

Spring 2018

NEWSLETTER

A huge welcome to our Easter newsletter!

We really hope you enjoy looking at the fantastic events that have been happening at Sale High School this term. And what a term it has been: a brilliant mixture of classroom learning, solid revision for all important pre public exams, plus an awful lot of good work in our community and fun!

Highlights for myself have been a superb Hot Chocolate Friday that saw our Year 8 Netball Team and their wonderful coach Jean Leigh, receiving their medals for winning their netball league. I was so proud. Also on that Friday I was able to meet with Ali in year 8 who had taken charge and helped Reg our lollipop man when he had a really nasty turn on duty. Reg and his family were in school on that day to thank Ali and meet him properly.

Another highlight was our wonderful cake sale for the Make A Wish foundation, organised by Head Girl Amisha and the Junior Leadership Team which raised over £200.

Plus, how could I forget our Dragon's Den event, where myself and the other dragons on the panel put our Tenner Challenge participants through their paces and grilled them on the products they are promoting. Excellent!

On March 1st we received the list of Year 6 students who will be our lovely new Year 7 in September. As you will know we have been really pleased that our mission of being 'the school of choice for our local community' is being realised. Having met lots of our new cohort through visiting our partner primary Year 6 classes over the last term, we know they are going to be an absolutely brilliant year.

Happy reading!

Jayne O'Grady



Sale High School



Some highlights so far..



Cambridge University Residential

Last week a group of Sale High School students enjoyed a residential in Cambridge where they were able to take part in Cambridge University's 'Aspirations Day'. Cambridge University is recognised as one of the best universities in the world (second only to Oxford) and Sale High students benefited from a talk on 'Aiming High,' a course choice workshop and a college tour with current students. They were also taken on a grand walking tour of some of the city's beautiful highlights and tourist attractions. They returned with tired feet but inspired and excited about their present and future education!

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World Book Day

On Thursday 11th March we celebrated World Book Day with year 7 students and staff dressing up as characters from their favourite books. All students in school received a £1 World Book Day token that they can redeem in bookshops and supermarkets to get a copy of the specially published WBD books or can use as money off any other book. They can also be used to purchase books from the scholastic book club catalogues available in the library. Year 7 took part in a special WBD assembly including the inter-house spelling bee competition. Students Siya & Luke were awarded the 'caught reading' prize, nominated by the most teachers for being seen reading around school. Ethan won the 'best costume' prize for his Mad Hatter costume and George & Joseph were the joint winners of the 'guess the character' competition for correctly guessing which book characters the staff were dressed as. It was a great day and a real celebration of literacy.

International Women's Day celebrations



Year 10 students from Sale High School were invited to an inspirational event to celebrate International Women's Day in March. The event brought girls from all over Manchester together to celebrate women's achievements. The afternoon was a celebration of the strength and resilience of women in Manchester. The girls heard from special guest speakers, had a look around the information stalls and ate plenty of cake! Chelsea was one of our invited students and has written about her experience of the day.

A group of Year 10 girls were invited to an International Women's Day event at Wythenshawe Forum. The experience was eye opening and we didn't realise how many people actually supported the cause. There was a young woman called Samantha Hay who had an interesting story about how she became the owner of a successful business after getting pregnant at the age of 14. Samantha Hay's story was so inspiring we decided to tell her what we thought! We knew she didn't need some

school kids to tell her but we still had to let her know we were so thankful that she shared her story. The other speakers were Anna Clifford, Head of Talent at Vodaphone, Angela Martin, a sports therapist, Lucy and Shannon from Wythenshawe Community Housing Group, Dr Michelle Harvie from Prevent Breast Cancer and Mike Kane MP was also there. The event was held at the forum and Mrs Chapple's driving got us there in plenty of time which was good because it took us longer to park than actually get there! We were welcomed with cakes, biscuits and beverages. Not only were there lots of inspirational speeches but there was also the chance to take part in a dancing workshop. Some of us thought that sitting down was better but we soon regretted our decision after watching Mrs Chapple on the dance floor. Over all it was a very inspirational trip and I would definitely like to go again.

Leadership Ladder

This term we have introduced the Leadership Ladder. 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, pupils must complete 5 leadership activities from the list included in their leadership booklet. Students who complete 5 activities will be presented with their award by Ms O'Grady. This is a really exciting opportunity for students to be involved in and great enrichment to support college and career applications later on in life. Please encourage your child to get involved and have a talk to them about which activities they are involved in.



