



Sale High School

Spring Newsletter 2019



Dear all!

Welcome to our spring newsletter. It is brilliant as Head to have this opportunity to reflect on all the wonderful events we have been involved in this term, and what a busy term it has been! Students have been rewarded with a range of great prizes and treats: from our good egg awards in assemblies this week, to film afternoon; meals out and rewards for reading. We have also had a range of educational visits and participated as a community in many special events – such as International Women’s Day, commemorating Holocaust Memorial day with the wider community of Greater Manchester and those to do with subject areas like our planetarium visit. Students have also been involved in a range of sporting fixtures and in fund raising for their houses. I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter this term as much as I have!

Best wishes
Jayne O’Grady
Head Teacher

Revision Olympics

Revision skills and techniques are taught from Y7 in school to ensure students are equipped with the correct strategies for retaining what they have learnt.

Teaching staff are always looking for innovative ways to help students prepare for assessment and exams and this term Miss Welsh has introduced the 2019 Revision Olympics to Y10! Teams have been taking part in various competitions from Jenga to Jeopardy in a bid to be crowned revision champion whilst reinforcing their knowledge of the Creative Imedia syllabus.

For more revision tips and guidance please visit the school website.

The M.F.L department celebrate Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras (literally fat Tuesday!) or Shrove Tuesday as it more commonly known in the U.K. marks the beginning of Lent. To mark the occasion, our language ambassadors hosted a fantastic pancake sale in the hall with all the proceeds going to the M.F.L department to pay for extra resources requested by students. Miss Horn and her team didn’t stop there, the department also launched a homework competition asking students to research Mardi Gras and create something which celebrates the festival. As usual, our students didn’t disappoint with entries ranging from crowns to masks and even food! Well done to everyone who entered. In particular to Evie, Ewan, Sanika, Emaan and Farheen who were judged to be the winners and to Harley, Jack, Aimee, Emma and Arisha who were all runners up. As a reward for their efforts, these students were invited to a film rewards afternoon at the end of term.



Stretford Grammar Peer Mentor programme

We are pleased to announce that we have partnered with Stretford Grammar School to launch a peer mentor programme with their 6th form. A group of Y10 students are taking part in a pilot scheme which sees them linked to a 6th form student who will be helping them to focus on revision strategies, boost their study confidence and develop any areas where they feel they are struggling. If the pilot is successful, we are hoping to roll the programme out to a wider group later in the year. Thank you to Stretford Grammar for working with us on this fabulous initiative.



Hot Chocolate with the Head

This term we have been inundated with student nominations for hot chocolate with the Headteacher. Students have been commended for a multitude of fantastic achievements, this week the Head welcomed Kiera for excellent homework in Geography, Oscar for outstanding effort in class and Kelsey for always being focused and doing so well in her exams and classwork. Well done everyone.



Bon appetite!

To reward some excellent work and independent revision, Mrs Payne and Mrs Horn took 15 Y11 French students for a meal at Chez Nous Bistro in Sale. The team at Chez Nous pulled out all the stops and created a bespoke tasting menu for our students to try. It was a lovely evening for both staff and students. The group also had the opportunity to try some French delicacies which they hadn't experienced before. The bouillabaisse was a particular hit! Huge thanks to Chez Nous for taking such good care of us. We would definitely recommend you give them a try!



The Red Box project

The Red Box Project is a community-based, not-for-profit initiative, which aims to support young people during their periods by providing red boxes filled with free period products to local schools. Our Red Box was brought into school by Kathy from Red Box Projects and is located in student services. We are committed to making sure no young person misses out on learning because of anxiety or embarrassment during their period. The initiative has been advertised widely in school and is already starting to make an impact. Any donations would be gratefully received: zip lock bags, pads and wipes. Any donations should be taken to student services.



