



HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

WADE DEACON TRUST



Join us at
Hillside High School

OPEN EVENING

On Thursday
25th September 2025
From 5.30pm

'Excellence in the Heart of the Community'

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week's newsletter really does give you an idea of just how much is going on every week for our pupils and their families at Hillside. We know that by working in partnership with our families we can support our pupils to achieve their very best. I am really looking forward to seeing Year 10 and their families on Monday at their 'Welcome to GCSE Evening' the evening starts at 5.45 and finishes at 7.45pm. Then on Thursday its our Open Evening, please share the details with any family and friends who have children in Year 5 and 6 and are making the decision about High School.

In terms of working in partnership it is crucial our pupils support their learning in school by completing their homework, please find enclosed more details. Period 6 has started for all Year 11, please see time timetable included inside. We ask for your support with this.

I'm delighted to share the news that our amazing Miss Christian and her husband James have welcomed Baby Noah into the world on Monday. Congratulations to them.

Amanda Ryan, Principal



GCSE Success in Core Evening

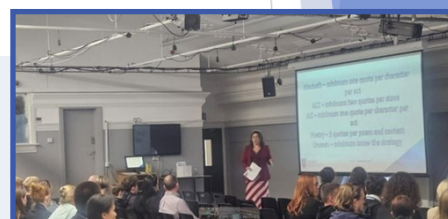
We would like to extend a thank you to all the parents, carers, and pupils who attended our recent GCSE Success in Core evening.

It was fantastic to see so many of you engaging with the sessions led by our Maths, English, and Science teams, who shared valuable strategies, resources, and revision techniques to support pupils in the lead-up to their exams

Your commitment to working in partnership with the school plays a crucial role in pupil success, and evenings like this show just how strong that partnership can be. Whether it was understanding the structure of the exams, how to revise effectively, or how to support learning at home, we hope you left feeling informed and empowered.

Thank you again for your continued support — together, we can help every pupil reach their full potential.

Miss O'Hara



Year 10 Welcome to GCSE Evening

Monday 22nd September is our Welcome to GCSE Evening for all Year 10 pupils. It is absolutely essential that all Year 10 pupils along with their parents/carers attend this event as it gives a clear insight into what to expect over the next two years as our pupils embark upon their new GCSE courses and shows parents how they can support their pupils in their learning. There will be sessions dedicated to English, Maths and Science and Subject Leaders for History, Geography and Spanish will also be available to answer any questions you may have. Mr Haygarth will also be giving a short talk about Year 10's work experience and our careers advisor, Mr Peace, will also be on hand. The event begins at 5:45pm and finishes at 7:45pm. As with all our school events pupils should attend in full school uniform including school shoes, to confirm you attendance, please contact the school office.

Miss Collins



**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

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Friday 19th September 2025

A Warm Welcome to Our New Staff



"My Name is Miss Robinson, I am a former Hillside pupil and I left in 2017. I studied Forensics Science at John Moore's University. I'm most looking forward to getting to know all the pupils and giving them the best support possible" **Miss Robinson**

Homework

Evidence from the Education Endowment Fund (EEF) shows that, on average, home learning adds five months' additional progress over five years of secondary school. Therefore, to ensure that our pupils make as much progress as possible, we set homework that is well planned and purposeful.

Please find below a homework timetable for Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 pupils with example tasks outlined. Pupils can get support with their homework at homework club on Wednesday 2:45pm-3:45pm for all pupils, they are also welcome to attend the library every day afterschool.

All homework tasks are set on ClassCharts and can be viewed by pupils and parents. Pupils are expected to submit work on time and will be given a '3' on class charts if they fail to do so.

Homework Timetables

Key Stage 3 – Year 7 / 8 / 9

Homework for pupils in Key Stage 3 is set for Core Subjects: English, Maths, Science, Spanish, Pupils should complete homework according to the homework timetable which sets out which night pupils should complete homework. These are the same for all year groups and should be set on Class Charts.

