



HILLSIDE
HIGH SCHOOL
WADE DEACON TRUST



EXCELLENCE IN THE HEART
OF THE COMMUNITY

NEWSLETTER

Friday 3rd July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were delighted to meet so many of our new families at our Year 7 Open Evening. It was a proud moment to see our new Head Boy and Head Girl presenting so confidently to everyone. They were superbly supported by our newly appointed Prefects, all of whom stepped up to help organise a fantastic event.

A special thank you to Mrs Collins and her team of volunteers for creating such a welcoming and memorable evening for our families.

This week we look forward to another of Mrs Collins' community events on Thursday evening. The weather is looking perfect, and we are excited to welcome many of you to what promises to be a wonderful occasion.

As the World Cup continues, we are also entering a week of lunchtime penalty shoot-outs as part of our inter-form competition. It has already created great excitement across the school, and we look forward to seeing pupils representing their forms with pride and teamwork.

We also look ahead to a busy week of excellent attendance and football competitions, thanks to the organisation and enthusiasm of Mr Rayson and Mr Hensey. We are also excited for our Sports Day on the 8th thanks to all of the PE department.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Many thanks

Julia Anderson-Nicholls
Principal

**"Excellence is not
a singular act but
a habit."**

Shaquille O'Neal
Four time NBA champion/three times
NBA Finals MVP



ABSENCE

If your child is unable to attend school you will need to ring the school office on
0151 525 2630 between 7.30am-8.30am.

The call will be received by one of our admin team who will discuss the reason for your child's absence. Please help us by letting us know if your child has an appointment or will be absent for any reason.

YEAR 7

Zach A – Maths
Dalya A – Religious Studies
Kitty B – Drama
Olivia B – English
Jack C – PE KS3
Rhys F – PD
Ella H – Spanish
Lucie P – Science
Ario S – Music
Asia S – Geography
Kanyapat T – Computer Science
Lithuli W – Technology
Sophia W – History
Maja Z - Art

WELL DONE

YEAR 8

Blossom A – PD
Ferammi A – Music
Hope B – Religious Studies
Ruby-Ann C – Spanish
Ruben C – Art
Scarlett C – Science
Kemyly CP - English
James G – Computer Science
Bobbie L – Technology
Erin M – Drama
Charlotte McV – History
Mollie P – Geography
Hannah P – PE KS3
Kyle W – Maths

WELL DONE

LEAD LEARNERS MAY 2026

Year 9

Sayda A-Z – Geography
Charlotte C – English
Olivia G – Art
Jovita J – Maths
Amelia K-F – Technology
Roman McP – Spanish
Zachary M – PE KS3
Kiara May P – Music
Abdul M –R - Religious Studies
Hallie R – History
Scarlett R – Science
Sofia S – Computer Science
Matilda S – Drama

WELL DONE

YEAR 10

Iwinosa A – Maths
Zahraa A – Photography
Mariyam B – 3D Art
Tidjan B – Business Studies
Alfie B – ICT
Ryan B – Sport Science
Alfie D – Geography
Ethan E – Biology
Olivia F – Art
Nadia K – History
Talia N –Computer Science
Uche O – Physics
Praise O-S – Hospitality
Betty R – Chemistry
Alisha R – Spanish
Adam – R – Retail Business
Tilly T – English
Mason W - Science

HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

COMMUNITY OPEN EVENING

A Fun-Filled Family Evening!
Celebrate the wonders of nature and wildlife with an exciting community event inspired by Sir David Attenborough.

THURSDAY 9TH JULY

17:30 to 19.30

- Falconry
- Reptiles
- Farm Animals
- Bouncy Castles
- Carnival Snacks
- Face Painting

HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

WORLD CUP WEEK!

PREDICT. WATCH. PLAY. WIN!

MONDAY MORNING (FORM TIME)

WORLD CUP PREDICTOR

- Each form predicts the results of the next **FIVE** World Cup matches.
- The form with the most correct predictions wins a **FREE BREAKFAST** on Friday!
- One winning form across Years 7–10.

WINNERS REVEALED ON THURSDAY
DURING PS (LAST MINUTES OF THE DAY)

SCORECARDS GIVEN TO TUTORS MONDAY MORNING.

MONDAY LUNCHTIME

DRAMA HALL

WORLD CUP HIGHLIGHTS ON THE BIG SCREEN!

DRINKS & SNACKS AVAILABLE!

OUTSIDE

STAFF vs STUDENTS PENALTY SHOOTOUT CHALLENGE

SEMI-FINALS MONDAY LUNCHTIME

- STAFF take on STUDENTS in a penalty shootout!
- One FINALIST from each year group progresses to Friday's FINAL!

THURSDAY

WINNERS REVEALED!

BREAKFAST WINNERS ANNOUNCED DURING PS (LAST MINUTES OF THE DAY)

GET EXCITED! IT COULD BE YOUR FORM!

FRIDAY LUNCHTIME

THE FINAL!

PENALTY SHOOTOUT CHAMPIONSHIP

- CHAMPION WINS THE WORLD CUP TROPHY TO TAKE HOME!
- FINALISTS GET A 5 MINUTE CLAIM TO FAME!
- CELEBRATION PHOTOS & HILLSIDE PRESS CONFERENCE!
- FEATURED IN NEXT WEEK'S NEWSLETTER!

4 FINALISTS (ONE FROM EACH YEAR GROUP)

SHOW UP. MAKE IT COUNT!