Sale Scholars

In partnership with Manchester University, our Sale High Scholars have embarked on an Italian taster course as part of the university's Languages XP project. Led by an Italian undergraduate, our students are taking part in a series of lunchtime sessions. During the first session students enjoyed a pizza lunch and learnt how to introduce themselves and greet others. By the end of the course the scholars will have gained a real insight into studying at university and where languages can take them. They were surprised to hear that there are a range of languages which can be picked up from scratch at university with no prior knowledge required. We hope the students will also enjoy learning about a new culture and be motivated to study a language long term.

Library donations

The school library is always a hive of activity. We are open before school, breaktime, lunchtime and after school until 4.30. Mrs O'Brien relies on a dedicated team of student librarians to keep the library running smoothly. These young people have a real passion for all things literacy and as such are always coming up with ideas to improve the library. One of the ways they wanted to do this was by donating some of their own books! And what a haul we received! Thank you so much to George, Joseph, Eleanor, Michael and Lucia for taking the time to go through their books at home and kindly pass them on for all of our students to enjoy.



Accelerated Reader rewards afternoon

We were delighted to host another great film rewards afternoon this term, this time it was the turn of our top accelerated readers! The Accelerated Reader programme is a powerful tool for monitoring and managing independent reading practice in school and motivating our students to read for pleasure. 70 students were invited to watch Sherlock Holmes as a reward for having reached or surpassed their reading target for the winter term. Well done everyone!

Primary links

Our Junior Leadership Team have been busy this term, helping to deliver English workshops to our local primary schools. Working with Miss Preece, Mrs Dempsey and Miss Holden our students delivered creative writing sessions to Moorlands, St Anne's, Lime Tree and Worthington Y5 classes. The teaching staff couldn't have done it without them! The children learnt how to properly plan out fictional stories, develop their characters and write enticing opening sentences. We look forward to welcoming the children to a series of science taster sessions at our school after Easter.



A special letter

After discovering Y7 Sam's love for the David Walliams books, Miss Body one of our many amazing intervention leaders decided to write to the man himself to tell him all about Sam. Miss Body and Sam have been regularly reading his books together throughout the year and it was Sam's enthusiasm for books which inspired Miss Body to put pen to paper. We were absolutely thrilled when Sam received a reply from the man himself, David Walliams! In the letter he told Sam all about being an author and how he gets the ideas for all of his books. Well done Sam!



Planetarium visit

This term Y7 students visited Altrincham Grammar School for Boys, who hosted a mobile planetarium event. The visit allowed 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 focused on the Solar System, including the Moon, Sun and constellations. Our students were asked lots of really insightful questions and were particularly interested in when they could go on holiday to the Moon.



Students pay their respects

Our humanities ambassadors took part in a trip to Sale Waterside earlier this term, for the Holocaust memorial event. The afternoon was a moving and educational collection of talks, performances and prayers commemorating Holocaust Memorial day. We would like to thank Trafford Council, Waterside Arts and the community volunteers who put the event together. It was an emotional and emotive event for staff and students who all came away with deeper understanding of the horrors of the Holocaust.



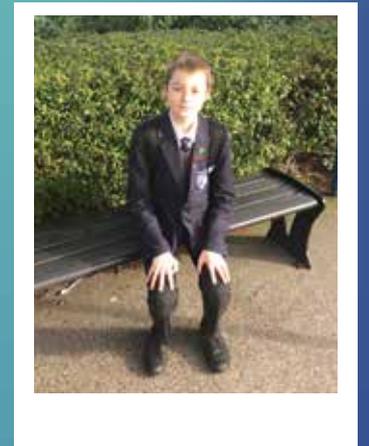
International Women's Day

Our girls had a great afternoon at the International Women's Day tea party at Wythenshawe forum. Hosted by Mike Kane MP, we heard from a number of inspirational speakers about careers, overcoming life's struggles and the importance of ambition. Speakers included Jennie Johnson MBE, Chief Executive of Kids Allowed and Joanne Roney OBE, Chief Executive of Manchester City Council. Our students were definitely inspired by what they heard and were able to hear first hand that with hard work and determination, anything is possible!



