



## HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL WADE DEACON TRUST



Friday 8th July 2022

### Dear Parents/Guardians,

What an amazing evening we had last Thursday saying goodbye to our Year 11 pupils at their Prom at the Isle Gladstone. The Year 11s all looked amazing and it spoke volumes about the year group that so many staff wanted to be part of this special evening. The photos of the evening are available for our pupils to download and print from a link on our website.

I always think this time of year is so special, you have all the emotion of saying goodbye to one year group to then meet the next year group coming through. Last week was our Year 6 Induction Day and last night our Year 6 Welcome Evening. It has been a pleasure to meet the Year 6s and their families, many of whom we already know, but equally lots of new families who I know are going to love joining 'Team Hillside'.

Last week I also had the pleasure of watching our dancers perform in the Wally Cain Dance Festival. The performance was spectacular and I don't mind admitting actually brought a tear to my eye. It was lovely to see so much support for these girls with lots of families travelling to Southport to watch. You are all amazing.

**Amanda Ryan, Principal**

## Year 11 Prom

What an amazing turnout for Year 11 Prom; a truly incredible evening was had, celebrating the end of an era for our Year 11 pupils, after not being able to hold such an event for the past three years. The venue at Isla Gladstone was decorated in Hillside colours of blue and white, including a balloon arch where many pupils took their own photographs and selfies as a backdrop. All pupils looked absolutely beautiful, with their fabulous dresses, suits, hairstyles and shoes. It was sometimes hard to recognise some pupils as they looked very different to when they attended school!

The picturesque gardens, bandstand and glorious sunshine provided the flawless backdrop for the year group picture, including both staff and Year 11 pupils. It was lovely to see everyone together, smiling and having a wonderful time. I made a speech and gave out awards, such as class clown, best bromance, the one who knows it all, and the award everyone was waiting for, Prom King and Queen, which was crowned by John Dunlop and Amy Langton. It was a tough competition!

It was a night filled with smiles, laughter and dancing; Year 11 certainly can move! Staff and pupils came together to dance the night away, it was a fantastic sight to see. As the clock was nearing 11pm, pupils and staff were wishing the night could go on forever, but it was soon time to leave. Many hugs were shared and some tears shed as Year 11 left the Isla Gladstone, but it was a remarkable evening for a remarkable year group. All staff at Hillside wish Year 11 the very best of luck; we will miss them dearly, but they know that they will always be a part of the Hillside family.



*Miss Banks*



# An afternoon with Frank Cottrell Boyce and Carl Hunter

On the afternoon of Monday 27th July we welcomed Frank Cottrell-Boyce author of our current KS3 form novel The Unforgotten Coat and he brought along Carl Hunter with him who is the illustrator of the novel and one of our ex pupils!

Several of our pupils came to join us for lunch in our LRC to talk to our visitors and discuss the novel, many pupils starting to make predictions about what might happen next! Our pupils bombarded both Frank and Carl with many questions about both the novel and their experiences in Bootle. We even had some of our Year 9 pupils bring along their English exercise books to show Frank and Carl some of their current English work!

After lunch Frank and Carl led a special workshop on creative writing with our Reading Reps. Carl provided images for inspiration and pupils began to write their own short stories. After half an hour of creativity, pupils then read their stories out loud to the group.

Frank told us that he has travelled from London to make it to Hillside, only arriving back in Liverpool at 1am but he was very glad he did, as he enjoyed every minute of his visit. He was particularly impressed with the inclusivity shown by all pupils. Carl took time out to read our Year 9 English books and said that some of the creative writing rivalled that of his Masters students!

We have thoroughly enjoyed The Unforgotten Coat this term and we are excited to launch our new form novels in September. Well done to all pupils who are along for this special Reading is Power afternoon.

## Reading is Power - Record breaking number of books loaned in one week!

Last week we broke a record for the number of books loaned within a week with our new Heartstopper novels. We have Volume 1 and 2 and all 20 flew out of the LRC in two days! Mrs Wardale missed out on Volume 2!

This week we ordered a further 20 novels and we again have a waiting list! It has been lovely to walk around school and see so many of our pupils walking around with their novels and several of our pupils reading Volume 3 which they have purchased themselves. Please remember if you have loaned Heartstopper and you have finished the novel to please return it to the LRC as we do have a waiting list!

*Mrs Wardale*



## Hegarty Maths



### Top pupils for this week

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Jessica Harrington  | Robert Morogan          |
| Emanuel Raimi Raimi | Lexi Soong              |
| Alex Duff           | Brian Leung             |
| Kira Dodd           | Louisa Fearon           |
| Chloe-Jane Moors    | Halle McCluskie         |
| Rylee Crotty        | Jason Huang             |
| Jake Binns          | Saffron Morris          |
| Dillon Stannage     | Heidi Newall            |
| Alfie Macklin       | William Okoro Iwuchukwu |
| Lucie White         |                         |

## TT Rockstars

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

- Jacob Williams 7SW
- Hai Ying Xue—7SW
- Tia Leicester—7LJ
- Joshua Williams -8The
- Kimberley Hughes—8CSY
- Tilly Wallace—8TH

Mr Pattison

## GCSE Pods

**Top Podders** are the pupils who have streamed the most pods.

**Questions Answered** are the pupils who attempted the most questions.

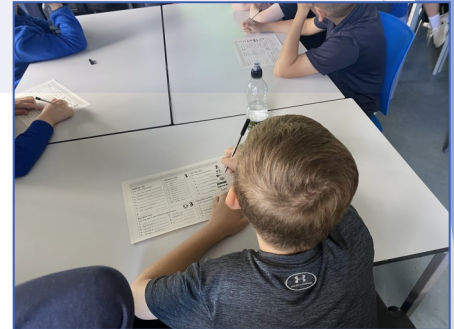
**Diamond League** - are the pupils who have answered with the most accurate knowledge, the more correct responses, the more diamonds.

