



# HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Thought for the Week

All things are  
difficult before  
they are easy.

Thomas Fuller

Friday 7th June 2024

### Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope everyone had a lovely break over half term. It has been a pleasure to return to school this week. It has been another extremely busy week with the GCSEs in full swing for our Year 11 pupils and pupils in Year 7 and 8 sitting their assessments. I am extremely proud of the way they have conducted themselves with great maturity as they have practiced and now started to sit their assessments in the Sports Hall. We believe this experience is important to prepare them for their final GCSEs, by the time they get to Year 10 and 11 they will be familiar with sitting assessments in the Sports Hall, giving them the best chance of success.

In my assemblies this week I have shared the story of the inspirational Ruby League player Rob Burrow, I hope you will have time to read the article on the back page of this week's newsletter.

It is my pleasure to share the news that Miss Gibbons is now our Assistant Progress Leader for Key Stage 3. She will be working closely with the Year 7, 8 and 9 Progress Leaders to support our pupils.

**Amanda Ryan, Principal**



Miss Gibbons, Assistant Progress  
Leader for Key Stage 3

## Attendance League Press Release

Well - what an exciting end to the Attendance League we had - the prospect of double bonus points wasn't enough to shake up the League - even an emphatic win for Clarke's Sharks did not shift 7CH from clinching the Year 7 League winning spot! Hats off to Henderson Town - they have had an amazing season under the guidance of their manager - and should be very proud to walk away as League Winners - with only one defeat all season! Other spoils go to Cosgrove United and Wardale's Wanderers - both of which have had great seasons and take the leagues for their year group.

Success brings rewards and all winners of the Year Leagues will celebrate with 'Extra - Movie - Time' with their form tutors and Henderson Town will have the VIP treatment too! There will also be a Gala Awards Ceremony next week to celebrate the victors and the top scorers from each form!

Euro 2024 is now underway - with some tight matches in the Group Stages - who knows how this will shake out?

**Mr Edwards**

Attendance League Table – 24/5/24

Pos	Team	Name	Played	Won	Draw	Lost	GD +/-	Boost	Points	Last Week
1	10TH	Henderson Town	10	9	0	1	48.6	32	59	1 ↔
2	9SW	Wardale Wanderers	10	8	1	1	24.3	22	47	2 ↔
3	10RS	Seaman's Heroes	10	6	0	4	35.1	19	37	3 ↔
4	10CSY	Symes Town	10	6	0	4	15.4	19	37	4 ↔
5	10THE	Henesy City	10	7	0	3	12.1	16	37	6 ▲
6	8MC	Cosgrove United	10	5	0	5	6.2	18	33	7 ▲
7	7CH	Halsall United	10	5	0	5	6.3	17	32	5 ▼
8	7SAC	Clarke's Sharks	10	6	0	4	7.6	13	31	9 ▲
9	7KBH	Higgins' Heroes	10	6	0	4	0.8	10	28	10 ▲
10	9NK	Kitching Rovers	10	6	0	4	-1	10	28	8 ▼
11	7EB	Bell City	10	5	0	5	26	12	27	11 ↔
12	7OM	Moore Scorers	10	4	0	6	-0.3	11	23	12 ↔
13	7JR	Rice Rovers	10	5	0	5	-2	8	23	16 ▲
14	10GW	Wright United	10	3	0	6	-13.4	13	22	14 ↔
15	8RA	Ashraf's Rovers	10	5	0	5	-12.5	5	20	13 ▼
16	9LG	Gallagher City	10	4	0	6	-17.7	7	19	15 ▼
17	8AWW	Wellington Town	10	3	1	6	-15.2	6	16	17 ↔
18	8SC	Code Breakers	10	4	0	6	-26.5	2	14	19 ▲
19	8DH	Haygarth City	10	1	2	7	-24.2	6	11	18 ▼
20	9LB	Brown United	10	0	0	10	-69.3	0	0	20 ↔

Points  
Win = 3 Points  
Draw = 1 Point  
Lose = 0 Points

Weekly Boost  
Attendance above  
90% - 2 points  
93% - 4 points  
96% - 6 points

## Year League Champions



Year 7	7CH – Halsall United
Year 8	8MC – Cosgrove United
Year 9	9SW – Wardale's Wanderers
Year 10	10 TH – Henderson Town

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!](#)





# Oracy



## Success Criteria for Pupil Talk

- One person speaks at a time
- Positive body language and make eye contact with the speaker
- Speak with a clear voice
- Demonstrate active listening e.g. nodding head to demonstrate understanding, asking a question to clarify understanding



Let's talk about it...

