



## Dear Parents/Guardians

As we come to the end of term it is with great sadness we say goodbye to some colleagues. Miss Oliver is leaving us to pursue her dream of travelling to Australia, I'm sure she will be thinking about us in January as she flies off and we return to school! Ms Palmer leaves us after nearly 16 years to take up the role of SENCO in another school and I know I can speak on behalf of staff, pupils and their families when I say she will be really missed by us all. Mrs Mooney, a member of the catering team, leaves us after 30 years of working as a school cook, which is a pretty impressive length of time to be doing such an important job.

This has resulted in some staff changes at school, with Mrs Cross taking on the role of SENCO, a role she has done previously and is excited to be picking back up. To allow Mrs Cross the time to do this, some of her teaching has gone to Mr Smith an experienced English teacher who has recently joined Hillside to teach English, Geography and deliver English intervention. We are also delighted to welcome Mr Spruce into the maths department who is teaching some maths classes and delivering maths intervention. Mr Tallant is joining us to teach Drama and Film Studies and has already started at Hillside to ensure he knows where Miss Oliver's classes are up to. Miss Palmer's Spanish classes will be taught by Mr Seaman who is returning to the Spanish department. To replace Mr Seaman in English we have appointed an experienced English teacher, Mrs Symes, who joins us in January. I know these new colleagues are going to settle into Hillside quickly and will provide our pupils with the excellent lessons we expect, and they deserve.

All pupils will be issued with a new timetable during their SMSC lesson on the first day back and you and your child will be able to see from this if they are effected by any of these changes. In the meantime, if anyone has any concerns, or would like to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to email me directly at [a.ryan@hillsidehigh.co.uk](mailto:a.ryan@hillsidehigh.co.uk)

As we finish a very productive term can I take this opportunity to thank everyone for their ongoing support. We have had a brilliant term, with an extremely positive visit from HMI and Challenge Partners and I look forward to sharing their report with you in the new year. Please enjoy the break, and time with your families, and on behalf of everyone at Hillside can I wish all of our fantastic pupils and their families a very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2020!

Mrs Amanda Ryan

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

### This week's theme: Respect Week

#### SMSC Focus:

In this week's assembly, we are discussing respect and the many forms that respect can take; including self-respect. Having respect for someone, or something, costs us nothing but respect has to be earned and we need to think carefully about how we treat people and speak to people if we are wanting their respect.

## Career of the week

**Career:** Flight Dispatcher

#### Skills:

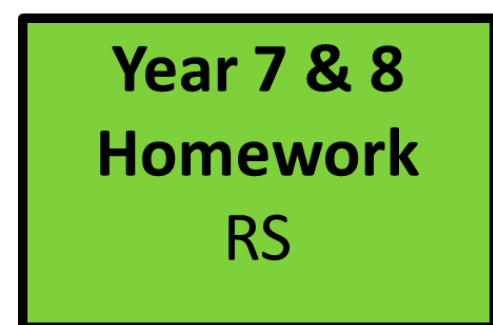
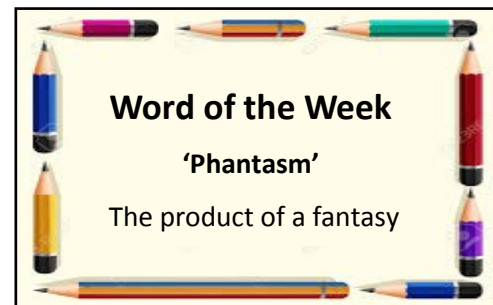
- Communicating with people
- Using other languages
- Being physically fit
- Finding solutions to problems
- Making decisions

**Average Salary:** £28,080

#### Useful Subjects:

English, Maths, Languages

For more information please see  
[www.myworldofwork.co.uk](http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk)







### Zap Graffiti

The pupils in Hillside's A.P recently took part in a workshop with Zap Graffiti, giving their classroom an amazing makeover with this stunning mural. For a number of weeks the pupils have taken part in Everton in the Community's social action project, designed to empower and encourage young people to learn new skills and develop their potential. The eye catching design was created by the class and inspired by their love of the city and its world famous skyline.

The tag line 'Work hard, dream big' was chosen to capture the ethos and attitude of the group. The pupils really enjoyed doing the project and are so pleased with what they have produced, they can't wait to start the next one!



