



# Hillside High School

*Excellence in the Heart of the Community*



Friday 6th September 2019

## Wade Deacon Trust

### Welcome from our new staff

*Hi, my name is Miss Oliver and I am very excited to be joining the performing arts department at Hillside High School. I look forward to working alongside the pupils, helping them to achieve their maximum potential.*

*Hello, my name is Mr Crane and I am thrilled to be joining Hillside High School as your geography teacher. I look forward to teaching you and not only seeing you achieve your very best, but also appreciate why geography is such an important subject.*

*My name is Mr Riddick and I am very excited to be joining Hillside High School this year. I hope to be a great help in delivering exciting, quality lessons so as our wonderful pupils can achieve their very best in English.*

*Hi, my name is Miss White and I am thrilled to be joining the art department at Hillside. I am very excited to start working alongside the pupils whilst they discover their creativity, appreciation and love of art and design. I will be committed to helping my pupils in reaching their full potential in every way I can.*

*Hi, I'm Miss Owen and I am excited to be joining Hillside High School as an English teacher. I look forward to getting to know all the staff and pupils, and taking part in all the fantastic opportunities Hillside offer to both pupils and staff.*



Miss Oliver, Mr Crane,  
Mr Riddick, Miss White  
and Miss Owen

### Homework and Pupil Planners

Based on feedback from staff, pupils and parents we will no longer be using Show My Homework to set homework and all homework will instead be explained in lessons by teachers and written into pupil planners. Although this was a very difficult decision to make as we appreciate that for a number of parents, Show My Homework was a great tool to be able to keep track of what homework your child had, it was becoming increasingly difficult for a number of our pupils to use the system to stay on top of their homework and be organised. All pupils have now been given a new, termly planner. Pupils will receive a new planner at the start of each term and will be expected to bring their planner to school each day and use it in every lesson. If pupils lose their planners they can purchase a new one from the finance office for £2.

Planners will also be used to log rewards that pupils receive from teachers for demonstrating aspects of the Hillside Way. Pupils will receive 5 points per reward which they can use to buy items from the school stationery shop or save up to take part in rewards events such as: trips out or pizza and movie afternoons. Pupils will also be rewarded for their attendance, punctuality and their effort in lessons.

### Years 7 and 8

We have a new and exciting homework programme for pupils in year 7 and 8. Pupils are now given weekly numeracy and literacy homework and subject projects. Approximately every 4 weeks, pupils will be given a project from a different subject area (e.g. history). The homework project will consist of a number of different tasks that pupils have to complete each week. Some of the exiting projects already planned are: the design a lab coat project for science and a castle building project in history. All homework for year 7 and 8 is detailed in the pupil planner and class teachers will give out more instructions in lessons for their specific subject project.

### Years 9, 10 and 11

Pupils in these year groups will be given homework according to the departmental timetable which, is generally once a week for core subjects and once every two weeks for option subjects. Teachers will explain homework in lessons and pupils will write this down in their pupil planners. Pupils should check their planners each evening to see what homework is due that week.



*'A Commitment to Excellence'*

Exceptional Values

Exceptional Learning & Teaching

Exceptional Achievement



## Hillside High School—GCSE Exams 2019

It has been year of excellent results at Hillside for our Class of 2019. The top ten performers achieved 62 top 9-7 grades in the 9-1 GCSE system.

There were outstanding individual performances, including Tommy Weng Mei, who achieved ten 9 – 8 grades, four of which were grade 9s! Abbie Maginness–Limb, John McGarvey and Carlie Milburn all achieved five 9-8 grades – a stunning academic achievement!

Over a third of Hillside pupils achieved at least one of the top grades across their subjects, with 128 top grades achieved overall.

Performance in English and Maths has improved again this year, with over 65% of pupils achieving grades 9 -4 English and 60% in Maths. Across the curriculum there have been some excellent results. In the separate sciences, over 95% of pupils achieved 9-4 grades, with 53% of pupils in Chemistry achieving the top grades. Results at 9-4 in Art, Business Studies, Design Technology, Retail Business, Sport Studies and 3D Sculpture all exceeded 80% - representing excellence across the curriculum.

21% of all Hillside pupils achieved the challenging English Baccalaureate qualification, which is a fantastic achievement.

