



NEWSLETTER

Friday 17th July 2026

Parents and Carers,

As another successful academic year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support, encouragement, and partnership throughout the year. Together, we have created an environment where our young people can thrive, and I am immensely proud of all that our students have achieved.

This year has been filled with many memorable moments, from academic successes and enrichment opportunities to sporting achievements, and community events. Our students have demonstrated resilience, determination, and a commitment to excellence in all that they do, truly reflecting the values of Hillside High School.

As we begin the summer break, I would like to remind all families of the importance of staying safe over the holidays. We encourage students to enjoy their well-earned rest while making sensible choices, staying safe online, looking after their wellbeing, and being mindful of their personal safety when spending time with friends and family.

While school is closed, we understand that concerns relating to a student's safety or wellbeing may still arise. If there is information that needs to be shared with the school, families can contact us via our Safeguarding Email or School Admin Email, and these accounts will be monitored periodically throughout the summer. If there is an immediate risk of harm to a child, please contact the appropriate emergency services or safeguarding agencies without delay.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to our PE Department and particularly Mr Clarke for their exceptional work in organising this year's Sports Day. The event showcased not only the sporting talents of our students but also their teamwork, determination, and school spirit.

In addition, thank you to everyone involved in making our recent Community Evening such a tremendous success. A big thanks to Mrs Collins. The event highlighted the strong partnerships between our school, families, and the wider community.

For our Year 11 students, we wish you every success as you await your results and prepare for the next stage of your journey. You have been a valued part of the Hillside family, and we are confident that you will continue to achieve great things in the future.



On behalf of all staff, governors, and trustees, thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. We wish all our students and families a safe, happy, and relaxing summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year at Hillside High School.

Best wishes,

Many thanks

Julia Anderson-Nicholls
Principal



Year 7 Shine on the Merseyside Fire & Rescue Beacon Course

A huge congratulations to ten of our Year 7 students who successfully completed the Merseyside Fire & Rescue Beacon Course at Kirkdale Fire Station.

Over six weeks, our students took on the role of Fire Cadets, developing valuable life skills while gaining a fascinating insight into the work of the Fire & Rescue Service. They learned how to use firefighting equipment, completed first aid training, practised fire drills, and even experienced entering smoke-filled training environments under the guidance of experienced firefighters.

The course concluded with a traditional Pass Out Ceremony, where students proudly demonstrated the skills, confidence and teamwork they had developed throughout the programme.

We are incredibly proud of their commitment, resilience and enthusiasm. They represented our school brilliantly and should all be extremely proud of this fantastic achievement.

Well done to our Year 7 Beacon Course graduates of 2026!

Mrs Owen



Sefton Young Artist Of The Year 2026

Winner



World's Biggest Car Meet
Collage
By AB



Predators
Coloured Pencil
By Kirandeep



Marvel's Spiderman & Liver Building
Acrylic, Pen & Pencil
By David

Sefton Young Artist Of The Year 2026

Winner



Dove
Acrylic
By Joshua



Rockpool At Night
Digital Art (Using FireAlpaca)
By Amoen

Commended



Damaged World/Damaged World
Scenery
Pencil & Coloured Pencil
By Owen

Sefton Young Artist Of The Year 2026

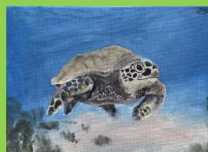
Commended



In A World Of Her Own
Pencil & Ink
By Hope



Gracey's Figure Art
Acrylic & Poster Paint
By Gracey-Raii



Peaceful Ocean
Acrylic
By Daisy

Sefton Young Artist Of The Year 2026

Winner



Crosby Beach
Photograph
By Luna



Self Portrait
Pencil & Ink
By Bobby



An Incomplete Moon
Acrylic
By Ellie-May

Sefton Young Artist Of The Year 2026



Requiem (From JoJo's Bizarre
Adventure)
Pencil, Pen & Point Pen
By Jack



Edward Inspired By Tim Burton
Pencil
By Abbie



Cover Girl
Pencil & Pen
By Nadia

Sefton Young Artist Of The Year 2026

Commended



Freya Skye Observational
Drawing
Pencil
By Olivia



Dexter The Monitor Lizard
Pencil & Acrylic Marker
By Dylan



Tim Burton's Corpse Bride
Blue Biro & Pencil
By Ellie

Sefton Young Artist of the Year

The Atkinson Art Gallery runs the **Sefton Young Artist of the Year** competition every year. Several of our students entered this year's competition, and their artwork is currently featured in The Atkinson's online exhibition.

