



# HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I can hardly believe our Year 11 pupils start their GCSEs on Monday. Their time in school has flown by. Even though their exams start on Monday they don't actually finish school until late morning on Thursday 23rd June and some pupils will still have an exam after this date. I wish them luck and hope the results they get this summer reflect all their hard work and determination.

We were delighted to welcome a Challenge Partners team of reviewers to school last week and I look forward to sharing more details of the report with you in next week's newsletter. In the meantime I just had to say a massive thank you to the pupils who met the team and were extremely confident when talking about our school.

Please take the time to read the back page of this newsletter which explains our new rewards linked to attendance, the Hillside 100! Please work with us to ensure your child is in every day to be entered into the competition.

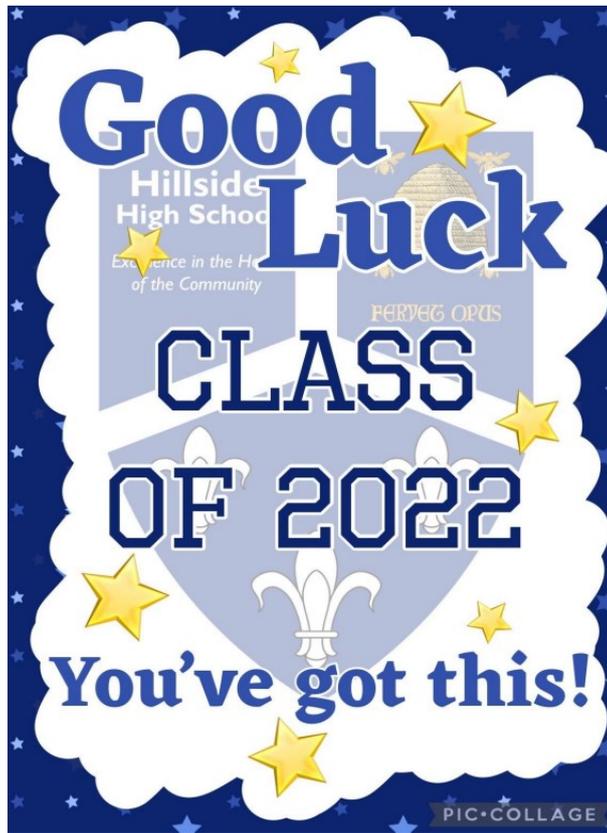
Amanda Ryan, Principal

Friday 13th May 2022

*be amazing today  
Believe in Yourself  
Anything is possible  
never give up*

*Good Luck*

*SHINE  
BRIGHT*



*make your  
DREAMS  
happen*

*Positive Mind.  
Positive Vibes.  
Positive Life.*

**Will it be easy?  
Nope. Worth it?  
Absolutely.**

## ★ Pupil Achievements ★

We would like to share some exciting news. John Dunlop, one of our Year 11 pupils, has earned a two-year scholarship with Rochdale FC. Football is John's passion and he has worked very hard in order to gain this scholarship. This is a fantastic opportunity, so huge Well-Done John! We're sure you will be amazing!



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## Dodgeball Competition

Year 4 and Year 5 pupils from Bedford Primary School have visited Hillside to enter Dodgeball competitions over the last two weeks. The pupils had a great time and the competition was fantastic, Bedford pupils certainly know how to play Dodgeball! The two afternoons were run by our Sports Leaders who umpired matches, organised the results and awarded medals to the winning teams and also the most hardworking pupils. A big thank you to the Sports Leaders, a great afternoon of sport!



## Cheerleading at Airborn

After the success of Cheerleading last term at Hillside, it is now back on and this time Hillside are training at The Airborn Academy for six weeks in Liverpool. What an opportunity this is for our pupils at Hillside! The facilities are amazing, they have a fully sprung floor, trampolines, tumbling tracks, and much more. Our cheerleaders had a fantastic time! The progress our pupils have made has been incredible and they are now so confident in their cheerleading moves! Keep up the great work girls!



