



# Hillside High School

## Excellence in the Heart of the Community



Friday 13th September 2019

### Wade Deacon Trust

Dear Parents/Guardians

I am delighted to start my message this week with a massive well done to all the pupils who have contributed to a fantastic week of attendance. We are unwavering in our drive on attendance and all know there is a clear link between a young persons' attendance and the progress they make in school. I am therefore delighted that so many of our pupils have attended every day since the start of term, a wonderful start to the academic year which I am sure they will maintain. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child 'arrives on time, all the time'.

Inside this week's newsletter you will find information about Hegarty maths, this is a wonderful resource which we expect all our pupils to engage with. Last year's Year 11s who achieved some of our highest results in maths used Hegarty extensively to support their progress in maths. They were keen to say they felt it contributed to their success in the final GCSE examinations and their final grades certainly prove this. If your child is experiencing any problems accessing Hegarty maths please do not hesitate to contact their maths teacher who will be able to sort this for you. I look forward to celebrating the pupils who engage most with Hegarty maths in future newsletters.

For pupils in Year 7 & 8 we also expect them to engage with TT Rockstars at least twice a week to practise their times tables, again I look forward to celebrating the successes of pupils in Year 7 & 8 in future newsletters. Please take the time to talk to your child about these things and sit down with them and look through their pupil planner. This planner contains crucial information about their homework, for KS4 pupils this will be weekly homework set by their class teachers and in KS3 the projects I mentioned in last week's newsletter. Have a wonderful weekend and let's keep up the fantastic attendance next week.

Mrs Amanda Ryan

**Year 7 & 8  
Homework  
History**



#### SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural) Corner

**This week's theme:** Teaching and Learning

**SMSC Focus: Social**

In this week's assembly we will discuss Hillside Core 5; these are the key ways in which teachers help pupils maximise their learning in all lessons. We will talk about each of the Core 5, why we chose them and how they can help you learn more effectively.

#### Career of the week

**Career:** Air Traffic Controller

**Skills:**

- Communicating with people
- Working as part of a team
- Accuracy
- Using computers
- Solving mathematical problems

**Average Salary:** £101,400

**Useful Subjects:**

English, Maths, Science, Technology

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Exceptional Values

Exceptional Learning & Teaching

Exceptional Achievement



# NEWS



## Hegarty Maths

Hegarty maths is a fabulous website which allows you to further develop your maths knowledge. For every maths topic, there are videos to help you and then questions for you to try. Year 7 and Year 8 pupils are expected to complete a minimum of 20 minutes of Hegarty maths work each week. Year 9, 10 and 11 pupils; your teachers will be setting weekly tasks for you to complete.

In all pupil planners there is a Hegarty maths reward page. For every 5 hours you complete, you will receive a stamp and for every stamp you have, you will be given a raffle ticket to go into our 'Big Hegarty Raffle Prize Draw' which will be drawn once a half term.

From next week, the pupils who have completed the most Hegarty maths in each year group will be displayed in the newsletter. The top pupils across the whole school will also gain a place on our 'Ultimate Hegarty maths team' and will be added to the football display on the maths corridor.

For those who are unsure of how to log in to the website: you need to click on student log in, type in our school name, fill in your name and date of birth and then your password. If you have forgotten your password, click the reset button and your teacher will reset this for you. Year 7 pupils, your teachers will be giving you a Hegarty maths lesson to go through this in more detail.

Last year we had many Year 11 pupils who were able to improve their GCSE grade by using Hegarty maths, some even improved by 3 GCSE grades.

### Miss Evans

hegartymaths Student log in Teacher log in

Find your school

School name

What's this for?

hegartymaths Student log in Teacher log in

Enter your details

Logging into Hillside High School. Not your school?

First name

Last name

What's this for?

1 January 2016

What's this for?

Next



## Punctuality

To maintain our standards and expectations and to improve whole school punctuality we will be challenging pupils who arrive late to school. Arriving late to school not only has a negative impact on the learning of the pupil who has arrived late to school but can also disrupt the teaching and learning of others.

We want all of our pupils to create good habits for life and maximise their opportunities for learning at all times and it is for these reasons that we will be tackling those pupils who arrive late to school. As you are aware, school starts at 8.45 a.m. and pupils should be in form, ready for the register to be taken at this point.

