



Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter, which is a real celebration of the Arts in our school. As I mentioned last week, our Arts Showcase was a truly stunning evening and I am delighted to share with you photos of the work which was exhibited. The evening exemplified the talents of our pupils and the ability of our staff to nurture and celebrate these.

Can I take this opportunity to remind all pupils that they need their Essential 8 in school every day. We are finding that an increasing amount of learning time is being wasted with pupils not having the correct equipment that they need to make a prompt start to their learning. Could I ask for parents' support in ensuring that all pupils have their Essential 8 in school with them every day. We will be having a real push on this after half term and need to see all pupils with their Essential 8.

All parents should now have received the Challenge Partners Review, and letter from me explaining how delighted we are with this review. I am sure you will agree this is extremely positive and I hope you feel as proud as I do when you read it. Our pupils should certainly feel extremely proud of how they conducted themselves throughout the review, and for some of the wonderful things they shared about our school when they were asked about their experience of Hillside.

This has been another wonderful week of attendance and I would take this opportunity to thank all our pupils and their families for your role in this. A big 'Well Done' from me.

I look forward to seeing Year 8 Parents at their Parents' Evening on Thursday 13th February, which will run from 4.15pm-6.45pm.

Mrs Amanda Ryan

Parents' Evening

Year 8: Thursday 13th February 2020—4.15pm—6.45pm

Year 10: Thursday 19th March 2020—4.15pm—6.45pm

Year 7 & 9: Thursday 18th June 2020—(times to be confirmed)

Safer Internet Day 2020 Tuesday 11 February

How can we create an internet where everyone is...

F ...fairly treated?

R ...represented?

#Free to be

E ...equal?

E ...empowered?

Free to ME Exploring identity online

[#SaferInternetDay saferinternetday.org.uk](https://www.saferinternetday.org.uk)
Cofinanced by the Connecting Europe Facility of the European Union

SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural) Corner

This week's theme: Internet Safety Week

SMSC Focus:

Safer Internet Day 2020 is being celebrated around the world on Tuesday 11th February 2020. The global theme is **'together for a better internet'** and this year in the UK the focus is on **how young people explore and express their identity online.**

Everyone has their part to play in making the internet a better place, including **you!**

Career of the week

Career: Land Surveyor

Skills:

- Working as part of a team
- Presenting to people
- Accuracy
- Finding solutions to problems
- Planning and organising

Average Salary: £42,640

Useful Subjects: Maths, English, Business management, Economics, Geography, Geology Science

For more information please see www.myworldofwork.co.uk

Word of the Week

'Venerable'

Accorded a great deal of respect, especially because of age, wisdom or character.





Hillside Arts Evening

As promised I am delighted to share more details of our fantastic Arts Showcase in this week's newsletter. The evening was a truly spectacular celebration of the creative talents of our pupils. The work from our Culture Champions that raised awareness of mental health, and the cookies and cushions manufactured by Mrs. Tattersall and her group of pupils, reflected the theme of the exhibition which was 'Mental Health Awareness'. This was explored further in the performance of our drama pupils in their news broadcast and the dances, which were performed throughout the evening by Lily Soong. Thank you to all the families who did attend and if you missed the evening, I hope that you will join us next year.

Arts Showcase 2019

Just when you thought that the creative departments of the school could not get any better they put on the most stunning display of creativity and pupil talent in this year's Arts Showcase. Pupils have been working towards this event all year and have been really excited about their work being displayed.

The evening itself was amazing. All members of the departments worked together to transform the main hall into an art gallery, with performance space and film. The main hall was blacked out and the pieces of work were displayed, hung up, worn and generally shown to their absolute best and most effective with the use of careful lighting and grouping. This year's theme was 'Mental Health Awareness' and the centre piece of the show was the work produced by our learners from the Nurture Base who made beautiful cushions, and biscuits, for guests to enjoy. We also had a thought-provoking installation created by Miss Murphy's 'Culture Champions' from Year 7, which displayed the different feelings and emotions that people who suffer with mental health issues may experience. If we were left in any doubt about the importance of this poignant topic then the 'BBC News Broadcast' by the drama pupils certainly got the message across that we must talk openly about our mental health.