Robotics competition, written by Y7 Daniel Hornby

On the 5th March, Sale High school's fabulous Robotics Team competed against other schools in Macclesfield to complete robotics challenges that required patience, teamwork and engineering skills. The challenges included; a speed challenge; project presentation; teamwork challenge and design presentation. Finally, our last and most difficult challenge was the robot test course which was a series of smaller challenges that had to be completed in 3 minutes. For example, a dance challenge and a challenge where our robot had to pull a Lego model plane. At the end of our wonderful trip was the awards ceremony where the winners of the competition were announced. The winners get to go to Birmingham to compete against the rest of the country. Unfortunately, we didn't win but we had a fun day and left the competition with ideas and improvement for next year.



Inter-house competition

This term houses have gone head to head to see who can raise the most money for their respective charities. Each form has been tasked with coming up with their own unique fundraising activities. Yet again, our students didn't disappoint. We have had cake sales, sweet stalls, marshmallows and chocolate fountains, balancing 20p on floating lemons (yes this was our favourite too!), splat the teacher and face painting. Every little helps and even those forms who didn't raise the most money should still be very proud of their achievements. The charities which will benefit are King House, Amnesty International, Turing House, The Proud Trust Peer Support Project, Howard House, Francis House Children's Hospice and Pankhurst House, The Pankhurst Trust. Thank you to everyone who participated.



Uniform Reminder

We would like to remind students and parents about our uniform guidelines, in particular around shoes. For the full uniform policy please visit the uniform guidance on the school website . More information can also be found in the Headteacher's accompanying letter.

Examples of non-permitted shoes:



No over the ankle boots (including Ugg style boots), canvas pump styles, trainer styles, leather pumps

Examples of permitted shoes:



Girls: Black leather lace-ups, slip-ons, slip-ons with straps
Boys: Black leather slip-ons, lace-ups, Velcro straps

Sports highlights

Y7 Netball

The girls have shown outstanding commitment to training and improving their skills. Their commitment has paid off with Sale High School winning the majority of their matches. Well done girls.



Y9 Netball

The squad played in the Trafford School's Tournament held at Stretford Grammar this term. All involved were a huge credit to the school as they played with both determination and sportsmanship.



Y7 Football

The Y7 football team have made a fantastic start to the year winning 4 out of our opening 5 games.

After resuming the season, the boys have continued impressively, beating Sale Grammar in our final league game of the season 3-2 and knocking Wellington out of the cup 4-1. We now await our opponents in the quarter final of the Trafford Cup and the semi-final of the league cup play-off.



The Y7 girls football team have been amazing this half term! They have played with confidence in all their matches some of which have been a real challenge. Outstanding performances this term have come from Abi Morton and Sienna Bramhall.



Y8 Football

After winning the cup last year, the Y8 football team have had a mixed year, which has included a heavy defeat in the league to beaten finalists last year, Wellington Road, a draw against a strong Ashton on Mersey A team and a thumping wins against Wellacre and BTH. Three league matches are yet to be played due to cancellations at the start of the year, so we are yet to see where we will finish in the league.



Y9 Football

Y9 played their first round cup match against Stretford Grammar. The boys gave a very good account of themselves but 3 individual errors cost us the game and we lost 3-0. There are 2 league games left to finish the season on a high!

This week we progressed to the quarter finals of the Trafford Cup with a comprehensive 8-0.

Y7 Basketball

The Y7 basketball team began their season with a hard fought victory over Wellington by 12 points to 8. Jeremie Bohui man of the match. They continue their season with a match at home to Broadoak next week. Continuing from these early matches, the Y7 team went from strength to strength winning all their league games and finishing top of the league. Unfortunately, we came across a very strong Stretford Grammar team in the semi-final and were narrowly beaten. Nonetheless, what a fantastic debut season with star player Jeremie Bohui.

Y8/9 basketball

The team have had a very successful season. They went the whole league season unbeaten winning every game and winning the South Trafford basketball league. The boys then went into the Trafford play offs against Urmston Grammar and won their semi final to make the way into the final. The boys came up against a very strong St Ambrose team. The boys fought incredibly hard but lost by 3 points. These lads have worked really hard training every week and were a credit to the school. Stand out players Ryan Tioffo, Noah Bohui and Tyler Shaw.