GCSE Pod For KS4	GCSE Pod For KS4	GCSE Pod For KS4
TOP PODDERS	QUESTIONS ANSWERED ?	DIAMOND LEAGUE
Yexian H, Year 7 - 54	Kathryn S, Year 10 - 37	Kathryn S, Year 10 - 25
HaiYing X, Year 7 - 39	Anita L, Year 7 - 10	Anita L, Year 7 - 17
Anita L, Year 7 - 24	Liam B, Year 10 - 8	Liam B, Year 10 - 15
'Excellence in the Heart of the C P I C O L L A G E'		

# Year 6 Induction day

On Thursday, we welcomed Year 6 pupils across Sefton and Liverpool to participate in our Transition Day; these pupils will be joining us this September in Year 7, so they were very excited to see what life at Hillside would be like for them. The day was filled with a variety of exciting and fun activities, involving workshops in Art, Spanish, Science and ICT. Year 6 pupils were also given the opportunity to taste our school dinners, made by our wonderful catering team, and were able to mingle with other peers from different primary schools on the yard and in our canteen. It was lovely to see so many young people getting along, despite not knowing one another. As well as this, Year 6 were able to meet staff at Hillside who will play a very important part in their lives over the next five years. We are very excited for Year 6 pupils to join us in September and we very much look forward to seeing them all on the first day in the smart Hillside uniform.

Miss Banks



# Wally Cain Dance Festival 2022

After a two year break due to the pandemic, Hillside have been so excited about performing in this year's festival. The theme this year is inspired by poetry and the poem used by Hillside was called "For Love in a Time of Conflict" portraying the power of love. Pupils from Year 7,9 and 10 worked incredibly hard learning the dance and developing creative ideas for choreography. The performance was stunning, I am so proud of each and everyone of them and so impressed with their commitment, dedication and resilience in preparation for the show. Well done to you all!!

**Dance Performers:**

Kaitlin Hoban, Sophie Lamb, Tayla Edwards, Lillie May Carroll, Mia Lunt, Madeline Stewart, Abigail Tinsley, Maisie Wheatley, Alisha Amin, Lana Robinson, Madison Willis, Ester Fani, Maria Peres, Emily Morgan, Isobel Rogers, Jessica McDonald, Matilda Ogeboven, Jessica Rudd, Rhianna Sloan.

*Mrs Austin*



**Weekly praise for our top Bedrockers!**

**Top for weekly points earned**

Rhys Deaves	9NW 188 points
Louisa Fearon	9NW 166 points
Mohamad Kentar	8GW 138 points

**Mr Gibaud**

**Top for weekly time spent on Bedrock**

Tia Leicester	7LJ 2.7 hours
Brian Leung	9NW 2.3 hours
Harry O'Leary	8RS 2.3 hours

## The Mental Health Benefits Of Sport

The infographic features a central illustration of a brain with a maze pattern inside. Surrounding this central brain are 15 circular icons, each representing a different mental health benefit of sport. The benefits are: Stress Management (person meditating), Focus (target icon), Achievement (trophy), Skills (person in martial arts), Conditioning (person lifting weights), Courage (head with lightning bolt), Fair Play (person blowing a whistle), Patience (smiling sun with yin-yang), Endurance (medal), Cooperation (hands holding a globe), Mental Uplift (smiling star), Discipline (stopwatch), Self-Awareness (head with question mark), Coordination (hands shaking), Connection (two people), and Environment (soccer field).

**STRESS MANAGEMENT**

**FOCUS**

**ACHIEVEMENT**

**CONDITIONING**

**COURAGE**

**FAIR PLAY**

**SKILLS**

**PATIENCE**

**ENDURANCE**

**COOPERATION**

**MENTAL UPLIFT**

**DISCIPLINE**

**SELF-AWARENESS**

**COORDINATION**

**CONNECTION**

**ENVIRONMENT**

**TRAIN YOUR MIND AND BODY**

## Ladies of Bootle Grammar

On Tuesday we were delighted to welcome Viv Nelson, Dot Hawkins and Irene Woodruff to Hillside. All three attended Hillside when it was Bootle Girls Grammar starting their education here in 1965. It was a pleasure to show them around our fantastic school and hear many stories about their time here. Its fair to say we all recognised the considerable changes which have taken place not just at Hillside but in education since the ladies were at school. They were incredibly complimentary about our amazing school and as always our pupils did us proud.



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