



Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter. It's a mixture of introductions from some of our newer staff combined with an article from our fantastic Miss Evans who is currently on maternity leave. As a school we have received additional funding from the government called 'Catch Up' funding and this has been more than matched by additional funding from the Wade Deacon Trust; we have used this to bring additional staff to Hillside to support our pupils in numerous ways, including intervention classes, small group sessions, hand writing sessions and Lexia, to name only a few of the additional things we have going on. Mrs Wardale, Vice-Principal leads on this work so please do not hesitate to contact her if you have any questions.

I would finish by wishing our Year 11 pupils the best of luck as they start their Predictor Exams on Monday. These extremely important examinations run from Monday 7th until Thursday 17th December. It is imperative all Year 11 are in school every day to complete their exams. Period 6s will be running as normal throughout this period. Good luck Year 11!

Mrs Amanda Ryan, Principal



Year 11 Revision

P6 3pm start:

<p>Monday Heart of the Community</p> <p>Tuesday</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>Friday</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>Science</p> <p>English</p> <p>History / Geography / Spanish</p>
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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.

Times Tables Rockstars

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

Year 7:

*Callum Slater 7SMC, Stevie Ellison 7SR
and Kevin Grocott 7TG*



Year 8:

*Jessica Harrington 8NW, Matilda Allen 8RLC
and Kira Dodd 8RLC*



Miss Christian

SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural) Corner

Theme:

Human Rights

SMSC Focus:

Social

This week's assembly:

What are they? How are we protected?

Thought for the Week:

Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home."

Eleanor Roosevelt



"Science was always my best subject because I liked knowing how everything in the world works and what it is made up of. Even if students don't go on to work in a science career, they still need to understand the importance of topics like nutrition and personal health".

Initial impressions of Hillside - "the staff welcomed us in from Day 1 and are always so supportive when needed. From speaking with students in all years, I've also found that the students have a lot of admiration for their teachers because they always show that they care". **Luke Kelly**



"Hi everyone! My name is Laura Higgs, I am a trainee teacher of Art & Design, currently studying for my PGDE at LJMU. My undergraduate degree specialism is History of Art (BA Hons), my interests are Modern and Contemporary artists of the late 19th and early 20th Century – especially the French Impressionists! I am visually impaired and use a Guide Dog named Odelle for mobility around school. I have been overwhelmed by the staff and students at Hillside High for their warm welcome and support so far. I'm really looking forward to getting to know everyone better and sharing my passion for art". **Laura Higgs**



"Hi, my name is Miss Jones and I am thrilled to be joining the English Department as an Academic Mentor. I look forward to working closely with pupils through intervention sessions and can't wait to see all the progress we'll make". **Lauren Jones**



"Hi, my name is Miss Bradley and I am very excited to be joining the English department at Hillside High School. I cannot wait to get to know the staff and pupils and I'm excited to be teaching English and helping students to achieve their full potential". **Sarah Bradley**



"Hi, my name is Miss Robinson and I am a Science teacher at Hillside. I'm looking forward to meeting all of the staff and students and sharing my love of everything science". **Amy Robinson**



"Hi, my name is Miss Wright and I am thrilled to be joining the English Department here at Hillside. Over the coming months I look forward to getting to know the students and supporting them through their academic journeys". **Miss Wright**



"My name is Thomas Butler, my degree specialism is History and I graduated from University of Liverpool 18 months ago aged 30. My dissertation was on Liverpool Volunteers for the International Brigades in the Spanish Civil War. I love local history, Spanish Civil War and The Peasants Revolt. I've loved History since I was 6 years old and I hope I can encourage other children to enjoy it too. My initial impressions of Hillside is that it's an excellent school with great staff and students and I'm delighted to be training here, especially as I am from the local area".

Thomas Butler



"Hi, my name is Miss Jones, I am current studying to become a Design and Technology teacher at LJMU, and on my placement here at Hillside. My main hobbies are baking cakes and photography which I have a strong passion for. Although my main dream is to become a successful high school teacher and see pupils reach their best potential for achieving their goals". **Nina Jones**



“Hi my name is Mr Ebanks, my degree was in Sports Science which is basically all of the disciplines applied to Sport or Health. My Masters degree was in Scientific Support for Athletes. I specialised in support for Elite (Professional) and sub Elite (Academy) footballer's (Male and Female). I provided support for long term strength and conditioning, nutrition, psychology, fitness testing and one to one support for certain players. first impressions of the school were that it was very calm in the corridors and the children seem quite resilient given the amount of time they have had to miss”. **Mr Ebanks**



“Hi my name is Mr Holding I’m an experienced teacher of mathematics, my passion is seeing confidence and ownership of skills develop in learners. My degree and first job was in Actuarial Science and Statistics, teaching developed naturally through coaching in school sport and I took the plunge to qualify fully as a teacher in 2014. It’s great to have the role of helping Hillside High’s fantastic maths department with specialist intervention, the staff and pupils are great to work with and a daily inspiration for me”. **Mr Holding**

‘Sing It Out!’

Some of you may have spotted a familiar face on the television this week. Miss Evans appeared on Granada Reports on Tuesday evening as part of a segment about the choir she has been a member of since 2016, PopVox Choir, and how they have carried on singing throughout lockdown and have even produced their first single.

The song ‘Sing It Out’ was written by PopVox’s Director, Emma Nowell, and its message is full of positivity, strength and hope; something that shines through in all they do.

During normal times, throughout the year PopVox Choirs would be involved in various live performances, one of those performances being Carols by Candlelight at Liverpool Cathedral which is an event organised by the NSPCC. Whilst it is not possible for this event to take place as normal this year, PopVox have been asked to support the NSPCC & Childline with their online Christmas event, Merry Little Christmas, which is being headed up by Leona Lewis and Ben Hanlin. PopVox Choir’s song ‘Sing It Out’ has been chosen to be released as a charity Christmas single specifically supporting Childline, with all profits from the single release going to the charity.

Miss Evans, whilst 38 weeks pregnant, was lucky enough to be able to go to a recording studio and record her vocals to be used on the single and then the week after Evan was born, she was able to go to a film studio and record her part for the music video. Miss Evans said, “I have loved learning this song and the message behind it and especially having the opportunity to go and record it. Carols by Candlelight is one of my favourite events that we perform at and whilst it is not possible this year I am grateful that we can still be part of their online event and especially proud that all money raised from the release of the single is going to the NSPCC & Childline. I would be so grateful if the Hillside Community could support the charity by downloading the song at www.iTunes.com/PopVoxChoir.” You can find more information about PopVox Choir on social media @popvoxchoir.





Kindness Calendar

2020 has certainly been a challenging and uncertain for us al. As we are now in the last calendar month of the year we have found Action for Happiness' calendar particularly useful once again to help us get through this month.

Mrs Cross



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KINDNESS CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2020



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 1 Share the Kindness Calendar with others and spread kindness	2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	4 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today	5 Make a gift for someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	6 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about	
7 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	11 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	12 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	13 See how many different people you can smile at today
14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one	15 Contact an elderly neighbour and brighten up their day	16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17 Practice gratitude. List the kind things others have done for you	18 Give away something that you have been holding on to	19 Buy locally and support independent shops near you	20 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated
21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you	22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!	26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat
28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy	29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2021			

Let's look beyond our differences and help each other. Every act of kindness matters



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