PREDICT WATCH PLAY WIN

PE Star Performers from last week



Dalya	7 RS
Kharis	7 JMe
Nyla	7 CL
Chloe	8 SKe
Jack	7 HP
Ian	7 JMe
Alicja	9 OM
Maisy	9 OM
Frankie	7 CL
Lacey	10 DH
Callum	9 TH
Elliot	9 KBH
Eddie	9 JR

CHOCOLATE and the BRAIN

PHENYLETHYLAMINE (PEA)
Chocolate is packed full of PEA, a natural stimulant that encourages the production of dopamine and promotes well-being.

SEROTONIN
Serotonin is a neurotransmitter that promotes happiness. It is derived from tryptophan, an amino acid found in chocolate.

THEOBROMINE
This addictive compound is able to block inhibitory neurotransmitters.

- IMPROVES MOOD
- ACTS AS STIMULANT
- IMPROVES ALERTNESS

Tuesday the 7th July is world chocolate day, so we will be baking chocolate cookies, also serving chocolate muffins and chocolate cheesecakes for desserts at lunchtime.

Mrs Hankinson

Year 10 Geographers Tackle Albert Dock Fieldwork

Our Year 10 Geographers completed their human fieldwork investigation into the regeneration of the Albert Dock today — and what a fantastic effort it was!

Every pupil did the Geography Department, the school, their parents, and above all themselves, proud. Behaviour and manners throughout the day were exceptional, and pupils should be very pleased with their data collection methods, particularly the courteous and confident way they approached members of the public to complete their questionnaire surveys.

Roll on next week's physical geography investigation of the River Rothay in Grasmere, Lake District!

Mr Campbell
Geography Subject Leader



Meet Our New Prefects and Head Pupils!

Last week, we were delighted to appoint our new team of Hillside Prefects following a rigorous selection process. With so many excellent applications, the standard was incredibly high, making the final decisions anything but easy!

Every candidate was carefully assessed against a range of criteria, including outstanding attendance, excellent punctuality and, most importantly, their commitment to living out *The Hillside Way* every single day. Our successful Prefects have consistently demonstrated that they are positive role models who lead by example and are a real credit to our school community.

You can easily spot our new Prefects around school by their prestigious red ties. These ties are more than just part of a uniform—they are a symbol of responsibility, leadership and the trust that has been placed in them to represent our school with pride.

As ambassadors for Hillside, our Prefects will play an important role in supporting students, helping at school events and contributing to initiatives that make our school an even better place to learn. They have shown a willingness to step forward, take on new challenges and make a genuine difference to the lives of others.

We are also incredibly proud to introduce our new Head Boy and Head Girl, who were selected following a demanding interview process. Each candidate was required to prepare and deliver a speech entitled 'What Hillside Means to Me' to the Senior Leadership Team before answering a series of challenging questions designed to assess their leadership qualities, vision for the school and suitability for the role. We are delighted to announce that Content and Lacey impressed the panel with their confidence, passion and commitment to our school, and were appointed as our Head Boy and Head Girl.



The quality of the applicants was so exceptional that we felt it was only right to appoint three Deputy Head Pupils. Congratulations to Fola, Betty and Dayan, who all demonstrated the qualities, character and leadership potential that make them outstanding ambassadors for Hillside. We know they will provide invaluable support to our Head Boy and Head Girl throughout the year.

Finally, a huge congratulations to every student who applied. It takes courage to put yourself forward for a position of responsibility, and we are incredibly proud of everyone who demonstrated the confidence, ambition and commitment to be considered. To our newly appointed student leaders—well done! We know you will wear your red ties with pride, lead by example and continue to make a positive difference to our school community.

Mr Rayson





The Year 11 Prom at the Isla Gladstone Conservatory on Thursday 25th June was a genuinely special evening, the kind that reminds you how far a year group has come and how ready they are for what's next. Seeing the students arrive in their finery was a moment in itself—glamour, confidence, and a few proud tears from staff all rolled together. The night was packed with energy: dancing that never seemed to slow down, laughter echoing around the glass walls, and chaotic fun during the "*most selfies in a minute*" challenge, which quickly became far more competitive than anyone expected. It was also lovely to welcome Miss Roby back for their final celebration, adding an extra layer of warmth to the night. And of course, the evening ended with a bang—fireworks courtesy of the Foo Fighters (though I *did* try to take credit for them), a perfect finale to a night the students will remember for years.

Mrs McCarthy



Year 11 Prom – Class of 2026 Prize Winners	
Category	Winner
Funniest Pupil	Joel F
Kindest Pupil	Malinsa W
Most Dramatic	Frankie L
Sportsperson Male	Bright A
Sportsperson Female	Kayla B
Most resilient	Jessica Mc
Bromance	Dylan M & David H
Biggest Gossip	Frankie L
Best female friendship	Hunnie L & Rachel Mc
Most likely to become Prime Minister	Hai Ying X
Most likely to win the Lottery then lose the ticket	Liam H
Most likely to return to Hillside as a teacher	Sophie L
Prom King and Queen	Abi T and John Mc





It's that time of year again. Our annual 'Festival of Sport Day' is fast approaching and takes place on **Wednesday 8th July**. The day will be action packed with sports themed activities including the return of our fun zone, games section, athletic events and sports themed quiz. You will get the chance to spend the day competing in your form teams to scores points throughout the day in each of our zones; the winning team will get the chance to lift the famous Hillside trophy. This year we have year 10 team captains whose role will be to spearhead their team (see teams below). Don't forget to bring those essentials though; you will need that *sun cream* and a *hat* if it's a warm day. Make sure you bring plenty of *water* and arrive to school in your full PE kit (no exceptions to this will be allowed).

Further details will be provided in the launch assemblies led by **Mr. Clarke**.

Meet the Teams



Team Rocket



Team Skywalker



Team Tigan



Team Conquest



Team Triumph



Team Maverick