So far ... Max, Christian, Charles, Katherine, Tanya, Aadya, Samhita, Rashmi, Siya, Evie, Dhruv, Karlie, Kate, Joe, Umar have all achieved their lower bronze award.

Ben, Emese, Ben, Tammy, Syd and Finlay made up the Sale High School team.



Tomorrow's Engineers Robotics Challenge

Student teams from across the country took part in this exciting robotics challenge. The event sees students take part in a series of 'aviation missions'. Teamwork, robots, design, discovery and fun are all part of the mix, as are real-world challenges and the chance to win some great prizes! Students learnt how to build, program and control autonomous robots to complete a series of short, exciting aviation missions.

Our team were put through their paces in a series of challenges and came out winners in the 'speed challenge'! Their dragster covered 400cm in a little over 2 seconds, too quick for any of the other teams. The students were presented with a certificate and trophy to mark their achievement. Mr Adebajo, maths teacher and robotics fanatic couldn't have been any prouder! Team members have been consistently attending robotics club afterschool in the weeks running up to the event, their time and commitment certainly paid off and they were great ambassadors for the school.

Well done everyone!



The team who earned the most profit were 'Key Ideas' with a massive £225!



Tenner Challenge

As part of the school's wider curriculum, Miss Welch and the DT Department decided to run the Tenner Challenge which is a Young Enterprise national challenge for Y8 & Y9 students. Tenner Challenge helps young people develop key skills including creativity, positivity, resilience and problem solving, using real money to take calculated risks in business. Fifty students had one month to set up a business – coming up with the idea of a product or service that they could sell/provide.

By taking part in the challenge, students have been able to experience what it is like to be a young entrepreneur! Students worked in teams of 3-5 members. They submitted an initial business plan and once accepted onto the challenge, the bank of Tenner gave them up to £10 per pupil as a start-up loan. Pupils used this money to set up their business. Along with the help of Miss Welch and Mrs Haynes, teams had four weeks to make as much profit as they could.

We had some fantastic businesses, including; personalised t-shirts, laser cut key rings, cake pops, candles, bath bombs, bracelets, activity books and delivery services for teachers. There were weekly competitions to keep pupils engaged, incentivised and motivated. Some students set up pop-up shops at a recent Year 10 parents evening and all students took part in a lunchtime craft fair to sell their products to staff and students. At the end of the challenge, participants had to pay back their initial starting pledge plus a £1 legacy donation and 10% of their profit, over £200 went to St Anne's Hospice.

We are extremely proud of all of our participating students. They have worked extremely hard over the past few weeks to create their businesses.



The Most Organised Individual award went to Maisie and the Best Project Manager was Oliver.

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**TEN POUNDS
FOUR WEEKS
ONE GOAL**



GCSE drama residential

During early February this year our Year 10 GCSE Drama students were fortunate enough to be part of the special GCSE drama residential that took place in Anglesey, North Wales. The weekend included staying over three nights along with 3 other high schools from the North West and taking part in workshops and performances with different theatre practitioners.

Obviously this was a big ask to our students, to collaborate with new people from different schools, try out new experiences and ways of working and to rehearse towards a performance for on the last

day. It wasn't an easy ride for our students, who had to take part in different workshops during the course of the weekend, the first being 8pm the night we arrived! However all students worked extremely hard during the weekend and were able to take part in a variety of theatrical experiences.

Students worked wonderfully over the weekend and were a credit to the school. They showed great maturity in the activities and although we only had a short time in Anglesey, we are positive the memories of our visit will be staying with us for a long time to come.



GOODBYE Year 11

This will be the last Newsletter for our Y11 students, as they will be leaving us next term to sit their GCSE examinations. We wish them all the best of luck with their revision over Easter and are pleased that so many students are taking advantage of the revision classes being delivered over the holiday. With hard and determination, we know that all of our students have the potential to achieve the very best grades possible in their examinations. We were extremely proud of their approach to the recent pre public

examinations. Students were well prepared and showed a real desire to succeed. They will be able to use the results to focus their final weeks of revision before the real examinations start in May. The summer terms brings more than just exams, students also have their leavers' assembly and the prom to look forward to. We cannot wait to see you all in your best attire! Can we also remind students and parents that Year 11 Leavers' hoodies are now available to buy online, information was sent via groupcall and a link to the online shop is also available in the student section of the website.



You can also use this link to take you to the online shop now.

