



# Year 11 Parents' Evening

## Thursday 23rd January 2020

### 4.15pm—6.45pm

#### Dear Parents/Guardians

We have made an excellent start to the year in terms of attendance and I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive well done and thank you to all of our pupils who have been in school every day. We know that with good school attendance our pupils can make the progress of which they are capable of.

This week's newsletter is full of information about the exciting things which are taking place at Hillside. Our Arts Showcase Evening is a particular highlight of the year and we are very excited about this year's event, which is taking place on Wednesday 29th January. The evening starts at 5.45p.m. and last admission is 7.15p.m., it is fine to attend at any point during this time, so please don't worry if you can't make the start of the event. I look forward to welcoming lots of pupils and their families to this fabulous evening.

Next week is going to be a big week for Year 11 with their predictor results day on Tuesday, followed by their Parents' Evening on Thursday 23rd January, 4.15-5.45p.m. I look forward to seeing all Year 11 and their parents at this most crucial of evenings.

Can I take this opportunity to remind all pupils that they need their Essential 8 in school every day. We are finding that an increasing amount of learning time is being wasted with pupils not having the correct equipment that they need to make a prompt start to their learning. Could I ask for parents' support in ensuring that all pupils have their Essential 8 in school with them every day.

Mrs Amanda Ryan

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

### This week's theme: Apprenticeship Week

#### SMSC Focus:

Pupils often have a fixed idea about what types of careers apprenticeships lead to. In this week's assemblies, pupils will learn about some of the benefits of learning through an apprenticeship and about many of the new types of apprenticeships that are available today. Pupils will also learn about some of the exciting events we have planned for apprenticeship week.

#### Career of the week

**Career:** Interior Designer

**Skills:**

- Communicating with people
- Time management
- Using computers and designing
- Being Creative
- Planning and organising

**Average Salary:** £33,280

**Useful Subjects:**

Maths, English, Art and Design

For more information please see  
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# Mrs McKay's *Geography Breakfast and Revision*



## Week Two Friday

7.45am to 8.30am

Room 17

*Free to All Year 11 Geographers Loyalty Rewarded*

**Word of the Week**

'Explain'  
Make (an idea or situation) clear to someone by describing it in more detail or revealing relevant facts.

**Year 7 & 8  
Homework  
RS**

**E8**

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

**Here are the Hegarty Maths names:**

- Year 7 — Jessica Harrington 7SE & Lilia Campbell 7SE
- Year 8 — Chloe Fleming 8SA & Dylan Wright 8GS
- Year 9 — James Wharton 9MW & Krithika Sivanathan 9RS
- Year 10—Molly Warren 10TH & Zachary Orford 10TH
- Year 11—Fayle Oldfield Wood 11SMC & Ahmad Azizi 11TG

**Here are the TT Rockstars names:**

- Year 7— Jessica Harrington 7SE, Lucas Booth 7DT & Nathan Oyobagie 7SE
- Year 8— Joshua Dickinson 8AMR, Vincent Zhen 8AMR & David Dawson



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## Hillside Arts Evening Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 5.45pm

This is our third Arts Showcase at Hillside and we look forward to sharing our pupils' work with their families. Last year's event was a great success and the evening was enjoyed by all that attended. The showcase actually led to our second nomination in the Educate Awards 'Outstanding Arts in Secondary School' category. The evening will consist of a showcase of work from Art, Music, Drama, DT and Dance from pupils from across all year groups. We have an absolute wealth of creative talent in our school and are proud to be able to share this with parents and guardians.

There will again, be a vote for a star pupil in Year 10 and 11. You will have to attend to see their creations and can cast your vote on the night.

The contenders will be announced in next week's newsletter along with a sample of work to give a taster of the ability our pupils possess and what your appetite for the evening.

### Please Note

*The evening will not be appropriate for children under 8 years old. Any pupils wishing to attend the evening need to register their names with Mr Smith before the event so that their names are added to a guest list. Any pupils not on this list and not accompanied by an adult, will be refused admission.*

### Mr Smith



## Maths Enrichment Sessions

Some of our classes in Years 9, 10 and 11 had the opportunity to take part in a maths enrichment session with Martin Bamber from the University of Liverpool. Pupils were able to develop their mathematical skills by participating in some core maths activities. This included trying to calculate how much Martin spent on coffee each year with just some basic information given to them. Martin was very impressed with the work that was produced and the thinking behind their calculations.

A special mention to Kieron Fairclough who went against all of the odds and won every prize in his session, including the lottery. Well done to all pupils involved for your engagement and hard work.

### Miss Evans



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TIKTOK—Part 1



TikTok is a video-sharing social media app available on iOS and Android which lets users create, share, and view user created videos much in a similar manner to Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. It's main draw, however, is that users can record and upload bite-sized looping videos of themselves lip-syncing and dancing to popular music or soundbites, often for comedic effect, which can then be further enhanced with filters, emojis and stickers. TikTok has been designed with the young user in mind and has a very addictive appeal. At the beginning of 2019 it skyrocketed in popularity to become the iOS store's most downloaded app with over 33 million downloads. Estimates suggest that it now has anything between 500 million and over 1 billion monthly active users worldwide.



What parents need to know about TIKTOK



MATURE CONTENT

On the iOS store, TikTok is listed as 12+. On the Google Play Store it is rated as 'Parental guidance recommended'. When signing up for the app, it's possible to lie about your age without any form of verification. As children scroll through their feed, most of the videos they're likely to come across are lighthearted or funny takes on dance routines which are designed to make people laugh. However there has been a slew of videos which have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, self-harm and sexual content, including young teens dressing overtly sexually and behaving suggestively. Given the deluge of material uploaded to TikTok every day, it's impossible to moderate everything and it can be quite common to come across explicit content on the 'for you' feed when logging into the platform.



INAPPROPRIATE MUSIC

TikTok revolves around creating music videos through lip-syncing and dancing. Inevitably, some of the music featured by users will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the undeniably young user base, there is a risk that children may look to imitate the explicit language they hear or the suggestive actions they see when viewing others user's videos on the app.



TIKTOK FAME

TikTok is very image focused and there is a notable preoccupation with appearing cool and attractive. Many teenagers now attempt to go viral and become what's known in-app as 'TikTok famous'. TikTok (and its predecessor musical.ly) has spawned its own celebrities - social media stars Loren Gray and Jacob Sartorius have been catapulted to fame through their initial exposure on the app. Obviously, most budding influencers looking to become the next big thing will be disappointed, but this may have the knock-on effect of making them go to more and more drastic lengths to get noticed.



ONLINE PREDATORS

As a social network, TikTok makes it easy to connect with other users. This includes the ability to comment on and react to other user's videos, follow their profile and download their content. Be aware that by default, any user can comment on your child's video if their account is set to public. Most interactions are harmless enough but as an app, TikTok is prone to predators because of the abundance of younger users.



ADDICTIVE NATURE

Social media is designed to be addictive and TikTok is no different. It can be fun and hugely entertaining. However, it is also because of this that it can be hard to put down. In addition to the short, punchy nature of the looping video format, the app's ability to keep you guessing what will come on screen next makes it easy to turn a five-minute visit into 45-minute visit.



IN-APP PURCHASES

Aside from the content, there's also the option to purchase in-app extras called 'TikTok coins'. Prices range from £0.99 for 100 coins to an eye-watering £93.99 for 10,000 coins. TikTok coins are used to purchase different emojis to reward content creators that a user finds funny or entertaining. In the iOS version of the app you can disable the option to buy TikTok coins but this sadly doesn't seem to be a feature in the Android version.



Mrs Cross

Thought for the week



Key Dates 2019

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

