



Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you are finding these newsletters helpful and that they are arriving in time for you to use the guide to home learning. I am so proud of how our pupils are trying to keep up with their learning in these most challenging of circumstances. Please remind your child to keep checking their emails for regular updates from their teachers.

It seems strange to be giving a staff update when we aren't together but I wanted parents and pupils to know that Ms Evans is pregnant, which is lovely news, and will be leaving us in September to start her maternity leave. We have appointed Mrs Wong, an experienced maths teacher who is relocating from Leeds to Liverpool to cover Ms Evans' maternity leave. I'm sure Mrs Wong will settle in well at Hillside and will be a great success.

Obviously as we aren't together we are texting home more than ever and this is at a significant cost; if we can communicate with families via the 'MyED' school app we can make a financial saving. We haven't used the app recently and understandably many parents have stopped engaging with it. If I could ask for your support in downloading the app and starting to check it regularly we can revert to this as our main means of communication with families. Please ensure we have your most up to date mobile number, if it has changed please ring the school office or email admin@hillsidehigh.co.uk and let us know.

These continue to be uncertain times for us all and following government announcements this week, we know very little more about when secondary age pupils will return to school. Obviously the Prime Minister has mentioned trying to get Year 10 pupils in front of their teachers before the summer holidays and this is something we hope can happen, once we know it is safe and the right time to do so. I know many of our parents will have Year 6 children who are transferring to Hillside in September and again, we are keen to offer them the best transition package we can in these circumstances. I will keep you updated via this newsletter, the website, twitter and the app as we know more.

In the meantime please keep safe and take care.

Mrs Amanda Ryan

Hello Year 9,

It's been so long since I last saw you all! These times are strange at the moment and not what we're used to but it has been lovely checking in with your parents and carers on a weekly basis knowing that you're all doing well, and also having a chat with some of you over the phone or via email. Hopefully this will all be over soon, but in the meantime, show kindness to your families and stay positive... we're all in this together!

Missing you all lots. Stay safe and stay alert!

Miss Banks

Hillside Heroes Calling all staff, pupils and parents to 'Nominate Your Lockdown Hero'

Who is your lockdown hero?

Perhaps someone in your house who has really helped you
through the last few months?

A family member who is a keyworker and has worked hard
to keep the family going as well?

Maybe a pupil who has produced some great work
and been really engaged with their home learning?

Send your nomination and the reason via email to
winner@hillsidehigh.co.uk by Monday 18th May



*2 winners will be picked from each year group
with the chance of winning Amazon Vouchers
for the family- Winners announced 22/05*

Year 9—Weekly Timetable

Subject	Year Group	This week you will be learning about ...	To help you can use...	This week you should spend a maximum time of ...
English	9	Oak National Academy: Insanity and Violence in Gothic Literature with a key focus on Browning's poem 'Porphyria's Lover'. Non-fiction:	Oak National Academy & Powerpoint sent by Ms Symes Carbon neutrality and protecting the environment. Letter writing.	2 hours 2 hours
Maths	9 FT 9 HT	General GCSE Skills General Number Skills	Hegarty Maths, Corbett Maths, BBC Daily Lessons Hegarty Maths, Corbett Maths, BBC Daily Lessons	4 hours 4 hours
Science	9	Chemistry and Biology retrieval via Seneca. If you have already joined the resources will be updated weekly.	Complete the Physics activities along with Biology and Chemistry retrieval via Seneca. Please check your emails for the class code. Continue to read through your revision booklets and make notes in your exercise book. Watch this week's BBC Bitesize science lessons and write a review for each Science. https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/bitesize-daily-schedules-teach/zdtwjvh	4 hours
Art	9	Bruno Munari	Research Artist Bruno Munari's drawing The Sun. Then complete pages 4 and 5 from your home learning booklet. Follow hillsidehigh_art_photo on Instagram to upload your work.	2 hours
Photography	9	Photo Challenge	Follow hillsidehigh_art_photo on Instagram and choose between the flower or toy challenge. There is also a competition to enter on social distancing.	2 hours
Computer Science	9	iMedia –How to design cartoon characters. Email your ICT teacher with a picture of your work. Improve your characters based on the feedback provided.	Example in the Lesson Resources folder. Links to help you are located in your Office 365 Notebook. Seneca Learning. Computer Science – Abstraction, decomposition and algorithmic thinking. Business Studies – Continue working on the 1.1-1.3 summary sheets and assignments in Seneca Learning.	60 minutes 60 minutes 60 minutes
DT	9 9 (3D)	The key principles of Design Technology. Purposeful research.	The booklets provided from school. QE scanners within booklet. WWW.technologystudent.com Begin researching the words 'lockdown' and 'isolation'. This will form a project that you can complete at home based on current circumstances. Find information, images sculptures, messages and materials that you could use and structure them in a mind map.	2 hours 2 hours
Drama	9	How to hold auditions for your actors.	The information within the power point	60 minutes
Geography	9	Characteristics of Tropical Rainforests.	Watch the Rainforest: Beneath the Canopy clip https://youtu.be/InT2gpJRpfs and complete the reflection task in the Living World video work booklet . Once finished log onto the Seneca learn and take part in the Tropical Rainforests assignment . To join the 9H/Gg1 class type in the class code: 1dwjm8nk82	2 hours
Music	9	Work through the Popular Music Lessons folder, there are 9 lessons to work on.	School Website Use BBC KS4 Music Resources: Use the online resources to read, watch videos and complete end of topic quizzes based on the units covered so far. Concentrate on the Music Theory topics.	3 hours per week
RS	9	The Prophet Ibrahim.	This lesson is to be completed through the Oak National Academy link - https://www.thenational.academy/year-9/religion/the-aboramic-origins-of-islam-year-9-wk1-1 If you would like further help with this, you can use the Prophet Ibrahim help sheet found in subject resources, RS.	1 hour on each.
History	9	<u>Modern Medicine</u> — Why have doctors turned to alternative medicine?	Complete worksheets and use the power point sent via email to help you. These resources can also be accessed on the school website. Pupils will also need to log into the history learning site. There is a direct link below https://www.historylearningsite.co.uk/a-history-of-medicine/medical-changes-from-1945/ There are also set tasks on Seneca Learning.	2 hours
PE	9	Fitness – Strength, cardiovascular endurance, agility, speed, power, reaction time.	Fitness Blender will allow you to select exercises to do at home and put your own plan together using equipment you might have or exercises that you don't need equipment for. www.fitnessblender.com	30 mins at a time
Dance	9	How to perform in the style of Beyonce, to the song "Crazy in Love"	Youtube – type in Learn to dance like Beyonce Crazy in Love – workitJanet.	1 hour
MFL	9	School	Please log on to The Language Gym https://www.language-gym.com/ where you will find that you have been set 3 new assignments. If you have any issues logging on, please contact Miss Collins.	X3(30 mins)