EXCELLENCEIN **THE HEART OF** THE COMMUNITY

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we come to the end of another amazing year here at Hillside can I thank you for all your support. We couldn't achieve everything we do without the support of our school community and in particular Parents and Guardians. I hope you can enjoy a well deserved summer holiday and some time together as a family. Our pupils have worked so hard this year

they certainly deserve a break!

We say goodbye to some colleagues today. Mr Richardson who has been at Hillside 26 years starts his very well deserved retirement, although he will back to deliver some peripatetic music lessons for us. Mr Richardson's impact on the world of performance has been significant and he will be very fondly remembered by thousands of former pupils and many of our parents. Mr Bulger who has taught Technology for us this year and Ms Moore in English are both moving on and I wish them every success in their new roles. We also say Goodbye to Ms Tinsley our Academic Mentor who starts studying for her Masters in September, which she is going to love. We also say goodbye to three of our fantastic Teaching Assistants, Ms Simmons, Ms Ryding and Ms McDermott, these colleagues have been such an asset to our school and provided the most amazing support to our pupils. All are moving on to very exciting careers and I wish them every success.

I look forward to welcoming all pupils back at the usual time of 8.20am on Tuesday 3rd September. It was my pleasure to pop to Northcote yesterday to say Goodbye to Mr Morgan their Headteacher who is retiring after 27years as the Head. I was honoured to be accompanied by Lacey Thompson in Year 10 who had produced the most wonderful piece of art work as a gift for Mr Morgan. It's fair to say he was very impressed.

Amanda Ryan, Principal



Holiday Reque

Recently we have received a number of requests for term time holidays. Can I make our position clear on this, we do not authorise any absence for holidays in term time and in the majority of cases a time holiday will result in a fine. Please check our holiday dates for the next 2 academic years which can be found on our website, under the heading, Parents & Carers, Term Dates and School Calendar. You will spot that moving forward we have a longer half term break in October and we hope this will give our families the opportunity to book holidays at this time at a reduced cost!

Once Upon A Time At Hillside

On Thursday 11th July, Hillside held it's annual Community Open Evening and this year the Theme was Once Upon A Time! There was something for everyone, whether that be fire eaters, dinosaurs, story tellers, fairies, superheroes or even villains! Hillside welcomed families from surrounding primary schools, our own school community and beyond. A good time was had by all, although Mrs Ryan did have a very close call with an enormous T-Rex! Watch out for the video of the event on our social media pages!

Miss Collins





















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!



Geography Trip

Year 10 Geographers had an amazing day out in Liverpool's Royal Albert Dock on their GCSE field trip. The pupils worked hard all day collecting data on the local environment and land use to have all the information for their Geography paper 3 next year. First the pupils completed a land use survey where they explored the docks and detailed all the uses of buildings while they explored. Next the pupils faced the public to complete surveys – the pupils worked hard to complete their surveys speaking to tourists, locals and shop workers to gather their data. Finally, the pupils completed an environmental survey using their geographical skills the rate the local environment against a series of factors to conclude how well the local environment was being cared for. Our young Geographers were fabulous in their endeavour and did Hillside very proud. The Geography Department cannot wait to take the Year 10's on their river trip next academic year. Well done Geographers!

Miss Kelly





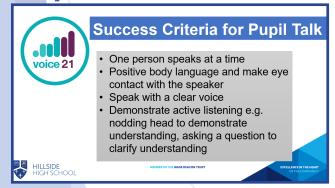
Attendance League Press

Well, sadly England didn't quite make it despite a valiant performance against Spain! However, here at Hillside Euro2024 the excitement continues with Henderson Town and Moore Scorers securing their places in the Final with emphatic victories. There were some excellent results for Wright United and Haygarth City in the Runners up games both achieving attendance over 96% - well done to them! Its going to be a close one this week in the Final - I look forward to reporting the results in Spetember!

