



HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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TO look
A LOT like
Christmas

Friday 20h December 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This has been one of the busiest Autumn Terms I have ever known and we have achieved so much. 175 Year 7s have joined us and settled in very well. Year 11 are working hard to achieve the GCSE results they are capable of next Summer. Year 10 have just completed their Mock Interviews and these are just some of the highlights.

As we end the term we say Goodbye to Ms Wong, who is leaving us to take up an exciting opportunity in another school. We are devastated to be saying goodbye but wish her every happiness and success in her new school. We also say goodbye to Ms Sreekumar who has worked for us for several months as a Teaching Assistant, again we wish her every success as she relocates to Manchester.

As we finish for the Christmas break I would like to wish all our families a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the new year. I am already excited to see everything we will achieve in 2025, but before that we need to enjoy a very well deserved holiday. I know lots of our families will be working over the festive period, but I hope you can still enjoy some special time as families.

I look forward to welcoming pupils back at the normal time of 8.20am on Monday 6th January.

Amanda Ryan, Principal



Well done to Madi M, Aman A & Roza T who designed our school Christmas card.

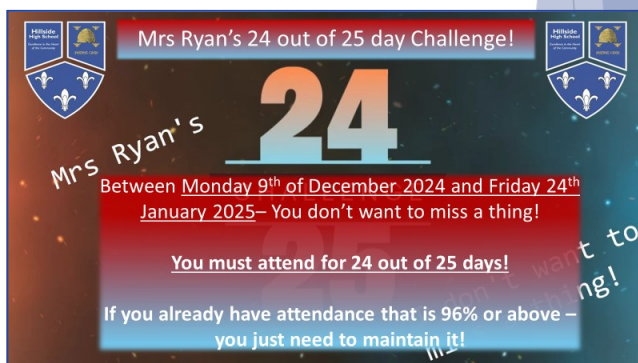
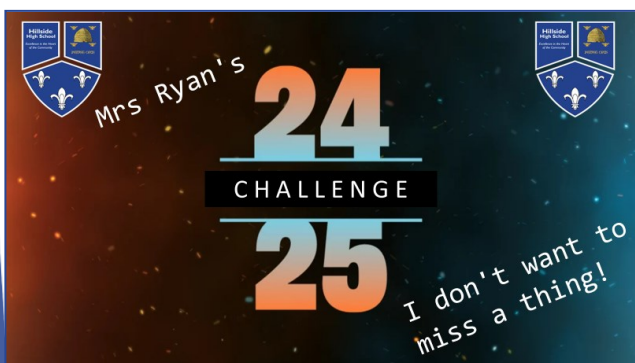


Raffle Prize Winners

Attendance - Let's Spring Back in January!

Well done to so many pupils who have maintained excellent attendance this term - you will make a difference to your futures by being here every day - and that is fantastic! I hope you have a restful Christmas break - there is lots to look forward to when we return - including Mrs Ryan's 24/25 challenge - which is running until January 24th!

Mr Edwards



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Super Star!

We are incredibly proud of Jessica who recently won the Shining Star Award from Divine Days. Jess was nominated alongside two other young people for this award. The award acknowledges and celebrates young people who may have additional needs or a disability and who despite the difficulties they may face in life have gone on to do amazing things. This award also recognises how these young people still find the ability to smile, show kindness and compassion. This is what was said about Jess at the awards ceremony; Jess is a breath of fresh air to everyone she meets; she most definitely lights up a room. With her funny, sharp sense of humour and her infectious smile.

With all life's challenges, Jess has gained strength, courage and confidence as she's flourished into a beautiful teen. Jess is always reaching beyond her own limitations which shows her inner strength. Jess is an inspiration to all who know her she's a humble, empathetic, compassionate wonderful friend to many.

We couldn't be prouder of Jess! Well done!

Miss Roby



Return to School

All pupils return to school at 8:20am on Monday 6th January



Key Dates 2024-2025

6th January—Back to School at the Normal Time of 8:20am

16th January—Year 10 Progress Evening

20th January—Year 11 Mock Results Day

22nd January—Year 11 English & Maths Progress Evening

27th January—Year 11 Core Progress Meeting

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Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

As well as carrying on with our studies and working hard, we always make time to celebrate and dare I say it, even have a bit of fun when we can. Last week was Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Jumper Day a real highlight.

Mrs Ryan





A message of Gratitude and Appreciation

In assemblies this week I have spoken about gratitude and showing appreciation. These are particularly important messages at this time of year. I made the children smile with my stories of advent calendars, where the most exciting thing behind the door was seeing if the picture was a star or a donkey! I quickly realised when I looked at some of our younger staff that this was a story that ages you!

The point I was making was that we need to appreciate the simple things in life and sometimes, particularly at this time of year that can be hard. Our young people are growing up in a world full of commercialism and marketing, which leads to pressure to have the best material objects, Play Station, I-Phone etc, often these aren't the things that bring us true happiness. The really important things are often the things that don't cost a penny like spending time with our families and loved ones.

I hope this message stays with our young people and if nothing else they appreciate their advent calendars!

Mrs Ryan



Thought for the Week

“
It's not how much
we give but how
much love we put
into giving.”

Mother Teresa



The Bread and Butter Thing

Every week our dedicated team of volunteers ensure 'The Bread and Butter Thing' runs like clock work. The provision makes a massive difference to our community. It was my pleasure to treat our dedicated team of volunteers to a Christmas get together on Wednesday. A massive Thank You to Mr Meakin and our carol singers for providing the entertainment.

Mrs Ryan

