

INSIDE THE HIVE

Editor's Letter

Welcome to our first edition of 'Inside the Hive' – Didsbury High School's newsletter!

As current students at Didsbury High School, we wanted to create a newsletter that publicised and celebrated all of the incredible things that go on in a single term at this brand-new school. From the big events that draw in the masses to the personal successes of individual students who have gone above and beyond to exceed their potential. This termly newsletter will allow us to share this exciting news with fellow students, parents, carers and the wider community.



The impressive new-build!

We can't publish our first newsletter without recognising the fact that the school is beautiful! Taking just over a year to build, we now have a four-storey palace fully equipped with top of the range facilities that would make many other schools jealous. And we are incredibly proud. As with any brand-new adventure, there

were a couple of teething issues. However, both staff and students worked together to sort these out rapidly. We now have staircases that we actually understand how to use and lunch queues that are no longer the length of the school!

Students and staff have worked really hard to see Didsbury High School have the strongest possible start. Lessons are focused and productive, Electives are varied and enjoyable and competitions are frequent and fierce!

We do hope that you enjoy our newsletter. Whether it's the informative articles, engaging riddles or sports news, we think we have something for everybody. In addition, we have quirky interviews from teachers, starting with the renowned Dr Woolley.

Enjoy and thank you for reading.

The Year 7 Journalistic Team



Getting to know you....

By Lyla & Sophie

Our guest today is Dr. Woolley answering some 'get to know me questions' ...

Q1: *What would you usually do on a Saturday night?*

A1: "It's obviously Strictly Season, which means me and my son watch it every night. In the day we will make pizzas and then have a picnic in front of the TV!"

Q2: *How would you survive on Mars?*

A2: "I would eat around the outside and be left with the caramel on the inside."

Q3: *If you were a tree what kind would you be and why?*

A3: "I would be a Silver Birch because they absorb the most amount of pollution than any other tree. That is why they are always next to roads!"

Q4: *Why do you think the chicken crossed the road?*

A4: "Because it was stapled to the lolly pop lady!"

Q5: *Can you speak any other languages?*

A5: "I lived in Brazil for a few years so I can speak Portuguese. Also, I can speak French and a bit of Russian."

A colorful poster titled "-RIDDLES-" with a thought bubble background. The poster features three riddles on wooden arrows pointing to the left. The logos for CITIUS, MAGNUS, ALTIUS, and FORTIUS are visible in the corners.

CITIUS **ALTIUS**

-RIDDLES-





I have water, but I do not drink. I have a bed, but I do not sleep. What am I?

I can break rock to make paths. I am as soft as a feather. I can be hot and cold. What am I?

There were three men in a boat in the middle of the sea. The boat Two of the three men got their hair wet. Why was this?

MAGNUS **FORTIUS**

House Point Update!

ALTIUS	CITIUS	FORTIUS	MAGNUS
			
12,860	12,880	12,160	12,095

Sport Update

Easton

Welcome to the inaugural sports article of Didsbury High School's newsletter.

Football wise, the boys had an irritating start with two of the three games cancelled. We suffered a crushing 2-1 defeat against Fred Longworth in Wigan. However, this was quickly followed by a 6-4 victory against Manchester Health Academy on the 5th November. The day after, they played against Dean Trust Ardwick with the final score being DTA 1 – 2 DHS. On the 18th of November, they played against William Hulme and after going to penalties, DHS won. The boys also played Wright Robinson but unfortunately lost 3-1.



DHS Basketball team

At the Laurus Trust Varsity, the boys finished fourth and the girls finished second.

The 15th of October was set to be a busy day with the first ever House Sport; boys played basketball and the girls played netball. Fortius won with Citius and Altius sharing third place. Sadly, Magnus came last!

In basketball, DHS (playing as the Brooklyn Nets) played against Laurus Cheadle Hulme (playing as the Boston Celtics) in the DHS sports hall with the final score being DHS 32 – 6 LCH. They also beat Wright Robinson.