Homework timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday / Weekend
Sparx English	Sparx Maths	Sparx English	Sparx Maths	Sparx Science
20 minutes of reading	20 minutes of reading	20 minutes of reading	20 minutes of reading	20 minutes of reading

Key Stage 4 – Year 10 / 11

Core homework for pupils in Key Stage 4 is set mostly using online platforms like SPARXs. Links to the pods pupils need to watch and any other links that they need will be posted on Class Charts.

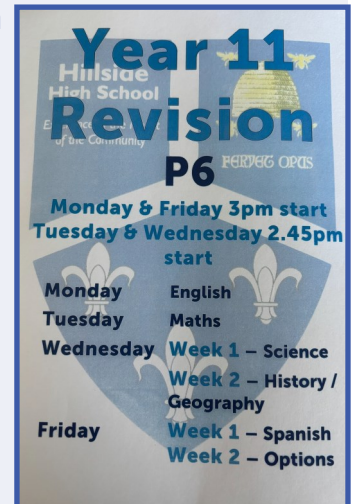
Class teachers may set additional homework where appropriate. This may not always be in the form of a written piece of work or a worksheet but may be more research based.

Homework Timetable

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday / Weekend
Subject	English	Maths	Science	Option H & A	Option B & C

Any questions about homework should be directed to your child's class teacher or Subject Leader for that subject.

Miss O'Hara



Attendance - Start Strong

It is so important to make a strong start to the year. In this week's assemblies we have been outlining why attendance is so important and the effect it can have on life chances.

We have also introduced Compulsory Catch-up to help support pupils when they return from an absence.

Compulsory Catch-up

- To support your progress, if you miss curriculum time, you will be required to complete Compulsory Catch Up to support your learning and reduce any knowledge gaps.
- In the event of missing curriculum time, you will have until Friday of the week following your absence to complete any work that was missed, and ensure your teacher has signed it off as complete.
- It is your responsibility to identify and complete any work that has been missed. You must present your catch-up sheet to your Form Tutor on the Friday of the week following your absence. If all work has not been completed, you will be required to stay behind where you will be supported by staff to complete your catch-up work.

Mr Edwards

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START STRONG
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

#BEHERE
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The attendance target is 100%.
You should be aiming not to miss a single day in school – and become a Hillside 100 Legend!

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HILLSIDE 100
EXCELLENCE IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY STARTS WITH EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE.

If you are absent from school, you are very likely to be visited by a member of staff to discuss the reason for your absence.

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What an Inspiration!

Miss Gibbons and Miss Yusuf had the honour of being invited to Alder Hey last week, where our lovely Lucie Thompson in Year 10 rang the treatment bell for completing her last round of chemotherapy. This was such a proud moment for Lucie, her family and us all at Hillside. Lucy has been an absolute inspiration throughout her journey and we can't wait to have her back in school!



Goodison Park – Everton Ladies Football Showcase Event – Thursday 11th September

On Thursday a number of our pupils had the opportunity to visit Goodison Park, now the home of Everton ladies football team. Whilst there our pupils participated in some martial arts and other games on the pitch and interacted with the first team squad, who joined the pupils. The whole session was filmed and will be used as a promotion for showcasing Goodison Park which will be aired on Match of the Day at some point in the future. A huge thank you to EITC for visiting us and giving Hillside pupils great opportunities.

Mrs Austin



Road Safety and Site Rules: A Message from This Week's Assemblies

In this week's assemblies we have been looking at the importance of crossing the road safely and the use of e-bikes and e-scooters.

As part of our ongoing commitment to student safety, we've been highlighting the risks associated with road use—especially during busy school hours. Whether you're walking to school, catching the bus, or being dropped off by a parent or carer, it's vital that everyone takes extra care when crossing roads. Please remember to use designated crossings, avoid distractions like mobile phones, and always check both ways before stepping out.

We've also addressed a growing concern: the use of **e-bikes and e-scooters**. While these modes of transport are becoming increasingly popular, they pose significant safety risks—particularly in crowded areas like school entrances and pathways. For this reason, **e-bikes and e-scooters are strictly banned from the Hillside High School site.**

Let's continue working together to keep Hillside High a safe and welcoming place for everyone. If you have any questions or concerns about road safety or site rules, please speak to your Progress Leader or Mr Edwards.

