



## HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

WADE DEACON TRUST

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome Back to what I know is going to be an amazing Summer Term here at Hillside. We certainly started the term in the most amazing fashion with a visit from Frank Cottrell Boyce who launched our guided reading novel for the Summer Term to pupils in Year 7, 8 and 9. We are going to be reading his book 'The Unforgotten Coat' which is set in Bootle and covers some extremely big messages about diversity and inclusivity. Having read the book and now heard Frank Cottrell-Boyce talk about it I know our pupils are going to love it.

Please take the time to read the information included in this week's newsletter about tuition at Hillside. We have an excellent team of tutors working tirelessly to support our pupils. If you feel your child would benefit from extra tuition or they are already receiving tuition and you would like to know more about this, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Subject Leader, their details are included in the newsletter.

We are very excited to welcome Year 8 parents to our first face to face Parents Evening next Thursday, 4.15-6.45pm. If you require any further information don't hesitate to contact Mrs McCarthy, J.McCarthy@hillsidehigh.co.uk

**Amanda Ryan, Principal**

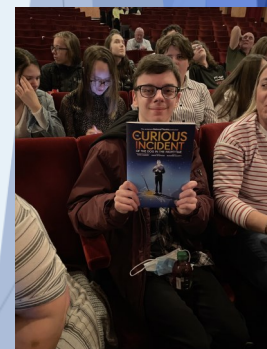
### Welcome back Paddy!



We were delighted to welcome Paddy Rowan back into school to visit our KS4 Drama pupils before we broke up. Paddy is now a successful working actor but managed to find time to pop in and see us to the delight of our pupils and staff. He joined in a workshop with our Y10s and had a fantastic Q&A session with all of our aspiring performers and shared his own personal journey to becoming an actor, telling us of the highs and the lows. Paddy has recently starred in ITV's The Bay and played a harrowing part in the drama Four Lives which was on our screens in the new year. He was able to share his experiences from TV and films sets and answer the many questions our pupils had. Our pupils were definitely inspired and many of the staff were so happy to see Paddy round school again. It was great to have you back Paddy, keep doing Hillside proud!

### Drama Trip

KS4 Drama pupils enjoyed a fantastic trip to the theatre at the end of last term. We spent an evening at the Liverpool Empire watching Frantic Assembly's Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time, which was a real treat. Our pupils got to witness physical theatre at it's best as the story of Christopher and his challenges with autism was told in a completely captivating and creative way. As an audience we were left in awe of the work on the stage and celebrated with a standing ovation for the fantastic cast. It was lovely to be out as a group experiencing live theatre again. We look forward to the next theatre trip soon!



Congratulations to Dillon Stannage from 8GW who represented Merseyside and Cheshire school boys at a boxing tournament at the Isle of Man over the holidays and won! Dylan boxes at Bootle ABC and trained really hard in the build up to his fight. Congratulations from everyone at Hillside Dylan and good luck with your next fight!

WELL DONE!



**Tuition at Hillside - Excellence in Learning**

The additional support offered to pupils this year has gone from strength to strength and includes:

- Every KS3 pupil receiving a license to access Bedrock for this academic year and next.
- Every KS4 pupil receiving a license to access GCSE POD.
- Saturday School for Year 11
- Period 6 sessions for Year 11
- Reading interventions
- LRC open before school, break, lunch and after school for study support

I am really pleased in this newsletter to introduce you to our in school tuition team. This is something new we have in place this year to provide an additional layer of learning support for pupils after the disruption caused by COVID. Our tuition team work full time tutoring our pupils for English, Maths and science both during the school day and before and after school. We also have a team of Teaching Assistants who this year have been trained to deliver reading tuition to pupils and this takes place after school. We also have a team of tutors delivering virtual tuition sessions to Year 10 and 11 in English and Maths.

