



HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

WADE DEACON TRUST

School Calendar

Please see back page for a calendar which I hope will help you plan for the year ahead. We also share key dates and information on our social media. Your child's Pupil Handbook is also a good source of information.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is my pleasure to say a very warm welcome back to everyone. It has been a joy to welcome our pupils back this week and I must say a massive thank you to our parents and guardians who have ensured our pupils have returned looking so smart and exemplifying our high expectations here at Hillside.

Our new Year 7s have made a fantastic start and all seem very excited and happy. Doing after school duty and saying bye to them all has quickly become the highlight of my day.

In my assemblies on Tuesday I spoke to pupils about how exciting I find the start to the new school year and I really hope they share this feeling. I reminded pupils of our focus on learning and how we have the highest expectations for them in terms of their learning, the progress they make and the outcomes we want them to achieve. This starts immediately and pupils ensuring they always have their Knowledge Organiser with them is going to be crucial. Please see Mrs Wardale's article inside this week's newsletter for further information about Knowledge Organisers. It would be great if you could get your child to show you their Knowledge Organiser and talk to them about how they are used in school. They will also be an invaluable resource for our pupils when completing their homework.

Amanda Ryan, Principal

Thought for the Week

DAILY REMINDER

**Success is
earned one
day at a time.
Start by
showing up."**

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Progress Leaders

If you need to discuss any matter regarding your child, please feel free to contact us at school. We find that pupils achieve their best when there is open communication between home and school. Your child's Form Tutor should be the first port of call. Every year group is lead by a Progress Leader who can be contacted if you have any worries or concerns, or have any information that you would like to share as a reminder.

Please see below for your child's Progress Leader.



**Mrs Harper,
Year 7
Progress
Leader**



**Ms Phillips,
Year 8
Progress
Leader**



**Miss Yusuf
Year 9
Progress
Leader**



**Miss Roby,
Year 10
Progress
Leader**



**Mrs McCarthy,
Year 11
Progress
Leader**

Pupil Support

A reminder that if your child takes medication during the school day then this should be brought into school and clearly labelled with pharmacy instructions for administering the medicine. Parents/Guardians need to sign a form to say that you agree to your child being given medicine. Except for any inhalers or in some cases an epi-pen, a pupil should not carry any medication on them in school including paracetamol. If we held medication for your child last year, please contact school to check that we have enough stock and that it is in date. Mrs Banks is the Pupil Support Co-ordinator and will assist with any enquiries regarding medication. If your child has an ongoing medical condition and requires a care plan, please contact Mrs Banks who will work with you to create or update this.



**Mrs Banks,
Pupil Support**

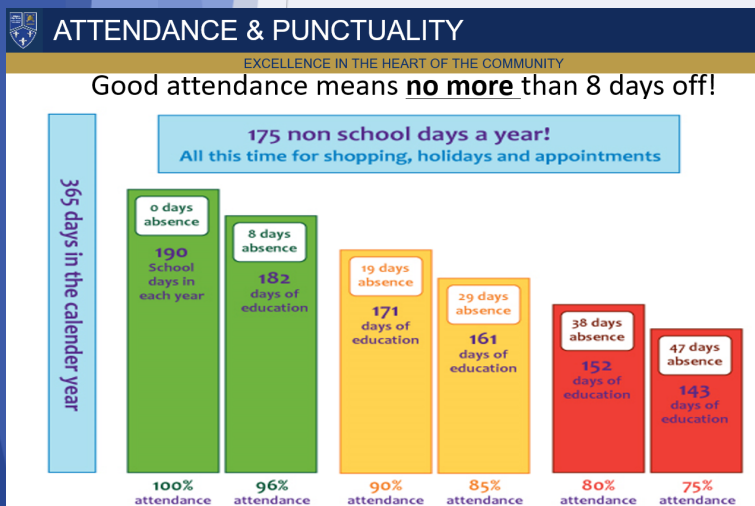
Attendance—Start Strong

It is so important to make a strong start to the year. In this week's assemblies we have been outlining why attendance is so important and the effect it can have on life chances.

We have also introduced Compulsory Catch-up to help support pupils when they return from an absence.

Compulsory Catch-up

- To support your progress, if you miss curriculum time, you will be required to complete Compulsory Catch Up to support your learning and reduce any knowledge gaps.
- In the event of missing curriculum time, you will have until Friday of the week following your absence to complete any work that was missed, and ensure your teacher has signed it off as complete.
- **It is your responsibility to identify and complete any work that has been missed. You must present your catch-up sheet to your Form Tutor on the Friday of the week following your absence. If all work has not been completed, you will be required to stay behind where you will be supported by staff to complete your catch-up work.**



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY
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Meet the Attendance Team

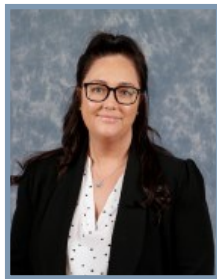
We are lucky to have a dedicated attendance team to support you and your families in attending school. No matter what the reason for an absence is, every day of school missed is 5 hours of learning missed that cannot be caught up.

