



Dear Parents/Guardians

As we approach the end of the strangest half term ever I hope you are all keeping safe and well. I really value using the newsletter to communicate with you and I hope it gives you a small piece of 'normal' in your life!

In terms of keeping in touch, I hope all of our pupils have watched the short 'Elbow' film of some of the staff here at Hillside saying 'hello'.

If anyone is struggling to cope; which would be totally understandable in these circumstances, please see the helpline numbers included here and don't hesitate to use them.

Thank you to all of the parents who have started to engage with the 'MyED' school app. 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. We must have your up to date mobile number: if you think this needs updating please ring the school office or email admin@hillsidehigh.co.uk to inform us.

On Friday we should break up for half term and although living in lockdown means it will be nothing like a normal holiday from school I would encourage you all to take a break from your school work. I recently read an article which spoke about using this time to learn new skills and to build our resilience in coping with change. If you follow us in Twitter and Instagram there are many examples of you, and the Hillside staff, doing this, which is brilliant and please continue to send us your photos - we really enjoy seeing what you are doing.

Please the note the Home Learning Weekly Timetable is for the first week back after half-term (week starting 1st June 2020).

The uncertainty around school returning continues; although I am sure all families have realised that any return for pupils in Year 7-9 before the summer holiday is extremely unlikely. We are busy planning to allow our Year 10 pupils some kind of return to school before the summer but guidance for this is changing almost daily and I will communicate the plan with Year 10 parents as soon as possible.

Please keep safe, take care and enjoy half term next week.

Mrs Amanda Ryan

Hillside Praise for Pupils

Our Home Learning Stars for week 8 are:



Year 7
Jessica H
Bluebell E
Nathan O

Year 8
Liam B
Kelsey T
Nikos C

Year 7
Jessica H
Emma L
Alfie D

Year 8
Fiona Z
Macey M
Ashton B

Year 9
Adam L
Samantha H
James W

Year 10
Johnnie A
Harry E
Kelly L

Year 11
Declan B
Calli W
Ahmad A

Hello Year 8,

I hope that you all enjoyed reading the newsletter last week and that you have all had a good week so far. I'm always thinking of you and your loved ones so I hope that you are all safe and well. Once again, I am delighted to see all of the wonderful examples of Year 8 work that has been on the school Twitter and Instagram accounts and also that your class teachers have shared with me via email. Well done and keep up the hard work! It is so important that you continue your learning at home, but it is also extremely important that you take some time to rest and enjoy spending time with your loved ones. Find the time to enjoy doing something that makes you smile, laugh and have fun so that you make these challenging times as positive as you can and so that when we are all back together again, we have those happy memories to share with each other. Look after your loved ones, stay safe and keep smiling.

Best wishes,

Miss Doran

NEVER ALONE helpline numbers including NSPCC, National Domestic Abuse Helpline, Mind, Victim Support, ChildLine, Cruse Bereavement, Action on Elder Abuse, Respect - Men's Advice Line, Samaritans, and National Centre for Domestic Violence.





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	What if animals could talk?	Read the news article in the folder and complete the 'You Decide' questions. Complete the additional worksheet, also in the folder.	3 hours
Art	8	Geometric Art	Use the booklet to complete page 4 and 5. (Image search mark making and pattern to help you)	1 hour
Computer Science	8	Retro gaming and how gaming has developed.	A news article link has been emailed to you.	30 mins
DT	8	Drawing techniques	Use www.technologystudent.com to research one and two point perspective drawing and attempt the worksheets examples.	1 hour
Drama	8	Writing and performing your own monologue	The information and video links in the power point. You can watch the show again on the link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A9mbfRiZ2Bk	30 mins
Geography	8	Why do people come to the UK?	The information from pages 11-16 of the Population work booklet and 'Why do people migrate? Push and pull factors' https://youtu.be/4QrUegs-kUs	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	1 hour
RS	8	Jesus' incarnation (web-based learning) OR the Trinity (booklet-based learning)	This lesson is to be completed through the Oak National Academy link - https://www.thenational.academy/year-8/religion/christianity-2-incarnation-year-8-wk2-1 If you are not able to access Oak National Academy, please collect a booklet from the school and complete pages 2-4 .	30 mins
History	8	Women and the Vote.	Using the power point and the work booklet you have been emailed complete the first section of Women and the Vote. This work booklet can be accessed on the school web site and collected from school. You will also need to continue your work on the Industrial Revolution on	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 Justin Bieber to his latest song	Youtube – type in dance tutorial Justin Bieber / MihranTV	1 hour
MFL	8	Free time	Using this link, https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zfgt6v4/articles/z6vpgp3 , go to BBC Bitesize and watch the videos/complete the tasks on free time.	30 mins