

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This newsletter is a real celebration of the amazing things which go on at Hillside. I know the Year 8 & 9 pupils who attended the residential at Condover Hall had a brilliant time, these will be the memories that stay with our young people long after they have left Hillside. Year 7 are away next Wednesday-Friday and I know they are very excited about this. For pupils who are not on the residential it is business as usual and they need to be in school every day.

Last night was our Open Evening and it was an absolute pleasure to meet so many Year 5 & 6 children and their families. If anyone missed Open Evening or would still like to find out more about our amazing school, do not hesitate to contact admin@hillsidehigh.co.uk and we will arrange a tour for you, this can be either during the school day or at the end of the day. **Reminder that you need to submit your form by 31st October.**

We are also looking forward to welcoming pupils from Year 4 to Year 8 to our World Space Week event next Thursday. Places are limited so please book your family place by contacting the office. (Please see flyer inside this newsletter)

Thought for the Week



Amanda Ryan, Principal

Year 8 and 9 Condover Hall Residential 2023

On Wednesday 20th September a group of Year 8 and 9 pupils travelled to Condover Hall in Shrewsbury for a 3-day residential. After an eventful coach trip, we arrived to be greeted by the instructors at Condover Hall. We got ourselves settled in our rooms and then we were off on a tour of the grounds. Then it was straight into 3 days full of fun activities. We did lots of activities including climbing, abseiling, rocket launching, buggy building, low ropes and many more.

The evening activities went off with a bang with lots of singing and dancing in between marshmallows round the campfire! We had a great time! I think the macarena and cha cha slide were a huge hit!

On the Thursday evening we held our very own rewards ceremony to recognise our pupils' engagements and efforts during the residential. Awards included those for participation, teamwork, dancing skills and the tidiest rooms.

It was lovely to spend time with pupils outside of school making memories that will last a lifetime!















Breakfast Club

Come along to our fantastic breakfast club which is free of charge to all pupils.

Mrs McGing will be in the Dining Room everyday between 7.45am-8:20am





	Event	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
08:20am	Arrival Time	8.20am	8.20am	8.20am	8.20am	8.20am
08:30am	Registration	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am	8.30am
09:00am	Lesson	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1
10.00am	Lesson / Break	Period 2	Break	Period 2	Period 2	Break
11.00am		Break (10.30)	Period 2			Period 2
		Period 2		Break	Break	
11.15am	Lesson	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3
12.15- 1.45pm	12.15-12.45	Period 4	Lunch	Davie d 4	Davie d A	Lunch
	12.45-1.15	Lunch	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4	Period 4
	1.15-1.45	Period 4		Lunch	Lunch	
1.45pm	Lesson	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5	Period 5
2.45pm	End of day	Beginning of P6 and extra-curricular sessions				

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National School

Breakfast Programme



Key Dates 2023

4th—6th October—Year 7 Residential

12th October— Year 7 Settling in Parent
Event

2nd November —Please note change of date to Presentation Evening



ParentPay - Our Online Payment Service

Our only method of payment for all trip that are organised by Hillside High School is via ParentPay. The online payment platform also gives you the option to top up your child's dinner money account. To set up your online account you will need your activation code which is provided by school. Using the secure website, you will be able to pay online using your credit or debit card.

What are the benefits to parents and pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7
- The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely – offering you peace of mind
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card or Direct Debit.
- Full payment history and statements are available for you to view securely online at anytime
- Your children will not have to worry about losing money at school
- If your child comes to school without their lunch or cash, you have the option to top up their account so they still are able to purchase their lunch.
- Parents can choose to be alerted when their balances are low via email and/or SMS text

How safe is ParentPay?

ParentPay offers you the freedom to make payments whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, safe in the knowledge that the technology used is of the highest internet security available. Once you have activated your

If you want to find out more about ParentPay go to: www.parentpay.com/Parents

account, you can make online payments straight away.

If you need your activation code please contact the Main Office on 0151 525 2630

ParentPay Trouble shooting—Please make sure you have activated your child's account before reading the following.

<u>I have activated my account with the activation codes that Hillside High have sent me but I am still unable to log in.</u>

Once you have activated your account with the username and password from Hillside High, ParentPay will ask you to choose your own username and password. After completing the set up, you must ensure that you then activate the email link that ParentPay have emailed to you. This is the final part of the set up that you will need to do. Once you have verified your email address, you will be able to sign in.

I am unable to activate my account as my email address has already been used with ParentPay.

If you currently have a parentpay account or have previously used the website for another school or child, you will have to log in to your existing account with your email that is registered. If you can no longer remember your password, please click the forgotten password button after you have put your username in. ParentPay will then email you a link to change your password. Once you are logged in to your existing account, you will need to click 'add child' it will then ask you to input the username and password that have been issued by Hillside High. Once that is done, it will link all accounts together.

I already have a child at Hillside High School.

If you already have a child at Hillside High and you have activated their account, please log in to that account, click 'add child' and input the username and password that Hillside High have provided to you for your additional child. Once that has been done, Parentpay will merge the accounts together.

My payment isn't showing in my bank account

The first payment you make through ParentPay can take up to 10 working days to debit your bank account. Any payments made after this can take up to 5 working days to debit. ParentPay will always put the funds on to your child's account within 15 minutes of making the payment, regardless if the funds have been debited from your account. It is your responsibility to check funds are available to cover the payment.

My child's dinner account is showing a minus figure

We don't allow pupils to overspend on their dinner account. The only time their account will show as a minus figure will be an indication that the online payment hasn't been successful. ParentPay will show the funds on their account 15 minutes after the payment has been made online. Your child is able to spend the funds even though the money hasn't cleared your bank account. There is sometimes a delay in the funds being taken from the bank account, this can then result in a failed payment. ParentPay will deduct the failed payment back from their account resulting in a minus figure. As soon as you top their account up again it will clear the minus figure off their account.

Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

In this week's assemblies we have been focussing on the importance of routines and corridor culture.

We have reminded all pupils of the importance of following basic routines to make school run smoothly and to keep it a purposeful and calm learning environment.

We reminded pupils of the basic expectations on the corridor:









We also reminded the pupils of the importance of lining up quickly at the end of breaks and leaving the school at the end of the day in an orderly manner.

With this in mind it is important that we also remind pupils of the dangers of crossing the busy and often complicated roads around the school. They must always use the crossings provided and wait for the Green man to cross safely – there have been too many near misses because pupils have assumed it is safe to cross.

Could we please ask that you also discuss this with your child.

Mr Edwards

