

Newsletter — Friday 3rd July 2020

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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 8

I hope that you all enjoyed reading the newsletter last week and that you and your loved ones are safe and well. It is unbelievable that we will be 'breaking up' for the summer holidays on Friday 17th July having not been in school all together since Friday 20th March. That is such a long time Year 8 so I hope that having some unexpected time at home has given you the chance to spend time with your loved ones and to appreciate all that they do for you. I know that you have been a great support to them during this time and I hope that we will all continue to show the kindness and respect for each other that has been so wonderful to see throughout this difficult time.

You may have already received a phone call from your Form Tutor this week but if you haven't, they will be ringing your parents and carers in the coming week to speak to you and say hello. I know that your Form Tutors are really excited to have the opportunity to speak to you all and to offer some academic mentoring in order to support you with your Home Learning. Please use this to your advantage and ask for help with anything you may have been struggling with and please share with them some of the fantastic work that you have been doing to show off your excellent attitude to learning! Parents and Guardians; if you miss a call from your child's Form Tutor, please email them to arrange a convenient time for them to ring you back. Alternatively, you can contact me on my work mobile and I will arrange this for you.

I will be contacting you all again before the end of the summer term to say hello and wish you a lovely summer break but until then, keep up the good work, stay safe and look after each other.

Take care

Miss Doran

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Year 8—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	8	Using commas accurately. How a reader responds to a character. Pages 22-25. Extract from Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck	Pages 22-25 in your work-pack; email from Mr Riddick.	2 hours
Maths	8	General Maths Skills	Hegarty Maths, TT Rockstars, Corbett Maths, BBC Daily Lessons	3 hours
Science	8	Is climate change the cause of red hot temperatures?	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	8	Self Portrait	Use the final page in your art booklet to create a self portrait in the style of Frida Kahlo. Use your gained knowledge of proportion and features to create the face and add flowers, leaves or pattern to the background. This will be continued next week so take your time and show off your best art skills.	1 hour
Computer Science	8	Complete the searching the internet and sequencing tasks.	BBC Bitesize – Algorithms.	30 mins
DT	8	Paper and board	Use <u>www.technologystudent.com</u> to help you work through the booklet on 'paper and board' found on the school website.	1 hour
Drama	8	Developing a photo storyboard.	The resources from your emails or in the home learning folder.	30 mins
Geography	8	Biomes, Mountains and Rivers	The information from Lesson 5- Biomes, Mountains and Rivers on pages from the Becoming an Expert Geographer booklet. Extension - log onto Seneca and take part in the Rivers assignment. To join Year 8 type in the class code: o2cc1rqrvm.	1 hour
Music	7&8	DJing & Film Music Complete the activities for each area. Follow this link: <u>https:// www.derbyshiremusichub.org.uk/</u> get-involved/music-at-home/ <u>secondary/week-11.aspx</u> Try to play your keyboard, ukulele, or guitar every day using the resources available on YouTube to guide your learning.	BBC Bitesize, YouTube	1 hour
RS	8	Christian views on sins and judgement (web-based learning) OR Jesus' resurrection (booklet- based learning)	This lesson is to be completed through the Oak National Academy link - <u>https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/sin-and-judgement</u> If you are not able to access Oak National Academy, please continue with the work in our booklet and complete pages 12&13 .	30 mins
History	8	Why did women get the vote?	Watch the Loom video on arguments for and against votes for women and complete the tasks Using all the information from this unit of work on women and the vote create 2 posters. Poster 1 in favour of votes for women. Poster 2 against votes for women. There are also tasks set on Seneca.	2 hours
PE	8	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 at all 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 on and if you want more exercises to throw in as well! <u>https://</u> www.livestrong.com/article/115989-circuit-training-exercises- equipment/	15 mins
Dance	8	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.	1 hour
MFL	8	Holidays	Complete Task 5 and 6 in your Spanish home learning booklet. These tasks recap the immediate future tense through the topic of holidays. Don't forget to use Google Translate to help you if you get stuck.	1 hour