



HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I can't believe I am writing the last newsletter message of this half term. We have had a very productive start to the school year, with Year 7 making a great start and all our new colleagues settling into 'Team Hillside' really well.

If you have a child in Year 6 or know anyone who has, can I take this opportunity to remind you that the deadline to apply for Year 6 to apply for their secondary school place is 31st October. After welcoming a record breaking number of children into Year 7 in September, I know applications are going to be high, so please don't miss this deadline.

Can I remind all families that we finish for half term today. We return to school at the usual time on Monday 31st October.

Amanda Ryan, Principal

Hillside High School is pleased to invite you to our:

ONLINE OPEN EVENING

Experience Hillside High School from the comfort of your own home:

www.onlineopenevening.co.uk/hillsidehigh

#PrideInHillside

PIC-COLLAGE

Thursday 20th October 2022

Key Dates 2022

- 10th November— Remembrance Evening
- 16th November—Year 9, 10 and 11 Careers Fair
- 17th November—Year 10 Progress Evening
- 28th November—21st December—Year 11 Predictor Exams

ARTS Evening

This week saw the return of our annual art showcase. We had artwork displayed, singers, dancers, performers from our recent production of Hairspray and delicious food cooked by our pupils all in a gallery like setting.

The night was a success, showing collaboratively just how talented and creative our pupils are at Hillside.

The main theme of the evening was to show just how diverse we are as a school, and how we promote diversity. Miss White pieced together all of the artwork produced by Year 6 pupils on Open Evening into a large, coloured crest of our school displaying the LGBTQ colours to emphasise this message.

A massive well done to all pupils and staff who took part. Thank you.

Miss Murphy



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Year 8—Thriller



The Drama Department has been full of zombies and spooks this week as Year 8 rounded off their Thriller unit of work. Throughout the term pupils have been exploring the origins of Halloween and considering how other countries around the world celebrate it. In our lessons we have shared the day of the dead as we discovered the traditions held for "Dia de las Muertos" in Mexico. We learned about the "Bal Wszystkich Świętych" in Poland which translates to the 'All Saints Ball' and discovered how many Polish communities now choose to celebrate the saints on Halloween rather than fearful creatures. Pupils read extracts from the play "Johnny and the Dead" by Terry Pratchett and loved his lead character, Johnny, who can see dead people. Our explorations have led to fantastic discussion and debate and pupils have learned to appreciate different cultures and their traditions. We rounded the term off with pupils creating their own costumes to share a group performance of Thriller. The Drama room has been brimming with excitement all week as pupils donned their spooky get ups and performed for their final assessment. A special shout out for Luis Rimmer 8MH who's Michael Jackson outfit made Miss Brown grin from ear to ear. A big thank you to Sophia in 8SW for remembering the moves when Miss Brown forgot and a special mention the whole of 8NK for being simply spooktastic! 8LW your performance will take place the first week back after half term, don't forget your costumes! A huge well done to the whole of Year 8 for their effort and enthusiasm this term, it's been frightfully fun!

Miss Brown

Hillside High School Extra-Curricular Activities

For all year groups unless specified

Monday	
Netball Training	Football Training (Years 7, 10 & 11)
Girls Football	Music - Strings
English Club (Years 7 & 8)	
Tuesday	
Enterprise Club (Years 7, 8 & 9)	Gaming Club
Football Training (Years 8 & 9)	Netball Fixtures
Design Technology (Years 7, 8 & 9)	Music - Guitar
French Conversation (Week 2 only)	Science Club (Years 7 & 8)
Maths (Chess & Darts—Years 7, 8, 9 & 10)	
Wednesday	
Basketball (Years 7, 8 & 9)	Art (Years 7, 8 & 9)
Music - Choir	Drama Club
Hillside Games (every 2/3 weeks dates TBC)	
Thursday	
Music - Instrumentalists	
Friday	
Badminton	

'Excellence in the Heart of the Community'

HILLSIDE'S HALF TERM READS!

OUR TOP 5 RECOMMENDED BOOKS TO READ OVER THE HALF TERM BREAK

- 1. 'The Haunting of Aveline Jones' - Phil Hickey**
A perfect read for the run-up to Halloween! The first installment of the Aveline Jones Series follows spooky goings on in Aveline's half term break when she discovers a mysterious old book.
- 2. The 'Heartstopper' Series - Alice Oseman**
The charming graphic novel which inspired the hit Netflix show, Heartstopper will make you both laugh and cry. And with volumes 3 and 4 having recently arrived in our LRC, now is a good time to check out what all the hype is about!
- 3. 'A Good Girl's Guide to Murder' - Holly Jackson**
An addictive, twisty crime thriller about a closed local murder case that doesn't add up, and a girl who's determined to find the real killer—but not everyone wants her meddling in the past.
- 4. 'A Pocketful of Stars' - Alisha Bushby**
A page-turning read, set in London and Kuwait, that deals with changing friendships, family dynamics and learning how to say goodbye. A good read for those interested in stories around world-building, magic and dealing with bereavement.
- 5. 'The Graveyard Book' - Neil Gaiman**
Another perfect read for Halloween! Brought up by the resident ghosts, Bod has an eccentric childhood learning about life from the dead.

