



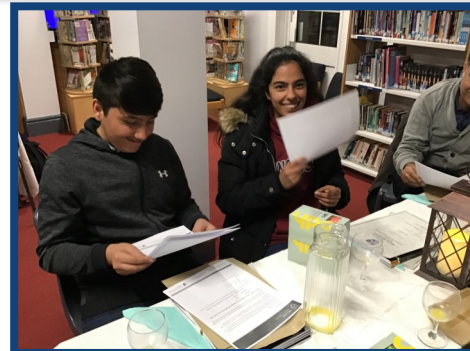
Dear Parents/Guardians

Last week saw our first 'Scouse Supper' which we hosted to meet with Year 11 pupils and their parents, in an more informal setting, to give them the feedback on the first round of English and maths exams.

We appreciate that it can be difficult to get out to school events at the end of the working day so we hoped that by providing something to eat, and an earlier finish, that parents would be able to attend. Those who did, as well as having some delicious scouse served up beautifully by Mr Edwards, received really important feedback on the areas that had gone well in the recent English and maths exams and more importantly, what to focus on next to improve the grades in the predictors which start next week.

This information was invaluable and the teachers that gave the feedback had really scrutinised the exam responses and so were able to give fine-tuned advice to the people who attended, rather than just generic whole class feedback.

We always appreciate the extra mile that our parents go to in supporting their children and hopefully the pay off at results day will show that coming out on a wet, Thursday evening was well worth it.



Mrs Amanda Ryan

**E8**

- Pupil Planner
- Pencil Case
- Pen & Pencil
- Ruler
- Calculator
- Drama/PE Kit
- Bag

**Year 7 & 8 Homework Maths**

**Word of the Week**

**'Dilapidated'**

To fall into partial ruin especially through neglect or misuse.

**SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural) Corner**

**This week's theme: Charity Week**

**SMSC Focus:**

In this week's assembly, we are launching our Christmas Charity Appeal for donations for local food banks and a toy/gift appeal. We are asking for small change donations or food, toys and gifts, particularly those suitable for younger teenagers, that we will distribute at the Linacre Bridge Community Hub Christmas Celebration on Tuesday 17th December. Our Charity Committee pupils are collecting in form each morning during registration; all donations are welcome.

**Career of the week**

**Career:** Events Manager

**Skills:**

- Communicating with people
- Working as part of a team
- Being creative and helping customers
- Paying attention to detail
- Budgeting, planning and organising

**Average Salary:** £31,200

**Useful Subjects:** English, Business Management, Maths, ICT, Social studies – Media

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## The Nutcracker

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November Hillside dancers had the wonderful experience of visiting The Liverpool Empire to watch 'The Nutcracker' performed by The English National ballet. The story of The Nutcracker is loosely based on the E.T.A. Hoffmann fantasy story 'The Nutcracker and the Mouse King,' about a girl who befriends a nutcracker that comes to life on Christmas Eve and wages a battle against the evil Mouse King. The performance was stunning, and all pupils were captivated and immersed into how the characters came alive on stage. A truly memorable experience and also a great way to get us all into the Christmas spirit.

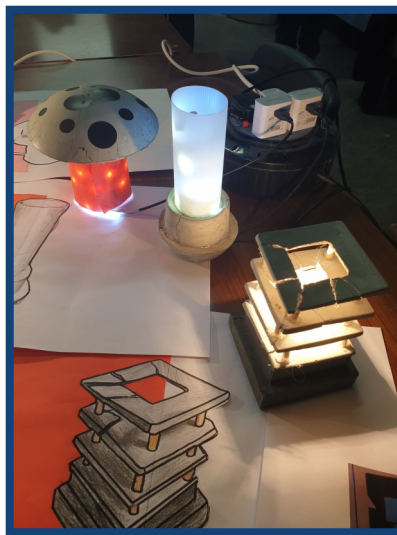


Mrs Austin

## Concrete Lighting

Year 10 have been working on a 'concrete lighting' brief in their DT lessons. The pupils have learned about the composite material and how altering the ratio of the mix (sand, aggregate, cement and water) can achieve different outcomes. They then had to create a design that they could mould the concrete in, that would provide the main structure to their light and then develop this into a working prototype. The range of ideas show a completely different approach from all students and the resilience shown in lessons with such a tricky material has paid dividends with their aesthetically pleasing outcomes. Well done Year 10.