### Mr Smedley



#### Here are the Hegarty Maths names:

- Year 7 — Jessica Harrington 7SE & Isobel Rogers 7SDo
- Year 8 — Ashton Beard 8AMR & Lexie Mainwaring 8AMR
- Year 9 — James Wharton 9MW & Samantha Harrington 9RM
- Year 10—Kelly Leung 10SW & Harry Edgar 10SC
- Year 11—Georgia Preston 11TG & Faye Oldfield Woods 11SMC

#### Here are the TT Rockstars names:

- Year 7— Jessica Harrington 7SE, Agatha Egydio 7SO & Warren Coudis 7SO
- Year 8— Joshua Dickinson 8AMR, Jaida Griffiths 8NF & Kathryn Slinger 8NF



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## Online Safety this Christmas

Please see the following information from National Online Safety website, please visit their website for more information and to hear 'Stay Safe at Home' – a Christmas online safety song for parents, highlighting the dangers of unwrapping digital gifts.

This Christmas will be more children handling digital devices than ever before, and, despite the happiness and entertainment they can bring, they can pose a number of dangers too. So, how can parents protect their children after they unwrap their digital gifts? Here are our top tips for parents:

### Buying gifts

Take care when shopping online for your Christmas presents. Only use secure websites to avoid falling for scams. Before proceeding with an order, spend an extra two minutes to research the security of the product.

### Security

Help your children to set up their accounts on their new devices and ensure their settings are set to private. Take the time before Christmas Day to read the manual and get to grips with security and privacy options. We advise that you set up a 'two-factor authentication' process when logging in to an online service. Some toys and devices are fitted with web cameras – you can turn the remote viewing option off in the device's settings. In addition to this, remove any default location tracking and GPS settings on new devices.

### Passwords

Some toys and devices have been found to have unencrypted Wi-Fi connections or unsecured Bluetooth connections. If this is the case, add a secure password or a PIN. Ensuring that passwords are secure is fundamental when protecting your children. When creating a password, remember to:

- set up unique passwords for new accounts
- avoid using easy-to-guess phrases such as 'freddie1'
- change passwords and usernames on new devices from default
- check your router has a strong password and latest security updates

### Setting up parental controls

We advise that you set up parental controls for young and vulnerable children to help prevent them from viewing content or engaging in activities that they shouldn't be. Additionally, take interest in your child's online activities. Play with them on their devices and encourage open conversation to help build that trust and confidence that will mean your child can confide in you if they ever feel uncomfortable, troubled, worried or unsafe.

### Check age restrictions

Games and apps have age restrictions. It's important that you make yourself aware of these age restrictions and WHY they have these restrictions and make the decision whether or not it is appropriate for your child.

### Be a role model

It's often the case that children copy the actions of their parents, guardians and even siblings, therefore it's important to set good examples and to be a positive role model that they can look up to.

### Set boundaries

If you feel that your child is either spending too much time on their devices or maybe taking part in inappropriate activities, it's not a bad thing to be strict and to set boundaries.

**Mrs Cross**

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## Staying Safe at Christmas

This our last safeguarding article of the year and we would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy, peaceful and safe Christmas break.

Please see below our advice for staying safe online this Christmas.

We would like, once again, to publish some useful numbers or websites that may provide support should the need arise whilst school is closed for the holiday.

**Childline 08001111**

**NSPCC- [www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk) 08448920264  
(Liverpool Office) NSPCC Helpline  
08088005000**

**[cruse.org.uk](http://cruse.org.uk)- coping with a bereavement**

**[www.trusselltrust.org](http://www.trusselltrust.org) -foodbank**

**Liverpool Social Care- 0151 233 3700**

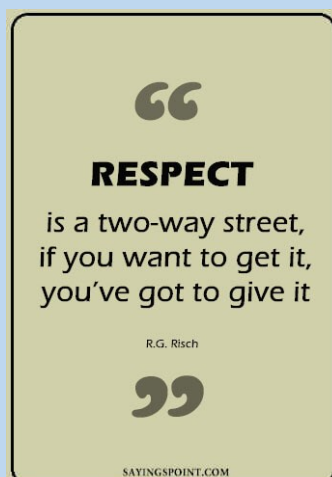
**Sefton Social Care- 0845 140 0845**



Mrs Cross



### Thought for the week



### Key Dates 2019

<b>Start of term:</b>	Monday 6th January 2020
<b>Year 11 Parents' Evening:</b>	Thursday 23rd January 2020
<b>Year 9-11 Careers Fair:</b>	Wednesday 22nd January 2020
<b>ARTS Showcase Evening:</b>	Wednesday 29th January 2020
<b>Year 7 &amp; 8 Careers Fair:</b>	Tuesday 4th February 2020
<b>End of term:</b>	Friday 14th February 2020
<b>Inset Day:</b>	Monday 24th February 2020
<b>Start of term:</b>	Tuesday 25th February 2020

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