



**HILLSIDE
HIGH SCHOOL**
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Friday 6th December 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It has been another busy week here at Hillside. I am delighted to share just some of the highlights in their week's newsletter. I am particularly proud to share the story of Miss Wharton our new Science Teacher and former Hillside pupil. Miss Wharton has just attended her second graduation, this time celebrating her QTS, Qualified Teacher Status. What an inspiration to our pupils!

Amanda Ryan, Principal



Thought for the Week

Investing in careers education today equips you with the transferable skills needed to adapt and thrive in the jobs of tomorrow, ensuring you're ready for the ever-evolving world of work.



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Come and Join us!

Tuesday 10th December,
Preloved sale for babies and
young children.

3:30pm-5pm,

Items from 50p-£4.00

Mrs Rayson



**Hillside's
Christmas Market**
Thursday 12th December
5pm - 7.30pm

**£2 Entry for Adults
Children Free**

Get your festivities off to a fun start and join us for an evening of Christmas magic.

Supporting Local Businesses & Raising Money for families in our School Community

Santa's Grotto Carol Singing
Bouncy Castle Cakes Sweets Toys
Wax Melts Tombola Perfume Raffle Stocking Fillers

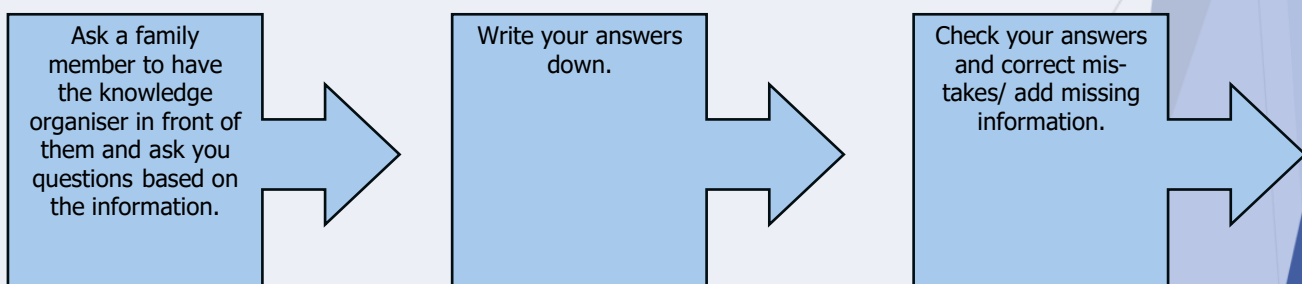


Finishing times Friday 20th December

**Year 11—11:40am
Year 10—11:55am
Year 9—11:45am
Year 8—11:50am
Year 7—12:00 noon**

Knowledge Organisers

Knowledge organisers are a fantastic resource to support you with your revision. You can use them to help with paired retrieval:

