



**HILLSIDE
HIGH SCHOOL**
WADE DEACON TRUST

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THE COMMUNITY

Thought for the Week

Knowledge is power.
Information is liberating.
Education is the premise
of progress, in every
society, in every family.

Kofi Annan

Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter. Please take the time to read our 'Tips for using your Knowledge Organiser' and speak to your child about their Knowledge Organiser and how they are using them. These are part of our 'Essential 8' and all pupils need to bring them to school every day! I love our Thought for the Week, it really made me think about the importance of knowledge for our pupils, to support their progress in school and their life chances after they leave us. Knowledge really is power!

We have made such a 'Strong Start' with attendance. We know this is the single most important factor which contributes to the success of our children. It's obvious if pupils aren't in school, they wouldn't make the progress they are capable of. We pride ourselves on working with our families, so please don't hesitate to contact your child's Progress Leader or a member of the Attendance Team if you need any support in terms of attendance.

Last night's Open Evening was a huge success and I can't wait to share more details with you in next week's newsletter. If anyone was unable to attend or would like to take me up on the offer of a personal tour around school please email our admin team at Admin@hillsidehigh.co.uk and they will arrange a tour for you.

We are now looking forward to our next parental event which is our 'Welcome to GCSE Evening' 5.30pm on Monday 23rd September. It will be great to see all Year 10 and their parents at this evening.

Amanda Ryan, Principal

Key Dates 2024-2025

**23rd September—Year 10 Welcome to GCSE—5.30pm - & Whole
School Flu Immunisations**

9th October—World Space Week Community Event

10th October—Year 7 Settling in Parent Event—10:30am & 5pm

Wednesday 23rd October—Last Day of Term

4th November —Back to School



Reminder

It has come to my attention that some parents/carers have not yet signed up for Class Charts, this is an online platform used to monitor your child's behaviour, attendance and homework assignments. Additionally another system we use called ParentPay which is used to pay for school meals, trips and activities. If you need your login details for either of these please contact the main office on 0151 525 2630 or email admin@hillsidehigh.co.uk

Mrs Ryan, Principal

Holiday Requests

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!



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Attendance—Hillside Makes a Strong Start

Last week we had some very strong attendance performance from a number of forms - with 7RLC/NW and 11GW achieving 100% and all Year 7 forms achieving attendance over 96% - well done. 8KBH, 8OM, 8CH, 9DH, 10SW, 10NK, 11RS, 11TH and 11THE all achieved attendance above 95% - and have definitely made a strong start!

By last Friday 579 pupils had 100% attendance. A number of pupils who have been absent school have now completed the Compulsory Catch Up - to help fill the gaps of any missed learning - but there is nothing as good as being in school! Freddo Friday was a great success and everyone enjoyed the Froggy Madness - Fridays are always a challenge for us as a school in terms of attendance - they are as important as every other day and we would ask parents and guardians to support us in ensuring your child is in school everyday.

Mr Edwards



Attendance

At this point of the Autumn Term we wanted to give all members of our school community some reminders regarding our expectations in terms of attendance and punctuality. It is important that we are all focused on improving our whole school attendance. If your child is unable to attend school, you will need to ring the school office on 525 2630 between 7:30-8.30am. Your call will be received by one of our Attendance Team who will discuss with you the reason for your child's absence. *Please be aware that dependant on the reason and your child's current attendance there will be some challenge as to why your child is not able to come to school.

Each day at 9.30am the pastoral team will meet and establish who is absent and the reason why.

Dependant again on the individual's attendance and the reason for absence the most likely outcome will be a member of the pastoral team visiting the home of pupils who are absent to discuss how we can get the young person back into school with as limited time absent as possible.

The following information is from the DfE website and it outlines the responsibilities that parents have in terms of school attendance.

You must make sure your child gets a full-time education.

Children must get an education between the school term after their 5th birthday and the last Friday in June in the school year they turn 16.

You'll be contacted by either:

- the school - if your child is enrolled in school and does not turn up (even if they're only absent for a day)
- the council's education welfare officer - if they think your child is not getting a suitable education at home

You can be prosecuted if you do not give your child an education. You'll normally get warnings and offers of help from the local council first.

When your child can miss school

You can only allow your child to miss school if either:

- they're too ill to go in- please note in line with school policy medical evidence will be required depending on your child's current and historic attendance.
- you've got advance permission from the school

There's [extra support available](#) if your child cannot go to school for long periods because of a health problem.



DESIGNATED PERSONS FOR SAFEGUARDING



Mrs Jones
Strategic
Lead /
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Miss Sheils
Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Mrs McGing
Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Mr Campbell
Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Mr Smedley
Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Mrs Banks
Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead

If you are concerned about your own safety or well-being, or the safety and well-being of somebody else in school it is really important that you talk to one of these members of staff

Safeguarding

Please see the poster to the side to remind you of the Safeguarding Team here at Hillside. All members of staff have a safeguarding responsibility here at Hillside but these members of staff below have specific responsibilities in terms of responding to any safeguarding concerns. Please see our safeguarding information in the Pupil Handbook for further information.

