Year 8 Pupil Handbook 2021/2022 Hillside High School Excellence in the Heart of the Community

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### We are proud to welcome pupils from...

Arnot St Mary CofE Primary School Bedford Primary **Christ Church CE Primary Croxteth Community Primary School Faith Primary School Gwladys Street Primary** Kirkdale St Lawrence Primary Lander Road Northcote Primary School Ranworth Square Primary School Rice Lane Primary School **Rudston Primary School** Springwell Park Community Primary St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School St Francis de Sales Junior St John's Catholic Primary School St Marie's Catholic Primary School **St Michael's Catholic Primary School St Monica's Catholic Primary** St Teresa of Lisieux Catholic Infant School St William of York Catholic Primary The Trinity Catholic Primary School **Thomas Gray Primary** Wellesbourne Community Primary School

### **Welcome to Hillside High School**



Mrs A Ryan Principal

As you start a new academic year at Hillside I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to school. I know these continue to be very strange times for us all and I still can't quite believe you had to miss some of Year 7. As we start a new exciting academic year it is time to reflect on everything you achieved last year and how well you did to adapt to a period of home learning with very little notice. It is also a time to look to the future and feel excited about how much you can achieve at Hillside in Year 8.

In assemblies I often talk about how the effort you put into school life will be reflected in what you get out of your time here and I would like to remind you of this as you start a new school year. This is going to be a really exciting year, remember you are now setting the example to our new Year 7 pupils.

As you know we have high standards and expectations of all our pupils at Hillside and this booklet provides you with some timely reminders of these. I would remind you of the need to be in school on time, every day with your Essential 8 and following The Hillside Way. Your Attitude to Learning (AtL) also needs to be exemplary in every lesson. I know if you do this you will have a successful year. Please take the time to read this booklet, take it home and use it as a point of reference throughout the year.

As a school we are always striving for 'Excellence in the Heart of the Community' and each and every one of you has a role to play in achieving this. I know you are going to have an excellent year, making great progress in all of your subjects, whilst enjoying your lessons and the numerous opportunities available to you in our fantastic school.

There has never been a more exciting time to be a pupil at Hillside. We have recently had a visit from Ofsted which went really well and I look forward to sharing this with you and your families. We have also received significant investment in our school ensuring the front of our building demonstrates the grand and historical building our school is. Hillside is a local landmark and I am extremely proud to be the Principal of such an amazing school. Our pupils deserve the best facilities and there has been lots of investment in improving our classrooms and learning spaces too. Hopefully all members of our school community feel as proud as I do of our amazing school. We now have a school which truly reflects 'Excellence in the Heart of the Community'.

Please read through this handbook with your parents. We look forward to seeing you back at school, don't forget to check our website <u>www.hillsidehigh.co.uk</u>, our Twitter feed @Hillside\_high and our Instagram page @hillside\_high\_school to keep up to date with everything that's going on at Hillside.



Mrs Cross Assistant Vice Principal



Mrs McCarthy Year 8 Progress Leader

I am privileged to work at Hillside with pupils who inspire me every day with their determination and love for learning. My role in school is to lead on all aspects of pupil welfare, including behaviour, attendance and safeguarding. In addition, I lead on Special Educational Needs (SEN) across the school, ensuring that all pupils are given a fair chance of learning and achieving positive outcomes. This means working with teachers to ensure that there is adapted quality first teaching happening for pupils on the SEN register in lessons and where necessary, working with professionals outside of school to get the right support for individuals. I am really looking forward to working with you over the next 5 years, and if you are ever unsure or worried about any part of school life you must talk to us and we will always do our very best to help you. By demonstrating a positive attitude to learning, being kind to others and always trying your very best, I am sure you can look forward to a bright successful future here. I am delighted to welcome you back to Hillside as you move into Year 8. As you are aware the last couple of years have been extremely strange and unsettling for us all, however, I am hopeful that things will be more settled this year so that you can continue your Hillside journey. You are no longer the youngest pupils in the school, therefore you must take on a greater responsibility and maturity in your Attitude to Learning, acting as positive role models to our new Year 7 pupils. I am extremely proud of how you conducted yourselves in Year 7 and I am excited that, together with your Form Tutors, we can all continue to achieve excellence in everything that we do. Attendance remains a key priority as you are aware, is clearly linked to progress. It is hoped that we can all work together to strive to achieve the school target of 96% attendance. I am looking forward to the year ahead and I hope you are too.



Mr Smedley Inclusion Manager

As the Inclusion Manager at Hillside, it is my role to work with those pupils who may require some extra help and support in order to access their learning, be that in the main school or the inclusion base. Respect is at the forefront of everything we do for our pupils at Hillside and we promote this in a fully inclusive environment where pupils feel they belong and they that are valued. I am very proud of our pupils and understand the huge responsibility we have to enable them to achieve their full potential and become responsible citizens.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and getting to know you better during the next few years, I know that by working together we will continue achieve great things at Hillside.



Mr Edwards Vice Principal

Welcome to Year 8! With hard work, a willingness to take part, resilience and a smile you will get the most out of vour time in Year 8.

Time flies at Hillside and you must try to take advantage of all of the opportunities open to you from day one if you are to reach 'excellence'. As Vice Principal is to ensure that you have access to the very best lessons and subjects to ensure that you leave us with world class gualifications. I also keep a very close eye on how you are progressing; making sure that you are on the right track and supporting you if vou are not. Good luck!

Mrs Wardale Vice Principal

Welcome back to Hillside, I hope you are all feeling well rested and ready for an exciting year ahead. My role is to make sure you achieve the best academic success possible. I work with your teachers to choose the very best knowledge and skills to deliver in your curriculum. As part of my role I will often talk to you about learning; this includes the feedback you receive from your teachers and how you use this to help you make good progress. I regularly visit lessons, look at your books and meet with you so I can learn more about how hard you are working in lessons and share what helps you learn with all of your teachers. Our vision here is to strive for excellence and nothing less; three of the most important subjects for you to achieve the very best in are English, maths and science; I will be closely monitoring your progress within these subjects and talking to your Subject Leaders to make plans if you need more help and support. I am looking forward to working with you this year; let's make it your best year yet!



Citizenship and online safety.

**Mrs Jones Assistant Vice Principal** 



**Miss Collins** Associate Assistant Vice Principal **Senior Link for Year 8** 

Welcome back to Year 8! My role at Hillside is to Welcome back to Hillside Year 8, I hope you are work with your class teachers to make sure that all ready for another positive year. I'm really you achieve excellence in all of the subjects you happy to be working with you again as your study. I also lead on all aspects of the curriculum senior link. It is part of my role at Hillside to which prepare you for life in modern Britain such make sure that pupils from all around the world as: careers guidance, Personal Development, who join our school, whether that be in Year 7 to Year 11 feel supported and welcomed and are able to achieve their true potential in all subject areas. Enjoy this year and don't forget that with resilience and determination, you are sure to achieve your goals!



**Mr Smith Associate Assistant Vice Principal** 

Hi Year 8, I would like to welcome you back to Hillside after what I hope was, an enjoyable Summer. I am looking forward to helping you develop in leadership roles and responsibilities over the coming year that will help you with essential skills throughout your time at high school and after you leave. These leadership opportunities will help you to establish your core values and allow you to contribute to the ethos of the school. I am excited to see you all develop your skills in our creative subjects and know that this year will be an exciting one, with opportunities for us all to take advantage of. I am proud to be part of your fantastic staff team here at Hillside and will make sure I am on hand to support you in your learning and development at every opportunity. I look forward to seeing you progress this year.