## GCSE Pods

**Top Podders** are the pupils who have streamed the most pods.

**Questions Answered** are the pupils who have answered the most questions.

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

<b style="font-size: 1.2em;">GCSE Pod</b> For KS4
<b>TOP 🏆 PODDERS</b>
Charlie A, Year 11 - 225
HaiYing X, Year 7 - 73
Yexian H, Year 7 - 22
Excellence in the Heart of the CPIC-COLLAGE

<b style="font-size: 1.2em;">GCSE Pod</b> For KS4
<b>DIAMOND LEAGUE</b>
Beth S, Year 11 - 210
HaiYing X, Year 7 - 80
Samantha H, Year 11 - 78
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<b style="font-size: 1.2em;">GCSE Pod</b> For KS4
<b>QUESTIONS ANSWERED ?</b>
Beth S, Year 11 - 138
Lily B, Year 11 - 71
Samantha H, Year 11 - 68
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# News

During our Challenge Partners review last week, a group of pupils took part in a meeting with the visitors to share their views on Hillside. Our pupils spoke with passion about the provision they receive from our school. Some key points were that they appreciate their teachers and all they do for them, both in lesson time and outside the classroom. They could identify and explain Hillside Core Five pedagogical strategies such as retrieval (helping them to remember), and word rich (developing their understanding of tier 2 and 3 vocabulary) and were able to give clear examples of these from individual lessons. Pupils spoke of extra curricular provision such as the LRC, sports and performing arts clubs and the positive impact that teachers' support has had on their mental health. Pupils spoke with enthusiasm regarding the literature they are reading outside of the curriculum and their aspirations post Hillside. All pupils represented our school impeccably and it was heart warming to hear the impact of those who work at Hillside acknowledged and appreciated by those who we do it for.



## bedrock learning

### Weekly praise for our top Bedrockers!

#### Top for weekly points earned

HaiYing Xue	7SW 282 points
Brian Leung	9NW 160 points
Tilly Wallace	8TH 145 points

#### Top for weekly time spent on Bedrock

Maisie Wheatley	7SW 3.4 hours
Hasti Nezdjad	8RS 2.8 hours
Krzysztof Makowski	7LJ 2.8 hours

Mr Gibaud

## Hegarty Maths



### Top pupils for this week

Jessica Harrington	Rhys Deaves
Holly Hart	Beth Scott
Brian Leung	Jessica McDonald
Lily Beesley	Cameron Todhunter
HaiYing Xue	David Jenkins
Dayo Owonikoko	William Okoro Iwuchukwu
Scott Good	Mohamad Kentar
Isobel Rogers	Binah Kamber
Samantha Harrington	Sissy Staneva
Aliyah Perkins	Sophie McDonnell
Freya White	Nancy Lloyd

Mr Pattison

## 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
- Kimberley Hughes—8CSY
- Tilly Wallace—8TH

# Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

## Attendance Focus

This week our thought for the week was:

***'There's no time like the present, and no substitute for being present.'***

As we move towards the end of the year it is still not too late for pupils to improve upon their current attendance, and it is vital that they attend school everyday to avoid losing vital learning time and opportunities. There is a clear link between pupils' attendance and their overall final GCSE grades.

We would like to give the community some reminders of our systems:

If your child is unable to attend school, you will need to ring the school office on 0151 525 2630 between 8.00-8.30am. Your call will be received by one of our admin team who can transfer you to our Attendance officer's where they will discuss with you the reason for your child's absence. Please be aware that dependant on the reason and your child's current attendance there will be some challenge as to why your child is not able to come to school. Each day at 9.30am the pastoral team will meet and establish who is absent and the reason why. Dependant again on the individual's attendance and the reason for absence the most likely outcome will be a member of the pastoral team visiting the home of pupils who are absent to discuss how we can get the young person back into school with as limited time absent as possible.

### **Launch of the Hillside Hundred – Spin to win – but you've got to be in!**

This week we have launched the Hillside Hundred – Pupils who achieve 100% attendance this week may get the chance to spin the wheel and win prizes! It starts again every week with new prizes and some star prizes – your child needs to be in to win!