Our students represented in the exhibition are:

- **Year 7:** Owen B (7JMe)
- **Year 8:** Kaitlyn Q (8SKE), Luna W 8SA who won the (8SKE) category and will have her art piece hung in the gallery.
- **Year 9:** Gracey R G (9EB)
- **Year 10:** Olivia F, David V, Ellie A, Abbie K, Jack L, and Dylan M

Please can you congratulate these students. I am very proud

Miss Murphy



Community Open Evening – 100 Years of David Attenborough.

Last Thursday was our favourite event of the year, Community Open Evening. This year our theme was celebrating 100 Years of David Attenborough! We had reptiles, birds of prey, meerkats, hedgehogs and even dinosaurs! A whole lot of fun was had by all! Thank you to everyone who attended!

Mrs Collins



Sports Day at Hillside

This year's Sports Day was a fantastic success, bringing together students, staff and former students for a day full of competition, teamwork and school spirit.

From exciting races and relay events to friendly rivalry between forms and year groups, everyone had something to enjoy.

The sunny weather and positive atmosphere helped make the day memorable for all involved.

Here are some amazing comments from some of our current, and former students as well as staff members:

Tamim, Year 10

"Sports Day is full of fun. Every year group works hard with their team and does their best to win."

Miss Yusuf, Year 10 Progress Leader

"Sports Day is always exciting. I especially enjoy bench ball and love seeing everyone get involved."

Jaxon, Year 9

"I'm very excited to be here today. I love sport and I'm looking forward to taking part."

Farhad, Year 10

"I'm feeling confident and ready to win. As I'm moving away, this is my last Sports Day at Hillside, and I'll miss the school."

Miss Rice, Reading Teacher

"Sports Day is the best day of the year."

Divine, Year 9

"I'm very excited. It's been a fun Sports Day and the weather has been absolutely gorgeous."

Vanessa, Year 9

"Sports Day was such a great vibe. Everyone seemed to be having fun."

Aisha, Year 10

"Honestly, the whole day was brilliant. Everyone enjoyed themselves, and it was even better than last year. Hopefully, next year will be even better."

Sofiia, Year 9

"I feel very excited and full of energy."

Chyler, Year 9

"I feel tired after all the events, but I've enjoyed the day."

Kiara, Year 9

"9 OM are going to win!"

Evie, Year 9

"I'm excited, and 9 OM are going to win."

Lily, Year 9

"I'm very excited, and 9 OM are definitely going to win!"

Grace, Year 9

"I came second in the girls' 100m race. I'm really happy and excited with my result."

Hope, Year 9

"I won the girls' 100m race despite having an injury, and I'm very proud of myself."

Miss Harper, Year 8 Progress Leader

"I love Sports Day!"

Mr Cosgrove, Spanish Teacher

"I'm happy and having fun with my form group."

Jovanna, Former Hillside Student

"I've really enjoyed the day, although I think last year's Sports Day was a little bit better."

Zack

"It was a good race, and I'm pleased with how I performed."

Sayda, Year 9

"The best part of the Sport Day was a bench ball. I really enjoyed bouncy castles, but I lost my sock and my friends were having laugh. Overall, it was a good day, but it was only limited in variety of sports offered. To improve, next year it would be great to have dodgeball and dancing activities."

Khadija, Year 7

"Sport Day was really fun. I liked most of the running competitions. It is probably my Favourite day in school."

Miss O'Hara, Maths Teacher

"Sports Day is my favourite day of the school year."

Cerys, Year 9

"I'm very excited and I really enjoy Sports Day."

Miss Phillips, Year 9 Progress Leader

"I love Sports Day. I think my year group is the best. I have the best form tutors—they are very competitive, and I think we're going to win."

Sofia, Year 8

"I feel really good about Sports Day and I'm very excited."

Simeon, Year 7

"Sport Day was great. I had such fun time. I was excited. I enjoyed playing football the most. It was really nice day with great weather. I am looking forward to the next Sport Day."

