



Dear Parents/Guardians

As you read this we will be starting the last week of this academic year and what a year it has turned out to be!

We break up on Friday 17th July and pupils should be engaging with their Home Learning until this day. After this it is officially their summer holidays and whilst it wouldn't feel like a normal summer holiday I do hope you can all enjoy some kind of break.

I know this period of time away from school has gone on for much longer than many of us ever imagined and this can take quite a toll on us all. We have lost our 'normal' and had to adjust to a very different life. So I thought it was timely to share 'Dr.Seuss' 5 Lessons in Life' as I think that they provide some excellent reminders for us all.

We are very much looking forward to all pupils returning in September. We are busy planning to ensure we can do this safely for all pupils and staff. As I have said previously, all pupils will return in full school uniform so please feel free to move forward with purchasing uniform. In the autumn term pupils in Years 7-9 will have not have practical drama lessons so I would not purchase a new drama kit for your child just yet. In addition to the usual 'Essential 8' pieces of equipment, all pupils will need to bring their own, clearly labelled, water bottles to school in September so this is something you may wish to purchase now.

Wednesday 2nd September will be the start of term for pupils in Year 7 and 11, with pupils in Year 8, 9 and 10 returning on Thursday 3rd September. More detailed information about start times and our plans for re-opening school to all pupils will be sent to parents in due course.

In the meantime if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's Progress Leader, or me, Mr Edwards or Mrs Wardale. a.ryan@hillsidehigh.co.uk - m.edwards@hillsidehigh.co.uk - s.wardale@hillsidehigh.co.uk

Mrs Amanda Ryan

Hello Year 7,

This may be one of the last times I say this! Very soon I'll be saying 'Hello Year 8' and that just sounds unbelievable, however it's likely to mean that, when I say it, we'll almost certainly be back together again, which I'm so excited about. I look forward to seeing you all again and getting back into the routine of our school life.

All of you, by now, should have spoken with your Form Tutor; It's important that we understand how much you have learnt over lockdown so that your teachers are able to judge how much support you all need when we eventually return.

Well done to those who been completing the tasks that teachers have set for you, some of the work I've seen has been wonderful, so keep it up. For those of you who have lacked the motivation to complete the work at home, remember it's never too late to have another go. Start off with small chunks, making sure you take breaks when needed and build it up slowly. Remember we have one week left and a lot can be achieved in that time. For any of you feeling like you're falling behind, please don't hesitate to email your teachers for help.

I certainly hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well. As the restrictions are slowly lifting, it will be nice to see families returning to their normal activities and for you all to start seeing friends and family again.

Take care and keep yourselves safe.

Mrs Harper

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5 Lessons in Life from Dr. Seuss



1. Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You.
2. 'Why fit in when you were born to stand out?'
3. You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.
4. Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.
5. Today I shall behave, as if this is the day I will be remembered.

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Year 7—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	7	Retrieval of previous skills. You have a page of retrieval tasks on each of the literacy topics.	Pages 22-25 in your work-pack; email from Mrs Symes. Pages 2 – 5 of the new home learning work-pack. Read the literacy	2 hours
Maths	7	General Maths Skills	Hegarty Maths, TT Rockstars, Corbett Maths, BBC Daily Lessons.	3 hours
Science	7	How is science transforming entertainment?	Read the news article from 'The Day' found in the folder and complete the 'You Decide' questions. Complete the additional worksheet, also in the folder.	3 hours
Art	7	Making your final piece	Complete your work from last week and the wordsearch in the booklet. Complete the evaluation emailed to you by your class teacher.	1 hour
Computer Science	7	App design competition Research what makes a successful app? What is a target audience? Plan out your new app.	Your teacher will email you a link.	30 minutes
DT	7	Practical techniques and the 'bionic arm' – mini project.	Use www.technologystudent.com to complete project. Instructions available on the school website.	1 hour
Drama	7	Establishing a character using gestures.	Worksheet 3 in the Home Learning file or on your email This film https://www.vamostheatre.co.uk/learning/resources/mask-technique-films	30 minutes
Geography	7	Tectonics, Settlements and Trade	The information from Lesson 6 - Tectonics, Settlements and Trade on pages 27-33 from the Becoming an Outstanding Geographer booklet. <i>Extension - log onto Seneca and take part in the Tectonics assignment. To join Year 7 type in the class code: z0sicb3ygk</i>	1 hour
Music	7 & 8	Spoons! & Ed Sheeran Complete the activities for each area. Follow this link: https://www.derbyshiremusic.org.uk/get-involved/music-at-home/secondary/week-13.aspx	BBC Bitesize, YouTube Try to play your keyboard, ukulele, or guitar every day using the resources available on YouTube to guide your learning.	1 hour
RS	7	Capital punishment and the arguments for and against it (continued).	The information and video links contained in pages 26 and 27 of the work booklet (this can be found in the subject resources, RS folder).	30 minutes
History	7	Elizabethan Religious Settlement	Pupils will understand how Elizabeth tried to make religion fairer in England by completing a pictogram puzzle outlining what the settlement was and some of the things it introduced. Pupils will also consider how fair they think the settlement was by addressing some of the threats that were made to it by different religious groups. Resources attached to email on school website and learning booklets.	2 hours
PE	7	Fitness – Strength, coordination, cardiovascular endurance, agility, speed, power, reaction time.	Create your own circuit at home using the exercises and 'difficulty' levels on the attached website. You don't need any equipment at all and these will get your heart rate up and keep you healthy whilst you're at home! Let your PE teacher know in an email how you have got on and if you want more exercises to throw in as well! https://www.livestrong.com/article/115989-circuit-training-exercises-equipment/	15 mins at a time
Dance	7	Let's really focus on our performing skills this week – this dance tutorial is based on Arianna Grande – enjoy!	https://youtu.be/gmohgMYlieQ Use the link to access the tutorial.	1 hour
MFL	7	Introducing yourself	Go to, https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-year/year-7/subjects/spanish . Complete the lessons 'Where is Spain?' and 'Introducing Yourself'.	1 hour