#### Mr Henderson

Having taught you science for the last year I know what a fantastic bunch of people you are. I am looking forward to working with you in the role of Form Tutor over the coming years to help you succeed in everything they do. You have made a great start in Year 7 with Mr. Gibaud and I'm sure as long as expectations remain high, and attendance is excellent, we will have a very enjoyable and productive few years together.



#### Mr Henesy

Hello 8THE! Welcome back! I hope you have had a fantastic summer and have enjoyed lots of sun? Now it's time to get back into a routine of getting up early, getting your uniform and E8 ready the night before... as you probably already know year 8 will be slightly more challenging than year 7 and hopefully no more self-isolating or home learning. But as always challenge is a good thing when it comes to learning. Once you are back in the classroom keep reminding yourself back to our session 'what makes an outstanding lesson?' and remember how quickly year 7 flew by, that will be the exact same for year 8 so make every second worthwhile- 'you get out what you put in!' As always, if you do need anything or you have any worries come and see me and we will get them sorted. E.

Mr Seaman

It's a pleasure to welcome you back 8RS! I know you are going to go from strength to strength and continue to amaze all your teachers. Keep up the hard work and make the most of every opportunity that comes your way this year.



Mrs Symes

Welcome back 8CSY!

As we embark on your second year at Hillside, I look forward to seeing you progress into the amazing young people you are set to become and I'm excited to see what we can achieve as 8CSY.



**Miss Wright** 

8GW here we go again! I couldn't be more proud of the impressive way in which you handled the commotion of last year and I'm very excited to see how you flourish and grow throughout this forthcoming academic year. During the summer I'm sure you have all had some wonderful adventures which I can't wait to hear about as we all begin our second year together at Hillside! Just like last year our mindset should remain the same – positive! With a positive mental attitude, we can continue to achieve fabulous things – I'm really looking forward to seeing everything you can accomplish this year and to support you as best I can in all aspects of school life. I feel incredibly lucky to have such an excellent form to look after for a second year in a row. We have a wonderful year ahead of us in which I have no doubt you will continue to uphold the high standards set last year and aim high in both your academic work and attitude to learning. Let's go!

### **Before You Arrive**

Before term starts it would be a good idea to check that everything is ready for the new academic year.

You will need to check that you have all your uniform; you will also need a pen, pencil, ruler and calculator (along with a pencil case to keep them in), a water bottle, a school bag, PE kit as required. On the first day you will be given a timetable, which you must bring to school every day. As you know this is your **Essential 8.** 

It is essential that you have a bag CLEARLY named for your belongings.

You will need your PE kit. They must be clearly labelled with your name.

### Every day you need to bring:

- Your Essential 8 (see page 8)
- Money to credit your cashless catering account for school lunch (maximum daily spend £4) or
- Your packed lunch if you are not purchasing a school lunch.

If you are entitled to free school meals, you will not automatically qualify when you transfer to secondary school. Your parents/guardians need to apply to your Local Authority, who then notify us.

| Sefton Residents                             | Liverpool Residents   |
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| Pupil Support Section                        | Liverpool Direct  |
| Free School Meals                            | Free School Meals   |
| Town Hall                                    | Education Awards  |
| Oriel Road                                   | PO Box No. 6573   |
| Bootle                                       | Liverpool   |
| L20 7AW                                      | L69 2WJ   |
| Tel: 0151 934 3456                           | Tel: 0151 233 3006  |
| https://forms.sefton.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals/ | https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/application-form/ |

**REMEMBER:** You are not allowed to go out of school at lunchtime.

### What you need for lessons



#### **Essential 8**

Please note it is essential you bring a bag to school every day.

This school bag should be big enough to hold a A4 folder.

You should not bring anything valuable to school with you. The school is not covered by insurance for the loss of personal property on the premises.

Hillside High School accepts no responsibility for replacing personal property that is lost, stolen or damaged whilst on school premises, during school events, travelling to and from school or whilst attending educational visits. Parents/guardians are therefore advised to take out appropriate insurance cover for your property, including mobile phones, portable devices, bicycles and other valuable items.

It is important that your parents/guardians download the 'My Ed' app, so that they can keep track of your attendance, see your timetable, and receive important information from school as well as lots of other useful information. The app will only work by using the same mobile number held by school, it is therefore important we always have your most up to date number.



### **Your School Uniform**

| Girls       |                                      | Boys     |                                      |
|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| Skirt       | School Kilt                          | Trousers | Charcoal grey or black, no colours   |
| Blazer      | Black with trim and badge            | Blazer   | Black with trim and badge            |
| Blouse      | White, collar and short/long sleeves | Shirt    | White, collar and short/long sleeves |
| Cardigan or | Plain black with long sleeves        | Pullover | Plain black, V-necked with long      |
| Pullover    | Plain black, V-necked with long      |          | sleeves                              |
|             | sleeves                              |          |                                      |
| Tie         | Royal Blue                           | Tie      | Royal Blue                           |
| Socks       | White                                | Socks    | Black, dark grey or navy blue        |
| Tights      | Black or navy blue                   | -        |                                      |
| Shoes       | Standard black (no boots)            | Shoes    | Standard black (no boots)            |
|             | see page 12                          |          | See page 12                          |



### Items of clothing which are not allowed

Under no circumstances may training shoes, pumps or shoes that look like training shoes be worn in school. Shoes must be plain black with no colouring or designs on them. Plimsolls, sparkling or decorated shoes are not allowed. Boots are not allowed. White or other coloured tights, coloured/patterned socks, sweatshirts of any kind, pinafores, scarves, caps or any other variations on standard school uniform are not allowed.

### **School Blazer**

A school Blazer is **compulsory** throughout the school. The only coat you are allowed to wear in school is a blazer. Outdoor coats must be removed when you arrive at school and are not worn inside the school buildings.

### Jewellery

No jewellery is allowed to be worn except a wrist watch. If you come into school wearing jewellery you will be expected to remove it, this includes earrings which you will be asked to remove. Hair bands/bobbles should be small, simple and black or navy.

### Make up

It is not appropriate for you to wear make-up, coloured nail varnish, false eyelashes or sparkling tooth gems for school. You will be expected to remove any make-up.

### **Uniform Suppliers**

Items of daily school uniform can be bought from various specialist shops, including:

• TRUTEX, 27 COUNTY ROAD, WALTON L4 3QU

(0151 523 8422)

• LASER SCHOOLWEAR, 61 COUNTY ROAD, WALTON, L4 3QD

(0151 524 9818)

• PAUL'S PLACE, 272 STANLEY ROAD, BOOTLE, L20 3ER

(0151 922 2472)

At Hillside we have extremely high standards of uniform. This means that if you come to school without full uniform for any reason you will automatically spend the day away from other pupils working in isolation in our remove classroom. This is not a punishment, but a way of ensuring that we maintain our high standards at all times.

We expect all of you to wear full school uniform, including school shoes and blazer on their way to and from school. This is something we take very seriously as we believe you are ambassadors for our school at all times.

### **Examples of appropriate footwear:**



If you are unsure about what shoes to buy please speak to your Progress Leader

### **Examples of inappropriate footwear:**

### Boys

















Girls















### **Examples of appropriate school bags:**

All pupils need a suitable sized school bag.

