# HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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Friday 12th July 2024

**End of term**
**Friday 19th July finishing times**

Year 7—11:55am
Year 8—11:45am
Year 9—11:50am
Year 10—12:00pm

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

I can't believe how quickly we are heading towards the end of term and the end of another academic year. The excitement is building for Hillfest our end of term music festival. This really is a highlight of the school year and something our pupils get very excited about. It is important pupils are in on the last day, to ensure they get to experience Hillfest 2024! We will be finishing at the earlier times, included in this newsletter. All the details for Hillfest 2024 are included below.

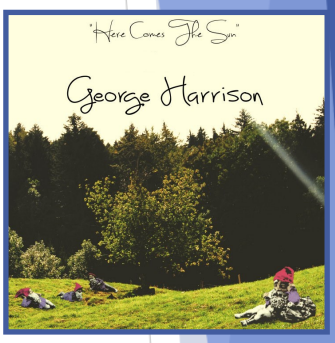
The Prom is always another highlight of the year and this year was no exception. The photos show how amazing our your people looked and it's fair to say an amazing night was had by all. Year 11, the Class of 2024 we really do miss you and are looking forward to seeing you on GCSE results day, Thursday 22nd August.

On Wednesday we made the very difficult decision to postpone out school production of Shrek until September / early October. This was a very difficult decision, but with Miss Brown unwell it wasn't fair on her or the cast to try and put the show on next week. We wish Miss Brown a speedy recovery and when we get back in September we will have Shrek to look forward to. When I spoke to the cast I know they were bitterly disappointed, but as always our pupils are amazing and I know they understood why I had to make the decision to postpone. Sending all our love and best wishes to Miss Brown for a speedy recovery.

Please spend some time going through the back page of the newsletter with your child, it includes some very important information about keeping safe over the summer holidays.

**Amanda Ryan, Principal**

## Thought for the Week



It is my pleasure to welcome our 'Head pupils' Jack, Jack and Tilly. I look forward to working with them in the coming year to move our school forward. ***Mrs Ryan***

## End of Term Arrangements – Hillfest 2024

As we approach the end of another successful term, we are excited to announce that Hillfest will be back for our end of year celebrations on the last day of term, Friday 19th July 2024. Pupils will be dismissed from school at the times detailed above. Pupils can wear their own clothes to school and we are asking for a donation of £1 which will entitle pupils to a festival wristband. All pupils will receive a free ice cream but there will also be some other snacks available using their normal school meal account so please check that it is topped up! Throughout the morning pupils will take part in live music performances, karaoke, football tournaments, inflatables and other games. We want Hillfest to be as inclusive as possible so there will be a chill out zone in the LRC for those pupils who may prefer a quieter space, where they can have a go at different crafts and mindful drawing. Festival face painting will also be on offer for a suggested donation of £1.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, a packed lunch can be ordered from the school kitchen for the last day of term. If you want to take up the offer of a packed lunch please email the school office admin@hillsidehigh.co.uk by Wednesday 16th July 2024 with the name and form of your child.

***Mrs Jones***

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!

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# Year 11 Prom

What a truly amazing evening we had celebrating the end of an era with our wonderful Year 11's. The beautifully decorated rooms at Lakeside with Hillside's traditional blue and white, was a fitting venue for our stunningly adorned students. Despite the wind and the rain, they arrived in style in their smartly tailored suits, stunning dresses and perfectly quaffed hairstyles. There was a feeling of great excitement amongst the pupils and as the music played, staff and pupils came together to dance the night away.

Mrs Harper took the lead on the awards, with the help of Mrs Thornton, crowning Steven Bell and Matilda Bardhi Prom King and Queen, however the highlight of the night was seeing Brian Leung's reaction to winning his award. All in all, the evening was absolutely wonderful, lots of love and laughter, crazy dancing, an abundance of photographs, but more importantly the memories that will be treasured for such a remarkable year group. We wish you the very best of luck Year 11 and will miss you dearly.

***Mrs Harper***

# Attendance League Press

Well what a week it was for England and our intrepid teams in the quarter finals! Victories for Clarke's Sharks, Henderson Town, Moore Scorers and Wellington Town have sent them flying into the semi-finals! It is going to be a close one to see who makes it to the finals. Congratulations to all our other winning forms last week - they all celebrated with extra time on Thursday - well deserved. I look forward to reporting on the epic forthcoming games!

