



Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope everyone is staying safe and looking after themselves in these most challenging of times. Again I have been impressed by the maturity our pupils have shown and am pleased to say many more pupils are arriving at school with their masks. Keep up the good work.

At Hillside we have a long tradition of commemorating Remembrance Day and for all the obvious reasons this year we had to find a slightly different way to do this. So our Year 10 Performing Arts students working with Ms Brown produced the most moving and thought provoking film for the whole school to watch on Wednesday, which included observing a minutes silence. I would encourage you to visit our website and watch it, so you can see how our talented pupils share such an important and timely reminder of the what generations before us sacrificed for us.

I would like to say a massive well done to Mr Seaman for running a marathon (as you do in your holidays!) and raising the phenomenal amount of £1,130 to kick start our Christmas Food Appeal. This money will be spent on providing Christmas food hampers for families in our community. I think we are all very aware of the difference this money will make to many families who find themselves in the most challenging of situations financially due to the current pandemic. Once again a massive well done and Thank You to Mr Seaman and everyone who sponsored him on this amazing achievement.

I have included information about how you can complete Parent View and would encourage as many parents as possible to complete this. Seeking your opinions is something we take extremely seriously and in these current times when it is not possible to invite you into school for 'Parent Forums' gathering your feedback via Parent View is more important than ever.

Mrs Amanda Ryan, Principal

Year 11 Revision

P6 3pm start:

Monday	Maths
Tuesday	Science
Wednesday	English
Friday	History / Geography / Spanish

Saturday & Holiday School

Year 11, Subject teachers will be running Saturday and Holiday school over the coming months as additional support for your GCSEs.

10am – 1pm

Keep an eye on our social media for reminders.

Parent View gives you the chance to tell us what you think about Hillside High School.

Leave your feedback at www.parentview.co.uk



Remembrance Tribute



Year 10 Performing Arts pupils have been busy creating a Remembrance tribute film which was shared with the whole school on Armistice Day. We created and performed some really moving and poignant scenes which encouraged our pupils to reflect on the sacrifices people made for us in both the world wars. The film brought our whole school together as we shared a minutes silence together in tribute to the fallen.

Well done to our Year 10 actors for all of their hard work; you have done Hillside proud.

Miss Brown





Well done, Mr Seaman

We could not be prouder of Mr Seaman, one of our beloved MFL teachers, who over half term ran the virtual Amsterdam Marathon in under four hours. This was Mr Seaman's third marathon having already run the Brooklyn marathon and the Manchester marathon, not to mention several half marathons in the past. Although disappointed that due to current restrictions he couldn't go to Amsterdam, Mr Seaman decided that he would instead run the equivalent distance around Liverpool. So, when we were all enjoying a Sunday morning lie in on 25th October, Mr Seaman set off at 7.00am in spite of the rain and the wind!

Mr Seaman didn't stop there! 2020 has been a pretty awful year as the COVID-19 pandemic has thrown up challenges for everyone in our school community. Mr Seaman said: "Imagine how hard lockdown must be with the added worry of how you would feed your family. This is reality for many of our families, especially on the lead up to Christmas". With this in mind, Mr Seaman decided to set up a Just Giving page to raise money to buy Christmas Food hampers for the families of our community who need support. He has already raised over £1000 and there is still over a week to go until his page closes! He has been truly supported by the entire school community and we could not be prouder. We will be able to reach out to more families than ever! Well done, Mr Seaman!



For information about Mr Seaman's story please go to https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mrseaman-hillsidehighschool?utm_term=87wV8DVAR

Miss Collins





Times Tables Rockstars

A massive well done to our TT Rockstars this week, they are:

Year 7:

*Liam Cunningham 7SMC, Ethan Richardson 7SMC
and Grace Coffey 7SR*

Year 8:

*Jessica Harrington 8NW, Lana Mai Robinson 8NW
and Kira Dodd 8RLC*



Miss Christian

SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural) Corner

Theme:

Anti Bullying Week

SMSC Focus:

Social, Moral

This week's assembly:

Anti-bullying at Hillside

Thought for the Week:

"Don't ever let a soul in the world tell you that you can't be exactly who you are."

Lady Gaga

Reading test:

At Hillside we always strive for excellence and we want our pupils to make the best progress that they can. One way we can support our pupils is by encouraging them to read and since we returned to school in September we have launched a number of initiatives to support our pupils with this including; "Fast Reading" of core texts in English Literature lessons, "Register and Read" where pupils are read to by their form teacher twice a week from a novel and the Mobile Library has been launched with Key Stage Three classes so pupils all have their own reading book.

To further support our pupils, we need to make an accurate assessment of their reading ability. To do this school have purchased an online reading test called an NGTR Test. This will accurately assess the reading ability of our pupils so that we can give them the support that they need to be excellent readers.

Starting from **Monday 9th November 2020** every pupil in school will complete this reading test in their English lesson. To enable pupils to complete the test they will need to bring with them a pair of headphones with a standard headphone connection which can be plugged into our computers. Pupils will be told in their English lesson when they will need their headphones.

If you have any questions or concerns about the reading test then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs Miller



Road Safety Week 2020—16th –22nd November 2020

Teenagers are more at risk on the roads than they think. Most teenagers don't realise that they are more likely to be killed or injured in a road collision than any other age group. Find out how to help your teenager stay safe.

You could talk to your child and reinforce road safety messages to help keep them safe:

- stress the need to concentrate and be careful at all times
- warn of the dangers of distractions - personal stereos, texting, phoning or even chatting to friends while walking are big distractions
- keep talking about the dangers of traffic
- point out people who are endangering themselves
- encourage your teenager to practice judging the speed and distance of approaching vehicles on busy roads and identify safe gaps in the traffic
- stress that your child should never lose concentration and follow others blindly into dangerous situations

Cycling

It is a good idea to:

- buy and encourage your teenager to wear a cycle helmet, and something fluorescent and reflective to improve their visibility
- encourage your child never to take lifts on the back of a friend's bike
- ask your child never to listen to music while they are cycling
- make sure your child knows that cyclists must obey all traffic signs and traffic light signals

Bus safety

Your teenagers probably take the bus to school and back all the time, maybe even every day. In fact, they're probably so used to it, they do it without paying much attention. But not paying attention could cost them their lives. It only takes a moment's lapse of concentration to cause death or serious injury.

So your children should always expect the unexpected and never take risks going to and from the bus or crossing roads nearby. You should remind them:

- just because they're not small children does not mean they should not use The Green Cross Code
- just because their friends are chatting doesn't mean it's safe for them

Peace of mind

For your peace of mind, have routines that you can both stick to. You could try discussing the following points and finding an answer for each of them:

- what will they do if they miss the last bus home?
- do they have a mobile (fully charged), a phone card, money or know how to reverse the charges if they need you?
- what should your teenager do if they have to stay behind at school?

The theme of Road Safety Week 2020 is **NO NEED TO SPEED**, because whether you're walking to school, riding on a country road or driving for work, the speed of traffic matters to your safety.



20mph

is a safe speed in places where people walk and cycle



1 in 5

fatal crashes caused by speed



1mph

can be the difference between life and death

**NO NEED
TO SPEED**
ROAD SAFETY WEEK
16-22 November 2020

