



NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous week we have had at Hillside, with late summer bringing some lovely warm days for everyone to enjoy.

A huge well done to all of our students who achieved 100% attendance this week. We are delighted to see so many students demonstrating commitment to their learning. Mr Rayson and Mr Henesy now have their reward systems fully in flow, recognising students who consistently demonstrate the Hillside Way and maintain good attendance.

Please keep an eye on our social media accounts, where we will be sharing information about new support opportunities for families who may be struggling to get students into school on time each morning. As the darker mornings begin to approach, we know this can become increasingly difficult for some families. We are therefore working with external organisations to provide support and help remove barriers to learning. Our aim is simple: we want every student to thrive.

In other exciting news, Mr Rayson has launched several new student committees focused on fundraising for charity, caring for the environment, and promoting positive mental health. It is fantastic to see our young people developing into confident, responsible leaders and making a positive difference within our school community.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring homework is completed to a high standard. Some parents/carers have asked whether there are opportunities for students to undertake additional work at home on top of homework. If your child would like extra work, please encourage them to speak to their subject teachers or form tutors, who will be happy to provide further challenges and extension activities.

We know that consistent homework completion makes a significant difference to students' confidence, progress and achievement.

Finally, thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring students arrive at school on time, prepared and ready to learn each day. Your partnership with us is invaluable, and together we can continue to support every student to be successful.

Many thanks

Julia Anderson-Nicholls
Principal

Harper McP
Ethan H
Jack C
Lithuli W
Millie B
Honey R McG
Amelia M
Eliza-Mae R
Savannah W
Lacie-Mae N
Gracie O'R
Poppy P
Lexi O
Ava Lilly W
Daniel H
Kelsie B
Stevie B
Bella E

PE STAR PERFORMERS OF LAST WEEK

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Poppy-Rose D
Brodee J
Julie-Anne F
Nancy V
Kai R
Lola H
Mason P
Poppy H
Poppy K
Darci D
Leighton M
Kaitlyn Q
Mya A
Brooklyn C
Kitty B
Marina R
Aasef F
Sayda A Z

That Bread and Butter Thing – Food Club

Hillside High School are proud to run a weekly food club with That Bread-and-Butter Thing. For £8.50 you will receive three bags of shopping including fresh items such as meat, cheese and vegetables. For more information – please see this link - <https://www.breadandbutterthing.org/>

To sign up – please follow the instructions in the image below. You don't have to use every week. Each Monday at 12.00pm you will receive a text asking to if you would like to order that week. Simply reply YES if you would and ignore if you don't want to place an order that week. Collections / payments take place on Wednesday at 1.30pm at Hillside High School.



Make life a little bit easier - Join us.

It's really easy to join Bread and Butter. Everyone is welcome, there's no fee, no contract, you can dip in and out as you need and the membership rules are really simple.

Text us to join!

Text 07507 237 311 with your full name, postcode, and the name of the hub you will be collecting from.

HILLSIDE

Hillside High 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.

Calculate your way to success-Calculate skills week 3

We strongly recommend that all students use the same model of calculator to ensure consistency and familiarity as they progress through school. Parents can purchase this calculator via **ParentPay**. We will be sharing our top tips on how to get the best from these calculators on social media and in lessons each week. Thank you for your support in helping us prepare students for success.



HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Calculate your way to success week 3:
Substitution

$T = 3x + 4y$

(a) Work out the value of T when $x = 5$ and $y = -7$

Home – calculate – EXE

Replace the unknown variables with brackets

Type into the calculator 3 (5) + 4 (- 7)

Use your arrows to scroll back to the brackets and input your values

Press EXE

3 (5) + 4 (- 7)
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$x = 4$
 $y = 6$
Work out the value of $3x - y$

$v = u + at$
 $u = 3$
 $a = 10$
 $t = 6$
Work out the value of v .



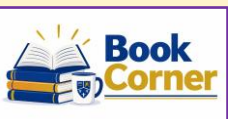
Word of the Week

Coherent

[koh-HEER-uhnt]

(adj). logical, clear, and easy to understand (The teacher asked the student to organise his ideas so that he could give a **coherent** explanation).

Root: *co* - meaning 'together' + *haere* - meaning 'to stick or cling'



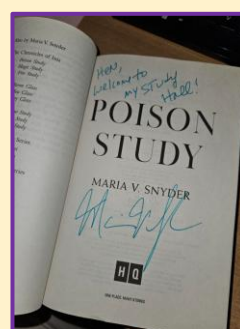
Book Corner

Poison Study by Maria V Snyder

Choose: a quick death or slow poison...On the eve of her execution for murder Yelena Zaltana is offered an incredible reprieve - on condition that she becomes the food taster for the military leader of Ixia, Commander Ambrose.

The book is a fabulous story set in the mythical country of Ixia. The characters are well written. The summary suggests mystery. There is plenty of that, but it also has humour. You will begin to care about the people the book introduces to you. There is a redemption arc and more than one unexpected twist in the tale.

This book is ideal for a young adult audience. Confident readers from Year 9 may just fall in love with Ixia and want to read the following 5 books.



Mrs Thornton

KS4 Physical theatre workshops

Over the last two weeks our KS4 pupils have taken part in workshops with a local practitioner, exploring different methods and techniques for creating physical theatre. Callum is a Liverpool born actor and workshop leader who has been an inspiration to our pupils, bringing so much energy and enthusiasm to each session, whilst sharing his knowledge and skills. Our pupils' attitudes and approach in each workshop were exemplary and really demonstrated the Hillside Way.

Year 10 took full advantage of their double lessons, managing to create a whole class sequence using the round by through and chair duet method. They worked particularly well with the couch from the calm room, using it as a prop to tell a story with great success. A video of this can be seen on our Instagram page [hhs4performingarts](#).



Year 11 used their workshops to recap techniques and explore some lifts they want to include in their unit two devised exam, which they have started recently.

Overall, all of our KS4 pupils have had a fantastic two weeks exploring physical theatre in lessons and we'd like to thank Callum for sharing his skills. We wish him the best of luck in his up and coming production of *Romeo & Juliet*, break a leg Callum and thanks for everything!



Reminder Year 7 pupils

If you would like to be considered for instrumental lessons in school, you need to come to the music workshop after school on Monday 2.45pm - 3.45pm. All abilities welcome!

Saturday 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 37 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 – "سالم" 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" Phillipines - "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"



If you talk to a man in a language he understands, that goes to his head. If you talk to him in his own language, that goes to his heart.

Nelson Mandela



To have another language is to possess a second soul.
Charlemagne



To learn a language is to have one more window from which to look at the world.
Chinese proverb