The attendance team are responsible for monitoring and support on a daily basis, this may include phone calls home, home visits or direct work with pupils and their families. Our Attendance Team also works with pupils 1:1 regarding attendance and hold attendance workshops.

If you are unable to attend school your parent/guardian will need to ring the school office on 0151 525 2630 between 7.30-8.30am and explain your absence to one of the team.



Miss Chialton
Attendance Officer



Miss Elliott
Attendance Officer



Mrs Wilson
Attendance Officer

Hillside 100!

Rewards for 100% attendance – weekly, half termly, termly and annually.
Prize draws, Spin to win and lots more coming up this year. – Be in to win!

HILLSIDE
100

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Exciting Launch: Hillside High School Knowledge Organisers!

We are thrilled to announce the launch of the Hillside High School Knowledge Organisers for all pupils! These organisers are a vital resource, designed to ensure that every pupil has easy access to the core knowledge they will be learning this term. We believe that having this information at their fingertips will greatly enhance their ability to engage with lessons, reinforce their learning, and achieve academic success.

The Knowledge Organisers are part of our Essential 8, meaning that pupils must have them in school each day to fully participate in lessons. They provide a clear overview of the key concepts, facts, and vocabulary that students need to master in each subject. By using these organisers, pupils can review and consolidate what they've learned, making it easier to retain information and build a strong foundation for future learning.

For parents, the Knowledge Organisers offer a fantastic opportunity to support your child's education at home. By reviewing the material together, you can help strengthen your child's understanding and boost their confidence in class. It also enables you to stay informed about what your child is learning and how you can assist them.

We understand that sometimes things get lost, and should the Knowledge Organiser go missing, replacements are readily available for purchase through Parent Pay.

We are confident that these Knowledge Organisers will make a significant difference in our pupils' learning journey and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have!

Mrs Wardale



Standards and Expectations—School Uniform

Firstly, a huge thank you to all our parents/guardians and pupils who have started the school year looking so smart and wearing our school uniform with pride. 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.



September 2024

9th September	Success in Year 11 Evening— 5:30pm
11th September	Photographers — Whole school individual photographs
23rd September	Year 10 Welcome to GCSE — 5:30pm

October 2024

9th October	WSW Community Event
10th October	Year 7 Settling in Parent Event 10:30am and 5pm
16th-17th October	Shrek — Rescheduled summer Production
21st October	PD Drop Down Day 1 Year 11 Parent Event(3:15pm) - Supporting your child with exam stress
23rd October	End of term — Last Day of School

November 2024

4th November	Start of Term — Back to School
13th November	Careers Fair
14th November	Presentation Evening
18th — 20th November	Year 11 Mock Spanish Speaking Exams
21st November	Year 11 Progress Evening — 4:15pm - 6:45pm

December 2024

2nd — 20th December	Year 11 Predictor Exams
12th December	Christmas Dinner Day Christmas Market — 5pm-7.30pm
19th December	Christmas Concert 7pm
16th — 18th December	Mock Interviews Year 10
20th December	End of Term— Last Day of School

January 2025

6th January	Start of Term — Back to School
16th January	Year 10 Progress Evening - 4:15pm — 6:45pm
20th January	Year 11 Predictor Results Day
22nd January	Year 11 English and Maths Progress Evening

February 2025

6th February	Year 9 Progress Evening - 4:15pm - 6:45pm
14th February	End of Term — Last Day of School
24th February	INSET Day (School Closed to Pupils)
25th February	Start of Term — Back to School

March 2025

5th-7th March	Options 1 to 1 Conversations
6th March	World Book Day
17th — 21st March	Year 11 English & Maths Exams
20th March	Year 9 Progress Evening & Options Event 4.15pm-6.45pm
24th March — 4th April	Year 10 Work Experience

April 2025

4th April	End of Term — Last Day of School
22nd April	Start of Term — Back to School
24th April	Year 8 Progress Evening 4.15pm- 6.45pm
22nd — 9th May	Year 10 & Key Stage 3 End of Year Exams
28th — 30th April	Year 11 Spanish Speaking Exams

May 2025

5th May	Bank Holiday — School Closed
12th May	The start of Year 11 GCSE Exams
22nd May	Year 7 Progress Evening
23rd May	End of Term — Last Day of School

June 2025

2nd June	Start of Term — Back to School
20th June	End of Year 11 GCSE Exams
23rd — 26th June	Year 10 Spanish Speaking Exams
26th June	Year 11 PROM & Year 6 Transition Day
27th June	INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

July 2025

3rd July	Year 7 Welcoming Evening 6pm
4th July	Festival of Sport Day
10th July	Summer Community Evening
16th-17th July	Summer Productions 7pm
18th July	End of term — Last day of term

August 2025

21st August	GCSE Results Day
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