



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I can hardly believe I am writing my last message of this half term. It has only been 5 weeks and it certainly feels like we have packed a great deal in! I hope everyone can enjoy a lovely half term break and the weather picks up for us!

On Monday it was my pleasure to launch our '50 Day attendance challenge' for Year 11. To ensure they can attend Prom pupils on Year 11 need to have school attendance of 96% or above. I hope lots of these amazing young people, achieve this and we have a fantastic Prom in June.

Amanda Ryan, Principal

Year 11 Attendance Challenge

On Monday, Mrs Ryan launched the Year 11 Attendance challenge - which links good attendance with attending the Year 11 Prom.

We want as many Year 11 to attend the Prom as possible - but good attendance will make all the difference to their outcomes and futures in the Summer - so they have to be in to win!

Hillside 50 Day Challenge

Don't miss more than 2 days in the next 50.....
And you shall go to the Prom!

If your attendance is already 96% or better – well done!
Just keep it that way and you're already there!

DAYS TO GO
50

Be in to win!

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Friendly February 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them	2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently	3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone	4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)
5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour	6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while	7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others	8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust	9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you	10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them	11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost
12 Focus on being kind rather than being right	13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day	14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you	15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message	16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help	17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life	18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself
19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing	20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun	21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them	22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today	23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise	24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them	25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why
26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones	27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them	28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today	29 Acknowledge someone's problem or pain rather than trying to fix it			

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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: [Hillside High School - Hillside is a Good School!](#)



Hillside Pantry

We are working with the charity MCKS who are funding the food for the pantry. MCKS is a Charitable Foundation and partners with schools to provide school pantries on a regular and permanent basis. They provide food, toiletries and sanitary supplies for those in need.

Hillside Pantry will be open to any families who have a child at Hillside. You will be given a food hamper containing some essentials listed below.

Items available include

- Tinned meals
- Breakfast cereal
- Tea / Coffee
- Long Life Milk
- Biscuits
- Pastas / Rice / Noodles
- Tinned vegetables
- Long life bread



Toiletries such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant are also available.

Please bring your own shopping bag to collect items.
Any questions – please contact the school office.

If you are unable to collect on Friday - please contact the school office to make arrangements for collection at another date.

The Hillside Pantry is open every Friday from 1pm – 4pm at the school Main Office.

Standards and Expectations—School Uniform

Firstly, a huge thank you to all our parents/guardians and pupils who continue to look smart and wear our school uniform with pride every single day. We don't take this for granted and we still regularly receive compliments from the wider local community about how smart Hillside pupils look.

Please see below for some basic reminders regarding school uniform and our expectations.

- Girls should wear white socks or black tights
- Jewellery is not permitted including any piercings. If pupils are seen wearing jewellery the teacher will confiscate this and the item will be placed in the school safe.
- Make- up should be minimal and discreet and false eye lashes, false nails and or nail varnish should not be worn. Pupils will be provided with wipes and nail varnish remover if they arrive in school with either.
- Blazers should be always worn on the corridors – pupils may remove blazers when working in classrooms.
- Outdoor coats or hooded jackets are not allowed to be worn in school and they should be removed as pupils enter the school building at any points during the school day e.g. after break and lunch

Our uniform underpins our high expectations of pupils to follow 'The Hillside Way' and pupils should look smart, professional and ready to learn- which many do every single day.



Lights, Camera, Action!

The boys from our Year 10 Performing Arts class were treated to a fantastic morning out with Miss Brown last week. The Liverpool Film studios were looking to give a group of young people who are interested in the industry the chance to visit the set of a TV drama being filmed in Liverpool, our friend Carmel from the LFC Foundation made sure the opportunity landed straight into our lap!

