

## 2018 Newsletter 1

Welcome to the 2018 series of Newsletters in which we hope to celebrate events and successes enjoyed by Hamilton Academy students as well as communicating important and useful information to members of the Hamilton community. We will text home each time there is a newsletter available on the website, but if you prefer a paper copy, please ask your child to pop into student reception where the paper copies will be kept.

### 'Grease' hits the Hamilton stage...



**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

Our musical this year is *Grease!*  
The show will be taking place on  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 7.00pm**

**Special discount for Hamilton students - £1 on opening night.**  
Adult £5, Concessions/children £3  
(Buy your tickets from the Arc every break and lunchtime!)

Rehearsals are taking place for the upcoming production of Grease. Students are giving their all to recreate the fabulous, fun, fifties stage show. There will be songs, laughter and romance, so come along and support this exciting endeavour! Tickets available every day at the box office in the Arc.

### Lego Legends

Some entrepreneurial students attended a Lego Tournament held at The Venue at DMU. Throughout the day, students were exceptionally motivated and determined to do well. Each member of the team put in their all in the different events from group speaking, robot design and the robot battle itself. After a hesitant start, the students reflected to rectify their errors and be more prepared in the next round. They showed grit and a determination to succeed.

After the three rounds Hamilton proudly came away with 3rd place, with each student receiving a medal.

The following students took part in the day's event and should be very proud of what they achieved: Het Talati, Tyler Savage, Maruf Motaleb, Josh Carr, Zak Ibrahim, Jobenjeet Mehroke and Daniel Olatunde.

### Students travel to Europe

In December Hamilton Academy French department took 40 KS3 students to the Christmas Markets in Lille. After a very early start, they travelled by coach to the ferry in Dover and on to the beautiful old city of Lille. Students visited the cathedral, rode the big wheel and sampled Christmas food including: waffles, hot chocolate and hot dogs. After spending a fortune of souvenirs and presents, students travelled to visit a bakery where they learned all about how to make baguettes and got a REAL LIFE lesson in croissant making from the World's Scariest Baker. Those students will never forget the ingredients of a croissant!

Then after sampling fresh croissants and pain au chocolat, it was time to board the ferry and head for home, arriving back at Hamilton at midnight, tired but happy, and a bit richer in their cultural knowledge.



### Active Citizenship

Hamilton students are proving to be excellent ambassadors for Active Citizenship. This month, House Captains and tutor leaders met with City Catering Manager, Ann Merrick, to discuss the school menu and put forward their ideas. Mrs Merrick commented on the input of the student council by saying what a great ‘bunch’ the councillors were – making the meeting very enjoyable and worthwhile. Thanks to their insightful suggestions, Hamilton’s school menu will change in line with student preferences.

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MEAT OPTION	Sticky Spicy Chicken Rice	Spaghetti Bolognaise Pasta	Roast Pork Stuffing & Gravy Roast Potatoes	Turkey Meatballs In Tomato Sauce Noodles	Battered Fish Chips
VEGETARIAN OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese Malted Baguette	Cheese Flan Jacket Potato	Broccoli & Spaghetti Bake Ciabatta Slice	Cheese & Potato Pie	Vegetable Burger Chips
VEGETARIAN OPTION 2	Chick Pea & Potato Curry Rice & Naan Bread	Quorn Bolognaise Pasta	Quorn Fillet Stuffing & Gravy Roast Potatoes	Quorn Meatballs In Tomato Sauce Noodles	Spicy Pea & Potato Puff Chips
VEGETABLES	Sweetcorn Cobs Broccoli Mixed Salad	Baked Beans Carrots Mixed Salad	Broccoli & Carrots Sweetcorn Mixed Salad	Peas Baked Beans Crunchy Coleslaw	Mushy Peas or Peas Baked Beans Mixed Salad
JACKET POTATOES	Sticky Spicy Chicken Or Chick Pea Curry Or Cheese	Bolognaise Sauce Or Cheese Or Baked Beans	Cheese & Baked Beans	Cheese Or Tuna Or Baked Beans Or Coleslaw	Cheese Baked Beans
THEO'S WRAPS	THEO'S WRAPS SERVED DAILY				
PASTA SHAK	PASTA POT & CHOICE OF 2 FLAVOURED SAUCES PIZZA SLICE - PHILLY HOT DOGS CHICKEN BURGERS – SAUSAGE ROLLS – QUORN BURGERS				
DESSERT	Fruit Sponge & Custard Devonshire Splits	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce Flapjack	Fruit Crumble & Custard Chocolate Fudge Brownie	Chocolate Tart Coconut Cookie	Cherry Shortbread & Custard Chocolate Krispie

