



Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you find this newsletter informative and beneficial. I know some families are experiencing difficulties with their post and sometimes aren't receiving the newsletter until mid-week. We will make sure it is saved on our website every Friday so if you don't receive your copy, you can access it there and check your child's Home Learning for the following week.

Last Friday was a very emotional day saying goodbye to our Year 11s. Even though they couldn't be in school for their Leavers' Breakfast we delivered breakfast to each of them at home. I was so proud of the team for doing this and I know that Year 11 really appreciated the fact that we still celebrated their last day at Hillside; even though they couldn't be in school. As I said last week, I know that all of our pupils and their families will join me in wishing the Class of 2020 good luck and every happiness as they leave us and start their next chapter.

I am delighted to let you know that following a rigorous recruitment process Mrs. Wardale has been promoted to Vice-Principal. She will work alongside me, and Mr Edwards, to lead our school in all of the new and exciting challenges which lay ahead for us. I am sure everyone will join me in wishing Mrs. Wardale good luck in this new and exciting role.

We have also appointed Mr Henesy to join our Computer Science and Business Studies department, to replace Mrs Rimmer who left us at Easter. Mr Henesy has bags of enthusiasm and can't wait to get started and I know our pupils will love him.

Keep up the good work with the Home Learning and we are really looking forward to next week when we can at last welcome some of our pupils back to school, with the return of Year 10s. I just wish it was everyone!

Mrs Amanda Ryan

Hello Year 7,

I really hope that you have all had a great week and that you and your loved ones are keeping safe and well.

I have been avidly following the great examples of Home Learning on the school Twitter and Instagram accounts and I am really impressed by the amazing effort you are making. From speaking to some of your parents / guardians I know that many of you are also completing the paper work booklets as well as the online tasks. Remember you can also share this work with your teachers by simply taking a photo and emailing it to the relevant member of staff.

While we are in this difficult situation, which I think most of us have adapted fairly well to considering we've never been in this position before, it's also really important that you try out new activities. After the bike incident last week, I feel my feet should remain firmly on the ground, so this week I've started another jigsaw, which I'm finding a little addictive but very relaxing. It gives me time to think and plan my day, along with keeping my brain active. It's amazing how new activities can give you a sense of achievement; even if it's just making lunch for your family or tidying your bedroom. Even when you don't particularly enjoy some chores, when they're done it gives you a good feeling. I find that my day always turns out better when I get up and make my bed early; I feel much more organised and prepared to take on the tasks of the day. I recognise that the coming weeks are uncertain for all of us and I would like to be able to reassure you about when we will return, but at this point I can't. However, what I can say is that the staff at Hillside are always thinking of you and that we are here to support you through this difficult time, so please contact us if you need anything.

I'm really looking forward to seeing you all again but in the meantime, keep up the excellent work Year 7 and stay safe.

Mrs Harper

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Year 7—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	7	Plurals. Recognise and use the features of descriptive writing.	Pages 15-17 in your work-pack; email from Miss Owen. Extract from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll Complete all activities from Page 15 to Page 17 in your home learning work-pack.	2 hours
Maths	7	Probability	Hegarty Maths, TT Rockstars, Corbett Maths, BBC Daily Lessons.	4 hours
Science	7	Are flying cars really just around the corner?	Read the news article from 'The Day' found in the folder and complete the 'You Decide' questions. Complete the additional worksheet, also in the folder.	3 hours
Art	7	Internet research	YouTube how to create a matchbox, have a go at following the instructions and answer the questions on the page. (Your teacher will email you with a link for this) Research inspiring quotes and either print them off and create a collage on your page or draw them out.	1 hour
Computer Science	7	Visit the BBC Bitesize website and search binary. Revise the binary topic and complete the binary practise task.	Your teacher will email you a link BBC Bitesize	30 minutes
DT	7	Practical techniques and the 'bionic arm' – mini project.	Use www.technologystudent.com to research practical skills and follow the instructions available on the school website.	1 hour
Drama	7	Let's really focus on our performing skills this week – this dance tutorial is based on Little Mix – enjoy!	https://youtu.be/GXjIrtbPZOA Use the link to access the tutorial.	30 minutes
Geography	7	Contour Lines and Grid References	The information from Lesson 3 – Contour Lines and Grid References on pages 13-15 from the Becoming an Outstanding Geographer booklet. <i>Extension - log onto Seneca and take part in the Geographical Skills assignment. To join Year 7 type in the class code: z0sicb3ykg.</i>	1 hour
Music	7 & 8	The Cup Song Watch the videos and try to recreate this song. You might even try to create a new one! Follow this link: https://www.derbyshiremusicclub.org.uk/get-involved/music-at-home/secondary/week-3.aspx	BBC Bitesize, YouTube Try to play your keyboard, ukulele, or guitar every day using the resources available on YouTube to guide your learning.	1 hour
RS	7	The Civil Rights Movement – Martin Luther King.	The information and video links contained in pages 16 & 17 of the work booklet (this can be found in the subject resources, RS folder). You can consult pages 18 & 19 of the booklet for further support and guidance for you and your child.	30 minutes
History	7	Threats to Elizabeth I from Mary Queen of Scots.	Threats to Elizabeth I from Mary Queen of Scots. Using work booklets pupils will consider the options for dealing with Mary Queen of Scots and act as an advisor to Queen Elizabeth I. They also need to complete a source task about the execution of Mary and its consequences.	2 hours
PE	7	Fitness – Strength, coordination, cardiovascular endurance, agility, speed, power, reaction time.	Create your own circuit at home using the exercises and 'difficulty' levels on the attached website. You don't need any equipment and these will get your heart rate up and keep you healthy whilst you're at home! Let your PE teacher know in an email how you have got and if you would like more exercises? https://www.livestrong.com/article/115989-circuit-training-exercises-equipment/	15 mins at a time
Dance	7	Writing your own monologue.	Info on the school webpage or sent to you via email.	1 hour
MFL	7	Pets	Using the sentence builder on the first page of your Spanish home learning booklet, write a paragraph describing the pets you have and the pets you would like to have.	1 hour