On the 13th of November, after the electives had finished, the girls netball team stayed and played their first ever game in the Didsbury High sports hall against MEA (Manchester Enterprise Academy) and won 24-0. The so far unbeaten netball team played against the Co-op academy and won 27-0. Well done to them.

On the 25th of November, the cross country race happened and the boys were first overall. Individual achievements for Ed who finished second. James and Aimee both came third in their own categories.

It's been a fantastic start to the sporting year with many successes and victories. One thing is for sure, DHS is certainly on the sporting map!



DHS Netball team

Behind Closed Doors

Written by Emma, Samantha and Pippa

September saw the opening of our brand-new high school. Built for 1,350 students in total, this four-storey architectural masterpiece is home to 55 classrooms, 33 offices, 7 laboratories and a vaulted ceilinged Dining Room!

Despite the race against time to complete the building, doors were opened to students on the 3rd September. Staff from across the Laurus Trust worked hard running up to this date to ensure that classrooms were ready, lessons were planned and the school day could begin smoothly.

And so, it began...

A bundle of nervous energy tentatively crossed the threshold, dressed in their pristine uniform and eager to meet their teachers. Journals were given, timetables understood, knowledge of how to get around the building.... still questionable.

One of the first things that we found out was what House we belonged to: Altius, Citius, Fortius or Magnus? Competitions have been fierce for the elusive House Points but we won't ruin the surprise... turn to page 3 for the big reveal. Competition winners are also celebrated below and they carry on with a vengeance in the future.

Within days, we fully understood how Didsbury High School would work. Attend. Behave. Work Hard. It's as simple as that!

And Didsbury life doesn't stop there! The Electives programme has been a soaring success with Young Writers, Sen7sation and Netball being just a few of the options available.

It really is a jam-packed experience that leaves us exhausted but comfortable in the fact that we are progressing and enjoying ourselves at the same time.

Celebrations!

Collated by Lyla and Nathan

Language Alien Competition- Amaya, Nell, Tara, Konrad, Taiyla-Rose.

Languages Day of the Dead Cookie Bake Sale- Amaya and Nancy, Hannah and Ria , Hugo.

Day of the Dead Mask- Mya, Ria, Paige

Spelling Bee (for Biology Week)- Suzie

Biology Bake sale (for Biology Week)- Eszter, Aron, Zoe, Alex, Samantha, Jake D, Nell, Avie.

Halloween Quiz- Khalifa (1st individual), Alai-zah, Lyla, Zoe, Seb H

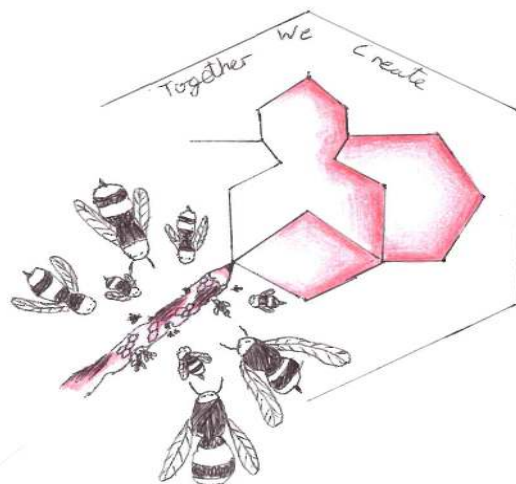
Poetry competition (for National Poetry Day)- Jonah, Disha, Theo, Star, Timur, Lola, Ryan, Frankie, Ria, Hugo, Aymen, Aimee, Arisha, Charlie S, Esme, Ava, Matthew L.

dhs_artanddesign Instagram Logo Competition- Suzie, Hannah, Hugo.

Geography photo competition- Lyla.

Eve and Lola won an external dance competition.

Taiyla-Rose won gold and silver medals from a finals swimming competition and has earned a place in the Manchester Aquatics Squad.



Instagram logo: Hugo's winning entry.