



Dear Parents/Guardian

This has been another extremely busy and productive week at Hillside. I am delighted to share that we have retained our 5-star rating in the kitchen. We know how hard our catering team work to deliver food of the highest standard for our pupils and staff. Thank you.

I had the pleasure of accompanying three of our School Council members to Bootle Town Hall last Friday, what an amazing event this was. They spoke with great confidence and all the primary aged children were looking up to them, which was lovely to see.

Yesterday was our new staff induction day and I am delighted that we are welcoming such enthusiastic and passionate teachers to join our team. I can't wait to introduce them formally in September's newsletter.

Amanda Ryan, Principal



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- A Car keyring with a personalised name as the registration plate
- "Hillside Class of 2025" – a huge hit with our Year 11s!

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Keyrings N' Pinz



Make Every Day Count – Even the Last 10!

As we enter the final ten days of the school year, it's easy to think the hard work is done – but at Hillside High, the learning never stops.

These last days are packed with exciting events like end-of-year trips, our Festival of Sport, and of course, the unforgettable *Hillfest*. These moments build memories, friendships, and a strong sense of community that carry into the next school year.

But just as important is what happens in the classroom. Lessons continue, key knowledge is reinforced, and teachers are laying the foundations for next year's success. Missing these final days can mean missing out on valuable learning and falling behind before the new term even begins.

So let's finish the year strong – in school, on time, and ready to make the most of every single day!

Mr Edwards

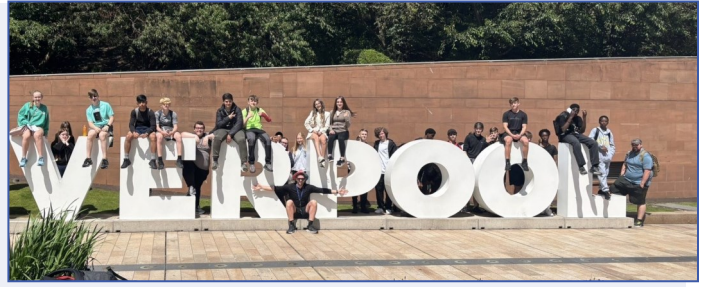


Year 10 Geography Students Shine on Albert Dock Field Trip

A couple of weeks ago, our Year 10 Geography students took part in a highly successful field trip to Liverpool's iconic Albert Dock. As part of their urban fieldwork studies, students were tasked with conducting land use and environmental quality surveys, as well as gathering valuable data through public questionnaires.

Throughout the day, students demonstrated excellent geographical enquiry skills and showed a clear understanding of the methods involved in real-world data collection. Their excellent behaviour did not go unnoticed, with several members of the public commenting on how polite, respectful, and well-spoken they were. Staff were equally impressed with their teamwork and enthusiasm. A big well done to Year 10 for representing the school so positively and we can't wait for our trip to the lake district next week!

Miss Kelly



Environmental Health Success!

We are delighted to share that we had our yearly unannounced visit last week from the Environmental Health Officer. We are pleased to report that we passed with flying colours and have retained our 5-star hygiene rating once again.

A big thank you to our fantastic catering team for their hard work and commitment to maintaining the highest standards. Well done, everyone!



It gave Mrs Ryan, Mr Rayson and I great pleasure to announce and now introduce to you our Head Pupils, Jess and Raymond,

Seven of our appointed prefects applied for the prestigious position and it was certainly a difficult decision. However, we are sure that we have selected the right candidates who will do an excellent job for our school and community.

Congratulations to you both

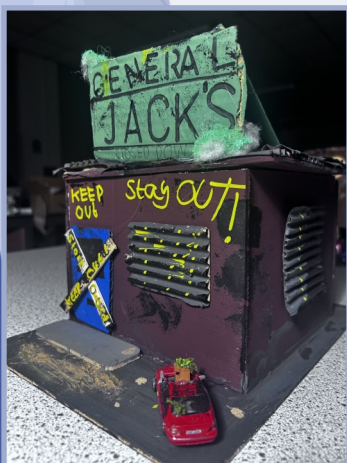
Mrs McCarthy



3D Design

This week our year 10 3D Design students completed their realistic abandoned shops for their Coursework whilst two of our GCSE photography students took some very carefully lit photographs of them. Well done to all of our Year 10 3D Design students and a well done to Maisie H and Ella N in Year 10 Photography.

Mr Lambert



Student Council at Bootle Town hall - Social Signature

On Friday 27th June three of our dedicated Student Council members from Year 10, alongside Mrs Ryan, attended a special event at Bootle Town Hall to recognize Hillside's contributions to the Social Signature project. The project was taken up by a number of different primary and secondary schools across Sefton, who also attended the ceremony, and is focused on the very important idea of social action to make an impact on the lives of the people around us, our community and the world.

The ceremony was also attended by the founders of the Social Signature project, Pete and Helen Hawkins, as well as our Member of Parliament, Peter Dowd who were all very complimentary of the actions Hillside have completed this year!