Frightful Fun with KS4 Drama!

This week our pupils in Key Stage 4 Drama took a spook-tastic trip around Liverpool City Centre with local theatre company 'Shiverpool'. Our terrifying tour guide, Chiller Black, took us on a walk round some of our city's most haunted locations along Hope Street, Rodney Street and in the grounds both cathedrals. We had lots of ghoulish fun as our guides shared with us the tales of Bernard Brown, the Ghost's of St. James Cemetery and William McKenzie, the famous resident of blackened pyramid on Rodney Street. Our own Peter Cass was tasked with carrying around the head of a victim in a bucket for the night, a task he really revelled in. Our poor Cerys Parry had to dip her hand in a bucket of guts to experience the thrills of the Hope Street Body Snatchers. We all had to endure a trip into St. James cemetery and listen to the tales of the deceased who lie there. Our evening ended huddled together in a pitch-black tunnel hearing about the spirit who haunts the pathway where we were stood. As the story built to a crescendo our final fright of the night lead to a scream so loud it could probably be heard back on Breeze Hill! It was a great night had by all and underpinned the learning that has taken place in lessons on ghost stories and promenade theatre.

Miss Brown



'The Hillside Way'

This week we are reminding pupils about 'Standards and Expectations'. We remind pupils that every teacher has the right to teach, and every pupil has the right to learn. Pupils are also reminded of the need to arrive to all lessons on time and to ensure that they go to the toilet at break and lunch and not during lessons unless in a real emergency. Pupils are also reminded that they need a school bag big enough for an A4 folder every day along with their Essential 8. Finally, reminders are given about uniform and our expectations in terms of wearing full school uniform and not wearing outdoor coats indoors and no jewellery including stud earrings. Most of our pupils work tirelessly to meet our high expectations to ensure that they follow 'The Hillside Way' everyday.

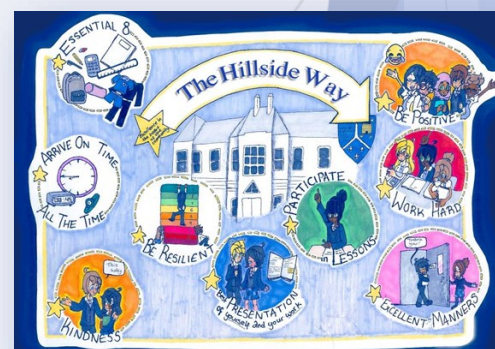
What can pupils expect from each lesson?

- Your teacher will greet you at the door of every lesson and monitor the behaviour on the corridor outside their classroom.
- You will stand behind your chair and wait to be seated, when you sit down get your pencil case out and be ready for learning.
- You will sit in the seating plan that the teacher has created.
- At the end of the lesson you will be asked to stand behind your chair before being dismissed orderly.

These are non-negotiables

What do we want from our school?

- A school where there is mutual respect between pupils/pupils and pupils/staff.
- A school where every pupil has the right to learn and every teacher has the right to teach.



Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health



We are writing to all parents and guardians to ask for your help over Halloween, Bonfire Night and the days around it. We want everyone to have fun and we'll be working hard to keep you safe.

BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP

Know where your children are

- Encourage kids to go to local events that are being organised, or try a spooky film together
- If your children are going out (particularly on the 30th and 31st of October), make sure you know where they're going. If possible, drop them off and pick them up
- Don't let your children hang around the street
- If they're going somewhere local – walk there with them
- Have an agreed time when they need to be home
- Don't buy fireworks or eggs and flour for them, and don't let them take it out of the house

Know the risks

- Throwing things at cars, buses, shops and houses can hurt people – drivers might swerve if they get distracted and cause a crash, or someone might get hurt by broken glass (and scratched paintwork can be very expensive to fix)
- Getting into trouble with the police can lead to a criminal record, which means not being able to go on holiday to countries like the USA, and not being able to do certain jobs
- Messing around with fireworks is dangerous – some burn as hot as 1,200 degrees - hot enough to melt glass and cause serious or fatal injuries

Know the law

If a young person under the age of 16 commits any of the offences below, the parent/guardian will have to pay the fine.

- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined if found with an unlit firework
- A person under the age of 16 can also be arrested and fined if they throw or light a firework or make a bonfire
- A person under the age of 16 can be arrested and fined for throwing things like eggs, flour, paint or other objects at people, vehicles or property

Thank you for your help and support. By working together, we can keep your children safe this Halloween and Bonfire Night.

Merseyside Police



Photographs : If your child has misplaced their slip for you to view their photograph, please ask them to go to the main office and Miss Mason will print them off a new slip.

Thank you