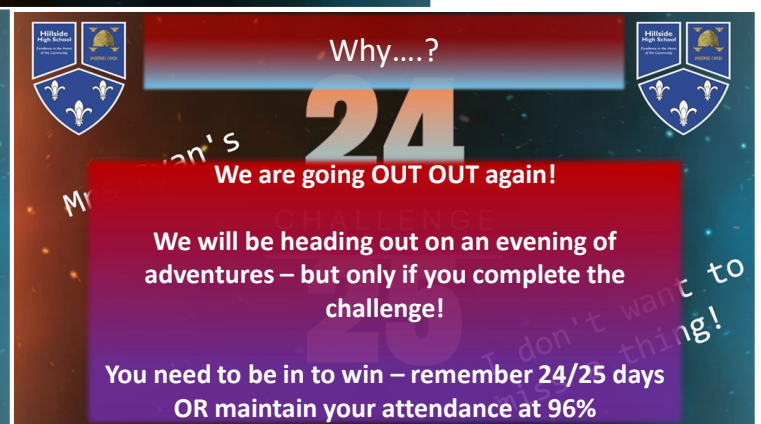
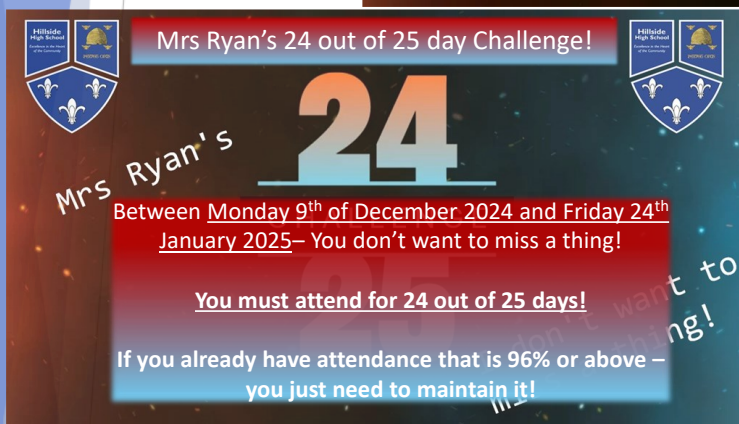
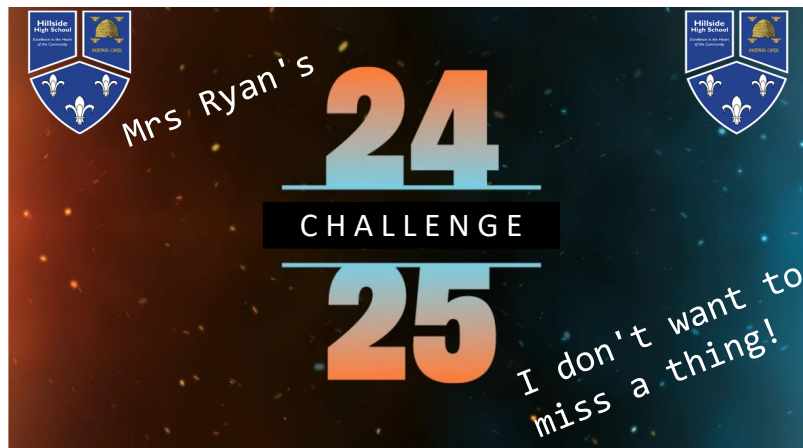


Try this out to see if you can improve your knowledge of key words, skills and diagrams.

Miss O'Hara

Mrs Ryan's 24/25 Challenge

It is my pleasure to introduce my 24/25 challenge. As we know there is nothing more important than maintaining good attendance to school and I hope our pupils will take me up on the 24/25 challenge!



Stars in our School

A particular highlight of last week was celebrating Stars in our School on Friday. This is a Unison initiative to recognise the significant contribution support staff make to our school. I didn't manage to get a photo of all our support staff, but those I did are included here. We held a raffle which Ms Smith one of our amazing TAs won, Well Done! Thank you to all our amazing support staff.



What an Inspiration!

"Hello everyone, my name is Miss Wharton and I was a pupil at Hillside from September 2010 to June 2015.

Whilst in Year 9, along with several other pupils I was chosen to be photographed for the school's prospectus which I was happy to do, especially as I was asked to participate in the Science Department photographs. My family were very proud, but also found it hilarious that my face was on the back of buses and on billboards around Bootle.

At the end of Year 9 I chose Separate Sciences as one of my GCSE options, as at this time I wanted to pursue a career in Veterinary Science. As part of the Class of 2015, I was in Mrs Ryan's first GCSE cohort following her appointment to Principal in 2013.

After my time at Hillside, I went on to study A-Levels in Biology, Maths, and Psychology, and an AS-Level in Chemistry. Psychology A-Level sparked a fascination of the Science of Learning, but I was still set on a career that involved working with animals. Whilst looking around different Universities I was introduced to a field called Zoology which involved studying animal behaviour, conservation, and disease. This seemed like the perfect course for me, and I was delighted to be accepted by LJMU to study a Bachelor of Science.