Any pupil who arrives after 8.45 a.m. will need to fill in a 'late slip' explaining the reason for the lateness. This slip will then be sent home in the post to inform parents/guardians of the reason for lateness and the time of arrival. There will be further consequences and conversations with home for those pupils who are frequently late to school.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the above please contact me or your child's Progress Leader.

**Mrs Cross**

## TT Rockstars

As part of our drive to improve whole school numeracy, Year 7 and 8 are expected to log on to TT Rockstars at least twice a week to practise their times tables.

You need to make sure that you get your login details from your maths teacher or form tutor so that you can start building those coins up – remember you can play against your classmates and friends.

Each week in the newsletter we will be publishing the top earners and we want to see as many different names in there as we can.

We also have a display on the maths corridor with lots of different categories on it which will be updated every half term.

Get playing everyone!

**Miss Christian**





## Safeguarding

Welcome back to our weekly Safeguarding Article. We trust that you have all had a fun, safe and happy summer and a good first week of term. This week we wanted to remind pupils and parents/guardians of the Safeguarding Team at Hillside (see poster opposite).

If one of our Safeguarding Team is informed about a pupil being at risk of harm, or there are concerns over a child's welfare or emotional wellbeing, we will always endeavour to discuss these concerns with parents/guardians first and try to offer support and advice when appropriate. Occasionally, school will need to refer to outside agencies for additional advice or support and we would discuss this with families first, with the rare exception where this may cause further harm to a pupil.

We have started the year reminding all pupils about the need to stay safe online and on the first day pupils had a session from their Form Tutors reminding them of the basics of e-safety and what they should do in the event of a concern. If any pupils or parents/guardians think that school needs to be aware of any issues that occurred over the summer holidays that may have an impact in school then I would urge parents to contact one of our Safeguarding Team, even if just for information sharing purposes.

The new term can be an exciting time of year for pupils but can also be stressful for a variety of reasons. May we take this opportunity to remind pupils and parents/guardians that if there are any concerns regarding a pupils' emotional wellbeing or mental health then please contact your child's Progress Leader or one of our Safeguarding Team. We can offer advice, or signpost to relevant support if more appropriate. This is obviously the case throughout the year as well.

Each week the safeguarding article will share up to date information with parents/guardians and all members of the school community in relation to supporting young people to keep themselves safe, both in the real and virtual world (e.g. online safety). If there are ever any topics that parents/guardians feel they would like us to cover, or they feel they would benefit from further advice and guidance, please don't hesitate to contact me or one of the safeguarding team.

Finally on a practical note, can we please ask that all parents/guardians have informed school of any changes of circumstances e.g. change of address/phone number. It is vital that school have at least two working contact numbers for all pupils and clear instructions on who to contact in the case of illness or an emergency.

**Mrs Cross**

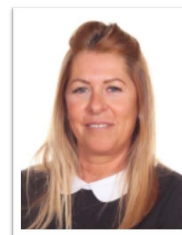
## Designated Persons for Safeguarding



**Mrs Cross**  
Designated Lead for Safeguarding



**Miss Sheils**  
Deputy Designated Person



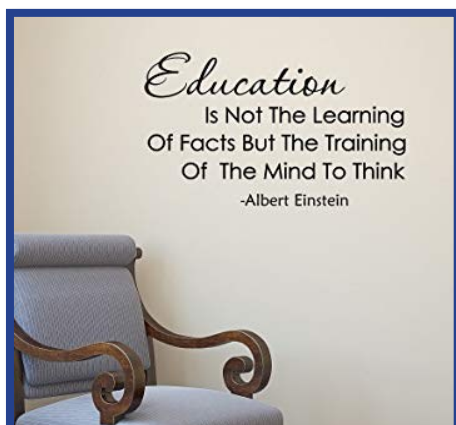
**Mrs Mcging**  
Deputy Designated Person



**Mr Smedley**  
Deputy Designated Person

If you are concerned about your own safety or well being, or the safety and well being of somebody else in school it is really important that you talk to one of these members of staff.

## Thought for the week



## Key Dates 2019

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| <b>Open Evening:</b>                           | Thursday 19th September           |
| <b>Year 11 Success in English &amp; Maths:</b> | Thursday 26th September at 5.45pm |
| <b>Year 9—11 College and University Fair:</b>  | Friday 27th September             |
| <b>Year 11 Success in Ebaac:</b>               | Thursday 3rd October at 5.45pm    |
| <b>WSW Community Event:</b>                    | Thursday 10th October 6.00pm      |