Mr Edwards



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New PE Kit

The PE department are introducing a new PE kit range from September 2024 following consultation with pupils and other key stakeholders. The new kit is manufactured by O'Neills sportswear, which is a high-quality product at an affordable cost to the consumer. We must stress that we do not expect parents/carers to purchase the new kit to replace their child's existing kit but would ask that when a new kit is required because your child has outgrown their existing one that you purchase the new kit instead. The new kit includes a range of additional options including three guarter zipped top, black pants/ legging option and rain jacket, all incorporating the Hillside High School crest. These will complement the standard compulsory kit which will include a t-shirt, shorts and socks. Please be aware that only the new/existing kit will be accepted as PE kit in lessons and we will not allow other clothing options/alternatives to be worn that fall outside this range. There will be a number of avenues for purchasing the new kit including O'Neills own website. Simply visit https://www.oneills.com/uk_en/ and search for Hillside High School PE kit. Equally, local distributors Trutex, Laser Schoolwear and Paul's Place will also stock the new kit. Please be aware that the kit will be available online and in the shops from the 5th August, 2024.

Mr Clarke









The Inclusive Hub
Summer Holiday Sessions



Please note that for children attending Liverpool schools, or having a Liverpool Council postcode, places must now be booked through https://eequ.org/experience/9099

This is a really easy platform to use, and we will give any help that is needed to get you set up. Please book as many dates as are available as you can always cancel on the day.

Children attending Sefton (or other authorities) schools, or having a Sefton (or other authorities) postcode can book in the usual way – wendy@theinclusivehub.co.uk, or give me a call 07534952018

Monday July 29th	Monday August 5 th	Monday August 12th	Monday August 19th
11:00 – 3:00	11:00 - 3:00	11:00 – 3:00	11:00 – 3:00
Tuesday July 30 th	Tuesday August 6 th	Tuesday August 13th	Tuesday August 20th
11:00 – 3:00	11:00 - 3:00	11:00 – 3:00	11:00 – 3:00
Wednesday July 31st	Wednesday August 7th	Wednesday August 14th	Wednesday August 21st
4:00 – 8:00 p.m.	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.	4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday August 1st	Thursday August 8th	Thursday August 15th	Thursday August 22 nd
11:00 - 3:00	11:00 - 3:00	11:00 - 3:00	11:00 - 3:00

Sessions are free of charge and attendees will get dinner/tea provided, as well as refreshments throughout the day. Parents are encouraged to attend as we will also be offering family activities and workshops.

We have three trips planned: Monday August 12th &19th to Laurel's Wood in Formby and Thursday August 8th to the Recycling Centre in Gilmoss – we will travel to these by minibus. Wednesdays 5 – 6 p.m. will include a 'How to Train Your Dragon' interactive storytelling workshop from Kingley's bookshop. Thursdays will be spent in the Gateway Garden and Kitchen taking part in a range of cooking, crafts and gardening workshops. Every afternoon from 1 – 3 p.m. will be football skills and circuit training hosted by two specific coaches – these will be in the Hub, or outside in the park, weather permitting. We will also have our usual range of arts & crafts, science and games running each day.

If you have any questions, or need help with booking a Liverpool place please phone: Wendy 07534952018



Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health **Standards and Expectations**

In this week's assemblies I have reminded pupils of our Standards and Expectations in preparation for September. We want to start the new academic year upholding these very high

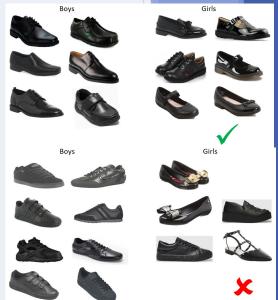
standards and ready to learn!

I have reminded pupils of the importance of buying new school shoes that are shoes and not trainers or anything that looks like a trainer. Can I remind all families that whatever signage you might see in a shoe shop if they look like trainers, we will class them as trainers!

Pupils need to ensure hair including braids are natural in colour and any hair accessories are the school uniform colours of blue or black.

We are very proud of our pupils and how they exemplify these standards and expectations. As parents I know you share the same sense of pride as I do and that's why it's important to share these timely reminders. We know if we get these basics right it allows our pupils to come into school and get on with their job of learning and making progress.

We are very excited to be launching Knowledge Organisers for all pupils in September. Pupils will need to carry these every day as part of their Essential 8 so please ensure your child has a school bag big enough to carry an A4 sized book. As parents these Knowledge Organisers will be invaluable for you in supporting your child with their learning at home.





Points to consider....

Do pupils know what they need to purchase over the summer to be fully equipped for September?

Can they explain what a Knowledge Organiser is and how it will help them with their learning? What makes them feel proud to be a Hillside pupil and can they recognise how our high standards in terms of uniform and expectations allow us all to look our best and in turn achieve our best?

Mrs Ryan













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TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST [AT] 1PM

FORMBY PDC - L37 6EW

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