We headed to the famous Georgian Quarter in the city centre to see St. Bride Street transformed into the swinging 60's with vintage cars and even an authentic red double decker bus. We got to watch the crew set up for filming then saw some live action being recorded. The lead actors and supporting artists were dressed head to toe in original 60's clothing and certainly looked the part. We watched as they filmed the same scene from so many different angles in the duration of two hours, it made us realise just how long it takes to capture a scene that is only on screen for a matter of minutes. The boys got to chat with the crew, meeting the producer and director and discussing their career paths. Ben, the production manager, was particularly kind and spent some quality time with us explaining how a set is ran and his own journey from a set runner to where he is now, a true inspiration!

We soon realised that film sets are not as glamorous as they look on the big screen, after two hours on the street on a cold January morning we headed for some hot chocolates, a game of cards and a moment to reflect on what a brilliant experience we had had.

Well done to Jake, Jack K, Jack V, Josh, Ethan and Daniel for representing Hillside so brilliantly in a professional setting. Let's hope in the future some of your names will be on the credits of a big sky TV show! A special thanks to Sharon from the Liverpool Film Office and Carmel Carey Shileds from the LFC foundation for making it happen. That's a wrap, for now!

Miss. Brown



Personal Development Drop Down Day

Last week Hillside welcomed ex Liverpool goalkeeper Chris Kirkland in to talk to Year 10 Sports Leaders about his life as a footballer and coach. Pupils learnt about the qualities needed to compete at the very highest level and also listened to the impact such a high profile career can have on an individuals mental health, as Kirkland shared the struggles he faced in his life. Pupils listened intently and were a real credit to the school with the maturity they showed.

Mr Clarke



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Love yourself, whatever makes you different, and use it to make you stand out.

ROSS MATHEWS

Thought for the Week

Key Dates 2024

12th—16th February—Half Term

28th February — Year 11 Form Group Photographs

7th March—World Book Day

11th March—Year 8 HPV Immunisations

Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health LGBT+ History Month 2024

This week at Hillside we have been celebrating the great diversities we have in our community and how we strive for an inclusive society where equality for all is at the heart. As Ross Mathews once said, "Love yourself, whatever makes you different, and use it to make you stand out."

We have done this by celebrating LGBT+ History Month 2024. LGBT+ History Month is a month-long annual celebration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, non-binary and queer history, including the history of LGBTQ+ rights and related civil rights movements. UK 2024 LGBT+ History Month theme is: Medicine – #UnderTheScope



The 2024 theme celebrates LGBT+ peoples' contribution to the field of Medicine and Healthcare both historically and today.

This is a chance to showcase the amazing work of LGBT+ staff across the NHS and in other healthcare settings, in providing healthcare, especially during the pandemic. Whilst still shining a light on the history of the LGBT+ community's experience of receiving healthcare which has been extremely complicated leaving LGBT+ people still facing health inequalities even today.

At a time when the LGBT+ community is experiencing a rise in hate crime and hate instances we also encourage you to look 'Under the Scope' and listen to LGBT+ peoples' lived experiences from LGBT+ people.

Activities and ways everyone can get involved:

- Know that the LGBTQ+ community is part of the whole community.
- Be who you want to be.
- Find out more during the personal development day on Diversity this Friday
- Support your friends.
- Be accepting of others.
- Ask questions.
- Talk about it.
- Treat everyone with respect and be kind to all.



Hillside High School
Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs

Monday
Boys Football (Years 7 & 8), Netball Training (Years 7, 8, 9, 10)

Tuesday
Boys Football (Years 9 & 10), Netball Fixtures (Years 7, 8, 9, 10)

Wednesday
Girls Football (Years 7, 8, 9, 10), Boys & Girls Rugby (Years 7, 8, 9, 10), Boys & Girls Dance (Years 7, 8, 9, 10)

Friday
Boys & Girls Badminton (Years 7, 8, 9, 10)

'Excellence in the Heart of the Community'

HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

NO MOBILE PHONES

WE SEE IT... YOU LOSE IT!
Please ensure phones are switched off and out of sight.