

EXCELLENCE IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last Thursday was our annual Presentation Evening at Bootle Town Hall. This is the evening when we celebrate the achievements of our current pupils and the young people who left us last summer, the Class of 2023. It was lovely to see these young people, many of whom we haven't seen since GCSE results day and hear all about what they are doing now. The evening did not disappoint, the entertainment from our choir and Jake on the grand piano was spectacular. I hope all our prize winners felt as proud of their achievements as I did. This was certainly a night they should remember for the rest of their lives. In my speech I spoke about the fact that 'Every morning you have two choices, to continue to sleep with your dreams, or wake up and chase them.' Every one of the prize winners we celebrated last week exemplifies the very best on waking up and chasing your dreams. This is what they do every day...a nice message and example for us all!

It was an honour to celebrate the life of Oliver Cooper-Grace a former pupil who died in February. Oliver had a real passion and talent for Performing Arts and it was extremely moving to award the Oliver Cooper-Grace Award for Performing Arts to Rhianna Sloan, a very deserving winner, with Oliver's family present. This will always be a special part of future Presentation Evenings.

Amanda Ryan, Principal

Presentation Evening















I am delighted to share our published report from Ofsted with you. This is now live on our website for staff and parents to access. The link is here: <u>Hillside High School - Hillside is a Good School!</u>





Hillside Lionesses

The Hillside Lionesses were back in action last week attending their first tournament of the season at LCFA in Drummond Road. Over 20 schools attended the event and the Hillside girls were represented in Year 7 and Year 8. Both teams were superb with outstanding performances from Amelia Kirk Flood and Jovita John in Year 7 who played their hearts out, they won 2 games and drew 2, ending up coming second in the group. In Year 8, there were fantastic performances from captain Tilly Turton who scored 5 goals, Tayla Sung and Esmae Hough. Year 8 won 3 out the 4 matches and finished second in the group, a fabulous achievement! A special well done also for Lillie Wells in Year 7 who played for Year 8 as Goal Keeper and made some excellent saves! Hillside Sports Leaders Ashley Evans and Fearne Barrett also attended the event and refereed all matches and supported and coached the teams. Well done to all players, Hillside are very proud of you!

Miss Austin













Dancing at Disneyland Paris!

Over the half term break our very own Jessica McDonald 9SW went on an amazing adventure dancing at Disneyland Paris! Jessica travelled with her dance school, Divine Inspiration to Paris to tread the boards at the famous home of Mickey Mouse and friends and what a show they put on! The dancers auditioned for the chance to dance at Disney and were lucky enough to be offered the chance to dance on one of the main stages in the Disney Park. It's true what they say dreams really do come true at Disney! After all of that hard work there was only one thing left to do, hit the rides! We are very proud of Jessica and the rest of her dance troupe for accomplishing a once in a lifetime performance. Well done all!!!

Miss Roby









Super Scientists!

This year our new cohort of Year 10 Biologists have made an excellent start to their studies. It was a real pleasure to see pupils thoroughly engaged and applying their skills to the required practical of food testing this week. This practical involves a range of complex reagents and a variety of apparatus, pupils needed to be organised and work well as a team to conduct their investigation.

This year we filled the number of places we have for Separate Science and even went slightly over due to very eager pupils! If you are in Year 7, 8, 9 and you love science, please keep working hard and developing your core knowledge to you can aim to be on the future cohorts of Separate Science.

Why study biology?

Understanding Life Processes: Biology is the study of life, encompassing everything from the smallest microorganisms to complex ecosystems. By delving into biology, students gain a comprehensive understanding of the processes that govern life, such as metabolism, reproduction, and adaptation.

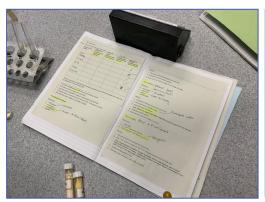
Health and Medicine: Biology is crucial for understanding the human body and health. It provides the foundation for medical studies, helping pupils comprehend diseases, develop new treatments, and explore the intricacies of the human anatomy, which is vital for healthcare professionals.

Environmental Awareness: In an era of increasing environmental concerns, biology is key to understanding ecosystems, biodiversity, and the impact of human activities on the planet. Pupils equipped with biological knowledge are better positioned to contribute to environmental conservation and sustainable practices.

Genetics and Evolution: Biology explores the principles of genetics and evolution, unraveling the mysteries of inheritance and the mechanisms that drive species change over time. This knowledge is fundamental for fields like genetic engineering and contributes to advancements in agriculture and medicine.

Biotechnology and Innovation: The field of biotechnology, rooted in biology, has revolutionized industries. Studying biology equips pupils to engage with cutting-edge technologies, from genetic engineering to bioinformatics, fostering innovation and progress in various sectors.

Mrs Wardale









Key Dates 2023

16th November—Year 10 Progress Evening 4:15-6:45pm

20th November—Flu Vaccinations—All year groups

30th November—Christmas Market 5:00-7:30pm

Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

"When you go home tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today"

As Armistice Day approaches, this week the Performing Arts Department delivered Remembrance themed assemblies to all of our year groups. Our Year 10 class planned and performed a moving and poignant assembly which encouraged our pupils to reflect on the sacrifices made in both world wars. They used film, poetry and devised their own scenes to show the audience what life would be like living through such a challenging times. They then carried out a poppy laying ceremony and along with pupils in the audience, held a minutes silence to play tribute to the fallen. Each day our pupils have behaved impeccably and shown respect to both theme of the assembly and the performers on stage. A huge well done to our year 10 pupils for producing their first performance together as a group, and a special thanks to Bella Gallagher from Year 8 who joined us to play one of the younger roles. As always, you did Hillside proud!

Miss Brown













Hillside Christmas Market

On Thursday 30th November from 17.00 to 19.30 we will be holding our annual Christmas market. This is an absolutely lovely event that raises money to support families in need from our local community over Christmas and kickstarts the festive season. We still have limited stall space available. If you would like to have a stall at the event please contact admin@hillsidehigh.co.uk for further details.