Our focus is clear at Hillside - learning is our core business. We know how hard it has been for our pupils to learn during COVID times . We have built new systems and teams to provide on site tuition and virtual tuition to maximise pupils learning.

If you feel your child has not been enrolled on additional tuition and they would benefit from this please do not hesitate to get in touch with the relevant Subject Leader:

- Mrs Nelson - Science - J.Nelson@hillsidehigh.co.uk
- Mr Gibaud - English - T.Gibaud@hillsidehigh.co.uk
- Mr Pattison - Maths - R.Pattison@hillsidehigh.co.uk

“I’m Mr Richardson, a Maths and Science intervention tutor, teaching a range of pupils throughout the school. I am a former pupil of Hillside and I’ve enjoyed Maths and problem- solving from a very young age. When presented with the opportunity to come back to our fantastic school and delve into my subjects, supporting pupils on their path to success in Maths and Science, it was something I couldn’t refuse. I am very much looking forward to seeing what our pupils can achieve with our help and support.”

“Hello everyone! My name is Miss Yusuf. I studied Forensic Science at Liverpool John Moore’s University and yes, it involved the things you see in the films & TV shows such as fingerprint identification, blood spatter patterns, crime scene investigation & more! I’m very excited to join Hillside High School as an Academic Mentor. I’m passionate about learning, reading & helping people progress which is why I’m part of the tuition team at Hillside. Although I’m new here, I’ve enjoyed my limited time so far. Everyone here is lovely and I’m really looking forward to meeting and working with more of you guys!”

“I’m Mr Moore, an Academic Mentor for English. My degree is in English and Creative Writing, so I love to write and to read all kinds of texts; especially 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Literature. I’ve loved the last few months at Hillside getting to support pupils at various stages of their English journey, and through my teaching sessions and running the library I hope to help foster a love of reading in as many of our pupils as possible. English can be an intimidating subject and I am very excited by the chance to break down barriers and support our pupils in achieving their immense potential, so don’t hesitate to ask for help (or a book recommendation)!”



**GCSE Pods**

**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.

| GCSE Pod For KS4   |
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| TOP PODDERS  |
| Charlie A, Year 11 - 205                                   |
| HaiYing X, Year 7 - 167                                    |
| Lily B, Year 11 - 48                                       |
| <small>Excellence in the Heart of the CPIC-COLLAGE</small> |

| GCSE Pod For KS4   |
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| QUESTIONS ANSWERED ?                                       |
| Beth S, Year 11 - 188                                      |
| Samantha H, Year 11 - 168                                  |
| Kemi A, Year 11 - 160                                      |
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| GCSE Pod For KS4   |
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| DIAMOND LEAGUE   |
| Kemi A, Year 11 - 282                                      |
| Beth S, Year 11 - 267                                      |
| Samantha H, Year 11 - 170                                  |
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## Reading is Power at Hillside

Our curriculum intent consists of three core strands: Knowledge Led, Diversity and Reading is Power. Each strand permeates every element of our curriculum during lesson times, registrations and after school activities.

The Summer Term started with our KS3 Book Launch: *The Unforgotten Coat*. Who better to launch our new form novel than the author himself Frank Cottrell Boyce. Frank exchanged 'first day at school' stories before sharing his own "I kicked a nun" story. Pupils then had the opportunity to listen to Frank read an extract from his book to launch the Summer Term form novel.

Following the assemblies, pupils all returned to make a start on their new novel with their form tutor.

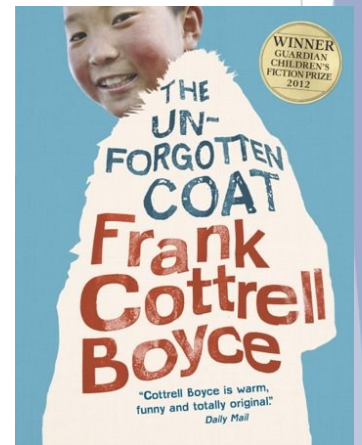
Frank then met our Reading Reps and awarded them their new Reading Rep badges. By breaktime of the first day back we already had a new pupils wanting to become a Reading Rep.



