



NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th June 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Learners,

This week has seen another successful and positive effort from both staff and pupils as our GCSE examinations continue. Our pupils are rising to the challenge exceptionally well, demonstrating resilience, determination, and maturity in their approach to revision and preparation.

It has been particularly inspiring to see some of our older pupils reflecting on their journeys and beginning to share their insights with younger pupils. They are encouraging them to recognise the importance of every school day—prompting an important reflection for us all: *what might we do differently if we had the opportunity to start again in Year 7?* These conversations are going to be used to help motivate and inspire our younger pupils as they progress through their own learning journeys.

I am also pleased to highlight a new attendance initiative being led by Mr Henesy. Each week, forms achieving over 94% attendance will be entered into an inter-form competition, with the winning group receiving a free pizza reward. Alongside this, we will be launching additional rewards over the coming weeks to further recognise and celebrate excellent attendance across the school.



Looking ahead, I would like to inform you of an upcoming change to our morning routine. In two weeks, all pupils will enter the school via the main entrance, where they will be greeted by members of staff on duty. This change is designed to ensure that every pupil is welcomed into school, checked in appropriately, and begins their day feeling supported and valued. At Hillside, we are committed to ensuring every child feels noticed, safe, and able to thrive.

A separate letter will be sent shortly with full details regarding this adjustment.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Should you have any questions or need to make contact, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Anderson-Nicholls, Vice Principal.

Aintree Golf course

'Our year 7 pupils took part in the first ever Secondary School Sixes Golf competition. The first one to happen in the country. We went to Aintree Golf course and gave Golf a go, some pupils had never played before and were brilliant. We have another two sessions this term to continue growing the sport of Golf.'

Mr Lawrence



SCHOOL PANTRY

We are pleased to remind all families that we have a **fully stocked school pantry** available to support anyone who may need a little extra help. We understand that times can be challenging, and we are here to support our school community in any way we can.

If you feel this could be helpful for your family, please don't hesitate to visit the **school office** and simply let a member of staff know that you would like to collect a box of items from the pantry. There is no need to book or explain our aim is to make this support as easy to access as possible.

The pantry is regularly stocked with a wide range of useful food items, including:

- Breakfast cereals (we currently have a large supply!)
- Tinned vegetables such as tomatoes, peas, and carrots
- Tinned meals including curry and other ready-prepared options
- Juice and drinks
- Biscuits and snacks
- Crisps
- Pasta
- Rice
- Cooking sauces



We are proud to be able to offer this support and encourage any families who may benefit to make use of it. Please remember, this service is here for **everyone in our school community** no matter how big or small the need.

PE Star Performers from last week



Arthur	7 HP
Jarda	8 SA
Junior	7 JMe
Haides	8 SO
Slaine	9 TH
Millie Jae	10 The
Cornell	8 RLC
Lillie	9 TH
Bobby	10 SC
Poppy	8 SA
Riley	7 RS
Mason	7 CSY
Tish	9 EB
Sean	8 SA
Lexi	8 HT
Poppy	8 SO
Lucie	7 CL
Eva	8 SA
Faith	8 RLC
Kiara May	9 OM
Daniel	9 TH
Mya-Rose	8 RLC
Yousuf	9 SAC
Elliott	9 SAC
Asia Areeya	7 RS
Harry	9 EB
Lithuli	7 JMu

HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

SHOW UP. MAKE IT COUNT!

☆ GREAT ATTENDANCE TODAY. GREATER FUTURES TOMORROW. ☆

OUR TARGET FOR THIS WEEK:

94%

LET'S HIT OUR TARGET TOGETHER!

EACH FORM WILL WIN PIZZA FOR NEXT MONDAY!

BE HERE. Attendance matters. BE READY. Come prepared to learn. BE YOUR BEST. Stay focused. Achieve more. TOGETHER, WE WIN! We all play a part!