Big enough to fit A4 folders or books, and all Essential 8.



#### **PE Equipment**

| PE Kit – Boys PE Kit – Girls |  |
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| Royal blue jersey with logo. | Navy blue shirt with light blue trim and logo. |
| Black shorts.                | Navy blue shorts with light blue piping.       |
| Royal blue football socks.   | Light blue football socks.                     |
| Football boots.              | Training shoes.                                |
| Training shoes.              |  |

Please note that you are required to wear appropriate footwear in PE. This does not include canvas pumps or "Converse" shoes, as they are unsafe for the types of activities we offer.

### Drama Kit

Drama T-shirts can be purchased through Trutex.

#### Drama Kit – Boys

- Black tracksuit pants no stripes.
- Black t-shirt with Hillside logo or a plain black t-shirt.

#### Drama Kit – Girls

- Black tracksuit pants, jazz or sweatpants.
- Black t-shirt with Hillside logo or a plain black t-shirt.





### **Important School Dates for Year 8**

### **Pupils and Parents/Guardians**

### Monday 6th September 2021

Term will start for you at 8.35am.

#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Year 8 Parents' Evening from 4.15pm – 6.45pm This is an opportunity with your parents to meet all of your subject teachers and gain the most up to date picture of your academic progress.

#### School Terms, Inset and Holidays 2021 – 2022

#### AUTUMN TERM

| Start of term for Pupils<br>Half term<br>End of term                       | Monday 6th September 2021. The start of term is delayed this year to allow for all pupils to be covid tested before term starts.<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> October to 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 (we break up on Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> )<br>Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021 |  |  |  |
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| <b>SPRING TERM</b><br>Start of term for Pupils<br>Half term<br>End of term | Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022<br>14 <sup>th</sup> to 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022<br>Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2022  | <b>SUMMER TERM</b><br>Start of term for Pupils<br>Half term<br>End of term | Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2022<br>30 <sup>th</sup> May to 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022<br>Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022 |  |
| Bank Holidays:   | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2022, Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 2022, Monday 2<br>bank holiday which falls during Summer half term.   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2022 and Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Ju                     | ly 2022 in lieu of the Queens Jubilee  |  |
| Inset Days:  | Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021<br>Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022   |  |  |  |

- All dates are inclusive.
- You do not attend school on INSET days. We remind parents/guardians by text when these are due to take place.

This information is correct as we go to press. We will notify you of any changes as necessary and all dates are kept up to date on our website.

### **Behaviour in School**

At Hillside we all follow 'The Hillside Way' (see page 21). This outlines our expectations for pupils.

The school behaviour guidelines, which should be strictly adhered to at all times, can be summarised as follows:

- Respect yourself and your work.
- Respect other pupils.
- Respect all adults in school.
- Respect your school.

We must emphasise to all pupils that at Hillside we do not tolerate bullying of any description including homophobia, racism or any other form of discrimination.

All pupils have the right to enjoy their education in safe and secure surroundings. Anyone breaching these conditions will be dealt with appropriately. Sanctions for serious misconduct include time spent in our remove classroom, time in our Inclusion Centre and even fixed term of permanent exclusion.

A full copy of the Behaviour for Learning Policy can be found on our school website <u>www.hillsidehigh.co.uk</u>

The School Governors are required by the government to inform all pupils what they consider to be unacceptable. In this school the following are considered to be examples of serious misconduct and might be grounds for exclusion from school for a fixed period or permanently:

- Violence or bullying.
- Swearing or other bad language directed at pupils, teachers or other adults with intent to insult people or disrupt lessons.
- Bringing a prohibited (forbidden) item to school.
- Persistent disruption of lessons.
- Vandalism.
- Racial or sexual harassment repeated failure to carry out detention or similar imposition.
- Theft.
- Any criminal act.
- Any form of behaviour considered to be dangerous which puts the safety and wellbeing of other people at risk.

Exclusion may be fixed term or, in the case of extremely serious misconduct, may even be permanent.

### **Racial Harassment**

Hillside High School is an inclusive multicultural school with a commitment to raising international awareness. We implement fully the Sefton MBC guidelines on racial incidents. Racial harassment is:

"Verbal or physical violence which includes attacks on property as well as on the person which is suffered by individuals or groups because of their colour, race, nationality and ethnic or national origins, and where the victim believes that the perpetrator was acting on racial grounds and/or there is evidence of racism". Any racial incident will be reported to the local authority and the school will decide the most appropriate course of action to be taken in view of the seriousness of this type of offence.

### **Safeguarding Children**

Safeguarding and child protection are issues about which we all feel extremely strongly. We have a culture within school of looking out for each other and making sure that all members of our school community feel safe and know what to do if they are worried about their own personal safety or the safety of someone else. Mrs Cross, Assistant Vice Principal, Pastoral is the strategic lead for safeguarding across the school. She is fully trained in safeguarding and has an overview of all matters relating to pupil safety. School has two Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mrs McGing and Miss Sheils. The school has a duty of care to our pupils and if any young person makes a disclosure regarding his or her personal safety or well-being it is the school's responsibility to make a referral to Social Care outlining our concerns. When this happens, Mrs Cross, Mrs McGing or Miss Sheils will endeavour to inform parents/guardians of their actions the same day, although this is not always possible. For example, if a parent/guardian's telephone number has changed it would cause a delay. Social Care will visit the family within 24 hours of receiving the referral and assess the situation. Often, they will simply offer a family advice or signpost other services that can support the family. Any concerns about the procedures in safeguarding and child protection should be discussed directly with Mrs Cross at Hillside, in the first instance.

In addition, Mr Smedley, Inclusion Manager and Mrs Banks, Pupils Support Co-ordinator are also up to date with safeguarding training and are Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL) they would deal with a safeguarding concern in the absence of Mrs McGing or Miss Sheils.

### **Medical/Dental appointments**

Ideally all appointments should be made outside of normal school hours, or during school holidays. If this is not possible we request that on the day of the appointment your child brings a covering letter to school signed by a parent/guardian which includes:

- The time you would like your child to leave school.
- If your child is to make their own way home at that time, go directly to the appointment venue, or if your child will be collected from school by an adult.

We will require proof of the appointment for school records, this should be attached to your letter (our school office will make a copy of the appointment card and return the original to your child).

In the event of an emergency appointment whereby an appointment card is not available, please request an appointment card/slip when you attend, which your child must hand to Pupil Support on their return to school.

If you obtain an emergency appointment for your child for the same day, and as a consequence of this you have been unable to provide them with a covering letter from you, please telephone school providing the information listed above. You will still be required to follow the procedure outlined above for an emergency appointment.

#### Attendance

At Hillside High School we recognise that to achieve our mission statement of achieving 'Excellence in the Heart of the Community' and ensuring you make progress you are capable of, we must ensure that your attendance is continually, and consistently seen as a high priority. Attendance is the responsibility of all staff, pupils and parents/guardians. In order to achieve this, we have set in place specific support systems and have staff with specific responsibility for attendance. Attendance is high profile with staff, pupils and parents. Your form room has a display of weekly attendance for the whole school and by year group. Attendance is reported and commented on by the Principal in the weekly newsletter sent home to parents/guardians. Ensuring your regular attendance at school is the legal responsibility of your parents/guardians. Permitting absence from school without good reason creates an offence in law and may result in the prosecution of parents/guardians.

