



### Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to a new half-term. It feels strange saying that when we aren't together, but the sentiment remains the same. Our pupils still have much to achieve this half-term and with the hard work and resilience lots of them have shown so far I know they will give their 'Home Learning' their very best.

This half-term's Home Learning can be found by following the link on the website or, if it's easier, collecting hard copies from the school office. Your child's teachers will be emailing them every Monday to set out their work, so please ensure that your child is engaging with their emails.

You may have noticed that your child's Progress Leader is now ringing every two weeks rather than weekly. This decision has been made in response to feedback from parents but I would stress that you must not hesitate to ring your child's Progress Leader if you need to talk to them. You should have their mobile number, but we have included them here just in case.

We are working hard to finalise our plans for Year 10. During the week starting the 15th June all Year 10 pupils will be contacted via telephone for an academic mentoring session with their form tutor. From the week starting 22nd June we are hopeful Year 10 pupils will be able to return to school on a part-time basis, in groups of no more than 15 pupils for sessions in English, Maths and Science. Much more detail will be shared with parents/guardians who have requested a place for their child. In the meantime if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Miss Roby: [h.robby@hillsidehigh.co.uk](mailto:h.robby@hillsidehigh.co.uk), Mr Edwards: [m.edwards@hillsidehigh.co.uk](mailto:m.edwards@hillsidehigh.co.uk) or myself [a.ryan@hillsidehigh.co.uk](mailto:a.ryan@hillsidehigh.co.uk)

Please keep safe and take care.

**Mrs Amanda Ryan**



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### Hello Year 10,

I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well. I hope you all managed to have a lovely half term. I know it was not the half term many of us had in mind but I hope you managed to relax and do some of the things you enjoy! I have enjoyed being out in my garden a lot in this lovely weather. The potatoes I planted are still alive and are coming along nicely! I have spent some time reading and have read The Tattooist of Auschwitz which I really enjoyed, albeit heart-breaking what people went through during the Holocaust.

I cannot quite believe we are now in our last half term and your last half term of being in Year 10! This isn't the school year we all imagined however the strength, resilience and kindness shown has made me so proud of each and every one of you. I hope that this situation we find ourselves in will make us all stronger, kinder and able to recognise those really important things in our lives no matter how small they may seem.

Please keep sending your work into your teachers and keep an eye on Twitter and Instagram for pictures of your work. I really enjoy seeing all the work on there but I do have to say, when I see a Year 10 pupils work it really does brighten my day!

Take care of yourselves and your families and hopefully we will see each other soon.

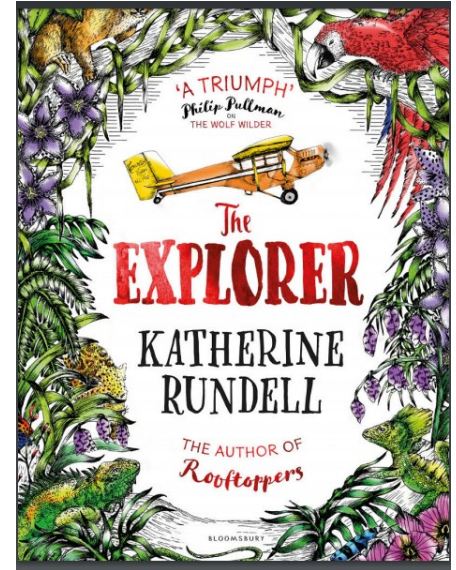
**Miss Roby**



## Year 10

**Year 10** - Don't forget to check your emails every Monday morning to read through the work set for the week ahead. Your teachers check their emails daily so keep in touch with examples of your work or even just to say hello and let us know how you are getting on!

**Reading Extract** - Each week we will put a short piece of writing for you to read linked to a book that a member of staff at Hillside is reading. This week Miss Collins has shared an extract from *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. Katherine had been inspired to write this story based on her time in the Amazon jungle, she actually planned out the plot whilst in the sky going over the Amazon River! Each chapter in the story details a survival challenge from catching a tarantula to gutting a piranha!



### FLIGHT

**L**ike a man-made magic wish, the aeroplane began to rise.

The boy sitting in the cockpit gripped his seat and held his breath as the plane climbed into the arms of the sky. Fred's jaw was set with concentration, and his fingers twitched, following the movements of the pilot beside him: joystick, throttle.

The aeroplane vibrated as it flew faster into the setting sun, following the swerve of the Amazon River below them. Fred could see the reflection of the six-seater plane, a spot of black on the vast sweep of blue, as it sped towards Manaus, the city on the

water. He brushed his hair out of his eyes and pressed his forehead against the window.

Behind Fred sat a girl and her little brother. They had the same slanted eyebrows and the same brown skin, the same long eyelashes. The girl had been shy, hugging her parents until the last possible moment at the airfield; now she was staring down at the water, singing under her breath, her brother trying to eat his seatbelt.

In the next row, on her own, sat a pale girl with blonde hair down to her waist. Her blouse had a neck-ruffle that came up to her chin, and she kept tugging it down and grimacing. She was determinedly not looking out of the window.

The airfield they had just left had been dusty and almost deserted, just a strip of tarmac under the ferocious Brazilian sun. Fred's cousin had insisted that he wear his school uniform and cricket jumper, and now, inside the hot, airless cabin, he felt like he was being gently cooked inside his own skin.