Y10/11 Basketball

The team began their season with a heavy defeat against title favourites Altrincham Boys Grammar School. Tobi Odejimi was man of the match. They improved greatly in their second game away to ACA and were unlucky to lose a hard fought contest. Man of the match was Cassius Williams. They continue their season with their next match at Ashton on Mersey.

Y7 Rugby

Y7 competed in a 4 team round robin tournament hosted by Trafford Metrovics. Games were played every Thursday afternoon. Having lost to BTH in the opening game, the boys scored 11 tries against Stretford High in a thumping win and narrowly lost their final game to eventual champions Ashton on Mersey by just one try. The boys never gave up and were a credit to Sale High School. Star players were Ben Marks and Jack Berry.

Y8 Rugby

Y8 entered the inaugural Trafford Schools League, organised and run by Sale RFC. After narrowly losing our first two matches against ACA and BTH, we ended the league stage with a thumping victory over Broadoak at the Corp Acq Stadium, Heywood Road. We await to see who we play in the play-offs.

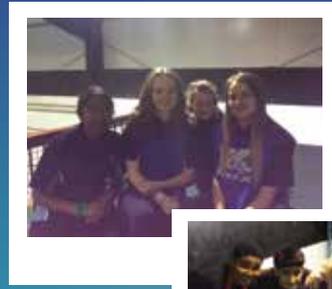
Y10/11 Cricket

In preparation for the Summer, Sale High took a team down to Altrincham Grammar School for boys to take part in the annual indoor 6-a-side competition. We were unable to notch a win in any of the 4 games we played, having not picked up a bat since this time last year. However, the boys improved greatly as the afternoon went on. Player of the tournament was Prinon Elom .

Handball

Y10 got off to a good start in the inaugural Trafford Schools Handball league.

They played two games winning one comprehensively and losing the other in the last minute. We have high hopes for this team, and we are confident of progressing through to the finals. The Y10 team continued their impressive display throughout this season and were unlucky to lose out at the final hurdle with a narrow defeat to Wellington costing us a place in the county finals. Cassius Williams and Kaden Box were our star players and will be attending England trials in the near future.



Y8/9 girls handball team were involved in the Trafford Handball Club tournament hosted by our school. They faced tough opposition from GCSE students from other schools. Yet again determination prevailed with positive results across a number of fixtures.

Street Cheer

Streetcheer Club continue to work on their Trafford School competition routine, which will be held in June. Good luck girls!

Inter House Competition

The inter house handball competition ran a little differently this term as this was the first competition using mixed teams. Miss Davies, Mr Kelly, Miss Thomas and Mr Jackson were very impressed at the level of skill on display and the great competitive attitude shown by everyone involved. Howard were crowned winners for Y7, King for Y8, Howard for Y9 and King were the winners for Y10. Well done everyone!

Quiz Night

To raise money for their end of school Prom, our Y11 Prom committee and Junior Leadership team are organising and hosting a quiz night on 25 April 2019 from 7pm – 9pm. As well as raising money, this event will also be a great way to meet other parents and have some fun! Teams can be up to 6 people but need to be a minimum of 2 adults and 2 children. There will be music, raffle, drinks and light refreshments (made by our Y11 Food Technology students), so why not come along and show your support for our wonderful school and students? Tickets are available to purchase in the main hall at breaktimes during the first week after the holidays or via ParentPay.

£1.50 for students/children

£3.00 for adults

We are also on the hunt for raffle prizes! If you or your place of work would like to contribute in this way please contact chulton@salehighschool.org.uk See you there!

Y11 PROM FUNDRAISER MUSIC

QUIZ NIGHT

Thursday 25 April
7pm - 9pm
School Hall

Raffle

Tickets - Students, £1.50
Adults, £3.00

Teams must have a minimum of 2 adults & 2 students

Drinks and light refreshments available

Buy tickets in the common room or via parentpay