Mr Smith



### Here are the Hegarty Maths names:

- Year 7 — Jessica Harrington 7SE & Isobel Rogers 7SDo
- Year 8 — Fiona Zhen 8SAC & Ashton Beard 8AMR
- Year 9 — Adam Leicester 9RM & Samantha Harrington 9RM
- Year 10—Harry Edgar 10SC & Michael Crilly 10SD
- Year 11—Calli Whitehead 11TG & Chloe Collett 11SR

### Here are the TT Rockstars names:

- Year 7— Jessica Harrington 7SE, Agatha Egydio 7SE & Warren Coudis 7SO
- Year 8— Nikos Capraroiu 8SAC, Nathan Jones 8SA & Evie Leppert 8NF



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**Charity Collection**

This year we are having two strands to our Christmas Charity Appeal. Sadly; food banks and poverty have not gone away and so again this year we are asking for donations, of either food or small change, to support the local food banks at this difficult time of year. The holiday season should be a time of great joy but for too many families the extra costs of heating houses and Christmas itself, adds an extra burden to already tight finances and so the demand on the local food banks is increasing.

We are also aware, for the reasons stated above, that many children in the community will not be having much of a Christmas; so we are also collecting to buy a selection of toys and gifts that we will distribute at the Linacre Bridge Community Hub Christmas Celebration on Tuesday 17th December. We are asking for small change donations or, toys and gifts - particularly suitable for younger teenagers, and our Charity Committee pupils are collecting in form each morning during registration.

Our families are always supportive of the charity appeals and we thank you for this - it really does make a difference. As we said last year; let's hope that this is the last year that we have to collect donations for local food banks.

**Mrs Daly**



**Hillside's  
Christmas Meal Appeal 2019**

**Supporting families in our community**

**Can you help support families in our own  
community this Christmas?**

We are looking for donations of the following non perishable items:

• Tinned Vegetables	• Long Life Milk	• Jam / Marmalade
• Soups	• Hotdogs	• Custard
• Beans / Spaghetti	• Gravy Granules	• Tinned Fruit
• Pasta / Noodles / Rice	• Crisps / Nuts	• Sugar
• Pasta / Curry Sauces	• Biscuits	• Juice / Cordial

**Each form group will have an item to collect.  
See class poster for your item**

Donations are being collected from Monday 25th November.  
Everything collected will be made up into a hamper and delivered  
to families in our own community on Wednesday 18th December.

**THANK YOU**



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## Cycle Safety

A small number of pupils are choosing to commute to and from school on their bikes. As the dark nights are now here can we please urge all pupils to take note of the cycling safety tips below:

- Always ride on the **left** side of the street in the same direction as the traffic.
- Never ride against traffic.
- Try to use bike lanes or designated bike routes whenever you can.
- Always stop and check for traffic in both directions when leaving your driveway, an alley, or a curb. Some people in cars just don't see cyclists.
- Watch traffic closely for turning cars or cars pulling out of driveways.
- Don't ride too closely to parked cars — doors can open suddenly!
- Stop at all stop signs and obey red lights just as cars do.
- If you're cycling with friends, ride single file.
- **If you ride when it's dark, be sure to have reflectors on your bike and battery-operated lights.**
- Don't wear headphones while cycling — you need to hear what's going on around you.
- Never change direction or change lanes without first looking behind you and using the correct hand signals. That way everyone knows where you're going.

Can we also remind parents/guardians and pupils that if pupils choose to bring their bikes to school whilst we do have facilities for pupils to store their bikes when bikes are secured by pupils the school accepts no responsibility for them and has no insurance to cover any loss or damage to bikes left on school site.

**Mrs Cross**

### Thought for the week

Poverty is a very complicated issue, but feeding a child isn't.

Jeff Bridges

### Key Dates 2019

<b>Christmas Dinner:</b>	Wednesday 18th December 2019
<b>Christmas Performance:</b>	Wednesday 18th December 2019 7.00pm
<b>End of term:</b>	Friday 20th December 2019
<b>Start of term:</b>	Monday 6th January 2020
<b>Year 11 Parents' Evening:</b>	Thursday 16th January 2020
<b>Year 9-11 Careers Fair:</b>	Wednesday 22nd January 2020
<b>ARTS Showcase Evening:</b>	Wednesday 29th January 2020

