



Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter which is a real celebration of our pupils and their achievements. Every half term we reward the pupils who have exemplified 'The Hillside Way' in every subject area, over and above everyone else in the year group. These pupils should be extremely proud of their achievement. Pupils should wear their star Lead Learner badge throughout their time at Hillside. Some pupils in Year 10 and 11 have a blazer full and nothing makes me prouder.

Tying in beautifully with 'Local and Community History Month' I had the pleasure of welcoming three past pupils to school last week. They have all recently celebrated their 70th Birthdays and met when they attended Bootle Girls Grammar, as we were then! Listening to their stories about attending the school was interesting, poignant and at times hilarious! A big 'Thank You' to the Year 8 pupils who joined me and we were excellent tour guides. Listening to them speak to the ladies about their experience of school now was lovely and made me feel very proud.

Amanda Ryan, Principal



Friday 9th May 2025

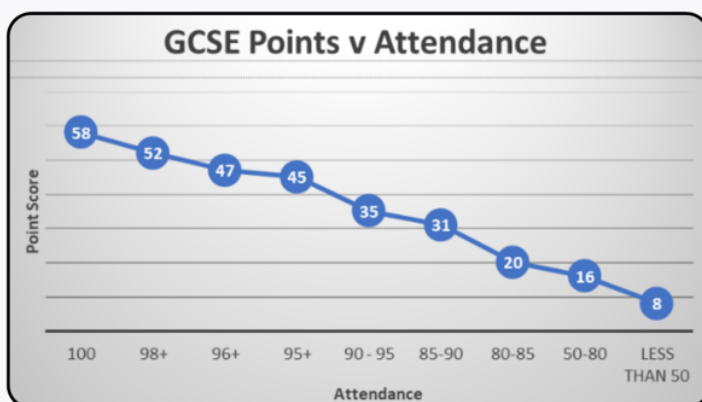
Attendance

With exams fast approaching for all Year groups I feel it is important to remind everyone of the absolute link between attendance and attainment - it does not matter which year group a pupil is in, missed school means missed learning - gaps in knowledge and poorer outcomes. The best thing a pupil can do to ensure they do their very best in school and for the future - is to be in school!

Mr Edwards



ATTENDANCE MATTERS - LOOK AT LAST YEAR'S GCSE RESULTS!



PUPILS WITH ATTENDANCE OF 90 - 95% LAST YEAR ACHIEVED 12 LESS GCSE GRADES THAN THOSE WITH 96% OR ABOVE

THE TOP 10 PERFORMERS IN 2024 HAD AVERAGE ATTENDANCE OVER 98%!

Key Dates 2024-2025

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



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Year 7—Lead Learners



Valentina K—Art
 Alexandra N—Computer Science
 Summer A—Technology
 Anthony D—Drama
 Nancy L—English
 Oliver H—Geography & Religious Studies
 Avi M—History
 Daniel H—Maths
 Eriks L—Music
 James M—Science
 Hannah P—Spanish
 Gianna E—Personal Development
 Bobbie L—Physical Education



Year 8—Lead Learners



Evie J—Art
 Scarlett J—Computer Science
 Elsie G—Technology
 Bradley K—Drama
 Joshua L—English & Music
 Isabelle S—Geography
 Veronica B—History
 Bing Y—Maths
 Jaxon W—Religious Studies
 Amelia K—F—Science
 Ethan R P—Spanish
 Lucas E—Personal Development
 Slaine D—Physical Education



Year 9—Lead Learners



Paige H—Art
 Uche O—Computer Science & Spanish
 Anu S—Technology
 Sallyann B—Drama
 Jamie B—English
 Darrell M—Geography
 Content I—History
 Nadia K—Maths
 Talia N—Music
 Lacey N—Religious Studies
 Megan Clensy—Science
 Talia Nasole—Personal Development
 Dayan Kehinde—Physical Education



Year 10—Lead Learners



Lilie C—Art
Sophia H J—Business Studies
Cristian T—Computer Science
Queensley I—Drama
Frankie L—Dance & English
Maisie H—Geography
Stacey B—Hospitality & ICT
Emma T—History
Queen I—Maths
Cecilia Z—Music
Liam H—Science & Spanish
Christopher M—Photography
Ellie L—Physical Education
Jack McD—3D Design



Year 11—Lead Learners



Kye T—Art
Jayjay O—Business Studies
Loic N—Computer Science, History & 3D Design
Lucas D—Design Technology
Jack V—Drama
Josh M—English
Ricardo N—Geography
Fatma Z—Hospitality
Solyn B—ICT
Stevie E—Maths & Music
Tom D—Science
Fearne B—Spanish
Kallie H—Photography
Harry O—Physical Education



Local and Community History Month – May 2025

Local History Month

May is Local History Month and the aim of the month is to increase awareness of local history, promote history in general to the local community and encourage all members of the community, especially school children, to participate. Activities happen across the UK and include trips, library exhibitions and local lectures. It's a great opportunity to take the time to highlight local history and for local people to engage and get involved.

This year is particularly poignant as we celebrate 80 years since VE (Victory in Europe) Day, the day that Britain celebrates the formal acceptance of Nazi Germany's surrender to end the Second World War. As part of our celebrations a group of Year 9 pupils will be attending a special screening of 'Spitfire' at the Plaza Cinema in Waterloo on Friday 9th May. The Second World War is an important part of the History curriculum at Hillside and all pupils study it, as well as the impact of the Blitz on Liverpool, in Year 9.

Recommended Activities for May

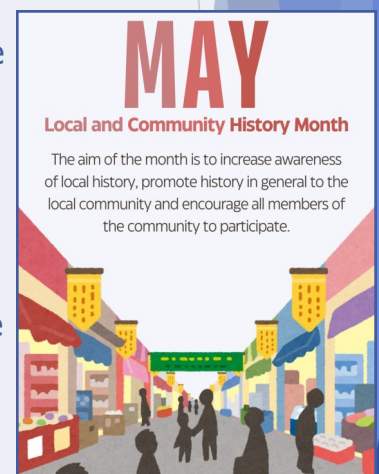
Take a walk down the Dock Road and not only admire the beautiful views but Liverpool's rich maritime history; discover the many war memorials to the brave men and women of the Royal and Merchant navies during World War One and Two and be sure to get a photo with the Beatles statue, the four lads from Liverpool who made up one of the most influential bands of all time!

Booking in a tour of the Williamson Tunnels is also recommended in the Edge Hill area of the city. Excavated by Joseph Williamson for reasons unknown in the 19th century, you can take a tour of this fascinating underground world and learn about one of Liverpool's most eccentric characters. What theory do you have for the purpose of the tunnels?

For those interested in the Tudor period, a visit to Speke Hall, ran by the National Trust, is a must. A magnificent and rare Tudor house on the edge of Liverpool, it is surrounded by beautiful gardens and woodland walks. Inside the hall you can find all about the Norris family and the features of a genuine Tudor upper class home.

Those interested in the Blitz and the Battle of the Atlantic can visit the Western Approaches museum, which is an outstanding opportunity to visit the actual bunker from which the efforts of the Royal Navy were directed to combat German U-Boats and bring supplies from America safely into Liverpool via the convoy system. The museum also affords you the chance to walk through a street mocked up to look like an every day road from the Second World War during the Blitz.

Mr Rayson



Thought for the Week

*"We are not makers of history.
we are made by history"*

Martin Luther King Jr

