



READING IS POWER AT HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

After recently becoming award winners for Innovative and Creative Literacy and receiving positive Ofsted feedback for a commitment to reading, Hillside is accredited as an Area of Excellence for Reading through the National organisation Challenge Partners.



“ ‘Teachers are obsessed with reading’ is a somewhat tongue-in-cheek statement from a pupil when discussing the impact that the Reading is Power strategy is having across the school. It only serves to highlight just how embedded this initiative has become since its launch three years ago and it only belies the fact that pupils do actually love the emphasis on reading.”

Challenge Partners

Hillside High School is proud to announce its recent accreditation as an Area of Excellence in Reading by Challenge Partners, a prestigious recognition that underscores the school's commitment to fostering a culture of literacy and a love for reading among its pupils.

This accolade positions Hillside High as the sole secondary school within the Aspire North West Hub to be accredited with an area of excellence, highlighting the dedication and success of the schools Reading is Power Framework.

The accreditation comes on the heels of both a glowing report from Ofsted and winning an Educate Award for Innovative and Creative Literacy. Ofsted praised Hillside with the statement: **"This is a school where, across the curriculum, reading is a priority. Staff and pupils share the belief that reading is power."** Whilst Educate recognised the work that has been put in to ensure **'Bootle is a community that reads'**. The Challenge Partners accreditation reflects the school's ongoing efforts to create an environment where pupils not only acquire essential reading skills but also develop a lifelong passion for literature. By achieving this recognition, Hillside has demonstrated its commitment to delivering high-quality education that extends beyond academic excellence, fostering a lifelong love of reading.



Mrs Ryan, Principal, expressed gratitude for the collective efforts of the school community in achieving this significant milestone. **"We are thrilled to be recognised as an Area of Excellence in Reading by Challenge Partners. This accreditation is a testament to the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our pupils, and the support of our parents and the wider community. Reading is a powerful tool, and we are committed to empowering our students through literature"**

The school looks forward to building on this achievement and continuing to provide an exceptional educational experience that prepares students for success both academically and personally.