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The Junior School at Hymers College

The Junior School is housed in a beautiful, fully-equipped, purpose built building on the same site as the Senior School. Opened in 2003, the new building has been a wonderful success, mainly because the views of the teachers were sought during the design stage and played a major part in the planning process.

In September 2010, following the retirement of the previous Head, Mr. Peter Doyle was promoted from Deputy Head to Head of the Junior School. A new management structure was introduced involving the appointment of Team Leaders responsible for the pastoral and academic development of pupils within their year group. The post of Admin Manager was also created and many of the administrative tasks previously part of the Deputy Head's remit passed to this role.

The school houses Years 4, 5 and 6. There are two points of entry to the Junior School, the majority starting in Year 4, with a smaller intake at Year 5. Competition for places is extremely high. Most of the pupils in the Junior School will go on to Year 7 in the Senior School but not all. All Junior School pupils have to sit the same entrance examination as external candidates for the Senior School.

There are three classes in each year group made up of a maximum of 24 pupils in Year 4 classes and 26 in Year 5 and 6 classes. The school has outstanding facilities including a Music room, Computer suite, Art room and laboratories for Design Technology and Science. The academic curriculum is taught by subject specialists and is planned in close co-operation with the Senior School Heads of Department. The PE and games curriculum is delivered by the teachers of the Junior School as well as PE specialists from the Senior School.

About three-quarters of the pupils learn a musical instrument and the Junior School has its own orchestra and smaller instrumental groups. Most children sing in choirs and there are several concerts each year. There is also a major Drama production each year.

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