



**HILLSIDE  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
WADE DEACON TRUST

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THE HEART OF  
THE COMMUNITY

## Dear Parents/Guardians

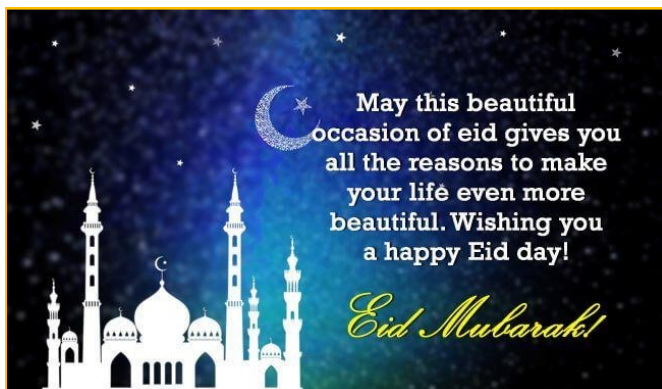
This has been another busy week at Hillside. On Wednesday we welcomed a team of eight leaders from the other Trust Schools to complete a Review of our school. We believe that activities like this are really important to ensure we keep going from strength to strength. They also allow us to share our good practice with leaders from the other Trust schools. As always our pupils were an absolute credit to us all and their behaviour and attitude to learning in lessons was exemplary. This is our expectation at all times in school, but it is still nice to have this recognised by visitors to our school.

Year 10 Work Experience is well underway and they are thoroughly enjoying their experience of work. I can't wait to hear all about it when they return after Easter.

We are looking forward to a great last week of term next week. Whilst we do have some fun things planned for our children we will be learning until the end, so pupils need to be in every day to ensure they don't miss crucial learning.

We wish all our Muslim pupils and their families a Happy Eid al-Fitr which this year will take place on Monday 31st March.

**Amanda Ryan, Principal**



## Attendance

Next week is going to be fantastic at Hillside as we gear up for the Easter Break, teaching will continue till the end but I am sure we will have an Easter twist. Mr Campbell is busy planning our last day of term to make sure we finish our Spring Back with a spring in our step. We have missed Year 10 this week but I am sure they are having a fantastic time on their work experience. Let make sure next week's attendance is 'egg-celent'.

**Mr Edwards**

## Gamelan club



Discover the sounds of gamelan and create music with friends! No experience required!



Every Tuesday after school



Drama Hall

## Thought for the Week

**"Stand for something  
or you will fall for  
anything. Today's  
mighty oak is  
yesterday's nut that  
held its ground."**

ROSA PARKS



Friday 28th March 2025



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## IET Faraday Challenge

Last week, four Year 8 pupils from Hillside took part in the prestigious annual IET Faraday Challenge. This exciting competition is designed to inspire pupils to consider engineering as a career while developing essential skills such as teamwork, problem-solving, and creative thinking.

The pupils were tasked with developing a business idea and creating a prototype aimed at supporting those who are visually impaired. After an impressive Dragons' Den-style pitch, Hillside's team emerged victorious!

A huge congratulations to **Amelia Mc, Daniella J, Sophia S, and Zach M**, who triumphed against teams from local schools, each with six participants. Well done on your hard work and innovation!

*Mr Haygarth*

## World Book Week Competition Winners!

Congratulations to Freya C, Anthony M and Anthony D who collected the most book cover cards as a team, collecting a whopping 57 cards!

The door decorating competition was really difficult to judge this year with so many wonderfully creative entries. With the help of our student council members we decided...

**1st place** goes to Miss Wharton for her fabulous Winnie the Pooh door – Miss Wharton would like to thank the girls who helped create her vision Queen I, Jovanna P, Amarachi I, Queensley I, Cecilia Z and Emmanuella I.

**2nd place** goes to Miss White for her witty interpretation of Super Worm.

**3rd place** goes to Miss Thornton and the Maths department for their combined efforts of the Tales of Winnie the Pooh.



*Miss Rice*

## Year 8—Lead Learners



Amelie W- Art  
 Blake G - Computer Science & Science  
 Maram B S - Technology  
 Amelia Mc - Drama  
 Grace W - English  
 Daisy-Mai C - Geography  
 Daniella J - History  
 Scarlett R - Maths  
 Roman McP - Music  
 Peggy E - Religious Studies  
 Precious E - Spanish  
 Matilda S - Personal Development  
 Lillie W - Physical Education

## Safer Schools Officer



Hi All, I am PC Kate the new Safer School's Officer for your school. Just a quick overview of me and my role. I have worked for Merseyside Police for 21 years the last 12 years as a Police Officer in various roles within Sefton area.

