



HILLSIDE
HIGH SCHOOL
WADE DEACON TRUST

End of Term Friday 18th July Finishing Times

Year 7—12:00pm
Year 8—11:50am
Year 9—11:45am
Year 10—11:55am

Dear Parents/Guardian

I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter. I am delighted it includes lots of information of activities our pupils can get involved in over the Summer. Whilst the break from school is lovely, the six weeks can feel like a long time, so I hope some of these suggestions are of use to our children and their families.

This newsletter is a real celebration of the amazing opportunities our pupils get in the world of Performing Arts. I can't thank Miss Brown enough for everything she does. We are all very excited for the school production of Oliver Jr. next week.

Prom is always a highlight and this year's certainly didn't disappoint. I'm sure you will all agree our young people look fantastic. They had the most amazing time and I am sure made memories which will stay with them forever.

We do finish at lunch time next Friday, so please make a note of your child's finish time. I can't wait for 'Hillfest' and I know all our pupils are going to have a great last day.

Amanda Ryan, Principal

Summer 2025: Fun, Learning & Community

As the school year winds down, we're excited to share a vibrant lineup of activities, events, and opportunities for young people and families to enjoy this summer. From sports and music to creative workshops and wellbeing support, there's something for everyone!

Hillfest 2025 – Friday 18th July – 8.30am – 12.15pm

Our very own school music festival returns! For just £1 entry, enjoy:

- School finishes early for pupil – see timings for each year group on class charts and above
- Live performances from dearALICE, 6Baby, and Samsara
- Karaoke, football tournament, inflatables, games, icecream and a chillout zone
- Festival face painting (suggested £1 donation)
- Snacks available via school meal accounts
- Wear your best festival-themed outfit – school finishes at lunchtime!



Get Active This Summer – Local activities and events

- **Junior Park Run:** Every Sunday, 9am at Derby Park
- **Youth Kayak Course:** 6-week programme, Thursdays 10:30–12:30 (£2/week) – L20 Hub
- **Crosby Lakeside Adventures:** Sailing, archery, climbing, paddleboarding & more
- **Bootle Leisure Centre:** 5 free swims over the summer for pupils entitled to free school meals + discounted £2.40 sessions for under 16s (10am–3pm)
- **Gaming Café:** Drop-in sessions at L20 Hub, 16 July–20 August (Weds, 5:30–8pm)
- **L20 Hub Summer Clubs** Thursday 5.30pm – 8.00pm (Booking required – please see L20 Hub Website – booking form - <https://bookwhen.com/l20community#focus=ev-sic4-20250707183000>):
 - Miniature Figure Painting (24 July)
 - Beauty & the Beast SFX (31 July)
 - Lego Masters (7 Aug)
 - Rap Workshop (14 Aug)
 - Cake & Paint (21 Aug)

Holiday Activities & Food Programme (HAF)

Designed for children aged 5–16 eligible for free school meals, HAF offers healthy meals, fun activities, and nutrition education. Apply via Sefton or Liverpool Council websites.

Liverpool - <https://eequ.org/liverpoolhaf>

Sefton - <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/childrens-services/schools-and-learning/grants-and-funding/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf/>



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Year 9 - LIPA taster day

Our lucky group of our Year 9 pupils got to spend the day at the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts last week, enjoying a taster day to see what this world famous university has to offer. Our actors and musicians from the year group got to sample life on the campus in the city centre and took part in various workshops throughout the day. Whether it was acting, songwriting, musical theatre or instrumental sessions, our pupils certainly let their talents shine through, I beamed with pride watching you all! Let's hope we inspired you to follow in the footsteps of Hillside's past pupils who have just graduated from LIPA sixth form this month, you certainly have the talent to! Well done to all who came along, another inspiring visit for the Performing Arts department.

Miss Brown



Year 7 - Empire Project Finale!

