



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Last night was our Open Evening and it was lovely to meet so many families of children in the current Year 5 and 6. A reminder to the children in Year 6 that the deadline to submit your application form is 31st October 2025. As I said last night Open Evening is a wonderful event and great opportunity to see our school and meet our pupils, but if any family would like to see the school day 'in action' it is our pleasure to show you around during the day. Please contact the school office who will be able to book you an appointment. Also if any family living in Liverpool needs assistance to complete the Liverpool form please do not hesitate to contact Ms Convey at v.convey@hillsidehigh.co.uk who will be able to help you with this.

I would like to echo Mr Edwards' articles in this week's newsletter about attendance. So many of our pupils have made a really strong start and I am very proud of them. However we do need to see an improvement from some of our pupils who need to be in school every day and improve their attendance. It is all about **STARTING STRONG!**

Amanda Ryan, Principal

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.



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 serving delicious warm bagels.



Attendance Matters: Every Day Counts!

As we settle into the new school year, it's time to celebrate our successes and set our sights even higher! **Regular attendance is the key to unlocking every pupil's potential**—it's not just about being present, but about being part of our fantastic, supportive school community.

Celebrating Our Attendance Champions

We're thrilled to recognise the outstanding commitment of several form groups who have achieved **over 95% attendance** so far:

Year 7:

- 7 RS – an incredible **99%** attendance!
- 7 JMe – **96.1%**
- 7 HP – **96.7%**
- 7 JMu & 7 CL – both at **95.7%**
- 7 CSY – **95.1%**

Year 8:



- 8 RLC – a fantastic **97%**
- 8 HT – **95.4%**

Year 9:

- 9 SAC – **96.2%**
- 9 EB – **96.4%**
- 9 JR – **95.5%**

Year 11:

- 11 GMW – 96%
- 11 NK – 96.3%

CUMULATIVE Attendance Dashboard

Period: 01/09/2025 to 19/09/2025

Whole School

90.6 %

Y7		Y8		Y9		Y10		Y11	
7 CSY	95.1	8 RLC	97	9 KBH	86.1			10 RA	82.8
7 JMu	95.7	8 HT	95.4	9 SAC	96.2	10 SC	92	11 GMW	96
7 JMe	96.1	8 SO	91.9	9 OM	87.2	10 DH	91.7	11 LB	90.4
7 CL	95.7	8 SA	93.6	9 TH	94.6	10 MC	92.7	11 NK	96.3
7 RS	99	8 SKe	90.6	9 EB	96.4	10 The	89.8	11 LG	92
7 HP	96.7	8 CR	79.2	9 JR	95.5				
Year 7	96.3	Year 8	91	Year 9	90.5	Year 10	85.7	Year 11	87.7

A huge well done to these forms—your dedication sets a shining example for us all!

Currently, our **whole school attendance stands at 90.6%**. While this is a solid start, **it's 2% lower than this time last year**—that's the equivalent of **240 additional school days lost** in just three weeks! Imagine what we could achieve if we all made that extra effort to be here, every day.

Let's Aim Higher—Be In to Win!

Let's work together to boost our attendance and make every day count. Whether you are aiming for a perfect record or just looking to improve, every step forward is a win for you and for our school.

Remember:

Every lesson missed is a learning opportunity lost.

Every day in school is a chance to grow, connect, and succeed.

Let's make this year our best yet—**be in to win!**

Mr Edwards

Photographs : If your child has misplaced their slip for you to view their photograph, please ask them to go to the main office and Miss Mason will print them off a new slip.

Thank you



RE-CYCLE YOUR OLD UNIFORM

We are always grateful for donations of good quality uniform including PE and Drama kits.

Also, if you have any no longer required text books, we can re-cycle those too.



Pride In Hillside

PIC-COLLAGE

Outstanding Achievement in Music

Before the summer break Gianna (8SKE), Lilliana (8HT) and Sylwia (8HT) achieved outstanding results in their violin exams. Gianna and Lilliana achieved a merit with Sylwia achieving a distinction. They should each be very proud of their hard work and outstanding achievements!

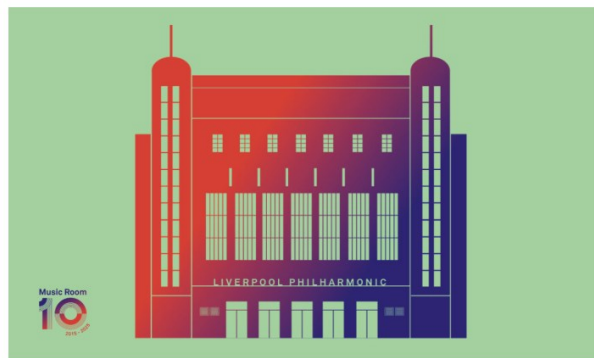


Have you ever wanted to listen to a live orchestra? The Liverpool Philharmonic are opening their doors for a FREE open day event this Sunday from 11am onwards. Please do consider going to watch live professional musicians at no cost! Below is a link giving a snippet of the music they will perform!