### First Day Response / Communication between home and school – daily procedures

If you are unable to attend school your parent/guardian will need to ring the school office on 525 2630 between 8.00-8.30am. The call will be received by one of our admin team who will discuss the reason for your absence.

\* Dependant on the reason and your current attendance there will be some challenge as to why you are not able to come to school.

Each day at 9.30 am the pastoral team meet and establish who is absent and the reason why. The Attendance Trigger and Intervention Protocol will be considered and dependant on your current attendance the appropriate course of action will be decided.

Dependant again on your attendance and the reason for your absence the most likely outcome will be a member of the pastoral team visiting your home to discuss how we can get you back into school with as limited time absent as possible.

### **Telephone Numbers**

There are times when Hillside will need to contact your parent/guardians for a range of issues, including absence, so it is essential that the school has at least two up to date contact numbers at all times.

### **Understanding Types of Absences**

Every half day absence has to be classified by the school (not by your parent/guardians) as either authorised or unauthorised. Information about the cause of any absence is always required from your parents/guardians, preferably in writing.

### Authorised

Authorised absences are mornings or afternoons away from school for a good reason such as illness, medical/ dental appointments which unavoidably fall in school time, or emergencies.

### Unauthorised

Unauthorised absences are those which the school does not consider reasonable. This type of absence can lead to the Local Authority using sanctions and/or legal proceedings. This includes:

- Parents/guardians keeping pupils off unnecessarily.
- Truancy before or during the school day.
- Absences which have never been properly explained.
- Shopping, looking after other children or birthdays.
- Day trips and holidays in term time.
- Oversleeping.
- Absence to look after a sibling who is unwell.
- Confusion over term dates.

Any problems with regular attendance are best sorted out between school, your parent/guardian and you. If you are reluctant to attend, your parent/guardians should not condone your absence or give in to pressure to excuse you from attending school, they must contact school immediately to discuss.

### **RAG Letters**

Each half term your parents will be sent a RAG (Red/Amber/Green) letter informing them of your attendance with advice and guidance where appropriate. The categories are as below;

**Red**- 85% or below. Your attendance is a cause for concern and support will have been, and will be offered by our Educational Welfare Officer to address this issue.

Amber - 85-95.9%. Your attendance is being monitored closely by our Attendance Officers and your child's Progress Leader and you may have been invited to attend a school attendance panel.

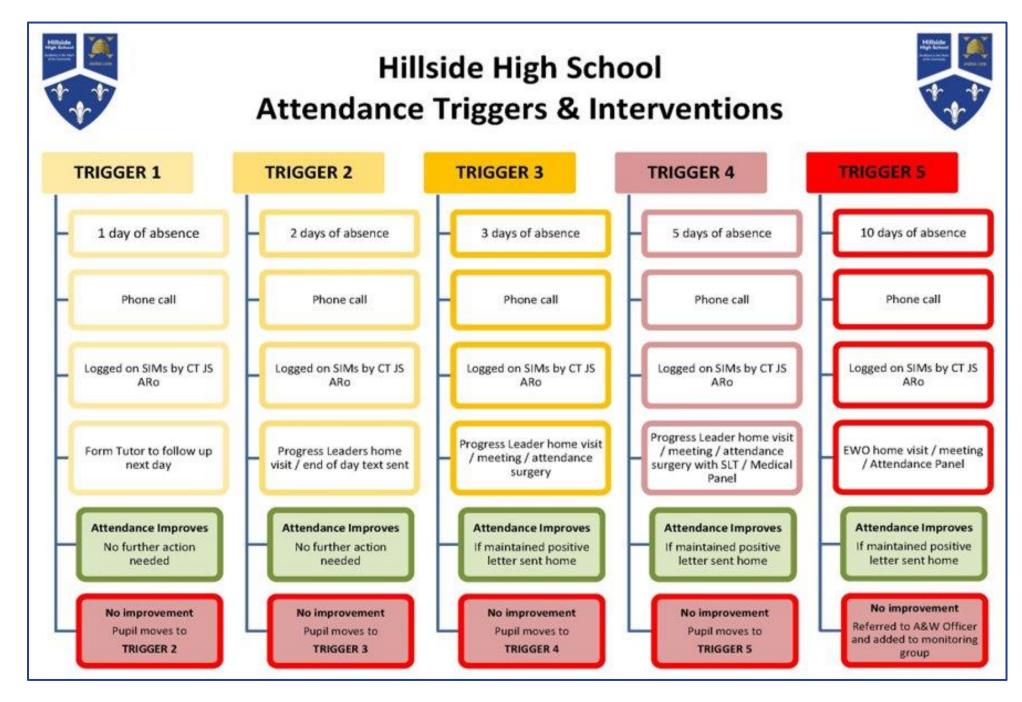
**Green**- 96% or above. Your attendance is excellent so far this year, we aim for all pupils' attendance to fall into this category. We hope your child is able to maintain this high standard for the rest of this academic year and we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support.

### **Medical Evidence**

The school reserves the right to insist on medical evidence in order to code any absence as authorised or unauthorised and this decision will be made on an individual basis depending on your current and historic attendance.

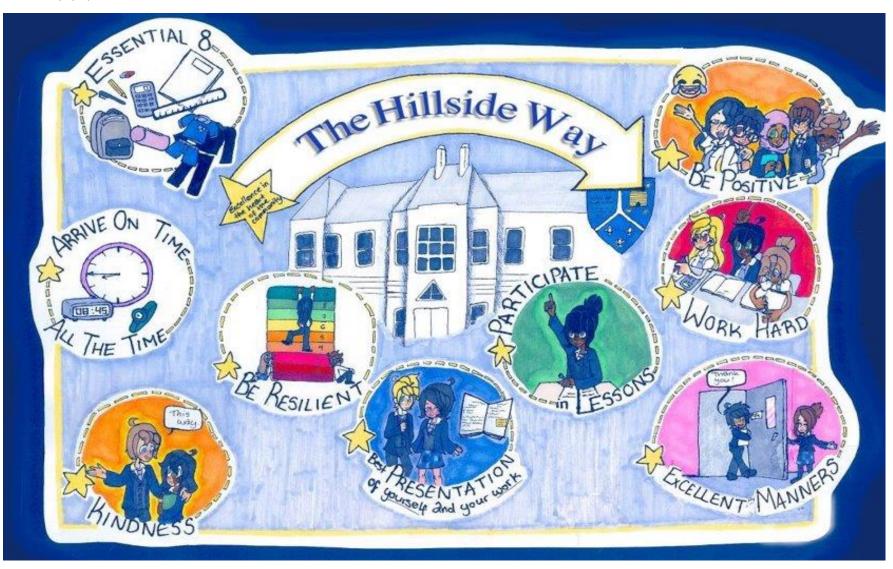
### Punctuality

If you are late to school you will be required to complete a late slip stating the reason for your lateness. This slip should be given to your class teacher who will challenge you and record the minutes you are late on SIMS. A copy of this slip will be sent home to your parents that day. Poor punctuality will lead to further consequences.



### The Hillside Way

At Hillside we are all working towards the one shared goal of achieving "Excellence in the Heart of the Community". The Hillside Way summarises what all members of our community; pupils and staff need to do to achieve 'excellence'.



### The Hillside Way

The nine features of The Hillside Way are split up into two parts, Standards & Expectations and Character Virtues.

