



## Hylands School Newsletter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### **Welcome**

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2018. I hope you all had a restful break! Back in the beginning of November, we had our visit from Ofsted. The report has finally been published and can be viewed by clicking [here](#) or the link on the school website. Alternatively, you can visit the Ofsted website and search for Hylands School. The judgement we have received is 'Requires Improvement' which is a reflection of the large number of changes the school has gone through over the past couple of years. The inspectors recognised all the hard work that had been done by all staff during last term to move the school forward and improving the progress students are making. This is linked to the development of more effective teaching and additional challenge for students. They commented on the effective provision in the sixth form including the improvements made to vocational education. The report notes that students feel safe within school and are effectively taught about risks to their welfare. The key areas for improvement include continued development of the quality of teaching and to improve the attendance and punctuality of students. These have been key targets for the school since September and impact of these can already be seen within the school.

We would also like to invite you to our "Parent Information Evening" on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. This will give you an opportunity to meet the school's Senior Leadership Team and Governors, have further feedback from the Ofsted report and hear our plans for moving the school forward.

Thank you for your continued support of Hylands School.

Andrew Parry – Acting Headteacher

Sarah Jacobs – Chair of Governors

### **Peer Mentoring Celebration Breakfast**



At the end of last term, we celebrated with a breakfast for the students who have been attending the morning interventions in the LRC. This included the Sixth Form Peer Mentors along with their mentees and the students who have participated in paired reading and literacy support. There was plenty to eat and delicious hot chocolate, as well as Christmas music to celebrate the end of a term of lots of hard work from these students. Well done to everyone involved, in particular the Peer Mentors, Paired Readers and Support Staff; including Mrs Allwright, Mrs Harris & Mrs Marven.

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### ***Sixth Form Update***

#### Institute of Directors Essex Breakfast Meeting



Luke Free attended the Institute of Directors Essex Branch Christmas Breakfast after winning the Aspirations in Business competition. This was held at the picturesque Stock Brook Manor Country Club where Luke and his winning group were treated to a wonderful breakfast with their teachers and had the opportunity to network with successful business men and women from the Essex region. Phil Eckersley, Stephen Herring, Dr. Andrew Sentence CBE and Gerald Ratner were guest speakers at the event who shared their predictions on the economy or business experience. Luke and his group were awarded their certificates by Christine Bhatt, IoD Essex Chairperson. A thoroughly enjoyable and enlightening Business event for all!

#### Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, a charity event was held for save the children. The Christmas Jumper and Accessory Day was held throughout the school and both students and teachers got involved. The sixth form who organised the event are grateful for everyone who was involved and we would just like to thank those who wore a jumper as we raised around £170! We hope everyone continues to support our future events to raise money for charities that our important to us.  
*Hannah Birch - Senior Sixth Charity Coordinator*

### ***Attendance***

Students who achieved 100% attendance during the Autumn term were congratulated in assembly and awarded their badges this week. We hope to see more students taking on the challenge of achieving 100% attendance for the Spring term. Well done to all the students who continue to have outstanding attendance, it really will make the difference to your achievement at Hylands.

### ***KS3 Update***

Year 8 have started the new term with an assembly about new beginnings. We looked at the successful Shreddies campaign in 2008. Shreddies decided to make a small change to their product, without actually changing it at all! They changed the Shreddies from a square to a diamond, increasing sales by 18%. We asked students to think about whether they could make a small change to improve an aspect of their school life as small changes can make quite a difference. We also celebrated all of those who achieved 100% for last term. We had 41 in Year 8, which was pleasing to see considering the illnesses that were circulating last term! Well done! We hope to have an increase in 100% attenders this term.

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### ***Duke of Edinburgh Fundraising***

You are invited to join us for a fabulously fun board game evening on Saturday 20th January.

Hylands School has this year restarted the Duke of Edinburgh scheme which offers a chance for students to gain a globally recognised qualification which not only helps them gain great life skills but is also recognised by employers and further education establishments. The group of students who are working towards their Bronze award this year have made a great start to the program, and it will culminate in an expedition in the summer where they will navigate their way to a campsite carrying all the equipment they need for a night under the stars, including food, tents and clothing.

We have some of the equipment they will need, but are hoping to raise funds to ensure that the scheme can be enjoyed by as many students as possible going forward with minimal outlay, and so are raising funds to get more equipment.

**COUNTER CULTURE GAMES PRESENTS ...**

# BOARD GAMES, TREATS, FUN

At Hylands School  
Saturday 20th January  
5PM-9PM

Fun for all the family!

Entry 50p  
for all



ALL BOARD GAMES FREE TO PLAY  
NO OBLIGATION TO PURCHASE GAMES.  
OTHER FETE GAMES 10P - £1 TO PLAY  
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

A local Chelmsford based company who sell unusual and educational board games have offered to come into the school and bring a selection of their games for people to play, free of charge. There is no obligation to purchase anything, but if you choose to, a proportion of your spend will go to the school PTA and D of E.

There will be homemade cakes, snacks and drinks to purchase on the evening as well as classic fete games such as Sweets in the Jar and the Tombola.

We will be in the school hall from 5 pm till 9 pm on Saturday 20th January, so please come along for as long or as little time as you would like, and experience some new types of games and more traditional fun.

We look forward to seeing you there!

[www.counterculturegames.com](http://www.counterculturegames.com)



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### ***PTA Update***

#### Games Evening – Saturday 20th January

We are delighted to be supporting the Duke of Edinburgh students in their fundraising during this event. What we need please are:-

*Unwanted Christmas gifts - eg toys, gift sets, candles, shampoo etc (for Tombola stall)*

*Wine bottles - empty (yes, empty!) for a fun game*

*Old newspaper/Christmas wrapping paper*

*Cakes/Buns/Flapjacks/Cookies/Cupcakes/Fudge*

Please send items to the main reception as soon as possible, but no later than Friday 19th January.

Thank you in advance for your support.

#### School Lottery Update

Congratulations to the following winners:

23 December - Shane Arnold

30 December - Sheena Grant

*Thank you to Mr Arnold for his generosity in donating his prize money to the PTA*

No. of ticket holders: 18

Registered with no tickets: 15

Next Saturday's **guaranteed** Hylands Supporter Prize: £16.50

Register at: <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/hylands-school>

#### Upcoming events to watch for

February - Fashion Show, featuring clothing from High Street stores

March - end of term Barn Dance

*Please contact us if there are any events you would like to see Hylands PTA run.*

Contact email: [hylandspta@hylands-tkat.org](mailto:hylandspta@hylands-tkat.org)



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## *Advance Notices*

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Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Year 11 Core mock exams commence

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January

Year 12 and 13 Consultation Evening (5pm-8pm)



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January

Dance East G&T Workshop and Performance

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January

Youth Speaks Competition

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January

A Level Geography Field Trip - Stratford

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January

D of E Fundraising Event



Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Parent Information Evening - 6:30pm-7:30pm

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Year 8 Consultation Evening

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January

Year 9 Anglia Ruskin University Trip 'Eyes on the Prize' 11:30-3pm

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January

A Level Geography Field Trip – Stratford



Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January

GCSE Drama Trip – Women in Black



Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Musical Production 'Oliver'

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Musical Production 'Oliver'

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Musical Production 'Oliver'

### ***Half Term***

*Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February*