During my time at LJMU COVID hit, and like many people it forced me to re-evaluate my future path as a life of travelling the world, working as a Conservationist just like my hero David Attenborough was now looking unlikely. I wasn't sure what my path was going to be, but I knew it had to involve Science. Upon graduating I was made aware of a job opportunity at Hillside to become an Academic Mentor of Science. I started this role in September 2022, and within a short space of time realised how much I loved passing my passion for Science onto younger members of my community.

Supporting Year 11s through their GCSEs and working closely with colleagues, who not so long ago were my own Science teachers, helped me make the decision to follow a career in teaching. I was lucky enough to complete my Teacher Training here at Hillside from September 2023, and even luckier to have been appointed as a Teacher of Science from September 2024.

And just to really bring my story to full circle, those pictures that were taken of me in Year 9 were taken in what is now my very own classroom.

I hope to inspire all our pupils to work hard, be resilient, adapt to change, and trust process – you never know what life has in store for you. Oh, and watch more David Attenborough!"



Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

Christmas Countdown



At Hillside High School, we know that success in school goes hand in hand with being present. Whether you're aiming for top grades, looking to build lasting friendships, or

simply making the most of your school year, regular attendance is key.

Your commitment to showing up not only helps you stay on track academically, but it also allows you to fully participate in the Christmas activities we have lined up in the coming weeks!

We have a variety of exciting events planned and you won't want to miss any of them!

Not forgetting Mr Edwards Super Tuck Shop Fridays!

Mr Edwards



Hillside High School Christmas Countdown



EVENTS

Check Out Our Upcoming Events this Year!

the most wonderful time of the year



Dec 1 Santa Dash
Hillside staff will be taking part in the annual Santa Dash in Liverpool city centre on the 1st December to raise money to support the Children's Cancer Charity to show our solidarity for a pupil in Year 9 who is currently battling cancer for the 3rd time. Come and support your teachers who will be running 5km dressed as Father Christmas.

Dec 12 Christmas Dinner Day
Enjoy a traditional Christmas dinner in Hillside's dining room.

Dec 12 Christmas Market
Join in with the festive feeling by joining us at our annual Christmas market. Come along and grab some Christmas goodies, enjoy a mince pie and visit Santa's grotto from 5.00pm. There is something for the whole family!

Dec 13 Christmas Jumper Day
Come to school in your finest Christmas jumper to help raise funds to feed our community at Christmas! Voluntary donation of £1.

Dec 18 Christmaths Feast
An exciting opportunity for a delicious maths Christmas meal with treats and prizes to be won!

Dec 19 Christmas Concert
Hillside pupils perform several festive favourites in a display of talent across all year groups. Join us from 7pm to enjoy the array of performances from our wonderfully talented pupils.

Dec 20 Christmas celebration
Celebrate the end of term at Hillside with some festive fun.

All Dec Christmas TUCK SHOP
As part of Mr Edwards' attendance drive on Friday lunch times we will be launching our very own tuck shop! Make sure you bring some small change.

For more information:
01515252630

World of Work

As we look towards the future, it's important to recognise that many of the careers you will pursue in ten years' time might not even exist yet. The world of work is changing rapidly, and by the time you enter the job market, you may find yourself in roles that we can't yet imagine. New and exciting fields are emerging, including careers in artificial intelligence, robot engineering, synthetic biology, drone piloting, self-driving car manufacturing, and even space tourism guides!

At our school, we are committed to preparing you for this uncertain future. We constantly adapt our curriculum to include topics that align with the latest trends and forecasted developments in the job market. By learning about these new career paths, you gain insight into the diverse opportunities that may soon become available.

Alongside this, we focus on helping you develop essential transferable skills—problem-solving, communication, leadership, organization, and teamwork. These skills are built daily through lessons and after-school clubs, preparing you not just for one career, but for the possibility of multiple careers over the course of your working life.

In summary, while the world of work is constantly evolving and many future careers are yet to be defined, what remains crucial is the development of transferable skills. These will empower you to adapt, succeed, and thrive in whatever professional paths you choose.

Mr Haygarth

