



HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Can I start by wishing all our members of our school community a very Happy New Year. It's been great to be back in school this week and welcome our pupils back to what I know is going to be a very busy and exciting term. Please make a note of any key dates for your child, I am particularly looking forward to seeing parents at the Progress Evenings for children in Year 7 and 11 which are coming up this half term.

This week's newsletter is full of informative information, including feedback from our Challenge Partners visit in the Autumn Term. We were delighted with how the review went and agreed with the areas we need to develop further.

What an end to term we had with Hillside's first ever pantomime. The evening which was a sell out, was fantastic. The quality of performance was exceptional and our pupils once again did us proud. It was lovely to end the term in such a festive and entertaining way with our pupils and their families.

There is so much going on in the coming weeks it is important that all our pupils are in every day so they don't miss out. Attendance has been good this week and this is a great start to the Spring Term, so let's keep it up.

Amanda Ryan, Principal

Thought for the Week

NEW YEAR WISHES

Happy New Year!

May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door!

A Warm Welcome to Our New Staff



"I would like to introduce myself to the school community! My name is Mr Sim, I will be a cover supervisor at Hillside for the remainder of the school year. I have recently passed my PGCE in Geography at Edge Hill and I am looking forward to working with our pupils. Having previously worked with the pupils at Hillside during my teacher training, I am looking forward to continuing to develop my professional relationship with Hillside High School, its staff and pupils." - **Mr Sim**



"Hi everyone! I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new addition to the excellent science department at Hillside High. I'm looking forward to becoming a part of this community, getting to know all of my pupils and supporting your child to achieve their best." - **Miss Gallagher**

Key Dates 2023

19th January—Year 11 Predictor Exam Results

20th January—Flu Vaccine for Year 7, 8 & 9

26th January—Year 11 Progress Evening

9th February—Year 7 Progress Evening



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Baa Humbug it was not!

On Thursday 15th December our fantastic performing arts crew put on Hillside's first ever pantomime and what a fantastic show it was! The tale of Scrooge was told with a few twists, many jokes and some fabulous dancing along the way. Liam Cunningham managed to turn Scrooge into a grumpy, yet very likeable man with his humour and natural comedy timing. Hannah Weedall actually flew Scrooge around the stage as the ghost of Christmas past whilst Rhianna Sloan entertained us all with her jingle bells as the ghost of Christmas present. Jack Vaughan made the audience jump out of their seats as the ghost of Christmas yet to come and who could forget Tiny Tim? Beautifully and somewhat cheekily portrayed by Bella Gallagher who is only in Year 7! There was so much talent on the stage between the actors, dancers and choir but a special shout out has to go to Scrooge's ugly sisters Darren Herlihy and Frankie Lane who had the audience up on their feet dancing their way into Christmas 2022. I think Mr Edwards will live in fear of them for the rest of his Hillside days! It was a special evening full of laughter, festive fun and a little bit of Christmas magic! A huge well done to all our wonderful performing arts pupils, as always you did us proud and made sure we ended 2022 on a high!

Miss Brown



Sefton Council

Autism and Complex Needs Team Parent Workshops

All parents are welcome to attend. Parents can pick and choose which sessions they feel will be most useful to them. Alongside the workshop being offered it is our hope that by attending these workshops we can support parents to develop a support network of parents in similar situations to themselves.

Dates	Times	Topic
12 th January 2023	10 – 12:30	What is Autism?
17 th January 2023	10 – 12:30	Sensory Processing Differences
24 th January 2023	10 – 12:30	Supporting Distressed Behaviours
7 th February 2023	10 – 12:30	Puberty/Adolescence
23 rd February 2023	10 – 12:30	Autism and Anxiety
28 th February 2023	10 – 12:30	Home to School/School to Home (Going out) Transitions
9 th March 2023	10 – 12:30	Sleep
16 th March 2023	10 – 12:30	Parental Stress, Coping Strategies and available support.

All Workshops will take place at PDC Formby, 225, Park Rd Formby L37 6EW.
To book a place free of charge please email ASD.ParentTraining@sefton.gov.uk and specify which workshops you would like to attend.

A borough for everyone



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Bag

Pen & Pencil

Pencil case

Ruler

Timetable

Calculator

Drama / PE Kit

Water bottle (clearly labelled)



Excellent Work!

This week we are showcasing some excellent writing in Science. 7RA faced the '100 word challenge'. This involved writing a minimum of 100 words about what they have learnt about energy stores. The pupils pictured all succeeded with a wonderful piece of scientific writing which named at least three energy stores, defined them and talked about examples of what could increase or decrease the store. An excellent piece of independent writing!



Challenge Partners

We are thrilled to share with you some exciting news about our school. Recently, we underwent an external review through Challenge Partners, during which we were evaluated by a team of leading education professionals from outside of our school. We are pleased to announce that the feedback we received was overwhelmingly positive, and we are proud to share the following quotes from the report:

"Pupils demonstrate keen attitudes to learning"

"Leaders have high aspirations for all their pupils"

"Pupils are ready to learn within a supportive and positive environment"

As a school, we take great pride in our commitment to providing our students with the best possible education. We believe that the key to achieving this goal is to constantly strive for improvement, and one of the ways we do this is by being part of Challenge Partners and welcoming external visitors into our school. As part of Challenge Partners, some of our leaders here at Hillside have the opportunity to review other schools and share best practice.

These visitors bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience, and they are able to provide us with valuable feedback and suggestions for how we can further improve. By listening to and acting on this feedback, we are able to stay up-to-date with the latest educational trends and practices, and we can ensure that our students are receiving a top-quality education. This was recognised in the review as reviewers judged the school to be 'effective' in all areas.

As a school, we understand that it is important to remain open and transparent in order to maintain the trust and confidence of our parents and community members. By welcoming external visitors and acting on the feedback they provide, we are able to demonstrate our commitment to continuous improvement and our dedication to providing our pupils with the best possible education. This feedback identified that there is still opportunity to further improve time allocated in the curriculum for oracy activities, improve attendance and punctuality and more challenge for more pupils achieve the highest GCSE grades.

Overall, this feedback from external review is a testimony of our hardworking pupils, dedicated teachers and staff and supportive parents. As we continue our journey as a school, we will continue to strive for excellence and welcome external visitors as a valuable tool to help us achieve our goals. Thank you for your continued support of our school. Together, we can ensure that our students receive the best possible education and are well-prepared for their future

Mrs Wardale

You can find the full report from Challenge Partners on our school website.

<https://www.hillsidehigh.co.uk/downloads/school-information/reports/>



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BACK TO SCHOOL



EXCELLENCE IN THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY