



**HILLSIDE  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
WADE DEACON TRUST

**EXCELLENCE IN  
THE HEART OF  
THE COMMUNITY**

Friday 14th March 2025

## Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter. Over the last two weeks it has been my pleasure to award our Lead Learners. These are the pupils who have exemplified 'The Hillside Way' over and above everyone in their year group. What an achievement that is. Well done to them all. It is lovely to see pupils wearing their star badges with such pride and it is fair to say some of our older pupils now have an impressive collection!

It was my pleasure to be part of a team of Governors and volunteers from local businesses and colleges who conducted one to one interviews with all pupils in Year 9 last week to discuss their option choices. This interview marks the start of the process with Option Evening taking place on Thursday 20th March at 6pm. Pupils need to wear full school uniform and all pupils and their Parents / Guardians are expected to attend. I look forward to what I know will be a very productive and exciting evening for our Year 9 pupils.

Mrs Wardale's assemblies this week have celebrated British Science Week and the theme of 'Change and Adapt.' She has encouraged us all to think about how the world around us is constantly evolving, from nature and technology, to the way we understand science itself. Tying in beautifully with International Women's Day which was last Saturday Mrs Wardale seized the opportunity to look at the theme of 'Change and Adapt' through the lens of women in science. What an important message this is for our pupils. I loved the 'Thought for the Week' from The Scouse Scientist. I strongly believe that our pupils need to see these role models so they can recognise the endless possibilities available to them...the next Scouse Scientist could be in our school right now!

**Amanda Ryan, Principal**

## Attendance

This week we had 27 pupils across the year groups attempting to crack the vault. If you didn't get a chance to crack the vault make sure you are in to win! Who will find the magic key? Last week's attendance scraped in at 90% and unfortunately we did not hit 91% on Friday. So no magic Monday this week. Lets see if we can hit 91% this Friday and unleash our magic Monday next week!



## Options Interviews

Year 9 pupils recently took part in one-to-one options interviews with school governors and volunteers from local businesses and colleges. This was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to discuss their subject choices and how these align with their career aspirations.

The interviews were a great success, with pupils displaying excellent interview skills. Their thoughtful answers and confident body language were impressive, reflecting their careful consideration of future pathways.

This experience will help pupils make well-informed decisions about their options and future careers. Well done, Year 9.

**Mr Haygarth**



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## Year 7—Lead Learners



Axl H-W- Geography  
 Daniel H - Music  
 Elizabeth L - Computer Science  
 Emmi F - Maths  
 Faith P - History  
 Gianna E - Spanish  
 James M - Physical Education  
 Kacy McH - Art  
 Matthew G - Drama  
 Mollie - English & Religious Studies  
 Molly - Science  
 Sadie K - Personal Development  
 Scarlett C - Technology



## Year 9—Lead Learners



Isabella C - Art  
 Praise O-S - Computer Science & Geography  
 Izabella T - Technology  
 Caitlin J - Drama  
 Sidra A – English & Music  
 Lacey N - History  
 Eva M - Maths  
 Dayan K - Religious Studies & Physical Education  
 Ava K - Science  
 Millie E - Spanish  
 Remi R - Personal Development







## Year 10—Lead Learners



Kayla B - Art  
Ryan H - Business Studies  
Nathan D S - Computer Science  
Jo-leigh O'C - Drama  
Madeline S - Dance  
Stacey B - English  
Harry D- Geography  
Maisie H - Hospitality  
Ellie L - History & Physical Education  
John McC - ICT  
Luis R - Maths  
Cecilia Z - Music  
Caitlin A - Science  
Malinsa W - Spanish  
Raymond I - Photography  
Queen I - 3D Design



## Year 11—Lead Learners



Leah P - Art  
Elly C - Business Studies  
Jack G - Computer Science  
Callum P - Design Technology  
Binah K - Drama  
Marron G - English  
Namaz M - Geography  
Kiera C - Hospitality  
Charlie B - History  
Lucas L - ICT  
Alex D - Maths  
Kye T - Music  
Solyn B - Science  
Loic R N - Spanish  
Madi M - Photography  
Josh M - Physical Education  
Kiera C - 3D Design





# Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

## British Science Week: Change and Adapt

This week, pupils at our school have been marking part in British Science Week, an annual celebration of science, technology, engineering, and maths (STEM). The theme this year, *Change and Adapt*, has encouraged us to explore how the world around us is constantly evolving – from nature and technology to the way we understand science itself.

In a special assembly, Mrs Wardale shared the idea of *change and adapt* through the lens of women in science. For many years, science was seen as a male-dominated field, but today, more women than ever before are leading the way in scientific discovery and innovation. We looked at the incredible work of two pioneering women: Dr. Jane Goodall and Katherine Johnson.

**Dr. Jane Goodall is a world-renowned primatologist and conservationist. She changed the way we understand animal behaviour, particularly in chimpanzees, and adapted her research to advocate for the protection of wildlife and the environment. Her work reminds us that science is not just about studying the world but also about protecting it.**



**Katherine Johnson, a brilliant mathematician, played a crucial role in NASA's space missions. Her calculations ensured that astronauts could travel safely to space and return home. At a time when women and people of colour faced many barriers in science, Katherine Johnson's determination and intelligence paved the way for future generations.**

As we continue to think about change and adaptation, one of the most exciting and fast-moving areas of science today is artificial intelligence (AI). AI is already transforming industries, and in medicine, it is being used to diagnose diseases, develop treatments, and even perform surgery. But what does the future hold?

***Here are three discussion questions for pupils to consider:***

- 1. How do you think AI could change the way doctors diagnose and treat illnesses in the future?***
- 2. What are some of the benefits and challenges of using AI in medicine?***
- 3. If you could invent a new AI technology to help people stay healthy, what would it be and why?***

We encourage parents and pupils to continue these discussions at home. British Science Week is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate curiosity, innovation, and the power of adapting to change. Who knows? Perhaps some of our pupils will be the future scientists and innovators leading the way in the years to come!



**Mrs Wardale**

### Key Dates 2024-2025

**17th March—Year 10 Core Progress Evening—Invited Pupils.**

**20th March—Year 9 Options Evening—  
6.00pm-7.30pm. All Year 9 to attend in Full School Uniform**

**4th April—Last Day of Term**

**22nd April—Back to School—Pupils Return**

**23rd April—Year 9 MenACWY Vaccinations**

**24th April—Year 8 Progress Evening—4:15pm-6:45pm  
All Year 8 to attend in Full School Uniform**

**Thursday 21st August 2025 - GCSE Results Day**

### Thought for the Week

***"I want people to look to look at me and see that if she can do it, so can I."***  
The Scouse Scientist

