely proud of all of our students and staff for their continued hard work and determination to make Sale High School one of the best schools in Trafford.

[Click here to see how we compare with our neighbouring high schools here.](#)



Transition NEWS 2018

What happens NEXT?

Pupils all over the country will soon be finding out which High School they will be attending in September. Starting a new school is an exciting time and we pride ourselves on our transition process. Transition simply means the journey from Y6 to Y7. Y6s coming to Sale High School in September will start to see and hear a lot more from us during the Summer Term.

April

Information will be sent home with details of our transition events.

May

Mr Scully and Mrs Hulton will visit as many Y6s as they can. Your teachers will tell us a bit about you and you will also learn more about Sale High School.

July

Transition Day, you will come and spend the day in school and meet other Y6s joining us in September.

August

Sale High summer school! Spend a week with us, getting to know the school, making friends and having fun.

September

School starts on the 5th September!