



## Dear Parents/Guardians

I can't believe it is July already and I find myself writing another message to our fantastic pupils who are still learning from home. We miss them all so much and can't wait for September when we can welcome everyone back to school.

During the last two weeks it has been lovely to have some Year 10 pupils back, just to hear the noise of young people talking about learning and experiencing some lessons, is such a welcome sound in the school building.

As we approach the last two weeks of the school year I would ask for your support in ensuring that your child continues to engage with their Home Learning. They are receiving Monday emails from their teachers and know exactly what work they need to be completing. With last week's newsletter you will have received all of the information that you need to support your child to access Microsoft Teams. As we try to enhance our Home Learning further with recorded lessons it is important that pupils are accessing Microsoft Teams to view the lesson clips their teachers are uploading. If you experience any problems with these, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Progress Leader.

All pupils in Year 7-9 will be having a phone call from their Form Tutor or Progress Leader in the coming days to discuss how their Home Learning has gone since March. I must stress that this is totally supportive and the most important thing is that pupils are honest about how much they have engaged with their Home Learning. This information will be used to plan for September, to ensure we can offer all pupils the right support that they will need when they return to school.

To finish I would like to say congratulations to Mrs Wardale who has been successful in her application to become an Evidence Lead in Education (ELE). Whilst based in their own school the role of an ELE is to support and contribute to the work of the Research School at Meols Cop Southport, focusing on encouraging the use of evidence to inform school improvement decisions. I am in no doubt that her appointment to this role will be hugely beneficial to Hillside and our pupils.

## Mrs Amanda Ryan

### Hello Year 10

Here we are again, another week has passed us by. I hope you are all keeping well and staying safe. I can't believe that we are in July already and we only have a few weeks left of the summer term and you as Year 10 pupils. This really does make me feel rather old.

I hope those of you who returned to school have enjoyed being back. We have had a really good couple of weeks. A big thank you to all of the staff who are making this happen for Year 10 as it has not been an easy road. For those of you continuing with your Home Learning keep doing as much as you can as it will really help you when we are all back together. Let's see if we can be the most productive year group over these last few weeks of term. Keep checking those emails and sending in your work, we all love seeing it.

I have again been busy both in work and out this week. I have kept myself occupied by doing some arts and crafts. Once again this is related to my dog as I painted an ornament for my garden to look like Millie. All of my plants are still going well which I actually can't believe. I now have chives, basil, mint, pineapple mint, coriander, chillies and potatoes. I also have sunflowers that I'm really looking forward to seeing grow tall; yes they will be taller than me - I know you are all thinking it!

I am looking forward to seeing and speaking to you all soon. It just isn't the same over the phone or email. As always, if you need anything at all please email me or call school. We are all here for the same reason and that is for all of you.

Take care and keep smiling!

**Miss Roby**

## Progress Leaders

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Year 10 Miss Roby – 07930 821 644

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## Year 10

Mrs. Daly is discovering local performance poets and is enjoying reading, and listening to, the poems. This is one by local poet, playwright, broadcaster, and children's author Roger McGough who was born and raised in Liverpool. A prolific writer, he has published more than 50 books of adult and children's poetry, as well as several plays.



**Roger McGough**

***Goodbat Nightman***  
*God bless all policemen  
and fighters of crime,  
May thieves go to jail  
for a very long time.*

*They've had a hard day  
helping clean up the town,  
Now they hang from the mantelpiece  
both upside down.*

*A glass of warm blood  
and then straight up the stairs,  
Batman and Robin  
are saying their prayers.*

*They've locked all the doors  
and they've put out the bat,  
Put on their batjamas  
(They like doing that)*

*They've filled their batwater-bottles  
made their batbeds,  
With two springy battresses  
for sleepy batheads.*

*They're closing red eyes  
and they're counting black sheep,  
Batman and Robin  
are falling asleep.*  
**Roger McGough**