Miss Rayson, English Teacher

"I'm really excited. I'm here to have fun and enjoy the day. I don't like competitiveness, but I like the excitement and fun part of it. "

Lilly, Year 9

"I'm excited and enjoyed taking part in the relay races."

Bright, Former Year 11 Student

"Sports Day is as good as ever. It's great to come back to school and see everyone enjoying themselves."

Miss Naidoo, Cover Supervisor

"Sports Day is fun and exciting. I enjoy being outside with the students and seeing them engage and compete at different levels."

Bart, year 10

"I have mixed emotions about Sports Day, but I'm pleased with my performance. Success comes from practising good techniques and working hard."

Ajmal, Year 7

"In my opinion, Sport Day went great. I give it 10 out of 10."

Overall, Sports Day was a brilliant event that brought the whole school community together. Students showed excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the day, while staff helped create a positive and supportive atmosphere. With exciting competitions, memorable performances and plenty of school spirit, it was a day enjoyed by everyone. Many participants are already looking forward to next year's Sports Day and the chance to make even more great memories.

PE Star Performers of the year



Joseph 7HP
Luna 7HP
Charlie 7RS
Julie 7CL
Luke 7HP
Leo 9SAC
Mitchel a 9SAC
William 9KBH
Zach 9KBH
Ian 7JMe
Jacob 7JMe
Charlie 9JR
Bart 10MC
Ava 10The
Uche 10The
Hannah 8SA
Kaitlyn 8SKe
Anthony 8SA
Alexandra 8SA
Chaya 8CR
Elizabeth 8HT
Daniel 8HT

PE Star Performers of the year



Ethan 7RS
Brooklyn 7CL
Arthur 7HP
Derrick 7HP
Rhys 7RS
Leighton 7RS
Frankie 7CL
Kenneth 7CL
Billie 7RS
Aayan 7CL
Oliver 7RS
Moise 7CL
Toby 7RS
Ryan 7JMe
Jacob 7JMU
Jack 7JMU
Connor 7JMU
Albie 7JMe
Ajmal 7JMU
Luke 7JMe
Karen 7JMu
Joseph 7JMu
Reece 7JMe
Joseph 7JMe
Diego 7JMu

PE Star Performers of the year



Sonny 8LHa
Ruben 8SO
Cornell 8RLC
Bobbie 8RLC
Erikas 8RLC
Joel 8RLC
Harry 8RLC
James 8RLC
Callum 8HT
Flourish 8HT
Victor 8HT
Oscar 8HT
Oliver 8HT
Zhir 8CR
Calvin 8SA
Jamie 8SKe
Rafael 8SKe
Samuel 8SKe
Matthew 8SKe
Theo 8SKe
Michael 8SA
Ralphie 8SA
Leighton 8SKe
Patrick 8SA
Rahan 8SA
Sean 8SA
Artiom 8SA
Sonny 8SA

PE Star Performers of the year



Logan 9TH
Jorge 9EB
Francis 9TH
Lucas 9EB
Oliver 9EB
Aasef 9TH
Michael 9EB
Thomas 9EB
Joshua 9TH
Jonathan 9TH
Roman 9JR
Farhan 9EB
Albie 9TH
Harry 9EB
Casey 9KBH
Lennon 9OM
Claudiu 9OM
Evie 9SAC
Erin 9SAC
Lucas 10DH
Content 10MC
Dayan 10MC
Samuel 10The
Jack 10SC
Max 10RA
Curtis 010RA
Riley 10RA

PE Star Performers of the year



Maja 7CL
Brodee 7CL
Lucie 7CL
Marina 7HP
Khadija 7RS
Kim 7RS
Sophia 7JME
Daisy 7JME
Ava-Jane 7JMU
Ella JME
Nell JMU
Runor 8HT
Feranmi 8RLC
Mya 8RLC
Mille 8RLC
Bella 8RLC
Valentina 8SA
Luna 8SA
Poppy 8SA
Kemyllly 8CR

PE Star Performers of the year



Sayda 9KBH
Amelia 9SAC
Kiara May 9OM
Amelia 9TH
Matilda 9EB
Daniella 9TH
Sofiia 9EB
Staine 9TH
Chyler 9EB
Isabella 9EB
Charlotte 9EB
Abbey 9EB
Sophie 9TH
Mia 9TH