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Liverpool Philharmonic Open Day – FREE EVENT

Sunday 28 September from 11am

There's not long to go until we throw open the doors to Liverpool Philharmonic for what is set to be a fantastic day filled with music.

The full **Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra** – together with Principal Guest Conductor Andrew Manze – will be bringing you three spectacular mini-concerts featuring classical favourites and some of the all-time greats. They'll repeat the concert throughout the day, so don't worry – you'll have three chances to catch them.

The Bread and Butter Thing

Hillside High School is a 'The Bread and Butter Thing' hub. On Wednesdays, volunteers from our community, sort and pack three bags for our members. One bag is fresh fruit and veg, one bag is filled with store cupboard items and one bag is refrigerator goods. As a member you can receive all this for just **£8.50** a week, paid on collection by cash or card.

It's really easy to join 'The Bread and Butter Thing'. Everyone is welcome, there is no fee, no contract, you can dip in and out as you need and the membership rules are really simple. Text to join! Text **07860 063 304** with your full name, postcode, and the name of the hub you will be collecting from. For more information contact the school or visit the website <https://www.breadandbutterthing.org>



Hillside Pantry

We are working with the charity MCKS who are funding the food for the pantry. MCKS is a Charitable Foundation and partners with schools to provide school pantries on a regular and permanent basis. They provide food, toiletries and sanitary supplies for those in need.

Hillside Pantry will be open to any families who have a child at Hillside. You will be given a food hamper containing some essentials listed below.

Items available include

- Tinned meals
- Breakfast cereal
- Tea / Coffee
- Long Life Milk
- Biscuits
- Pasta / Rice / Noodles
- Tinned vegetables
- Long life bread



**The Hillside Pantry
is open everyday
from 1pm – 3.45pm
at the school Main
Office.**

Toiletries such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant are also available.

Please bring your own shopping bag to collect items. Any questions – please contact the school office.

If you are unable to collect on Friday - please contact the school office to make arrangements for collection at another date.

Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

Friday 26th September is European Day of Languages

Since 2001, 26th September has marked the European Day of Languages, a yearly celebration of the rich and diverse languages used across Europe. This day gives us the opportunity to:

- Promote the importance and benefits of language learning.
- Raise awareness and appreciation of all the languages used in Europe.
- Encourage and support lifelong language learning



At Hillside we are delighted to welcome children from all around the world, not just all over Europe, and we are incredibly proud of the cultural diversity they bring to our school. There are currently over 32 languages spoken by staff and pupils across our school, including Polish, Romanian, Turkish, Cantonese, Farsi and Hindi to name but a few! Take a look below to find out how to say 'Hello' in these languages!

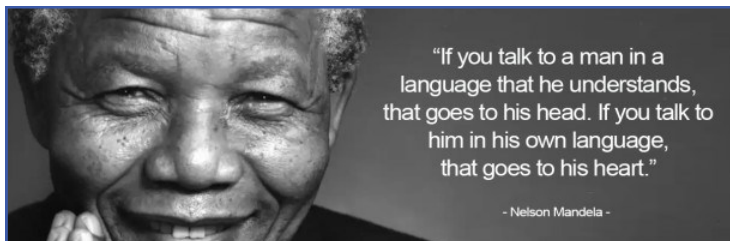
Afganistan – "سالام" Belgium - "Salut" Brazil - "Olá"
Bulgaria - "Здравейте" China - "你好" Czech Republic - "Ahoj"
Eritrea - "Selam" Germany - "Hallo" Greece - "Χαίρετε"
Hungary - "Szia" India - "नमस्ते" Iran - "Salam"
Italy - "Ciao" Kuwait - "Marhaba" Latvia - "Sveiki"
Netherlands - "Hallo" Nigeria - "Sannu" Philippines - "Kumusta"
Portugal - "Olá" Romania - "Buna ziua" Russia – "привет"
Saudi Arabia - "Assalaam 'alaikum" Somalia – "Subax wanagsan"
South Africa (Ndebele) - "Siyalemukela" Spain - "Hola"
Sri Lanka (Tamil) - "வணக்கம்" Switzerland - "Grüezi"
Thailand - "สวัสดี" Ukraine – "привіт"



Miss Collins



Thought for the Week



Key Dates 2025-2026

11th October - Careers Fair
9th October - Year 7 Meet the Tutors Event
14th November - Flu Vaccine All Year Groups
20th November - Presentation Evening
27th November - Year 11 Progress Evening
4th December—Christmas Market