### **Standards and Expectations**

- Essential 8
- Arrive on time, all the time
- Work Hard
- Participate in lessons
- Excellent Manners
- Best presentation of yourself and your work

To be an effective learner at Hillside, you need to meet these six Standards and Expectations in every lesson. You will be monitored each lesson to show how well you are meeting these standards.

### **Character Virtues:**

The following three aspects of The Hillside Way are what we believe are the key virtues that will help you in your own personal development to grow into confident, successful individuals. A virtue is a type of behaviour which people agree is morally right. Someone who is virtuous leads a good, moral life.

#### Resilience

This virtue is about being able to cope when things get tough. Resilient people are good at dealing with change and are able to use their skills to recover from problems and challenges. This could be within a lesson such as having the strength to tackle challenging work but it could also be problems in people's personal lives.

#### Kindness

This virtue is all about being caring and approaching people you meet with respect, appreciation and interest. People who regularly demonstrate kindness are happier than those who don't and studies have shown that kindness also stimulates the production of serotonin which is the feel-good chemical. The kindness virtue is also about how we can benefit our communities through our actions and taking part in events and activities in and around school for charity.

#### Positivity

The positivity virtue gives us a reason to believe in ourselves. Positive people are less isolated because others want to be around them. People who are positive are optimistic in life meaning they expect good things to happen. Positive attitudes cause positive thoughts and outcomes and produce positive results.

### **Celebrating Excellence**

### Rewards

At Hillside we have a range of rewards which are used to recognise and celebrate 'excellence'. Rewards can take many forms including; our "1" shows for pupils achieving the most 1s on SIMs and postcards home, entry into 'prize' draws and end of term/year trips, to name just a few of the things we do.

### **Lead Learners**

At the end of each half-term, all pupils can be nominated to be a Lead Learner by their class teachers for a number of reasons. Certificates and prizes will be given out to pupils during our Lead Learner assemblies.

### **Annual Presentation Evening**

Each year, Hillside holds a Presentation Evening to celebrate pupils' achievements. This evening is shared with; parents/guardian, governors, Trustees of the Wade Deacon Trust and invited guests from the local community. Prizes for Achievement and Endeavour are awarded to pupils from each class as well as prizes for attendance. Prizes are also awarded for excellent performance in external examinations, service to the school and character and personality.

### **Display of Work**

When pupils do particularly good work we will display it on the boards in classrooms and the corridors for others to see, admire and learn from. In doing this we hope other pupils will aspire to produce the same high standard of work.

Displays of pupils' work around school also helps you in your learning and progress. Excellent examples of the use of the purple pen of progress, and how to achieve the top grades in subjects, can be seen in each subject area around school.

### Newsletter, Twitter and Instagram

Our weekly newsletter is available on the school website <u>www.hillsidehigh.co.uk</u> where we celebrate all of our pupils' achievements and successes as well as all the great things going on here at Hillside High School. Any pupil (or their work) who features in the newsletter is invited to see the Principal at break on Friday to receive a copy of the newsletter and a gift. You can also follow us on Twitter @hillside\_high or Instagram @hillside\_high\_school for daily updates about what's going on in school.





### **Photographs of School Activities**

At Hillside, we have a tradition of celebrating our pupils' involvement and achievement in a wide range of activities and events by taking photographs, when appropriate, and displaying them in school, in school publications or in the local press. We also have a website and Twitter accounts that celebrate pupils' work and achievements, as well as weekly newsletters for parents/guardians, a school Prospectus and this Pupils Handbook.

If your parent/guardian does not wish your photograph to be used in this way, please be sure they fill in the appropriate form in the admission documents.

### Literacy

'Literacy' underpins all learning at Hillside High School. It will feature in every lesson across school. Teachers will encourage you to develop transferable skills, enabling you to be an excellent communicator. Literacy will allow you to access higher education and develop essential skills to prepare you for life.

At Hillside we believe that:

- Strong literacy skills improve your ability in speaking and listening. It is a crucial skill to be able to express your ideas and opinions fluently. An articulate speaker will also be a good writer.
- Excellent literacy skills will enable you to read broadly and access a range of learning materials in all your classes. Reading and understanding is very important in developing your potential to achieve well in all subjects. *A good reader is also usually a good writer*. Reading a wide range of books will help you to develop opinions about issues in the world around you.
- The most effective writers have a clear insight into literacy as a tool to aid personal expression and a pathway to make active contributions to society in school and in future careers. *The ability to write and communicate in writing is an essential life skill.*
- Knowledge and awareness of literacy, and the role that it plays in each lesson across the curriculum, is crucial in raising academic standards and attainment.

You will be encouraged to read for pleasure. We have an excellent Learning Resource Centre (LRC) and we emphasise the importance of independent learning. We aim to inspire you to love reading, and will offer you a range of texts from across all subject areas.

SPAG – Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation is a key aspect of learning at Hillside and all teachers, across the curriculum will work with you to help you to improve in this key area.

The Hillside Core 5 has a focus on literacy, all lessons will include "word rich" activities were teachers in all subject areas will work to improve your understanding or vocabulary.

Please look on our website for more information on how we can support you with literacy at home



### Numeracy

At Hillside we place an extremely high value on the delivery of numeracy for all our pupils. Being numerate is essential for all pupils enabling you to access several key areas of the curriculum, and for day to day life in the world outside school. Strong numeracy skills are key for life and for securing the best college places and workplace opportunities.

Numeracy is a life skill. Being numerate goes beyond simply 'doing sums'; it means having the confidence and competence to use numbers and think mathematically in everyday life. Here are some examples of what we mean by numeracy:

- Being able to manage family budgets credit cards, offers at supermarkets etc.
- Being able to estimate in all kinds of situations, e.g. journey speed, time and distance, roughly how much a bill will be or your expected bank balance at the end of the month.

In order to give you the best possible chances to develop strong numeracy skills we aim to develop and improve standards of numeracy through providing models and opportunities for you to practise using number in a range of lessons; not just mathematics.

#### In lessons

Teachers will plan to develop and improve standards of numeracy through providing good models and opportunities for you to practise your skills. You will be expected and encouraged to use a range of mental mathematics strategies to answer simple questions outside of mathematics lessons. Where more complex calculations are needed, you will be expected to clearly show each stage of the working out leading to the final answer.

#### At home

In Year 8, you will be expected to access Hegarty maths each week to improve fluency and retention.

During your time in school so far you will have spent a significant amount of time going over your times tables and this is something that we continue through Key Stage 3 using TT Rockstars. You are expected to access TT Rockstars each week to continue to practise your times tables.

Your continued efforts are celebrated in our school newsletter and on the display board in the maths department, this is for both Hegarty and TT Rockstars. Along with the display board we also have TT Rockstars battles throughout the year so that you can compete against your peers and other year groups.

This little-and-often approach, using both Hegarty and TT Rockstars, supports the research that constant revisiting of topics ensures that your numeracy skills and fluency are retained over time.

Please look on our website for more information on how we can support you with maths at home.

