



#### **Dear Parents/Guardians**

I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter. We take careers and work related learning extremely seriously at Hillside and I am delighted that we have such a great link with the law firm Hill Dickinson. I hope all pupils enjoyed their Personal Development session with Hill Dickinson on Thursday. I look forward to hearing more about all the events we have planned.



Year 11 continue to work extremely hard on their assessed work and I hope they feel proud of the way they have adapted to the new world they have found themselves in. They have certainly done us all proud.

It is wonderful to see restrictions lifting and with the gradual return to normality I must stress the need for all pupils to attend school every day. Since pupils returned in March we have struggled to regain our attendance to where it was prepandemic. This is such a shame, as now more than ever, pupils need to be in school every day. Every day a pupil is absent they are missing valuable learning and inevitably falling behind in terms of the progress they are making. As always I congratulate the pupils who attend school every day and thank their families for supporting us.

As we approach the last week of half term I would like to remind all our families that we break up for half term at the usual time on Friday 28th May with pupils returning to school on Monday 7th June.

Please take care and remember Hands, Face, Space and Fresh Air!

#### Mrs Amanda Ryan, Principal

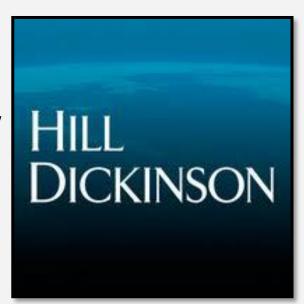
#### **Hill Dickinson**

On Thursday, all pupils in years 7 to 10 took part in a virtual careers talk from Hill Dickinson Law firm. The talk was to launch a number of different events that we have planned across the next few months and also next year.

As part of the launch event, pupils learned about the different areas of law and about Hill Dickinson's areas of specialism. In the talk, pupils heard from Jen Hulse (Diversity & Inclusion and CR Manager), Gill Stoll (Legal Director in Health Litigation) and Abi Fairhurst (HR Projects Advisor).

On the 7<sup>th</sup> June we have another virtual event planned for year 7 and 8 pupils who will be learning about what a lawyer is. We also have further sessions planned where pupils will hear about different careers within law that they may not have thought about such as marketing and finance.





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#### **Service and Resources**

We would like to remind all pupils and their families that we are available to support or sign post support throughout this unsettling period. Below is a list of useful contacts within the community that parents/guardians may wish to access.

Our Progress Leaders and pastoral staff will be making regular welfare calls to all pupils who are working from home and please do not hesitate to contact any member of staff if you need anything and we will endeavour to help.

**Childline** 08001111

NSPCC- www.nspcc.org.uk 08448920264 (Liverpool Office) NSPCC Helpline 08088005000

**cruse.org.uk-** coping with a bereavement

www.trusselltrust.org -Foodbank

South Sefton Foodbank-0151 933 1300

**Liverpool Social Care**- 233 3700

Sefton Social Care- 0845 140 0845

SWACA—Monday-Friday 9.30am—5.00pm, Tel: 0151 922 8606, www.help@swaca.com

The Life Rooms—0151 478 6556

National Domestic Abuse Helpline-0808 2000 247, www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk

South Sefton Food Bank—St Leonard's Youth & Community Centre, 60 Peel Road, L20 4RW,

infor@southseftonfoodbank.org.uk—Tel 0151 933 1300

**Sefton CAMHS Support**—Alder Hey Crisis Care Team has a 24 hours a day, 7 days a week helpline. 0151 293 3577 or

freephone 0808 196 3550

Parenting 2000—Counselling and Family Support, www.parenting2000.org.uk, info@parenting2000.org.uk, Tel 07834

524 956 or 07464 544 314

**Safe Regeneration**—Waverley Street, Bootle L20 4AP—Please visit facebook page and leave a message.

**SWAN Women's Centre**—Twitter, Facebook and Instagram pages.







Top students for the week beginning:

26th April 2021



**Mr Pattison** 



Jessica Harrington
Jack Corbett
Grace Foster
Fiona Zhen
Liam Egerton
Anelia Stoyanova
Ebony Fraughan
Samantha Harrington



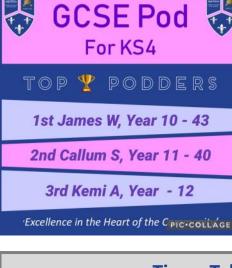
Kelly Leung
Tolin Aljabour
James Shaw
Ellie-May McCarthy
James Shaw
Kelly Ouyang
Freddie Ellis
Shelby Ehigiator
Joanna Gil



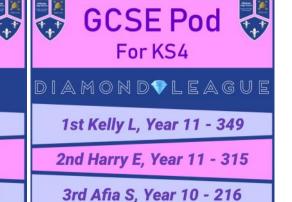
Top Podders are the pupils who have streamed the most pods

Questions Answered are the pupils who attempted the most questions

Diamond League - are the pupils who have answered with the most accurate knowledge, the more correct responses, the more diamonds.







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#### **Times Tables Rockstars**

A massive well done to our TT Rockstars this week, they are:

#### <u>Year 7:</u>

Joshua Williams 7THE, Binah Kamber 7GW and Louise Ritchie 7TG

#### Year 8:

Jessica Harrington 8NW, Caitlin Adamson 8SDo and Nathan Oyobagie 8NW







# Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Bulletin

### What is TikTok?

TikTok formally known as Musical.ly is a social media app for sharing user generated videos.

### Mature Content

There are many videos which have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, self-harm and sexual content, including young teens dressing overtly sexually and behaving suggestively. With over 689 million users it's impossible to moderate everything and it can be quite common to see inappropriate content on the 'for you' page.

Most of the videos being created are based around music. Some of these are of a mature nature

## What can you do?

- Speak to your child about the dangers of being online.
- Ensure settings are set to private.
- Monitor what your child is posting, watching and who they are speaking to online.
- Demonstrate appropriate language and behaviour. If your child is not showing these, speak to them.
- Set time limits. Social media can be addictive.

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# Impact at school

TikTok has been used as a tool to make fun at each other and even led to bullying. Like all social media sites, children can't see the impact of their words and actions on a person. This makes it easier for them to keep sending mean and hurtful comments. Inappropriate language and language that is not age appropriate is being learnt from social media sites. TikTok like other social media sites have shown to have a negative impact on behaviour and learning.





TikTok has a few options to discover and watch content.

Following where you see videos from users that you have selected to follow.

For You page where a selection of videos is selected. These are random videos with no filter options.

**Discover** is where you can search for trending videos or hashtags #

Mrs Cross

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