My role as Safer Schools officer is part of the forces 'Preventative Policing' strategy to educate young people from 11yrs to 18yrs about the law, how to stay safe in the community/online and to be a positive role model for them to speak with.

I will be in your school for one dedicated day each week and I will make myself visible to the pupils so they feel they can come and chat to me. I plan to get involved in various school activities, so everyone gets to know me.

Looking forward to getting to know you all!

## Goodbye and Good Luck Miss Roby

Last Friday Year 10 pupils finished with us to start their Work Experience, meaning this was their last day with Miss Roby. Pupils were keen to say 'Goodbye' in an appropriate way and I was delighted to help them organise a surprise farewell breakfast for the year group. We also had a celebration cake and frame for all the pupils to sign, I know Miss Roby will treasure this forever. The highlight of the breakfast was the film Miss Brown had produced which included numerous Year 10 goodbye messages to Miss Roby, I know this meant the world to her.

*Mrs Ryan*



We will miss you



Good Bye



We will miss you



# Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

## Women's History Month

Throughout March, Hillside has been celebrating Women's History Month including International Women's Day which was on the 8th March! We kickstarted the month with everyone's home screens turning purple so we have all been reminded that it's women's history month every time we log on to our computers for the entire month!

There have been activities linked to Women's History Month going on in the LRC and pupils have been adding a leaf to our tree, thanking an inspirational woman who has had an impact upon them or who they particularly admire. During form time our pupils' knowledge of Women's history was put to the test by doing our Women's History Quiz.

Earlier in the month we held a cake sale to raise money for SWACA (Sefton's Women and Children Aid) and we have also been selling purple ribbon pin badges to show our support for women's achievements all over the world.

On International Women's Day, staff wore purple to show their solidarity for Women and their achievements!

Members of the student council also discussed women who have particularly inspired them. Here are some of their choices:

**Ariana Grande** continuously strives for excellence in everything she does, setting a high standard for herself that motivates others to do the same. Ariana's journey serves as a reminder that success doesn't come easy; it requires hard work, resilience, and a passion for what you do. She has persevered through difficult times and succeeded in realising her aspirations. For instance, in May of 2017, while Ariana was on tour, a bombing at the stadium totally destroyed one of her performances. Many people were traumatised by this, as 1017 people were injured and 22 people died. Ariana Grande's influence extends far beyond her music, as she serves as a role model for countless girls globally, showcasing resilience, empowerment and the importance of self-expression. Through how open she has been about her personal struggles and her advocacy for mental health, she encourages young women to embrace their individuality and pursue their passions, inspiring a new generation to chase their dreams with confidence.

**Kate Middleton** serves as an inspiration to countless individuals, demonstrating resilience in the face of cancer. Despite her health challenges, she maintains her role within the royal family, effectively upholding the legacy of Princess Diana while managing public appearances. As a devoted mother of three, she exemplifies excellence in various aspects of her life. She puts in significant effort and devotes considerable time to charitable causes. Since her ascension to the role of Princess of Wales, she has concentrated on matters concerning mental health, early childhood development, and the welfare of families. Kate is frequently perceived as relatable due to her upbringing in a more ordinary background, especially when contrasted with other members of the royal family.



*Miss Collins*

## Easter Chocolate Hamper Raffle: Win Delicious Treats and Support a Great Cause!

As Easter approaches, there's no better way to celebrate the season of renewal and goodwill than by participating in our Easter Chocolate Hamper Raffle! Whether you're a chocolate lover or know someone who would appreciate a sweet treat, this is the perfect chance to indulge while giving back to those in need. Participating in the raffle is as easy as it gets. Simply purchase a strip for just £1 from Mrs Hankinson in the Dining Room and you'll be in the running to win this indulgent hamper. The more strips you buy, the higher your chances of winning! All proceeds from the raffle will go towards supporting a wonderful charity. By entering, you're not just in the running for a luxurious prize, but also helping to make a positive impact in our community. The raffle is open on Monday and will run until Friday. The winner will be drawn on Friday 4th April, and we'll notify the lucky person soon after. Be sure to purchase your strips before time runs out!