## Mobile Phone and Portable Music Players 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 during lessons.
- Mobile phones should not be taken out during lessons, at break and lunchtime there are designated phone zones for you to use their mobile phone, these are situated in the Dining Hall, the yard and the 'old gym'.
- If you are seen with a mobile phone or an electronic device during lessons or on the corridor or anywhere that is not a phone zone, the item will be confiscated and placed safely in the school office. 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 a warning letter will be sent home. If your phone is confiscated on a third occasion then it will not be given back to you until an adult family member comes to collect it.
- The school accepts no responsibility for replacing personal property that is lost, stolen or damaged whilst on school premises, during school events, travelling to and from school or whilst attending educational visits. Parents are therefore advised to take out appropriate insurance cover for your property, including mobile phones, portable devices, bicycles and other valuable items.

Please note that the school has absolutely no insurance to cover the loss or theft of these or other valuable items belonging to either pupils or staff. Should a loss occur, we will obviously investigate to try to recover the item but cannot guarantee success. For lessons in PE, a 'valuables box' is available from the teacher of Teaching Assistant. It is your responsibility to put any valuables into that box for safekeeping.

### Where do I get help if I need it?

### Lost property

Try not to worry. Most lost property turns up in the most unusual places. This is the best plan:

- ✓ Stop and think when you last remember having your property, e.g. the classroom you were in.
- $\checkmark$  Go and look there and all of the rooms you have been in since.
- ✓ See if it has been handed in at Pupil Support of the Office.
- ✓ Report the lost property to your Form Tutor.
- ✓ Check again at HOME!

### **Illness or Injury**



If you feel ill tell the teacher in charge of your class. Should you feel ill, or have an accident, at break time or lunchtime, then tell the teacher on duty or a lunchtime supervisor. You will be sent to Pupil Support and a member of staff will then decide what further action is necessary.

### Medication

If you have asthma and you would like Pupil Support to hold an emergency inhaler or medication, please ask you parents/guardian to contact Mrs Banks, who will gladly discuss any concerns they may have regarding this. Alternatively, the school nurse can be reached on 0151 247 6033/6013.

### **Care Plan**

Some pupils may have a long-standing medical problem which requires a Care Plan to support them. If you need a Care Plan this will be drawn up with your parents/guardians, the school nurse, Mrs Banks (Pupil Support) and your Progress Leader. This information will then be shared with your teachers so that they can give you the appropriate help and support.

### If you are unhappy or worried

If something is making you, or a friend, unhappy, a quiet talk with your Form Tutor or Progress Leader will help sort things out. If you have any worries, do not hesitate to tell any teacher or friend. At Hillside, any teacher or other adult can be approached if you have a problem. You can also talk to the Peer Supporters.

### Problems with classwork or homework

If at any time you do not understand the work being given to you in class or do not understand the homework set, go and talk to your teacher either before you leave the class or later in the day. Your teachers will always be please to help you.

### **Most important**

For safety reasons you must not under any circumstances leave the school premises during morning or afternoon sessions without permission from the Year 8 Progress Leader and your parents/guardians. No Hillside pupils may leave the premises at lunchtime to go to local shops or their friends' houses.

### Who can help?

At Hillside we have a team of staff who are here to help you with all aspects of school life. We understand that sometimes things can happen outside of school that can make learning and concentrating in school a bit harder so we have that covered as well. We all need a little help from time to time and it is important that if you need any extra help that you know who to ask.

Miss Marriette

Attendance

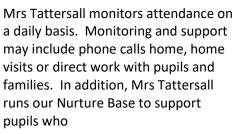
Officer

Who is who? The Progress Leader for Year 8 is Mrs McCarthy (see page 4).



Mrs Tattersall

Attendance Officer





**Mrs Snape** 

**Pastoral Secretary** 

Mrs Snape is the Pastoral Secretary and supports all of the Pastoral Team. If the member of staff you need to speak to is unavailable Mrs Snape, where ever possible, is always happy to deal with any concerns that you or your parents may have.



Miss Marriette monitors attendance

this may include phone calls, home

visits or direct work with pupils and

families. Miss Mariette also works

and holds attendance workshops.

with pupils 1:1 regarding attendance

on a daily basis. As per Mrs Tattersall

Mrs Banks is based in Pupil Support and is on hand to help any pupil who may feel unwell. She leads on first aid and care plans for individual pupils. Mrs Banks is always available to support any pupil and their family.

In additional Mrs Banks is also safeguarding trained.



**Mrs McGing** 

Designated

Safeguarding

Lead



Designated Safeguarding Lead

**Miss Sheils** 

Miss Sheils is our school's Designated Lead for safeguarding, she also supports pupils and families who may need support in a number of areas in relation to issues both in and out of school.

**Miss Rourke** 

Reception

meet and will be happy to help your parents in any

school.

Mrs Banks

**Pupil Support** 

Mrs McGing is our school's Designated

supports pupils and families who may

need support in a number of areas in

relation to issues both in and out of

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Miss Rourke is the school receptionist at Hillside, she is often the first-person visitors to our school way that she can.

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### Prefects

We have a team of Year 11 Prefects who will be here to help you settle into your life at Hillside. You will easily be able to recognise these Prefects as they wear red ties, and have red badges on their blazers. Our Prefects exemplify the very best of our pupils and consistently show the high standards that we expect from everyone at Hillside in terms of attendance, punctuality, uniform, 'Essential 8' and demonstrating the Hillside Way. The Prefects are the people to go to if you are unsure of what to do, they will make sure that you are looked after and will sort out any worries.



### Timetable

This is a sample timetable.

|           | 08.45<br>- 9.00         | Lesson 1<br>9.00 – 10.00 | 10.00<br>-<br>10.15 | Lesson 2<br>10.15 – 11.15     | Lesson 3<br>11.15 – 12.15  | 12.15<br>-<br>12.45 | Lesson 4 12.45 –<br>1.45   | Lesson 5<br>1.45 – 2.45  |
|-----------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Monday    | Registration<br>in form | English<br>TG<br>Room 5  | Break               | Science<br>SC<br>Room 41      | PE<br>SAC<br>SH1           | Lunch               | Maths<br>RP<br>Room 30     | Spanish<br>LC<br>Room 31 |
| Tuesday   | Registration<br>in form | Art<br>JM<br>Room 35     | Break               | English<br>TG<br>Room 5       | English<br>TG<br>Room 5    | Lunch               | Geography<br>NK<br>Room 15 | History<br>KL<br>Room 10 |
| Wednesday | Registration<br>in form | Spanish<br>LC<br>Room 31 | Break               | Maths<br>RP<br>Room 30        | Geography<br>NK<br>Room 15 | Lunch               | RS<br>KR<br>Room 15        | Science<br>SC<br>Room 39 |
| Thursday  | Registration<br>in form | Science<br>SC<br>Room 41 | Break               | Comp. Sc.<br>DH<br>Room 23    | Music<br>NR<br>Room 18     | Lunch               | PE<br>SAC<br>SH1           | English<br>TG<br>Room 5  |
| Friday    | Registration<br>in form | History<br>KL<br>Room 10 | Break               | Design Tech.<br>GS<br>Room 14 | Maths<br>RP<br>Room 30     | Lunch               | Drama<br>LB<br>Room 13     | Maths<br>RP<br>Room 30   |

### Homework

Homework is work that is set by your subject teacher to be completed outside of your normal lessons. Homework will make you a better learner, develop your study skills and also help you to make better progress in all of your lessons. You can use resources in the Learning Resource Centre, ICT Suites and study clubs. All homework is set using Microsoft Teams. Your teachers will post your homework task, links and resources that you will need.

Homework in Year 8 is split into 2 parts:

- Core Homework (English, maths and science).
- Retrieval Homework.