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MEAT OPTION	Sausages Chips	Lamb Lasagne Garlic Bread	Chicken Curry Rice & Chapatti	Roast Pork Loin Stuffing & Gravy Roast Potatoes	Fish Fingers Creamed Potatoes
VEGETARIAN OPTION 1	Cheese Flan Chips	Vegetable Lasagne Garlic Bread	Cheese & Onion Quesadilla Jacket Potato	Cajun Vegetable Enchilada	Vegetable Fingers Creamed Potatoes
VEGETARIAN OPTION 2	Quorn Sausages Chips	Mixed Dhal Curry Rice & Chapatti	Paneer & Sweetcorn Curry Rice & Chapatti	Quorn Fillet Stuffing & Gravy Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Jalfrezi Rice & Chapatti
VEGETABLES	Baked Beans Crunchy Coleslaw	Corn Cob Broccoli Mixed Salad	Peas Sweetcorn Crunchy Coleslaw Cucumber Salsa	Broccoli Carrots Crunchy Coleslaw	Baked Beans Peas Mixed Salad
JACKET POTATOES	Baked Beans Cheese Coleslaw	Mixed Dhal Curry Cheese Baked Beans	Chicken Curry or Paneer & Sweetcorn Curry Or Cheese & Baked Beans	Cheese Or Baked Beans Coleslaw	Cheese Baked Beans
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PASTA SHAK	PASTA POT & CHOICE OF 2 FLAVOURED SAUCES PIZZA SLICE - PHILLY HOT DOGS CHICKEN BURGERS – SAUSAGE ROLLS				
DESSERT	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce Butterscotch Biscuit	Fruit Strudel & Custard Chocolate Haystack	Fruit Sponge & Custard Jam & Cream Scone	Fruit Mousse Chocolate Shortbread	Fruit Flan Oat & Raisin Biscuit

WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MEAT OPTION	Lamb Enchiladas Spicy Rice	Roast Chicken Stuffing & Gravy Roast Potatoes	Sausage Plait New Potatoes	Chicken Fricassee Rice	Breaded Salmon/Fish Fingers Chips
VEGETARIAN OPTION 1	Spicy Vegetable Enchiladas	Creamy Vegetable Pie Roast Potatoes	Leek & Potato Frittata New Potatoes	Sticky Spicy Vegetables Rice	Cheese & Vegetable Bake Chips
VEGETARIAN OPTION 2	Cheese Flan New Potatoes	Vegetable Jambalaya Ciabatta Slice	Roasted Vegetable Plait New Potatoes	French Bread Pizza (2 slices)	Vegetable & Paneer Jalfrezi Rice & Naan Bread
VEGETABLES	Sweetcorn Baked Beans Coleslaw	Broccoli Carrots Mixed Salad	Baked Beans Mixed Vegetables Coleslaw	Peas & Carrots Sweetcorn Coleslaw	Mushy Peas / Peas Baked Beans Salsa
JACKET POTATOES	Cheese Coleslaw Baked Beans	Cheese Coleslaw Baked Beans	Cheese Coleslaw Baked Beans	Sticky Spicy Vegetables Coleslaw Cheese	Vegetable & Paneer Jalfrezi Cheese Baked Beans
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DESSERT	Fruit Sponge & Custard Flapjack	Apple Pie & Custard Chocolate Shortbread	Fruit Crumble & Custard Aunt Dot's Biscuit	Cornflake Tart & Custard Chocolate Biscuit	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce Coconut Cookie

## School's Court

13 Hamilton students eagerly signed up to participate in the annual Schools Court competition taking part in March. Megan Blokker and Cain Woollerton will take on the roles of advocates and all students are busy preparing for a case involving wounding with intent, contrary to section 18 of the Offences Against the Person Act (1861).

Hamilton won the very first schools court competition and last year Corey Taylor won best Jury Member. Watch this space for pictures, hopefully of our winning team.

## Leicester City's Young Council

For the 9th year running Hamilton will have a candidate hoping to become one of Leicester City's Young Council members. They will be battling to secure representation for Area 6 – Evington, Thurncourt & Humberstone & Hamilton, a seat currently held by an ex-student Brahmpreet Gulati. Results will be in at the beginning of March. Watch this space!

## Rock Climbing

10 year 11 GCSE students started their rock climbing course at the Outdoor Pursuits Centre in Birstall (Thursdays, 1-3.30pm). All are making good progress, and this will hopefully contribute positively towards their GCSE grade! What a fantastic opportunity for extended and enriched learning!

## Cricket Fixtures

Under 13 boys Indoor Cricket & Under 15 boys indoor cricket team have both qualified for the East Leicester finals on 7th Feb! Congratulations!

## Staff Table Pong Challenge

Firstly, a MASSIVE thank you to all the staff that came down to play and showed their support- it was a great atmosphere and awesome to see so many there and getting involved!