Upcoming Events

22 April 2018
Leavers Hoodie Order Deadline

30 April 2018
Year 9 Exam week

3 May 2018
Year 7 Parents Evening

14 May 2018
GCSE Examinations begin

25 May 2018
Break up for half term

28 May 2018
May bank holiday

Planetarium Visit

On Tuesday 23rd January, fifty six Year 7 students and five staff members visited Altrincham Grammar School for Boys, who played host to a mobile planetarium. The purpose of the visit was for students to gain a better understanding of physics, specifically astronomy. The planetarium is an inflatable dome, which is the largest in northern Britain! The dazzling visual presentation led students through a journey of the Solar System, focusing particularly on the Moon, Sun, Tim Peake's mission and constellations.

Students were initially apprehensive to ask the presenter questions. However, after one student asked a question about gravity, more hands started going up as they wanted to know about black holes, dwarf planets and how many astronauts have walked on the moon. Students also learnt some interesting key words, including spaghettification!

The trip proved successful when students collectively pointed out groups of stars such as the 'Big Dipper'. Upon exiting the dome, students were full of smiles and showed enthusiasm for what they had just seen. Thank you to everyone who made the trip a success.

Spotlight on our ALUMNI

Brittany Peacock



Former student Brittany got back in touch to tell us what she has been up to since leaving SHS in 2014. I've done so much since leaving Sale High School I wanted to get back in touch to let current students know how many opportunities there are available for young people.

After finishing my GCSE's I went on to study BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Business Enterprise and entrepreneurship. While studying I became a student ambassador, student representative, participated in the Career Academy and became the student governor for South Trafford Campus. I worked closely with Graham Luccock, Chair of Sale High School Governing Body and Chairperson of Trafford College.

I took part in Young Enterprise for the second time, the first time was whilst at SHS and won the North West Student of the Year award. Whilst studying at Trafford College I have also been awarded Student Voice of the Year and the Outstanding Contribution to Trafford College award. Thanks to all the wonderful things I was able to achieve whilst at Trafford College, I achieved 'Highly commended' in the Association of Colleges (AoC) Student of the Year Award, held at the House of Commons. Following a gap year working in industry I am now studying BA Business Management at the University of Chester where I am student ambassador and student representative and part of their national competitive cheerleading team the Vixens. I am also working towards gaining The Chester Difference Award which recognises extra-curricular achievement. I really enjoyed my time at Sale High School and wish all the current Year 11s good luck in their forthcoming exams. It's all worth it!

RISING STARS

MAX Year 7

Max started playing football when he was 4 years old and his talent was apparent even from this young age. Max and his family moved from Fulham to Manchester thanks to his big brother signing for Manchester United. Keen to follow in his brother's footsteps, Max tried out for the U12 team. 'I was nervous on the day, there were lots of people watching and the other boys were really good players'. Max had nothing to worry about and MUFC saw real potential in his abilities and signed him straight away. It's not all fun and games however and Max has to work really hard to juggle his playing commitment and his school work as he trains 4 times a week and has a match every Saturday. Max hopes to continue to impress the coaches, as he would like to be a professional footballer in the future. When we asked him what he enjoys best about playing for such a high profile team he said, 'I like it that my parents proud of me and I feel proud of myself'.

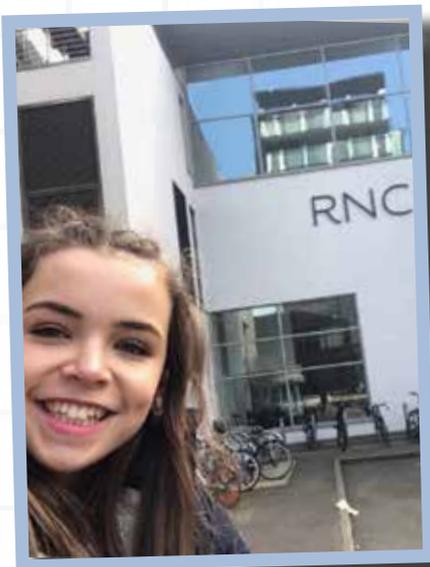
KATE Year 7

Kate has been practicing the art of Irish dancing for 4 years. Her primary school were running Irish dance as an afterschool activity and Kate decided to give it a try. The dance teacher recognised her talent immediately and encouraged her to attend classes outside of school. Kate now attends the A.C Academy of Irish Dance and has quickly become one to watch. She has won numerous competitions and trophies in her age category. Her dancing has taken her all over the country and next year Kate looks set to qualify for the world championships which will be held in America. What is even more amazing is that Kate suffers from Osgood-Schlatter disease, a knee condition which is common among young athletes which means Kate often has pain in her legs. She says, 'I am in pain most of the time but never when I dance which is why I love it even more!' She also says Irish dancing is a great release if she is feeling stressed or angry because she can stamp her feet as hard as she likes! Kate has also made a lot of friends through dance and she loves to win!