EVERY PERSON COUNTS. ❤️

Celebrating Strong Study Habits and Exam Preparation

As we approach the end of the academic year, it has been wonderful to see the level of commitment and engagement shown by pupils across all year groups in preparing for their exams. Their focus, determination, and willingness to take ownership of their learning are truly commendable.

I was particularly delighted last week when I visited the dining room at lunchtime and found so many Year 9 pupils making the most of their time by revising for their science exams. It was inspiring to see such purposeful use of a break time, with pupils clearly motivated to do their best. A special mention goes to Jovita, Maram, and Elsie, who were working collaboratively and testing each other's knowledge—an excellent example of active and effective revision.

We would also like to thank our staff for the thoughtful preparation and provision of revision materials, which have been invaluable in supporting pupils' independent study. These resources have clearly made a real difference, enabling pupils to approach their revision with confidence and structure.

Moments like these highlight the importance of developing strong study habits early on. Establishing routines, revising little and often, and engaging actively with learning are key skills that extend far beyond examinations. Pupils who build these habits not only perform more confidently in assessments but are also better prepared for the challenges of future study and lifelong learning.

We are very proud of all pupils who have been working hard in the lead-up to their exams. Their efforts, both in and out of the classroom, will certainly pay off. Well done, and keep up the excellent work!

Mrs Wardale



Important Notice

From Monday 22nd June, we will no longer have the option to use the cash top-up machines in the dining room. Instead, all payments and account top-ups must be made online. This change helps speed up lunch queues, keeps transactions secure, and ensures a smoother, more efficient dining experience for everyone.

If you have not yet activated your parentpay account, please email finance@hillsidehigh.co.uk we can then send your activation letter via email. If you have previously activated your account and you no longer have your login details please see below:
Username: Is your email address
Password: if you have forgotten your password, please click the forgotten password button and parentpay will email you a 're-set' password link.

If you have any further issues please contact the finance email.

Mobile Phone and Electronic Devices in School

During lessons we do not allow you to use personal mobile phones, tablets, Apple watches or any form of portable music player. We have very good reasons for this, based on pupil safety and the maintenance of high standards in the classroom. However, we do understand that many pupils and their parents/guardians like children to have a mobile phone as a security measure on the way to and from school. Our rules are clear on this:

- Electronic devices should not be brought to school at all.
- Mobile phones may be kept in a school bag but must be switched off at all times.
- Mobile phones should not be taken out during lessons, at break and lunchtime.

•If you are seen with a mobile phone or an electronic device, the item will be confiscated and placed safely in Pupil Support. If this is the first occasion that your phone is confiscated it will be given back to you at the end of the day. On a second occasion it will not be given back to you until an adult family member comes to collect it.

Celebrating Pride at Our School

This June, our school is proud to celebrate Pride Month—a time dedicated to recognising and supporting the LGBTQ+ community, as well as promoting respect, inclusion, and equality for all.

Pride is about being yourself and feeling safe and valued for who you are. It is also a reminder that everyone deserves kindness, dignity, and the freedom to express their identity without fear. In a diverse school like ours, embracing these values helps create a stronger, more supportive community where everyone can thrive.

Throughout the month, students and staff have been getting involved in a range of activities to show their support. From colourful displays and rainbow badges to assemblies focusing on inclusion and respect, Pride has been visible across the school. These activities not only celebrate diversity but also encourage important conversations about acceptance and understanding.

Our student groups and wellbeing ambassadors have played a key role in organising events and raising awareness. Many pupils have shared messages about what Pride means to them, highlighting themes of friendship, courage, and belonging. These voices remind us how powerful it can be when people come together to support one another.

Pride is also an opportunity to learn. By exploring different perspectives and experiences, we can challenge stereotypes and build empathy. Education is an important step in making sure everyone feels included and respected, both in school and beyond.

As we celebrate Pride Month, let's continue to show kindness, stand up against bullying or discrimination, and support our friends and classmates. Pride is not just about one month—it's about creating a culture of inclusion every day.

Together, we can make our school a place where everyone is proud to be themselves.

Julia Anderson-Nicholls
Principal