Stay safe, stay aware, and look out for one another.

Mr Edwards



24 APPS PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

This list is not exhaustive, and will be updated each year to reflect new risks and dangers
THESE APPS CAN EASILY BE USED AS GROOMING TOOLS BY ONLINE PREDATORS LOOKING TO MEET UP & SEXUALLY ABUSE CHILDREN. (UPDATED 2021)



FACEBOOK  FACEBOOK allows you to connect with others and share comments, photos and videos. You can add friends, write on people's pages and posts, join groups and play games.	SNAPCHAT  SNAPCHAT is one of the most popular apps in recent years. Whilst the app promises that photo's, videos and stories disappear, others can take screenshots of private photo's.	INSTAGRAM  INSTAGRAM Kids are creating fake accounts to hide content from their parents, according to police. Messages are also deleted once a user leaves a conversation.
WHATSAPP  WHATSAPP allows you to send messages, images and videos in 121 and group chats with your contacts. You can choose to share your live location for up to eight hours with one contact or a group.	KIDSCAT  KIDSCAT.NET is a free online messaging app for children. You can talk to people you don't know on public forums and via private message. You can access the site as a guest.	SKYPE  SKYPE is a platform and app that lets you make audio and video calls to other people around the world. You can also send instant messages.
WHISPER  WHISPER is an anonymous social media app that promotes sharing personal secrets with strangers, (new people). It reveals a user's location so people can meet up.	CALCULATOR %  CALCULATOR % is only one of SEVERAL social media apps disguised as a calculator, the app is actually a secret photo vault to hide photos, videos, files and browser history.	HOT ON NOT  HOT ON NOT Strangers rate a user's 'attractiveness' with the aim of real-world meet ups in your local area.
ASK.FM  ASK.FM An app where users can anonymously ask questions and receive answers. The app has been featured in a number of cyber bullying cases.	YUBO  YUBO Similar to Tinder, the app is designed to allow teens to flirt with each other.	KIK MESSAGING Kik  KIK MESSAGING Kik is a messaging app that allows content normally filtered on a home computer.
BURN BOOK  BURN BOOK Anonymous rumours can be posted about people through audio messages, texts and photos.	WISHBONE  WISHBONE This app allows users to compare kids and rate them on a scale.	GRINDR  GRINDR is a dating app geared towards gay, bisexual and transgender people. The app allows people to chat, share and meet up in person based on a GPS location.
SKOUT  SKOUT is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts.	MEET ME  MEET ME is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. The app encourages people to meet in person.	TIK TOK  TIK TOK is one of the most popular apps in recent years used for sharing short videos with very limited privacy controls users are vulnerable to explicit material.
TELLOMYN  TELLOMYN anonymous messenger app. It calls itself "the most honest place on the internet." Age controls are inconsistent and sexual explicit material can be found.	Zoomerang  Zoomerang is a popular app that looks like a harmless messaging app however it allows private anonymous messaging and is location enabled.	BUMBLE  BUMBLE is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts.
FACEBOOK MESSENGER  FACEBOOK MESSENGER is one of the most popular message apps in the world. It has already heavily been used by predators and the end-to-end encryption will make it even more unsafe.	BADOO  BADOO is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts.	OMEGLE  OMEGLE is a video chat website where users are matched randomly with strangers.

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CHILD ABUSE RESOURCES
WWW.CHILDAUSEHELP.ORG.UK

NSPCC HELPLINE
0800 800 5000

NNECA
NATIONAL NETWORK FOR THE CHILD ABUSE
WWW.NNECA.ORG.UK



Key Dates 2025-2026

22nd September—Year 10 Welcome to GCSE Evening—5:45pm-7:45pm
25th September—Open Evening 5:30pm
11th October—Careers Fair
14th November—Flu Vaccine All Year Groups
20th November—Presentation Evening
27th November—Year 11 Progress Evening
4th December—Christmas Market