RUBY Year 10

Ruby has been interested in performance since she was 3 years old and has taken part in school productions and other performances outside of school. Most recently, she responded to an open audition she saw in a leaflet passed to her by our drama teacher, Miss Arukovic. The production was the Royal Northern College of Music's adaptation of West Side Story. Ruby wowed the company's directors and was cast as one of the Jets! Ruby's ability to manage her school work and the busy rehearsal schedule is a testament to Ruby's ambition to pursue musical theatre as a career when she leaves school next year. Rehearsals took place 3 nights a week for 12 weeks culminating in a solid week of rehearsal in the run up to opening night. Ruby has well and truly caught the acting bug and is already excited to take part in the RNCM's next production 'In the Heights'.



SPORTING NEWS

LEAGUE WINNERS



NETBALL

Congratulations to the Year 8 netball squad who were successful in winning their league. They enjoyed hot chocolate with the Head Teacher where Jean Leigh our coach came in to present the students with their winners medals. Watch this space for a new date.

ATHLETICS

Well done to our Year 7 and 8 indoor athletics teams who came 4th in the tames Trafford Schools indoor athletics event. Amazing effort in both track and field elements. Our streetcheer squad are preparing for their Trafford Schools dance competition in May with loads of enthusiasm. The girls now look forward to the summer of rounders.

SPORTING NEWS

RUGBY

This year has seen rugby continue in the curriculum as the boys get ready for a number of tournaments run and hosted by Sale RFC.

Unfortunately, the Year 7 tournament had to be postponed; however, Year 8 took part in their tournament here at Sale High. Year 8 put up a spirited display but came up against tough competition from Sale Grammar and Broadoak. The boys are still developing and this was a good experience to develop their skills in a competitive situation.

FOOTBALL

Year 7

The Year 7 team have made an impressive start to their school career and remained unbeaten in the league all season. A recent 9-1 victory away to Broadoak added to 5 other victories and a draw, crowning them league champions. We now await the Play-offs where we will play for a place in the League Final.

Year 8

The Year 8 team have had a good season. They have played 7, won 5 and lost 2. The boys have also made it into the quarter final of the Trafford cup with a last minute 5-4 victory against Streitford High. The boys are now playing Wellington for a place in the semi-final.

Year 9

After a bright start, the Year 9 teams season became a little unstuck. Having narrowly lost their last 2 matches, we await a double header against ACA, which could put our league season back on track and through to the next round of the Trafford Cup. They are a quality football team and deserve something out of this season.

Year 10

A massively improved season by the Y10 boys with some really good new additions such as Devonte and Kieran. They played some brilliant football at times but lost on two occasions to last minute goals. Goals have come from Jack who has been a fantastic lone striker, Josh who has been amazing in forward positions and Devonte who has been prolific in front of goal as well as from others. Jacob has played very well all year as has Will although we expect nothing more from these two. Joe has found a brilliant new position at the base of a defensive four made up of the ever reliable Max, ever committed Heyden and a very composed Alex. Brandon has been a huge asset in goal some amazing saves. We have also seen big inputs from the tactical genius of Louis and Jordan as well as many other names who have stepped in when needed. This is a really lovely bunch of boys who are very talented, committed and show themselves as well as the school in its best light.

ATHLETICS

The Year 7 and 8 boys took part in the Trafford indoor athletics tournament held at Lostock school earlier this month. The year 7 boys did amazingly well winning silver overall in second place and gold in shot put, long Jump and speed bounce. The Year 7s also won the 4 by 1 lap relay an amazing achievement against strong competition. The Year 8s also did very well finishing with a bronze overall in third place. The boys put in a brilliant performance and can now build on these skills to transfer to the summer inter school competition and our own sports day. Well done to Callum, Lewis, Noah, Charles, Isheanesu, Cameron and Dorian.

Keep up to date with everything that's going on at SHS on our social media pages.