The art work was complimented by our contemporary dancer Lily Soong who astounded the audience with her agility and dance skills. Photography pupils had their stunning images, taken as part of their portfolios, running as a backdrop and the extremely talented musicians and vocalists provided the most beautiful music to accompany the evening.

Year 9 and 10 pupils, ably led by Miss Martin, organised the refreshments for the evening and they worked with a team of sous chefs in the kitchen to produce a never-ending supply of canapés and drinks. They also then worked as a team of waiters to carefully move through the crowd to serve the food and drink.

The audience was made up of pupils, parents and other family members, invited guests from neighbouring schools and community centres as well as members of our governing body and MAT trustees. We also had a visit from two local primary schools who brought their pupils up to see the work and to take part in a workshop with some of our artists.

The standard of the artwork at Hillside is incredibly high and many of the pieces would not look amiss gracing the walls and tables of any professional art gallery - it is no wonder that the art and 3D design results at GCSE are so high.

There is much news about the arts being in decline in schools and the creative curriculum being cut to make way for the EBACC subjects. This was certainly not evident at Hillside's Arts Showcase – the creativity and talent in the pupils, that is nurtured and developed by the arts team of staff, is overwhelming and gives hope for the future.



Mrs Daly

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50p

to join in

You can pick up a quiz for 50p from Miss Evans in room 28.

You need to hand in your answers before **Friday 14th February**.

Winners will be announced during Period 5 on Friday 14th February. You have to be in school to claim your prize.

**Win
£30**

NSPCC

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

Here are the Hegarty Maths names:

Year 7 — Jessica Harrington 7SE & Saffron Morris 7SDo

Year 8 — Fiona Zhen 8SAC & Ashton Beard 8AMR

Year 9 — Oleta Fani 9RM & Samantha Harrington 9RM

Year 10—Joseph Zhang 10SW & Kelly Leung 10SW

Year 11—Cali Whitehead 11TG & Shaun Miller 11TG

Here are the TT Rockstars names:

Year 7— Jessica Harrington 7SE, Layton Kelly 7SO & Joshua Vermiglio 7SO

Year 8— Vincent Zhen 8AMR, Joseph Parkin 8SAC & Fiona Zhen 8SAC



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Children's Mental Health Week

This week is Children's Mental Health Week and we found this article on bravery, provided by Sefton's Well Young Persons Project, really thought-provoking and useful. We are fortunate that all of our Progress Leaders and key pastoral staff have participated in basic mental health first aid training, and we must stress that if you, any pupil or family member is concerned about a young person and their mental health or emotional well-being we would encourage you to contact school and speak to the relevant Progress Leader or one of the Safeguarding Team.

20 ways to show bravery in 2020

1. Have faith in something.
2. Ask for help.
3. Stand up for someone else.
4. Stand up for yourself.
5. Forgive someone.
6. Take full responsibility for your actions.
7. Don't give up on something difficult.
8. Speak out when you feel something isn't right.
9. Try a new food.
10. Ignore your worries.
11. Be a leader.
12. Face a challenge.
13. Do something outside of your comfort zone.
14. Dream BIG.
15. Do something by yourself for the first time.
16. Admit when you are wrong.
17. Learn a new skill.
18. Make a mistake and learn from it.
19. Say kind things to yourself.
20. Say kind things to a stranger.



Mrs Cross

Thought for the week



Key Dates 2019

Year 8 Parents' Evening:	Thursday 13th February 2020 (4.15pm—6.45pm)
End of term:	Friday 14th February 2020
Inset Day:	Monday 24th February 2020
Start of term:	Tuesday 25th February 2020
Year 11 Form Group Photographs:	Wednesday 26th February 2020
World Book Day:	Thursday 5th March 2020