Would you rather be  
poor and work at a job  
you love, or rich and  
work at a job you hate?

## Practise Makes Perfect!

At the end of last term pupils in Year 7 to 10 took part in a practice session for their upcoming end of year examinations. During the sessions, pupils followed the standards and expectations of how we conduct examinations at Hillside and practised lining up, finding their seats and checking equipment. The practise sessions ran very smoothly thanks to the excellent behaviour demonstrated by our pupils. Year 9 completed all their assessments in the week before half term and demonstrated excellent behaviour and attitude throughout – well done Year 9!

For Years 7, 8 and 10, exams take place this half term. Attendance and a good attitude to learning is crucial during the exams as results will not only give feedback to the progress your child has made this year but also be used to inform the teaching of each subject. Assessment information also provides us with information about what pupils have learned and where they need more support in the classroom along with information to ensure that your child is in a group which provides the correct level of challenge and support. It is important that pupils are clear on when their exams will take place; copies of the timetables have been sent home. It is also important that pupils are fully prepared for all exams and their subject teachers will give guidance on how to do this. Pupils have received a revision guide this week which will give them top tips for revision along with specific revision materials for core subjects. This guide will allow you to see the ways you can support your child in preparing for these exams. I am sure you would agree the opportunity to practice exam responses and experience exam situations is crucial to prepare your child for the future.

*Mrs Jones*







## Cavern Club Talent!

On the 7th of May 2024, ex popular pupil Peter Cass followed in the footsteps of one of his favourite bands, The Beatles, by playing The Cavern Club in Liverpool. Myself and Miss Lee were delighted to be invited by his parents to go and see him play. The atmosphere was electric and all those who performed should be given a huge amount of credit for getting up on the stage. Peter's performance was, as always, amazing, showcasing his talent for playing the piano, he is also a talented guitar player as well. He received a massive round of applause from the large crowd that was there. Another ex-pupil Matthew Nicholson also performed and showed the talent he has. It was a great night watching all the students from Liverpool Community College performing for their end of year assessments. Looking forward to watching their true talent for music and performing grow. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Cass for continuing for me to be a part of Peter's journey.

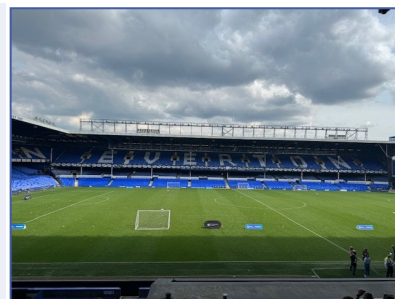
*Miss Harrison*



## Play on the Pitch

A fantastic opportunity for our Year 7 and 8 footballers to play on the pitch at Goodison Park in the final of the Christopher Ward Cup. A fantastic experience to run out on to the pitch to the famous Everton song Z-cars to a busy crowd of supporters. Hillside were playing a football club from Crosby and unfortunately conceded two goals in the first half letting their nerves get the better of them. The second half the girls were outstanding, they were well organised and had multiple chances to score but just couldn't find the back of the net. I am extremely proud of each of these footballers who showed determination, resilience and great team work! Well done to you all, and we look forward to next season. A big thank you to Mr Mockel who also helped out and supported us with this event. Player of the match goes to Tayla S who was outstanding throughout!