This term our Year 7, 8 and 9 will all read *The Unforgotten Coat* with their form tutors and engage with guided reading strategies to develop comprehension and inference. Our Year 10 pupils will have a chosen novel which linked to diversity and inclusivity. Our Year 11 pupils will not have a Summer Term form novel but will now be focusing on GCSE POD in their registrations in preparation for their end of year exams.

## Who is Frank Cottrell Boyce?

Frank Cottrell Boyce is a children's novelist who won the Carnegie Medal for his first book - *Millions* - in 2004 and the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize for *The Unforgotten Coat* in 2013. *Millions* was made into a film by Danny Boyle, for whom Frank went on to work as the writer on the London Olympics Opening Ceremony, 2012. His other books include *Framed* (filmed by the BBC), *Cosmic* and *The Astounding Broccoli Boy*. He also wrote the three official sequels to *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*. His films include *24 Hour Party People*, *God on Trial* and *Hilary and Jackie*. His short work, *The Great Rocket Robbery*, was published for World Book Day in 2019. His latest novel, *Runaway Robot*, was published by Macmillan in May 2019. Frank lives locally and works with lots of local schools.



*"I think reading for pleasure is the most important thing you can pass on because it so fortifies you as an adult. Nothing to do with education, nothing to do with being creative but to do with being ALIVE! I think the ability to read for pleasure, to concentrate for long periods of time, the knowledge it gives you, being able to leave the world for a little bit and how to share that with other people. These are deep, deep joys" - Frank Cottrell Boyce.*

The reason we selected *The Unforgotten Coat* was from a recommendation from Charlotte, Mrs Ryan's daughter. Mrs Ryan then bought the book and passed it on to Mrs Wardale, who also loved the story. Mrs Ryan and Mrs Wardale knew this book would bring so much love and laughter to our pupils.



# Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

The characteristic trait we are thinking about this half term is Kindness. Kindness underpins everything we do as a school community. When we think about kindness we often immediately think about how we can be kind to others. We might also think about how we can be kind to the planet and make a difference to the world around us. Often one of the hardest things to do, is to be kind to ourselves. We can be our toughest critic and that is so wrong! We would like pupils to think about the information included here about self-care and think about the things they can do to look after themselves and in turn be kind to themselves.



EXCELLENCE IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

**bedrock learning**

**Weekly praise for our top Bedrockers!**

| <u>Top for weekly points earned</u> |                 | <u>Top for weekly time spent on Bedrock</u> |               |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---|---------------|
| Ricardo Niculae                     | 8CSY 130 points | Brian Leung                                 | 9NW 5.1 hours |
| Rhys Deaves                         | 9NW 124 points  | Yexian Huang                                | 7NK 3.9 hours |
| Liam Cunningham                     | 8RS 119 points  | Jessica Harrington                          | 9NW 2.1 hours |

## Hegarty Maths



### Top pupils for this week

Samantha Harrington  
 Jessica Harrington  
 Brian Leung  
 Millie Hughes  
 Holly Hart  
 Benjamin Nuttall  
 Lily Beesley  
 HaiYing Xue  
 Beth Scott  
 Cameron Todhunter

Rhys Deaves  
 Emma Croxton  
 Luke Taylor  
 Molly Bennett  
 Luke Fearon  
 Lili Soong  
 Dimka Nancheva  
 Aliyah Perkins  
 Louisa Fearon  
 Scott Good  
 Peter Cass  
 William Okoro Iwuhukwu

## TT Rockstars

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

Jacob Williams—7SW  
 Hai Ying Xue—7SW  
 Tia Leicester—7LJ  
 Joshua Williams -8TH  
 Hary O'Leary—8TH  
 Tilly Wallace—8TH

Mr Pattison



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