



## Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter break and was able to enjoy some precious time with family and friends. The weather certainly helped make the holiday!

It has been lovely to welcome our pupils back this week. Due to the lateness of the Easter Break this half term is actually only 5 weeks, which includes two Bank Holidays, meaning we have just 23 days in school. We always talk about every day counting, but that is the case more than ever in this half term.

Our Year 11 start their GCSEs in a matter of days and I know you will all join me in wishing them the best of luck. They have worked so hard and I am sure this will be rewarded in the results they achieve this summer

**Amanda Ryan, Principal**

### *Key Dates 2024-2025*

**Monday 28th April 2025—Year 10 Core Progress Meetings—Invited Pupils Only**

**Monday 5th May—Bank Holiday—School Closed**

**Wednesday 7th May 2025—Year 11 Core Progress Meetings—Invited Pupils Only**

**Thursday 22nd May 2025—Year 7 Progress Evening—4:15pm-6:45pm. All Year 7 to attend in Full School Uniform**

**Friday 23rd May 2025—Last Day of Term**

**Monday 2nd June 2025—Back to School—Pupils Return**

**Thursday 26th June 2025—Year 6 Transition Day & Year 11 Prom**

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



## Progress Leaders

If you need to discuss any matter regarding your child, please feel free to contact us at school. We know that pupils achieve their best when there is open communication between home and school. Your child's Form Tutor should be the first port of call. Every year group is lead by a Progress Leader who can be contacted if you have any worries or concerns, or have any information that you would like to share as a reminder.

Please see below for your child's Progress Leader.



**Mrs Harper,  
Year 7  
Progress  
Leader**



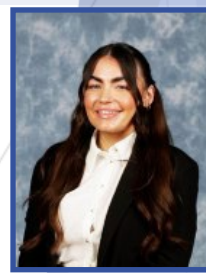
**Miss Phillips,  
Year 8  
Progress  
Leader**



**Miss Yusuf,  
Year 9  
Progress  
Leader**



**Mrs  
McCarthy,  
Year 10 & 11  
Progress  
Leader**



**Miss Gibbons  
Assistant  
Progress  
Leader**



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*Friday 25th April 2025*

# Standards and Expectations—School Uniform

Firstly, a huge thank you to all our parents/guardians and pupils who continue to look smart and wear our school uniform with pride every single day. We don't take this for granted and we still regularly receive compliments from the wider local community about how smart Hillside pupils look.

Please see below for some basic reminders regarding school uniform and our expectations.

- Girls should wear white socks or black tights
- Jewellery is not permitted including any piercings. If pupils are seen wearing jewellery the teacher will confiscate this and the item will be placed in the school safe.
- Make-up should be minimal and discreet and false eye lashes, false nails and or nail varnish should not be worn. Pupils will be provided with wipes and nail varnish remover if they arrive in school with either.
- Blazers should be always worn on the corridors – pupils may remove blazers when working in classrooms.
- Outdoor coats or hooded jackets are not allowed to be worn in school and they should be removed as pupils enter the school building at any points during the school day e.g. after break and lunch

Our uniform underpins our high expectations of pupils to follow 'The Hillside Way' and pupils should look smart, professional and ready to learn- which many do every single day.



## Attendance Counts – Rise and Shine!

Coming to school every day, and being on time, sets the tone for success. When you are present and punctual, you are ready to learn, connect, and grow. Good attendance helps you stay on track with lessons, participate fully in class activities, and build strong habits for the future.

Every day missed is a missed opportunity — to ask questions, join discussions, and be part of the school community. That's why we remind all pupils: Rise and Shine! Wake up with purpose, show up with pride, and give your best each day.

Punctuality shows respect — for your time, your teachers, and your classmates. And being here, on time, every day, helps everyone shine a little brighter.

So let's make every morning count.  
Rise and Shine – because every day matters!





## Chocolate Hamper—Raffle

We are thrilled to share the success of our recent chocolate hamper raffle, which raised a fantastic £105! A big thank you to everyone who bought tickets and helped support this great cause.

Congratulations to Mrs Edwards from the kitchen, who was the lucky winner of the delicious chocolate hamper—enjoy every bite!

All proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society, helping them continue their vital work supporting those affected by dementia.

Thanks again to everyone who took part and helped make a difference!



## He Broke the Lake Record!

On 15th January 2025, a Year 9 pupil Bobby Corrin had the opportunity of joining a his friend on a fishing trip to Hurlston Hall. At the start of the trip Bobby had a quiet first night but the rest of his session couldn't have gone any better, as he broke the lake record with the capture of a fish known as White Tips. The fish weighed in at 30lb 5oz and was the best of a five fish haul, in which he included a couple of 20 pounders. Bobby explained he had been planning his trip for weeks and it certainly paid off. Bobby was featured in a couple of newsletters including the Angling Times and Carp Magazines. We look forward to hearing about many more of your fishing trips in the future Bobby! Well done!



## Breakfast Club

Come along to our fantastic breakfast club which is free of charge to all pupils.

Mrs McGing will be in the Dining Room everyday between 7:45am-8:20am



# Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Standards and Expectations

It was my pleasure to deliver our welcome back assembly this week. In this assembly I focused on the Thought for the Week 'Wrong is Wrong even if everyone is doing it. Right is Right even if no one is doing it'. I actually first heard this quote when my daughter came home from school having listened to an assembly on it and it has stayed with me ever since!

It is so easy to kept swept along with others, even if what they are doing is wrong, because that's what everyone is doing. Equally I recognise how hard it can be, to be the one who stands out and does the right thing, even when no one else is doing the right thing. Having said that in my time at Hillside I can give several examples where pupils have impressed me by doing just that!

I also linked this message into some of our priorities for this half term, the main one being ensuring our corridors are calm and orderly with pupils moving purposefully and quietly to their next lesson. To me this is a prime example of some pupils getting it wrong, pupils who would never get anything else wrong in school, just because "everyone is doing it". Our expectations are clear, we walk on the left, to ensure smooth movement around school, we move quietly and we take the most direct route to our next lesson, ensuring valuable learning time isn't wasted! If we ALL do this we know our school can run very smoothly and calmly, which benefits everyone.

Reflections from my assembly:

I asked pupils to reflect on a time when they went along with everyone else and did the wrong thing, just because everyone was doing it?

What would they do differently?

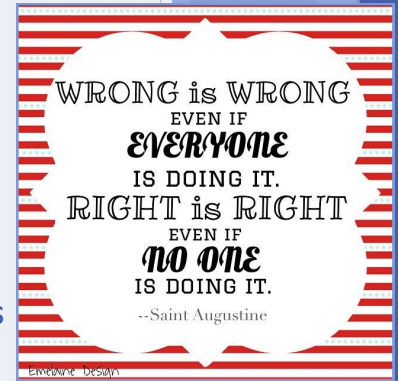
Can they think of a time when they did break away from the crowd and do the right thing, even when no one else was doing it? How did that feel?

How should we conduct ourselves on the corridors and what difference will this make to the smooth running of our school?

How can they remember this week's Thought for the Week throughout their lives and ensure it informs decisions they make!

*Mrs Ryan*

## Thought for the Week



DO YOU KNOW AN AMAZING YOUNG PERSON AGED 7-17 YEARS?

**Believe Awards**

We are on the look out for Merseyside's hidden treasure for the 2025 Believe Awards. Nominate an inspirational Young Person

The Believe Awards are open to nominations of young people aged 7-17 living in Merseyside. Our theme this year, 'Hidden Treasures' will celebrate remarkable young people who have made a difference in their community. Nominees are shortlisted to 10 young winners who will be invited, along with their families, to a spectacular event at the beautiful Titanic Hotel Liverpool on Friday 4th July, for an evening of food, entertainment, recognition and celebration.

All nominations must be received online by 25th May 2025

**Diamond Award** **Ruby Award**  
**Sapphire Award** **Pearl Award**  
**Hidden Gem Award** **Emerald Award**  
**Crown Jewel Award** **Silver Lining Award**  
**Golden Anchor Award**  
**Treasure Chest Award**

Nominate online: [www.thebelieveawards.co.uk](http://www.thebelieveawards.co.uk)

Here be Treasure

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