*Miss Austin*

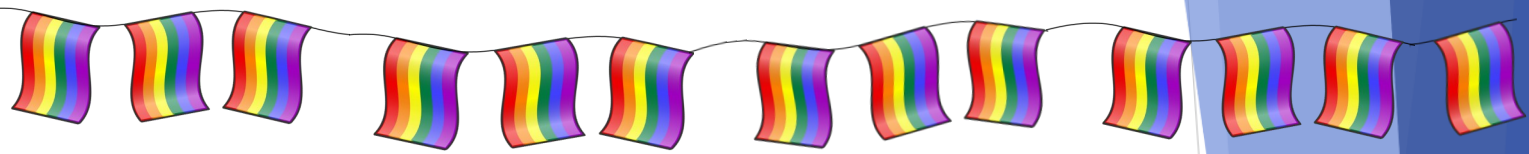


## Deaf Active Liverpool

Over the last half term, a group of Year 9 pupils have been completing an introduction to British Sign Language course with Susie Williams and her BSL interpreter Katie Godfrey from Deaf Active Liverpool. Deaf Active is a vibrant young charity that works to promote and enhance the lives of D/deaf children and young people throughout Merseyside. Susie and Katie delivered a series of engaging and interactive sessions to Year 9 resulting in our pupils being able to have full conversations using BSL on themes including introducing yourself, free time activities and shopping. By the end of the course, Year 9 agreed that they felt comfortable being able to communicate using BSL and that they had loved the experience. A big thank you to Deaf Active for providing such a rewarding experience for our pupils!

*Miss Collins*





# Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

## Rob Burrow

This week I have been covering the theme of Resilience in our assemblies. This is a key element of 'The Hillside Way' and I am sure you agree one of the characteristics we all need throughout life to be successful.

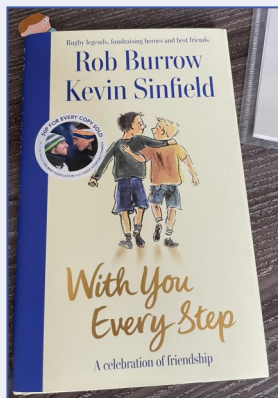
My family and I are huge Leeds Rhinos fans and have followed the story of Rob Burrow throughout his career and more recently his battle with Motor Neurone Disease (MND) and his truly inspirational response to this.

In assemblies we have thought about the inspiration we can all take from Rob's life, in the statement released by Leeds Rhino's on Sunday announcing his death, it says 'He will continue to inspire us all every day' and I hope in our own way that's what we can do.

Our assemblies are brief and I encourage pupils to watch the following clips to get a powerful insight into how moving Rob's story is.

Rob Burrows been awarded BBC Sports Personality of the Year: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/live/cxee3xjlmxkt#:~:text=Burrow%20was%20honoured%20with%20the,his%20family%20for%20their%20support.>

Kevin Sinfield carrying Rob over the finish line at the Rob Burrows Leeds Marathon May 23: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leeds-65590288>



We also talked about the power of friendship and everything Rob and his great friend Kevin Sinfield have achieved together, through the strength of their friendship. The book they wrote together 'With You Every Step' is a lovely celebration of friendship and we have copies in our LRC for pupils to read.

I hope whilst celebrating the life of Rob Burrow we can pause to think about these things:

Why is Rob such an inspiration?

In those circumstances do we think we could turn such a devastating diagnosis into something so positive?

What will Rob's legacy be?

What does the story of Rob and Kevin tell us about the power of friendship?

IT IS WITH DEEP SADNESS THAT WE ANNOUNCE THE DEATH OF OUR BELOVED SON, HUSBAND, FATHER, BROTHER AND FRIEND.

ROB HAS ALWAYS BEEN A TRUE INSPIRATION THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE WHETHER THAT WAS ON THE RUGBY LEAGUE FIELD OR DURING HIS BATTLE WITH MND (MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE). HE NEVER ALLOWED OTHERS TO DEFINE WHAT HE COULD ACHIEVE AND BELIEVED IN HIS OWN ABILITY TO DO MORE.

THE OUTPOURING OF LOVE AND SUPPORT THAT ROB AND THE WHOLE BURROW FAMILY HAVE RECEIVED OVER THE LAST FOUR AND HALF YEARS MEANT SO MUCH TO ROB.

IN PARTICULAR, THE RUGBY LEAGUE FAMILY AND THE MND COMMUNITY HAVE RALLIED AROUND ROB TO INSPIRE HIM, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

FOR THOSE WHO KNEW ROB THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE, HIS DETERMINATION AND SPIRIT IN THE FACE OF MND OVER THE LAST FOUR AND HALF YEARS CAME AS NO SURPRISE.

ROB NEVER ACCEPTED THAT HE COULDN'T DO SOMETHING, HE JUST FOUND HIS OWN WAY OF DOING IT BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE.

HE WILL CONTINUE TO INSPIRE US ALL EVERY DAY.

IN A WORLD FULL OF ADVERSITY, WE MUST DARE TO DREAM.