The scores of the staff table pong challenge are as follows:

House	Score	Position
Chiron	40	1
Arion	29	2
Griffin	13	3
Phoenix	8	4

Another win for Chiron!

## Mock Interviews

On Tuesday 16th January, Year 11 students experienced a mock interview with an employer or college leader. Interviews took place from 8.30 to 1 pm. They lasted about 20 minutes for each student.

They focussed on self-presentation and practising communication skills related to their ambitions and lives. This was an excellent opportunity for students to experience real life situations and the demands of interview processes.

Students were given detailed and relevant feedback and all students gained a new level of confidence ready to enter the world of college or work.

The feedback from students was overwhelmingly positive and the experience was immensely valuable.

## Home Learning Hints for Parents/Carers

Be ready to be a resource (but don't give them all the answers)!

- Whenever possible, be available to answer homework questions.
- Try doing a problem or two together, then watch as your son/daughter tries the next one.
- If you don't feel able to help then ask your son/daughter to explain to you what they do know and understand – this may help them to get their thoughts in order.

- Ask them questions that help them break the problem down into smaller, sequential steps and encourage them to be resilient and persevere.
- Peers in the same class may be able to offer help or they may have been recommended subject-specific websites by their teachers that could provide some answers. If not, please encourage your son or daughter to speak to their teacher the following day.

### Home Learning Hints in Gujarati.

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માટે તમે શૂ મદત કરી શકો છો ...?

- તમારા બાળક ને ઉત્સાહિત કરો.
- ખ્યાલ રાખવો કે તમારા બાળક દરોજ શાળા માં સમય સર હાજરી આપે. શાળા ના આવાનું પરિણામ છે કે તેના ભણતર માં કમી રહેશે.
- ખ્યાલ રાખવું કે તમારા બાળક રાત ના સમય સર સુવા જાય અને પુરી નીંદર કરે જેથી બીજા દિવસ તે શાળા માં સ્પુરથી થી ભરેલા હોય અને ભંળવા માં ધ્યાન આપી શકે. રાતના વધુ સમય મોબાઈલ ફોન નો ઉપયોગ ના કરે.

### Rewards and Behaviour for Learning: New Policy

We are delighted to let you know that there has been a real improvement in students' behaviour and attitude to learning. More than 500 students achieved their Bronze Award last term, demonstrating a real commitment to the Academy Values. In particular we are extremely proud of Kinjal Pravin, our first iPad winner. Kinjal achieved the most Hamilton House Points across all the Houses and was rewarded with an iPad for showing a real commitment to our academy values. Each term, we award an iPad to the student with the most HHP across the school so we look forward to finding who our next lucky winner will be.

In addition to this each week, students who achieve the most HHP in their House receive £5 gift voucher. There is also a 'random winner' from all students who reach our basic expectations. Again, one student in each House wins £5 voucher. These are awarded in assemblies, and the excitement is palpable!

Furthermore, the winning form in each House is invited to a Reward Banquet during Tutor time in the last week of term. The winning Forms this term were A2, P7, C12 and G4 – congratulations to you all!

All students collect House Points to receive Bronze, Silver and Gold awards badges and these badges also equate to money off end of term trips or the prom.

**However, despite all of the fantastically positive achievements so far, we would now like to take the opportunity to tweak these slightly in order to bring about even greater improvements.**

### Changes to the use of Reflection Time and Consequences from January 2018:

We have had an effective Consequence system and Reflection Time system at the college for the last year. However, we would like to make a change to this system to improve standards further. A letter has been sent detailing these changes but, in short:

Almost all students will respond to reminders, however, there may be small numbers of students who reach our after school Reflection sessions. Students receive either a one hour or an hour and a half after school Reflection session if they do not respond to reminders. These occur the next day and parents will be notified by text or telephone. Reflection is staffed by members of the Behaviour Team, alongside Heads of Faculty and Senior Staff, who talk to students about how their behaviour has been unacceptable and how they can avoid making the same mistakes again.

This is vital if students are to learn from their mistakes. As part of our Reflection process, students may be asked to carry out Community Service.

**Changes to Internal Exclusion from January 2018:**

The decision to place students in Internal Exclusion is never taken lightly. This is used as an alternative to fixed term exclusion. Internal Exclusions may be given by the academy for serious one off offences or persistent disruptive behaviour. We would like parents to note that from January 2018 Internal Exclusion will run from 2-5pm. Students who receive Internal Exclusion would not attend school as normal during the school day. They will be expected to attend the REACH Centre from 2-5pm only during the given period of Internal Exclusion.

We thank you in advance for your continued support. If you require further information a full copy of the Behaviour Management Policy is available on our website.