***Mr Edwards***

EURO2024 Quarter Final Full Time Scores EURO2024

| Group A | | | | | | | | Group B |
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| | Quarter Finals | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Henderson Town | 10TH | 95.6 | v | 89.0 | 10THE | Henesy City | 1 |
| 2 | Seaman's Heroes | 10RS | 90.4 | v | 94.5 | 7SAC | Clarke's Sharks | 2 |
| | Runners up games | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Wardale Wanderers | 9SW | 92.4 | v | 93.8 | 7KBH | Higgins' Heroes | 3 |
| 4 | Halsall United | 7CH | 91.5 | v | 90.6 | 9NK | Kitching Rovers | 4 |
| 5 | Symes Town | 10CSY | 90.0 | v | 85.9 | 8MC | Cosgrove United | 5 |

| Group C | | | | | | | | Group D |
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| | Quarter Finals | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Moore Scorers | 7OM | 91.6 | v | 88.2 | 7JR | Rice Rovers | 1 |
| 2 | Gallagher City | 9LG | 86.5 | v | 93.6 | 8AWE | Wellington Town | 2 |
| | Runners up games | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Wright United | 10GW | 92.8 | v | 88.0 | 8DH | Haygarth City | 3 |
| 4 | Ashraf's Rovers | 8RA | 83.8 | v | 82.4 | 9LB | Brown United | 4 |
| 5 | Bell City | 7EB | 85.9 | v | 89.6 | 8SC | Code Breakers | 5 |

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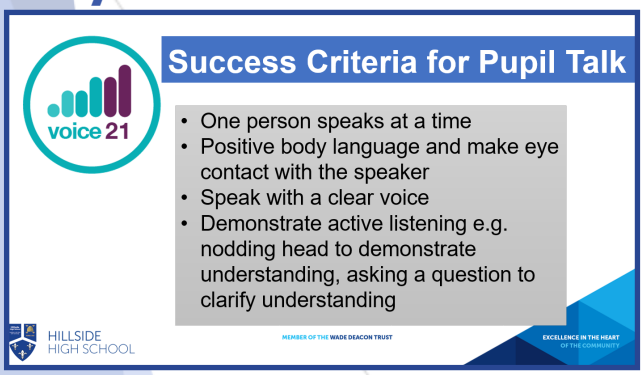
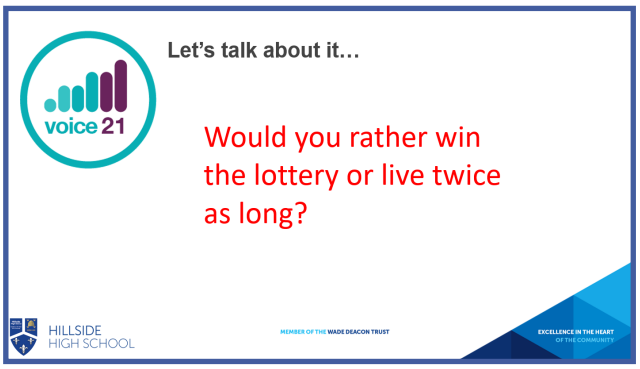


# Performing Arts

## LIPA Taster Day

Our Year 9 actors and dancers spent the day at LIPA having a tour of the campus and taking part in different workshops. These taster days are designed to encourage pupils to explore all LIPA has to offer and pupils were excited to discover how they can start to work at the world famous university as soon as next year as part of their Year 10 programme. Our pupils enjoyed the drama be dance workshops in their fantastic facilities and hearing the career opportunities studying at LIPA can provide. We continue to build on our partnership with this fantastic university and thank them and their staff for all of the opportunities they provide our pupils.

## London Trip

Our second London trip with the cast of Shrek took place recently, what a fab day out we had. A coach of 50 sleepy pupils and staff drove off from Hillside at 6.15am for what turned out to be a day of fun and none stop laughter. Our first visit of the day was to Shrek world, in interactive experience where we walked around the kingdom of far far away meeting the plays characters and hearing their stories. It ended with a meet and greet with the big green man himself and provided our cast with plenty of inspiration for their show. We then had lunch on the South Bank, lapping up the glorious sunshine and enjoying the raw talent of London's buskers. Our day ended with what was definitely the pupil's firm favourite, a trip to the London Dungeons. We were guided on an interactive tour around old London, meeting its most gruesome and haunting characters who took pleasure in ensuring our pupils had a frightful time! Miss Brown will never forget the screams of terror followed by sheer hysterics from some of our pupils, let's just say the drama group were very dramatic! We boarded the coach for the late drive home having experienced another wonderful day in our capital city. Once again, our pupils did themselves and Hillside proud with their impeccable behaviour. We are excited for next year's trip already!