#### **Core Homework**

You will complete weekly homework tasks for English and maths in addition to retrieval homework.

#### Maths

> 60 minutes Hegarty Maths per week.

#### English:

- > 20 minutes of reading x 5 per week
- > 1 Literacy task per week

### **Retrieval Homework**

Homework for all subjects is linked to retrieval practice. Research has shown that the use of retrieval practice is an effective tool for improving learning. Each week, you will take part in retrieval activities in each of your lessons and homework will support retrieval practice.

Subject teachers will set you weekly tasks for homework directing you to study a particular topic in preparation for weekly retrieval activities. Subject teachers will inform you what the homework task is at the start of the lesson. You should spend at least 20 – 30 minutes completing each piece of retrieval homework.

The homework task will also be posted on the class Team in Office 365 along with any resources such as video clips, documents, images etc which will support your homework

### Arrival, Break and Lunchtime arrangements

### Arrival

You should aim to arrive in school by 8.35am. When you arrive, you should go straight to your base and stay in there.

School starts at 8.45am so it is imperative you are in school at 8.35am. If you are late you must sign in at reception.

### **Break time**

There is a 15-minute break each morning from 10.00am – 10.15am. This must be taken on the school premises.

You may go to the Dining Hall for a range of hot and cold snack and drinks. They include toast: muffins, bacon and sausage sandwiches.

You are also allowed to go to the Learning Resource Centre for reading, homework and to use the computers.

You must not leave the school premises for any reason at break time.

### Lunchtime

For Year 8, your lunchtime is 12.15pm to 12.45pm. You will have your lunch with pupils in Years 9.

#### At lunchtime, we operate a 'stay on site' policy. <u>Under no circumstances may you go off school site at lunchtime.</u>

You are expected to stay on the premises and eat a school lunch or your own packed lunch.

Once you have purchased food you must take it outside or to the 'old gym' to eat it. To encourage social distancing food cannot be eaten in the Dining Hall at this time.

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Food is on sale in the Dining Hall: at break time and at lunch time. At Hillside we have a cashless catering system. This means that no money can be used in the dining Hall. Instead, you use your fingertips to access your account at the till. Money can be credited to your account by putting cash into the machines located either side of the foyer, by cheque to the school office or by paying online. All food must be eaten in the Old Gym. Packed lunches may also be eaten in the Old Gym.

All pupils are allowed to go into the Learning Resource Centre for reading, homework and using the computers.

Toilets should be used during break or lunchtime, not during lessons.

Times of the school day

| Morning               | Afternoon                |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 8:40am 1st Bell Rings | 12:15pm Lunch            |
| 8:45am Registration   | 12:45pm P4 Lesson        |
| 09:00am P1 Lesson     | 1:45pm P5 Lesson         |
| 10:00am Break         | 2:45pm End of school day |
| 10:15am P2 Lesson     |                          |
| 11.15am P3 Lesson     |                          |

### On the corridors

We have some simple rules for moving around the school corridors.

- Walk on the left.
- Never run.
- Wear your blazer, but do not wear an outdoor coat.
- Do not eat on the corridors you should do so in the Old Gym.
- Line up in single file outside the classroom.
- Do not have your phone out on the corridors. If seen, it will be confiscated, (please see page 27).

You will only be allowed to leave a lesson in exceptional circumstances. If you do ever go out on the corridor during lesson time you must have a tag signed by your teacher and you must wear your blazer.

### **The Learning Resource Centre**

Our LRC is a place for quiet study, reading and research. It is open to pupils and staff, every day from 8:00am to 4:00pm. Miss Tarnowska runs the morning LRC club from 8:00am to 8:40am.

Alongside an extensive stock of fiction and non-fiction books, Kindle e-readers and audio books, there are 10 computers available for you to carry out research or complete homework.

The LRC is open to pupils at break and lunchtime to all year groups for independent study and reading. Books may be borrowed at these times too.

The LRC is used by the English department for lessons and intervention lessons throughout the school day and you will be encouraged to borrow a book during these sessions.





### **Careers Information**

At Hillside, we will give you a wide range of information about careers and future pathways beginning in Year 7 through the Personal Development curriculum and also through your different subjects. At Hillside we also have our very own careers library, next door to the LRC. There are also computers for use with careers software programmes and a digital screen displaying the up to date information about local college open days and upcoming apprenticeship and training opportunities. We encourage all of you to make use of the Careers Library.

In the careers library you can seek guidance from our Careers Adviser, Mark Blagbrough. Mark is available in school one day a week. All pupils see Mr Blagbrough from Year 8 however you can pop in and speak to Mr Blagbrough at break and lunch times if you would like any career or college information.

At Hillside High School we hold regular careers events for all pupils from Year 7 such as our careers fair in which you will find out lots of information about your future and meet employers from lots of different careers. This gives you a wealth of additional information and guidance. You will also be involved in trips and activities which will show you the different careers and pathways open to you when you leave school such as our yearly visit to Liverpool University.

### **Clubs and activities**

There is a wide range of club activities that you can join in school. Most activities take place after school. You will have the opportunity to get involved in lots of different activities. These include:

| MORNING LEARNING<br>RESOURCE CENTRE<br>CLUB | This runs from 8:00am to 8.40am every day. It provides the opportunity work in the LRC before the start of the school day making sure that your homework is up to date and you are prepared for the ahead.  |
|---|---|
| ART CLUB                                    | In Art club, you are encouraged to explore different media and develop their skills by exploring possibilities and refining their artwork in order to realise an idea.  |
| COMPUTING/CODING<br>CLUB                    | Computing club provides a great opportunity for you to further develop coding skills using a range of software including scratch, Kodu<br>and Python. There are opportunities after school to use a wide range of computer programs. Last year pupils used this opportunity to<br>test retro games and to design and program their own games. |
| DANCE CLUB                                  | At Hillside, dance is a very popular extra-curricular activity. We run a dance club every week that caters for both boys and girls allowing you the opportunity to perform at the 'Wally Cain Dance Festival,' school events and other projects that we run during the year. We also organise dance workshops and dance trips.                |
| DRAMA CLUB                                  | Drama is another popular extra-curricular activity, with pupils working towards a number of performances throughout the school year including; Remembrance Evening and Nativity performance.  |
| DT CLUB                                     | In DT club, you will be encouraged to build on their manufacturing skills and work on a skills passport enabling them to become mini masters within lessons.  |
| MUSIC CLUB                                  | Various musical activities are available after school which will give you the opportunity to learn new instruments or to carry on playing instruments already learnt. You can join the Guitar Group, the Keyboard Club, or the Drumming Group.  |
| SPORTS CLUB                                 | These include: football, badminton, athletics, netball, trampolining, basketball, dance, boxercise, handball and table tennis. All pupils are welcome.  |
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At Hillside we are always keen to listen to your opinion. If you have ideas or suggestions for a club or activity then please let your Form Tutor or the School Council Representative know.

### **Every day before coming to school check**

- 1) Are you in the correct uniform?
- 2) Have you packed your bag properly?

Does it contain?

- ✓ Essential 8 (see page 8)
- ✓ Completed homework
- ✓ Any textbooks that might be needed

Have you:

- ✓ Credited your personal account, or
- ✓ Got your packed lunch?
- 3) If you have been absent, have you remembered your note explaining your absence?