This has been another excellent year for our pupils at Hillside. Their hard work and efforts coupled with the support of parents and teachers has allowed them to achieve results they should be proud of. It has been my absolute pleasure to have known and worked with these fantastic young people, the whole school community is proud of their successes and I wish them all of the best as they pursue new courses in the future.



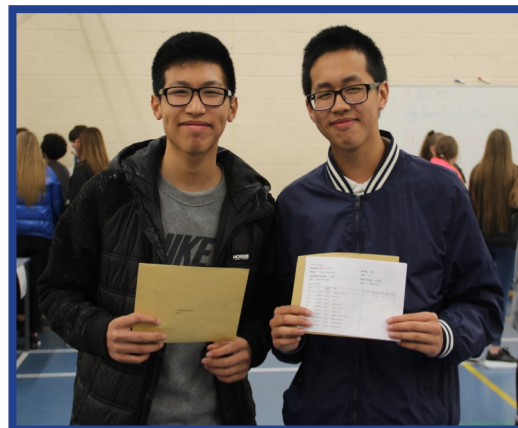
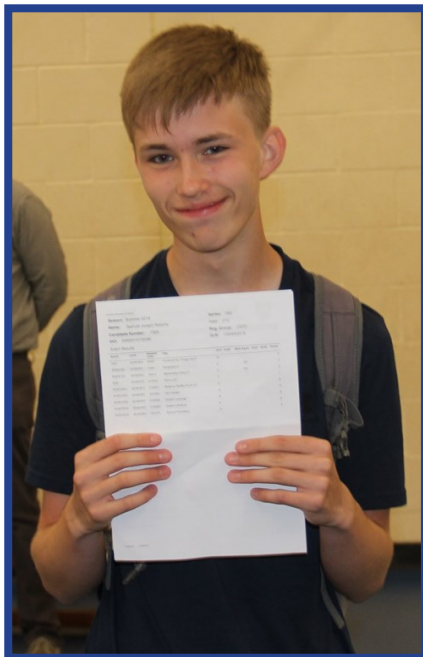
**Mrs Amanda Ryan**



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## Class of 2019





# School Calendar 2019—2020



## September 2019

10 <sup>th</sup> September	Whole School Photographs
19th September	Open Evening—5.45pm—7.45pm
26th September	Year 11 Success in English & Maths— 5.45pm
27th September	Year 9-11 College and University Fair

## October 2019

3rd October	Year 11 Success in Ebacc—5.45pm
10th October	WSW Community Event—6.00pm
	Year 7 Parent Event—10.30am & 5.00pm, followed by 'how to support your child with their Literacy & Numeracy at home'
11th October	Year 9 Jobs for Tomorrow Event
15th October	Curriculum Day 1
16th October	Year 9 Welcome to GCSE Evening—5.45pm
24th October	Presentation Evening—7.00pm
24th October	End of term

## November 2019

4th November	Start of term
7th November	Remembrance Evening 7.00pm
14th November	Parents' Evening
15th November	Year 9 –11 Apprenticeship Fair

## December 2019

18th December	Christmas Lunch Day & Christmas Performance 7.00pm
20th December	End of term

## January 2020

6th January	Start of term
16th January	Parents' Evening
21st January	Year 11 Predictor Results Day
22nd January	Year 9-11 Careers Fair
29th January	ARTS Showcase Evening

## February 2020

4th February	Year 7 & 8 Careers Fair
6th February	Year 11 English & Maths Progress Meetings
13th February	Parents' Evening
14th February	End of term
24th February	Inset Day
25th February	Start of term
26th February	Year 11 Form Group Photographs

## March 2020

5th March	World Book Day
12th March	BSW Community Event—6.00pm
13th March	Curriculum Day 2
19th March	Parents' Evening

## April 2020

3rd April	End of term
20th April	Start of term

## May 2020

8th May	Bank Holiday May Day/VE Day
22nd May	End of term

## June 2020

1st June	Start of term
15th June—25th June	Year 10 Work Experience
18th June	Parents' Evening
25th June	Prom—Isla Gladstone—7.00pm
26th June	Inset Day

## July 2020

1st July	Year 6 Induction Day
2nd July	Community Evening
3rd July	Festival of Sport & Fitness Day
7th & 8th July	Year 10 Mock Interviews
9th & 10th July	Curriculum Day 3 & 4
15th July	Summer Production - 7.00pm
17th July	End of term

## August 2020

20th July	GCSE Results Day
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