

**Reminder:** Pupils are **NOT** in school on Friday 30th June, as this is an INSET Day for staff.

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

This newsletter is a bit of an emotional one and really does reflect life in school at this time of year. Last Friday we said goodbye to the Class of 2023 and I have to say, saying goodbye never gets any easier! We had the most special morning and hopefully something these young people will remember for the rest of their lives. We are now looking forward to celebrating at Prom with them next Thursday.

Yesterday was 'National Thank A Teacher Day' which was a lovely opportunity to thank our teaching staff for everything they do, delivering the best lessons to our pupils and ensuring they make the progress of which they are capable.

We have also enjoyed celebrating 'Pride in Hillside' this week and still have some more events planned.

In the coming weeks we have an action packed programme of events for Year 6 and their families. Thanks to a suggestion from a Year 6 parent we have included a separate box for Year 6 including all the dates to help families (and me!) keep up with how much is going on!

Amanda Ryan, Principal

## **Prefects**

Introducing Hillside's new school Prefect team. The position of a Prefect is one of increased responsibility in school. It provides an important connection between staff and pupils. Our Prefects are vitally important to the whole school community and help to set the tone amongst pupils. They also lead by example and promote The Hillside Way. Prefects are role models and demonstrate the core values of Hillside High School on a daily basis and encourage them in others, both in school and in the wider community.

Congratulations to all of the pupils who successfully applied for the position. The appointment of our new Head Pupils is now underway, and we look forward to announcing the successful candidates for these roles in the coming weeks following the interview process.

Good luck all.





Mr Smith



We are looking to recruit a new Parent Governor, please email admin@hillsidehighh.co. uk to find out more.

"May the summer solstice bring you joy, happiness, love, and lots of sunshine."

**Thought for** the Week



## Goodbye, Farewell and Good Luck Year 11



After 5 years, 2 lockdowns and a whole global pandemic in between, the Class of 2023 officially came to the end of their time at Hillside last Friday. Once they completed their final exam, the end of school celebrations began! Year 11s were greeted with a lovely leavers breakfast which included so many selfies & videos being taken, very creative shirt signings and we can't forget about all the tears (myself included!) as well as a presentation which consisted of photographs taken throughout their time at Hillside. This was such a massive trip down memory lane for everyone! Year 11s leavers day ended with a whole year group photo which I for one will definitely be framing! It has been my honour to be your Progress Leader at such a key stage of your lives and I'm grateful to have been given the opportunity to experience this with all you guys. It wasn't for long but it definitely felt like it! Good luck Year 11, go out there and show the world what Hillside is all about!!!

Miss Yusuf



Good Juck







SHUNE!





Congratulations CLASS OF 2023









"Coach my Video" used in dance to monitor progress, highlight strengths, weaknesses and compare performances



## The Matilda Cast in the West

On a Wednesday morning the Performing Arts team arrived at school at 6.30am to be greeted by the smiling, excited faces of our Matilda cast ready for our trip to London. We boarded the bus and waved bye to parents excited for our day in the West End to see the production of Matilda. After a six hour bus journey we arrived at the Cambridge Theatre with just enough time to eat our lunch outside the theatre and soak in the buzz of our capital city. Once we took our seats in the theatre, the lights went down and we were treated to a truly wonderful performance that wowed our pupils and our staff. Seeing the production on a big stage and has made us even more excited for our production in July and has truly inspired us to make our show even bigger and better! We left the theatre with smiles on our faces and passion in our hearts for a show we now all love even more! It was a quick stop for tea at Honest Burger before the long drive home having created a day of lovely memories that we will never forget!

Hillside Matilda Jr. will take place on 19th & 20th July at 7pm. Tickets are on sale now via parent pay, be sure to buy yours before they're gone!

Miss Brown













Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

# PRIDE IN HILLSIDE

Our PRIDE in Hillside celebrations continued this week! We kickstarted the week with our Rainbow Non School Uniform Day. Hillside staff and pupils sported their brightest colours to show their solidarity for the LGBTQ+ community and to raise money to support diversity in the community. There's still more to come as today at break time is our Rainbow Cake sale!

Miss Collins









## NATIONAL THANK A TEACHER DAY

21ST JUNE 2023



Yesterday was National Thank A Teacher Day. This is an opportunity to recognise the amazing work our teaching staff do tirelessly to plan and deliver high quality lessons day in and day out, ensuring our pupils make the progress they are capable of. In addition to all this our teachers offer endless support to our pupils, not just in terms of their learning but to support them on their journey from the 11 year olds who join us, to the fantastic young people who leave us at the end of Year 11. I am so grateful and I know I can speak on behalf of our parents and families when I say a massive thank you for all that you do!

Everyone was treated to a sweet cone and one lucky winner, Mr Henesy won the raffle.

Happy Thank A Teacher Day everyone!



Mrs Ryan

### Key Dates 2023

29th June—Year 11 Prom

30th June—INSET Day—School Closed to pupils

6th July-Year 6 Welcome Evening 6pm

13th July— Summer Community Event 5.30pm-7.30pm

19th & 20th July—School Production Matilda

## RE-CYCLE YOUR OLD UNIFORM

We are always grateful for donations of good quality uniform including PE and Drama kits.

Also, if you have any no longer required text books, we can re-cycle those too.



## Key Dates 2023 for year 6

29th June—Transition day— All Year 6 at Hillside for the day 6th July—Year 7 Welcome Evening 6pm

13th July—Summer Community Event 5:30pm-7:30pm

24th-28th July—Summer School

Don't forget to book your 1-2-1 meeting with Mrs Ryan and Mrs Phillips. Please contact admin@hillsidehigh.co.uk