Last week, staff and parents were invited the Liverpool Lighthouse Theatre to watch our Year 7 girls finale performance of their own musical. Eleven of our pupils have been working with Everton in the Community and have been lucky enough to attend an eight-week course at the Liverpool Empire Theatre. The course introduced them to different arts forms and careers within the theatre. The girls took part in weekly workshops that covered, drama, dance, devising, choreography, musical theatre, song writing and theatre and stage sfx makeup. During the process they worked as a group to write their own musical, entitled "Dear Diary of Denial, a Teenage Musical". They developed their own script, songs, lyrics and even recorded accompanying tracks for their pieces. With the help of the lovely Laura from EITC who mentored them through the whole programme, they gave up their own time to rehearse and prepare a showcase for their friends and family. We were lucky enough to be the first audience to see their musical and it was simply fantastic! What we saw on the stage reflected the talent we have in your year group, and you're only in Year 7, how lucky are we! We hope you enjoyed every moment on the stage girls; you certainly deserved the rapturous applause you received! Well done to Mya, Lottie, Faith, Charlotte, Emmi, Gracie, Nancy, Erin, Eva, Sadie & Kaitlyn, you did Hillside and yourselves proud!

Miss Brown



Oliver Jr. is Almost Here!

It has been an extremely busy month in the Performing Arts department for both pupils and staff. We are deep into the rehearsals for our summer production of Oliver Jr. and are enjoying filling the halls of Hillside after school every day with chorus's of Consider Yourself and Oom Pah Pah! Tickets are now on sale to the public priced at £8 per adult £5 concessions. Be sure to book soon, we are definitely on for another sell out!

Miss Brown



Prom

After 5 years of waiting the day had finally arrivedYear 11 Prom 2025. It was so lovely to see them all looking wonderful in their finery, everyone made such an effort. As this year group didn't have any celebrations at the end of Year 6 due to the pandemic, it was decided some time ago that we were going to make it extra special. From the welcome of the fire eater and stilt walker, the photo booth then waiting for darkness to fall to bring out some large glow sticks to add to the atmosphere. As always the pupil awards are the highlight of the night, this was the last time I would speak to the year group together but what an enjoyable opportunity. Mr Edwards was on hand to present the awards. Then it was over to the dancing and another surprise, a saxophonist who played along to the DJ, a first at a Hillside Prom. All in all, the evening was fantastic, with lots of dancing, laughter, reminiscing and creating memories to last a lifetime. We all wish you the very best Year 11.

Mrs McCarthy



Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

Keeping Children Safe This Summer: A Guide for Parents

As the summer holidays approach, many families are looking forward to a well-earned break filled with fun, freedom, and new experiences. While summer is a wonderful time for children to explore and grow, it's also important to ensure they stay safe—both online and offline. Here are some key tips to help you support your child's wellbeing this summer:

Water Safety

- If your child is swimming or taking part in water sports, ensure they are supervised and understand the risks.
- Life jackets are essential for kayaking, paddleboarding, or boating.
- Talk to them about the dangers of open water, even if they are confident swimmers.

Online Awareness

- Review your child's privacy settings on social media and gaming platforms.
- Encourage them to only interact with people they know and to report any inappropriate behaviour.
- Remind them not to share personal or financial information online, and to come to you if something feels off.

Out and About

- Make sure your child knows to let you know where they're going and when they'll be back.
- Equip them with helmets and safety gear for biking or skating.
- Encourage them to stick to familiar, well-lit areas, especially in the evenings.

Emotional Wellbeing & Boundaries

- Talk to your child about recognising risky situations and trusting their instincts.
- Help them identify their personal boundaries and how to say no when something doesn't feel right.
- Encourage open conversations so they feel comfortable coming to you with concern

Miss Jones

Thought for the Week

"SUMMER
IS THE
PERFECT TIME
TO RESET AND
RECHARGE."

EXCELLENCE IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY

Rampworx – Free Holiday Club

Sefton children entitled to benefit-related free school meals

We are pleased to announce the launch of our FREE Summer Holiday Club.

Go straight to our website for more information and to secure your child's place

Be quick, places are limited!

<https://rampworx.com/shop/>



Key Dates 2024-2025 For Hillside Pupils and Our New Year 6

**Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th July—
Summer Production 7pm**

Friday 18th July—Last Day of Term

**Wednesday 23rd July - Friday 25th July—
Summer School for Year 6 Pupils**

**Wednesday 13th August—Uniform
Collection for Year Pupils**

Thursday 21st August - GCSE Results Day

**Monday 1st September—INSET—School
Closed to Pupils**

**Tuesday 2nd September—Back to School for
Pupils**