



## Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you are finding these newsletters helpful and that they are arriving in time for you to use the guide to home learning. I am so proud of how our pupils are trying to keep up with their learning in these most challenging of circumstances. Please remind your child to keep checking their emails for regular updates from their teachers.

It seems strange to be giving a staff update when we aren't together but I wanted parents and pupils to know that Ms Evans is pregnant, which is lovely news, and will be leaving us in

September to start her maternity leave. We have appointed Mrs Wong, an experienced maths teacher who is relocating from Leeds to Liverpool to cover Ms Evans' maternity leave. I'm sure Mrs Wong will settle in well at Hillside and will be a great success.

Obviously as we aren't together we are texting home more than ever and this is at a significant cost; if we can communicate with families via the 'MyED' school app we can make a financial saving. We haven't used the app recently and understandably many parents have stopped engaging with it. If I could ask for your support in downloading the app and starting to check it regularly we can revert to this as our main means of communication with families. Please ensure we have your most up to date mobile number, if it has changed please ring the school office or email [admin@hillsidehigh.co.uk](mailto:admin@hillsidehigh.co.uk) and let us know.

These continue to be uncertain times for us all and following government announcements this week, we know very little more about when secondary age pupils will return to school. Obviously the Prime Minister has mentioned trying to get Year 10 pupils in front of their teachers before the summer holidays and this is something we hope can happen, once we know it is safe and the right time to do so. I know many of our parents will have Year 6 children who are transferring to Hillside in September and again, we are keen to offer them the best transition package we can in these circumstances. I will keep you updated via this newsletter, the website, twitter and the app as we know more.

## Mrs Amanda Ryan

### Hello Year 8,

It is absolutely wonderful to have the opportunity to write to you all. I hope that you and your loved ones are safe and well. As I said in the email that I sent to you all last week, I am so proud of the fantastic examples of work that I have seen on the school Twitter and Instagram accounts and I look forward to seeing more examples next week. It has been a pleasure speaking to your parents and carers and I am overwhelmed to hear about the support, love and care you are showing to your families and the wider community at this time; many of whom are key workers and doing an amazing job providing essential services and helping to keep us all safe and well. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, your Form Tutor or your class teachers as we are more than happy to help. Until we meet again, be kind, stay safe and take care.

### Miss Doran

## Hillside Heroes Calling all staff, pupils and parents to 'Nominate Your Lockdown Hero'

### Who is your lockdown hero?

Perhaps someone in your house who has really helped you through the last few months?

A family member who is a keyworker and has worked hard to keep the family going as well?

Maybe a pupil who has produced some great work and been really engaged with their home learning?

Send your nomination and the reason via email to [winner@hillsidehigh.co.uk](mailto:winner@hillsidehigh.co.uk) by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May



*2 winners will be picked from each year group with the chance of winning Amazon Vouchers for the family- Winners announced 22/05*



## Year 8—Weekly Timetable

Subject	Year Group	This week you will be learning about ...	To help you can use...	This week you should spend a maximum time of ...
English	8	Oak National Academy: Narrative writing – the short story & detective fiction. Non fiction letter writing, exploring the topic of equal pay in sport.	Oak National Academy Powerpoint sent by Mr Riddick	2 hours 2 hours
Maths	8	Directed Numbers	Hegarty Maths, TT Rockstars, Corbett Maths, BBC Daily Lessons	4 hours
Science	8	Plant Structure	Log in to Oak National Academy website <a href="https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/year-7/science#subjects">https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/year-7/science#subjects</a> Visit the Year 8 page and click Science. Work through the links in the plant structure and photosynthesis	3 hours
Art	8	Geometric Art	Use the booklet to complete page 3. Create a research document on a Geometric Artist.	1 hour
Computer Science	8	Continue working on your Scratch projects. Answer the questions in your home learning book.	Scratch online	30 mins
DT	8	Polymer types and their properties.	Use <a href="http://www.technologystudent.com">www.technologystudent.com</a> to research polymers and their properties. There are question sheets you can print and answer or produce a research document of your choice.	1 hour
Drama	8	Creating a set or writing a monologue.	The information and video links in the power point, watch the donkey scene again on <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9mbfRiZ2Bk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9mbfRiZ2Bk</a>	30 mins
Geography	8	Factors that influence the UK's population.	The information from pages 7-10 of the <b>Population work booklet</b> and read through the information on <b>Population and Urbanisation</b> from the BBC Bitesize online lessons: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmm8wtv">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zmm8wtv</a>	1 hour
Music	7 & 8	Work through the 30 Day Music Challenges, using your Home Learning Book.	BBC Bitesize, try to play your keyboard, ukulele, or guitar every day using the resources available on YouTube to guide your learning. YouTube	30 mins
RS	8	The links between Judaism and Christianity.	This lesson is to be completed through the Oak National Academy link - <a href="https://www.thenational.academy/year-8/religion/christianity-1-links-the-judaism-and-the-fall-year-8-wk1-1#slide-3">https://www.thenational.academy/year-8/religion/christianity-1-links-the-judaism-and-the-fall-year-8-wk1-1#slide-3</a> If you would like further help with this, you can use a dictionary for the key words or contact Mrs Ford via email.	30 mins
History	8	Native American tribes. The American West.	Complete pages P28 and 29 of their home learning booklet. These can be accessed via school website, email to pupils and hard copies from school. There are also set tasks for each pupil on Seneca Learning.	2 hours
PE	8	Fitness – Strength, coordination, cardiovascular endurance, agility, speed, power, reaction time.	Log on to Youtube and type in the hashtag 'ThisIsPE' These are videos by PE teachers across the country focusing on different components of fitness you have been doing in lessons this year at Hillside.	30 mins at a time
Dance	8	How to perform in the style of Billie Eilish to the song "bad guy"	Youtube – type in Billie Eilish Bad Guy, step by step choreography for beginners	1 hour
MFL	8	Food	Using this link, <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfgt6v4/articles/zbw4f4j">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfgt6v4/articles/zbw4f4j</a> , go to BBC Bitesize and watch the videos/complete the tasks on Food and opinions.	30 mins