Cecilia, Raymond and Queen gave a passionate speech which summarised some of the amazing work that the Student Council has done, which was inspired by the idea of Social Signature. This included:

- Supporting fund raising for some incredible causes, such as our Zoe's Place duck competition as well as raising money for the CF Football Club.
- Members of the Student Council leading on litter picking around the school site at breaks and lunches.
- Promoting inclusivity at Hillside by brainstorming the drone photo of pupils making up the Pride flag.
- Arranging for all Year 6s joining Hillside in September to be given a personally addressed letter from a current Year 7 welcoming them to the school.
- Successfully appealing for more First Aid training on the Personal Development Drop Down Day earlier in the year, such as CPP and asthma attack training.

Next time you see these pupils do give them a big 'well done' as they gave up their own time on a school Inset day to represent Hillside at a really prestigious event!

Mr Rayson



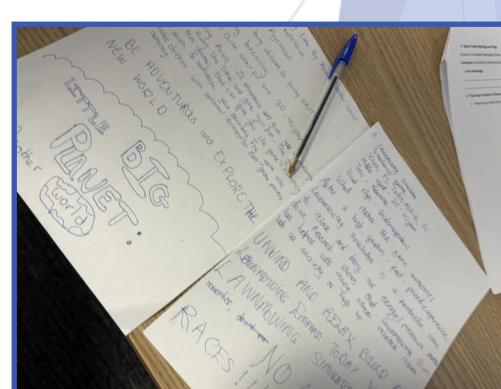
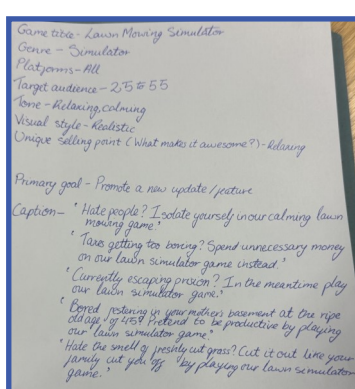
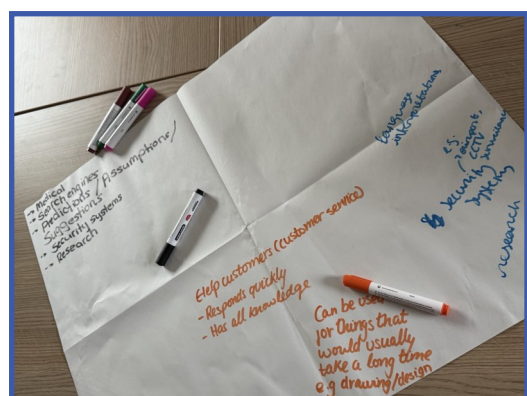
Computer Science

Year 9 Computer Science students recently visited Liverpool Hope University for a day of hands-on workshops and career insight. Industry experts from PlayStation and Lucid Games led sessions that linked directly to the curriculum, giving students a real-world glimpse into game design and digital technologies.

Students also attended a talk on post-16 options, including A-levels, T-levels, and apprenticeships, helping them think ahead about their futures in tech.

The experience was both educational and inspiring—an exciting step forward on their learning journey.

Mr Henesy



Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

Stay Safe This Summer: Water Safety at Hillside High

As we head into the warmer summer months, it's natural to want to cool off and enjoy the outdoors—but this week's assembly reminded us that safety should always come first. At Hillside High, we've been shining a spotlight on water safety, ensuring all our pupils are informed and prepared to stay safe around open water.

Float to Live – A Life-Saving Message

The key message of our assembly was simple but vital: ****Float to Live****. If you ever find yourself in trouble in water, the most important thing to do is not to panic. Lie back, extend your arms and legs, and **float**. This gives your body time to adjust to the cold and can give rescuers a chance to reach you.

Hidden Dangers – What You Don't See Can Hurt You

We also discussed the dangers that might not be visible from the shore. Water can look calm and inviting, but it may hide strong undercurrents, sudden drops in depth, or submerged objects like rocks and debris. Jumping or diving into unknown water can lead to serious injury—or worse.

Cold Water Shock – A Real Risk

Even on a hot day, open water is often much colder than expected. Cold water shock can cause gasping, loss of control, and panic. Knowing how your body might react and staying calm by floating can be the difference between danger and safety.

What To Do In an Emergency

- Our assembly also covered how to help if someone else is in trouble. Remember:
- Don't jump in after them—you could become a second victim
- Shout for help and call 999.
- Look for something to throw to them, like a float or rope.

Final Thoughts

We're incredibly proud of how seriously our pupils have taken this important topic. As we approach the holidays, we want everyone to enjoy the break—but safely. Whether you're at the beach, by a river, or near a lake, remember what we've learned this week.

Be smart. Be aware. Be safe.

Let's make this summer one to remember—for all the right reasons.



Thought for the Week



Mr Edwards

EXCELLENCE IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Sefton Athletics Comp

A fantastic day at The Sefton Athletics Comp yesterday with the girls coming first overall out of seven schools and the boys coming third! Year 8 and Year 10 won overall in the individual events with outstanding performances from Queen and Alisha A in Year 10, Hope, Jovita and Mia in Year 8, Runor in Year 7 and Peace in Year 9. Hillside dominated the track events with first place positions for 200m across every year group! Well done to all the competitors!

Mrs Austin

