



NEWSLETTER

Welcome Back from the Principal

A huge welcome back! We are so glad to see our students returning, looking so smart and ready for the year ahead.

Thank you for your patience as we introduced our new ParentPay system. This is now up and running, and Arbor is now our new Management Information System (MIS). We hope this will support even better communication between students, families and staff. Having all our data in one place means we can operate more efficiently and accurately. I would also like to thank all of our students and staff who worked together so positively last week as we ironed out some initial issues during the first few days of term with this system.

Our new behaviour policy, **Expectations for Learning**, can be found on our website. Over the next couple of weeks, I will be inviting parents to attend a session where I will answer any questions and explain the policy in more detail. Our students have adapted incredibly quickly, and our school is already calm and orderly, providing the perfect environment for the high standards of learning we expect.

While we have enjoyed celebrating the success of last year's Year 11 students, we are not standing still. Saturday School is already underway, and Period 6 starts this week for our current Year 11 students. It is particularly encouraging to see so many Year 11 students arriving early to use the library, where they receive targeted revision support from 8.00am. Many students are even arriving earlier to revise independently. It has been a fantastic start to the year.

Lunchtime has also been a great success. We have ensured that every student has a place to sit and enjoy their lunch. The dining hall is calm and provides a positive dining experience for all students.

The library continues to be open at lunchtime for those who prefer a quieter space, while active outdoor activities are available for students who would like to burn off some energy. By next spring, we will also have two open quads providing shelter from the sun and creating attractive spaces filled with trees and plants. These areas will offer an enjoyable environment for students to use during lunch and social times.

We are excited to share more information soon about our renewed focus on rewards. Details will be available on the website shortly. It is important that students who consistently demonstrate our values and strive to be their best selves are recognised and feel valued for their efforts.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to working together over the coming year to provide the very best opportunities for our children.

Julia Anderson-Nicholls
Principal



7F 1st City Of Liverpool Royal Air Force Air Cadets

Thank you for joining us at today's taster session. We hope it gave you an insight into the exciting journey you could have as an Air Cadet.

If you and your parents/guardians would like to find out more and take the next step towards joining us, please come along to our Recruitment Evening:

16th September 2026

19:30

Brookfield Drive

Liverpool

L9 7AJ

Please use the below email to confirm your attendance. If you are unable to attend but would still like to enrol, please email:

Adj.7@rafac.mod.gov.uk

(cut off for enrolment is 21st September 2026)

We look forward to welcoming you and starting your Air Cadet journey with us!

Dear parents/Carers

Q & A Expectations for Learning Seminar with
Mrs Anderson-Nicholls

Wednesday 16th September, 4.30pm – 5.30pm,

Email admin@hillsidehigh.co.uk to confirm your attendance

As we start a new academic year, I wished to take the opportunity to clarify our PE standards and expectations around kit for lessons. We ask that all pupils have their full PE kit for every lesson including the Hillside top, shorts, socks and appropriate trainers. Details of when PE lessons take place can be found on Arbor and pupils also have paper timetables they can refer to. Failure to bring kit on a second occasion will result in pupils receiving a C4 consequence; when kit is forgotten pupils will be expected to borrow clean kit that we provide. If pupils refuse to borrow this kit, this will result in a C5. In the event of your child being injured or ill could we ask that you provide us with a written note clarifying the injury/illness and outlining the length of time. In addition, your child should still bring their full PE so that they can engage in the lesson in different ways, such as through officiating. Any exemptions from this will be discussed on an individual basis.

Please also find attached, the after-school sport clubs' poster again. We apologise for the technical issue on the first version sent out last week.

We appreciate your ongoing support in helping us to uphold our standards. All pupils have been spoken to about these expectations too and we look forward to a fantastic school year together.

Kind regards,

Mr. Clarke
Subject Leader of PE

HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS!

GET ACTIVE MAKE FRIENDS HAVE FUN

DAY	CLUBS	IMAGES
MONDAY	- Netball Training – All Years - Rugby Club – Year 7/8/9	
TUESDAY	- Basketball Club – All Years - Multi Sports Club – All Years	
WEDNESDAY	- Football Club – Boys, All Years - Dance Club – All Years	
THURSDAY	Girls Football – Years 7/8/9	
FRIDAY	Badminton Club – All Years	

BE PROUD. BE ACTIVE. BE HILLSIDE.

CLUBS START STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL SEE YOU THERE!

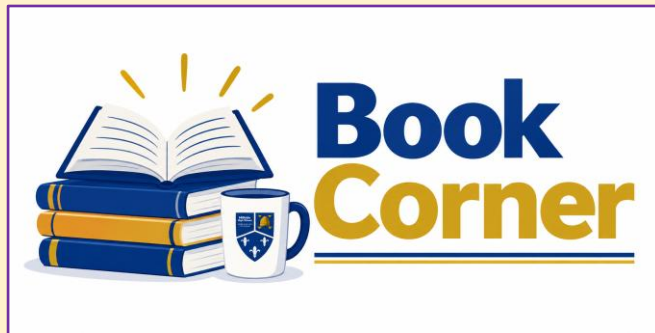
We have a **word of the week**:

•**Abhor**

[ahb-hawr]

(v). to hate, detest (Because he always wound up getting hit in the head when he tried to play cricket, Marcin began to **abhor** the sport).

Root: ab - meaning 'to move away from'



The Briar Club - Kate Quinn

A classic 'whodunnit' set in 1950s Washington, D.C. Beginning with a murder where everyone is a suspect, the story brings historical characters to life through their friendships, secrets, and personal stories. Before long, you'll find yourself caring about every character while trying to solve the mystery.

I loved seeing 1950s America and the Red Scare brought to life through the characters' everyday experiences. The novel also touches on important issues and events from the period, including McCarthyism, anti-communist suspicion, racial segregation, and changing expectations of women. It was fascinating to read about people who lived through events

I've studied and taught, and the strong friendships between the women made the story especially memorable. The mystery running through the book kept me guessing and made it hard to put down.

I would recommend The Briar Club to students in Years 10+ who enjoy historical fiction, mysteries, and character-driven stories. It's a great choice for readers who like multiple perspectives, and it brings to life some of the events and ideas you learn about in GCSE History.

Mr Bowler

The power of positivity

You never tread in the same river twice...
Time is precious



Make the most of each day – attendance is key.
Be positive with each other. With yourself