### One final point

Don't forget, we are all here to help you and to make sure that you are happy and successful at Hillside. For your part, you must be in school every day, on time, work hard and take full advantage of all the opportunities available here. By doing this you will achieve "Excellence in the Heart of the Community".

We look forward to seeing you on Monday 6th September 2021 at 8.35am

### What happens if the fire alarm sounds?

#### Here is our "Fire Drill". It is posted up in every classroom.

On hearing the FIRE ALARM, stop working. On the wall by the door in every classroom there are instructions about which way to go out of the building. This will be your nearest exit; your teacher will remind you about this. Also, when you go out of your classroom door you will see a *green* arrow.

#### FOLLOW THE DIRECTION OF THE ARROW

When instructed:

- 1) STAND BY YOUR CHAIR
- 2) WALK IN SINGLE FILE OUT OF THE ROOM AND THE BUILDING
- 3) GO TO SOUTHPORT ROAD PLAYGROUND
- 4) LINE UP BY YOUR FIRE POINT NUMBER IN REGISTER ORDER. THE NUMBER IS ON YOUR REGISTER
- 5) KEEP QUIET AND LISTEN TO INSTRUCTIONS

Any pupil found to have wilfully set off the fire alarm will face serious disciplinary consequences.

Every term we practice what to do if the fire alarm sounds so please don't worry.

Once a year we also practice our 'Critical Incident' plan, again this is nothing to worry about and your teachers will reassure you at every time.

### **Teaching Staff**

| Mrs A. Ryan       | Principal  | AR  |
|-------------------|--|-----|
| Mr M. Edwards     | Vice Principal   | ME  |
| Mrs S. Wardale    | Vice Principal   | SWa |
| Mrs N. Cross      | Assistant Vice Principal   | NCr |
| Mrs A. Jones      | Assistant Vice Principal   | AJ  |
| Miss L. Collins   | Associate Assistant Vice Principal, Subject Leader, MFL            | LC  |
| Mr G. Smith       | Associate Assistant Vice Principal, Subject Leader, Design Faculty | GS  |
| Miss S. Austin    | Physical Education   | SA  |
| Miss L. Brown     | Subject Leader, Performing Arts                                    | LB  |
| Miss R. Christian | Assistant Subject Leader, Maths                                    | RLC |
| Mr S. Clarke      | Physical Education   | SAC |
| Mrs T. Clarke     | Modern Foreign Languages   | TC  |
| Mr S. Code        | Science, Primary Enhancement Co-ordinator                          | SC  |
| Mr S. Doran       | Maths  | SDo |
| Mr T. Gibaud      | Subject Leader, English  | TG  |
| Mr D. Haygarth    | Subject Leader, Computer Science and Business Studies,             | DH  |
| Mr T. Henderson   | Science  | TH  |
| Mr T. Henesy      | Computer Science and Business Studies                              | THE |
| Mrs M. Hind       | Assistant Subject Leader, English                                  | MH  |
| Miss L. Jones     | English Intervention   | LJ  |
| Mr N. Kitching    | Geography  | NK  |
| Mrs K. Langan     | Subject Leader, History & Religious Studies                        | KL  |
| Mrs R Lazaroff    | Maths  | RL  |
| Miss A. Martin    | Technology   | AM  |
| Mrs R. Miller     | History, Assistant SENCO   | RM  |
| Miss J. Murphy    | Art and Technology   | JM  |
| Miss J. Nelson    | Subject Leader, Science  | JN  |

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| Miss S. Owen     | English                            | SO  |
|------------------|------------------------------------|-----|
| Mr R. Pattison   | Subject Leader, Maths              | RP  |
| Miss K. Rees     | History                            | KR  |
| Mr N. Richardson | Subject Leader, Music              | NR  |
| Miss C. Roberts  | English                            | CR  |
| Mr R. Seaman     | Spanish and Travel & Tourism       | RS  |
| Mrs C. Symes     | English                            | CSY |
| Miss H. Thornton | Maths                              | HT  |
| Mr D. Timmons    | Maths                              | DT  |
| Mr M. Ward       | Subject Leader, Physical Education | MW  |
| Mr S. Wardale    | Assistant Subject Leader, Science  | SW  |
| Miss L. White    | Art                                | LW  |
| Miss R. White    | Science                            | RW  |
| Miss N. Wong     | Maths                              | NW  |
| Miss Wright      | English                            | GW  |

### Support Staff

| Mrs W. Banks    | Pupil Support         | WB  |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----|
| Mrs S. Buckley  | Cover Supervisor      | SB  |
| Miss V. Convey  | Senior Administrator  | VC  |
| Mrs A. Ginley   | Finance Manager       | AGi |
| Mrs P. Keating  | Reprographics Clerk   | РК  |
| Mrs N. McPoland | Finance Officer       | NMc |
| Miss J. Mullen  | Data and Examinations | JMu |
| Miss A. Rourke  | Receptionist          | ARo |
| Mrs J. Snape    | Pastoral Secretary    | JS  |
| Mrs A. Wharton  | Data and Examinations | AW  |
|                 |                       |     |

### **Teaching Assistants**

| Mrs J. Harrison   | Teaching Assistant | JHa |
|-------------------|--------------------|-----|
| Mrs K. Lee        | Teaching Assistant | KLE |
| Mrs C. McIntyre   | Teaching Assistant | CMc |
| Miss H. McKenzie  | Teaching Assistant | HМ  |
| Miss K. Rourke    | Teaching Assistant | KRo |
| Miss I. Tarnowska | Teaching Assistant | IT  |

### **Pastoral Staff**

| Miss G. Banks     | Progress Leader, Year 11    | GB  |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----|
| Mr A. Gallagher   | Inclusion Mentor            | AG  |
| Mrs L. Harper     | Progress Leader, Year 9     | LHa |
| Miss B. Marriette | Attendance Officer          | BM  |
| Mrs J. McCarthy   | Progress Leader, Year 8     | JMc |
| Mrs A. McGing     | Home Liaison / Safeguarding | AMc |
| Miss N. Phillips  | Progress Leader, Year 10    | NP  |
| Miss H. Roby      | Progress Leader, Year 7     | HRo |
| Miss C. Sheils    | Home Liaison / Safeguarding | CS  |
| Mr T. Smedley     | Inclusion Manager           | TS  |
| Mrs C. Tattersall | Attendance Officer          | СТ  |

### **Curriculum Support**

| Miss H. Barclay | Senior Science Technician | HB  |
|-----------------|---------------------------|-----|
| Mrs D. Hamm     | Science Technician        | DH1 |
| Mr W. Thomas    | Technician, ICT           | WT  |

### **Maintenance Staff**

| Mr C. Flynn     | Site Manager / Caretaker / Maintenance Team | CF |
|-----------------|---|----|
| Mr J. Kelly     | Caretaker / Maintenance Team                | JK |
| Mr M. Tracewski | Caretaker / Maintenance Team                | MT |

### **Kitchen Staff**

| Mrs C. Schorah | Catering Manager |
|----------------|------------------|
| Mrs K. Curtain | Catering Staff   |
| Mrs D. Edwards | Catering Staff   |
| Mrs T. Newman  | Catering Staff   |
| Mrs L. O'Brien | Catering Staff   |
| Miss D. Power  | Catering Staff   |
| Mrs S. Seddon  | Catering Staff   |
| Mrs C. Toop    | Catering Staff   |
| Mrs P. Winter  | Catering Staff   |
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