## "Ollie's Trip"

Last year our whole school community was saddened to hear of the passing of our former pupil Oliver Cooper Grace. Ollie was a talented young actor who dedicated much of his time at Hillside to the drama department. We recently named the Performing Arts Award at our prize evening after him to keep his memory at Hillside alive.
Oliver's mum, Sharon, got in touch with use recently and offered to fund a theatre trip for pupils in our department in memory of Ollie. We thought this was a lovely idea and were so touched by her kindness. Last week the Cooper Grace family paid for our Year 10 Arts Ambassador's to visit the Liverpool Empire to see the production Wicked. They had a fantastic evening and were so lucky to see a show with such talent, straight from the west end. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed every moment and really appreciated the opportunity Oliver's family gave them. The Cooper Grace family have offered to make this an annual trip over the next few years whilst they still have funds left over from Oliver's fundraising. This will now be known as "Ollie's trip" each year and will hopefully lead to pupils being as inspired by theatre as Oliver was during his time with us. We cannot thank the Copper Grace family enough; we have been blown away by your kindness and are honoured to keep Oliver's memory alive at Hillside.

***Miss Brown***

# Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

## Summer Safety

Summer is an amazing time to enjoy our beautiful waterways but we must be mindful that warmer weather is directly linked to an increase in fatal drowning incidents. Rivers and Lakes/ Lochs pose the greatest statistical risk as there are often hazards that the average person is not equipped to handle and there is a lack of professional supervision.

Accidents are mostly preventable with the correct knowledge and judgment and here are our tips to staying safe in the water during the summer:

To enjoy the water safely and make the right call…

- Enter slowly and carefully
- Think carefully about your ability to splash or swim in cold outdoor water. 49% of those who lost their life were classified as swimmers*. Are you really a good swimmer?
- Stay within reach
- Don't go too far and stay within a standing depth.
- Always be supervised
- Over 70% of fatal accidents occur in the absence of professional supervision.
- Seek life guarded areas and always make sure someone is available to raise the alarm.

In an emergency…

- Call 999 Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast.
- Don't enter the water to rescue.
- If you're in trouble FLOAT and call for help
- Fall in or become tired – stay calm, float on your back and call for help.
- Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in

**Questions**

Would you know what to do in an emergency at the beach?
What would you do if your friend got into difficulty?
What activities from the summer assemblies are you going to try this summer?

***Mrs Jones***

EXCELLENCE IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

### LFC Foundation – LFC Football Camp

- Netherton Activity Cetre
- 11 – 14 yearS
- 10am – 3pm - Friday 2nd / Friday 16th August
- Book on using LFC foundation website

### Bootle Leisure Centre - Swim Sessions

- Discount Swim Sessions
- Between 10.00am - 3.45pm
- Monday 29th July - Friday 30th August

### Derby Park - Junior Park Run

- 9.00am every Sunday
- 2km
- Ages 4 - 14

### DoE Taster Day

- 6th and 20th August
- St Mary's Complex, Waverly Street

### Fret Board Guitar Club

- Ages 11 - 16
- Every Tuesday 5.00 - 6.30pm
- No guitar needed!
- Scrapyard Studios CIC, Waverly Street - Near to Asda

### Park Nights

- Archery
- Inflatable Sports
- Crazy Golf
- Kin-Ball
- Go Karts
- Multi Sports

### Youth Choir

- Waterloo Library
- Mondays 4.45pm - 5.45pm

### Media and Podcasting Club

- Every Wednesday 4.30pm - 6.00pm
- St Marys Complex, Waverly Street (Near Asda)
- Call 0151 525 1995 or email

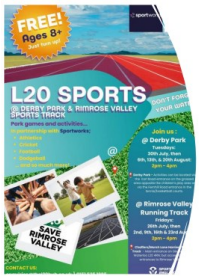
enquiries@thel20hub.co.uk

### Tie Dye Workshop

- Wednesday 31st July
- 10.30 - 11.30am
- £7 per person
- The L20 Hub - St Marys Complex, Wav erly Street

### L20 Sports

- Athletics, cricket, football, dodgeball
- Free!
- Derby Park - Tuesdays
  - 30th July / 6th, 13th & 20th August
- Rimrose Valley Track- Fridays
  - 26th July / 2nd, 9th, 23rd August




### Clothes Workshop

- 21st August 2024 – 1pm – 3pm
- £7
- L20 Hub
- St Mary's Complex, Waverly Street