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

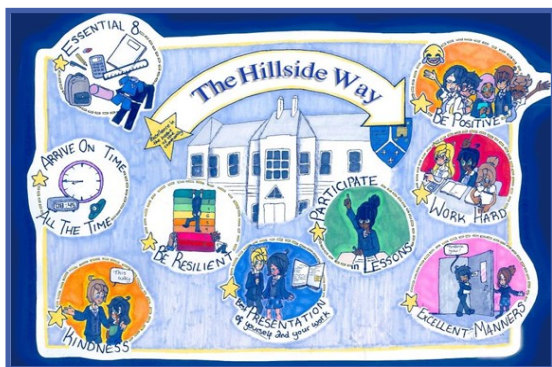


Toiletries such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant are also available.

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 – 3:30pm at the school Main Office.



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Computer Science & Business Department



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Follow us!

Using our Knowledge Organiser

This week we have focused on Strategy 2. This is a quick and easy strategy to help you practise recall. Remember, much of what we learn can be very quickly 'forgotten', it has not gone completely, it is just tricky for our brains to locate where the information is. The more we access information the easier it is to recall quickly. For example, you probably don't even think about the method for brushing your teeth, or the directions to school or where to write the date at the start of a lesson. This is because you do these things over and over. You need the same practise with the content you learn.

Why don't you try this out now. It can take as little as a few minutes to practise this!

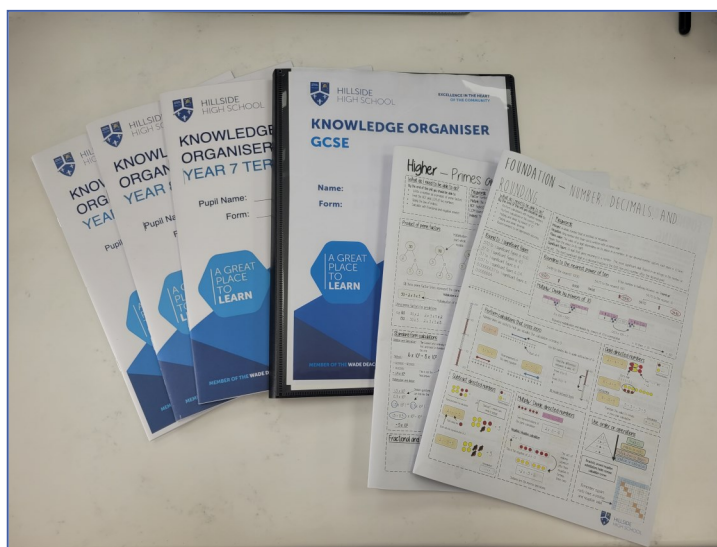
Mrs Wardale

2 LOOK, WRITE, CHECK, CORRECT

1. LOOK - Pick a section of the knowledge organiser and read.
2. WRITE - Now turn over the knowledge organiser and write down as much as you can from memory.
3. CHECK - Turn the knowledge organiser back over and look for anything you have missed.
4. CORRECT - Using a different coloured pen see if you can correct mistakes or add anything extra.

Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Knowledge Organisers

The focus of this week's assemblies has been their new Knowledge Organisers. We have spoken to students about the importance of their Knowledge Organisers and how they can be used to support their learning. Teachers at Hillside have developed the Knowledge Organisers for our pupils and have carefully chosen the core knowledge and information contained in them. We have discussed ways in which the pupils could use them in class: help recall of important facts; support with diagrams; reading step by step instructions of how to complete a skill. We also talked about how pupils can use them to support their independent learning at home: finding key information to support with a question; creating a mind map or flash cards for revision; reading about the next topic to keep one step ahead. Pupils understand that there is not one way in which they can use their Knowledge Organisers to support them, but many. They are a versatile tool, and students will have opportunities to practice and explore their uses both in class and at home.



**SEFTON PARENT CARERS
FORUM & SWACA COPVA
TEAM
COFFEE MORNING**

**7TH OCTOBER
9:30-11:00**

**CAMBRIDGE FAMILY
WELLBEING CENTRE
BOOTLE L20 9LQ**

**FOR PARENTS & CARERS
OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG
PEOPLE
AGED 0-25 WITH
EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND
DISABILITIES.**



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**Young People's Mental Health
Support Service Survey**

**We are asking young people between the ages of
13-25 to take part in this survey.**

**Tell us how we can better promote this service
across Sefton, so any young person who needs
someone to talk to, knows how to access this free
online chat service?**

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