



HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

WADE DEACON TRUST

Friday 20th January 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

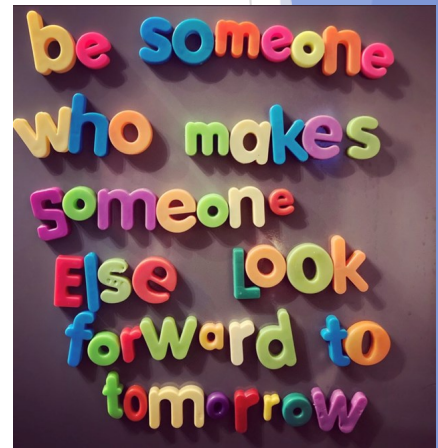
This week's newsletter is full of information and opportunities for parents. We have 3 job vacancies which may be of interest to some parents and it would be really helpful to us if you could spread the word if you know anyone who may be interested in applying. We are a school that serves this community and we always keen to appoint members of our community to roles in school.

As we look to further strengthen our work with parents I am delighted to share information about English and Maths sessions for parents, which Hugh Baird are going to deliver to families at Hillside. This is a fantastic opportunity to further the support you can offer your child and I hope lots of parents will be interested in joining these sessions. The information about applying is included, but if you have any questions or need any support with this don't hesitate to contact the team here at Hillside.

As we enter what can be the tough month of January with all the loveliness of Christmas now a distant memory I thought this week's 'Thought for the Week' was lovely. "Be someone who makes someone else look forward to tomorrow", I have to say lots of our pupils do this for me for every day!

Amanda Ryan, Principal

Thought for the Week



Happier January 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Find three things to look forward to this year	2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself	3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day	4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why	5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths	6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe	7 Learn something new and share it with others
8 Say positive things to the people you meet today	9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)	10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why	11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime	12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat	13 Take a different route today and see what you notice	14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today
15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful	16 Contribute positively to your local community	17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes	18 Get back in contact with an old friend	19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough	20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge	21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone
22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you	23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment	24 Take a small step towards an important goal	25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down	26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today	27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside	28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently
29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better	30 See how many people you can smile at today	31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future				



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



admin@hillsidehigh.co.uk



0151 525 2630

We are Hiring!

Caretaker

Salary: NJC Grade 2, SCP 3-4 (£20,812 - £21,189)

To start: **As soon as possible**

Permanent

Full Time

We seek to appoint a Caretaker to work as part of our Site Maintenance Team. To provide support across all aspects of school maintenance and to be responsible for the building maintenance, cleanliness, security and maintenance of furnishings, fixtures, plant and heavy equipment within the designated school site.

We can offer the successful candidate an opportunity to work with highly trained, supportive and experienced staff, as well as a whole school commitment to professional development as we believe that development of staff is a key aspect in raising standards for our pupils. As a member of the Wade Deacon Trust, we can offer the successful candidate numerous exciting opportunities to further develop their career.

The Wade Deacon Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post is subject to an enhanced DBS check and satisfactory medical clearance

Deadline for applications: 9am, Friday 27th January 2023

Catering Manager

Salary: NJC Grade 4, SCP7-11, £22,369 - £24,054 FTE. Actual salary: £20,849 - £22,419

To start: **1st March 2023**

Permanent

Full Time

We seek to appoint a highly motivated Catering Manager to organise the catering establishment in accordance with the required standards and statutory regulations and ensure the efficient and economic use of all allocated resources. To provide a meals service that meets the catering service standards and service user needs. To maintain high standards of cleanliness and hygiene and the day-to-day supervision of kitchen staff.

We can offer the successful candidate an opportunity to work with highly trained, supportive and experienced staff, as well as a whole school commitment to professional development as we believe that development of staff is a key aspect in raising standards for our pupils. As a member of the Wade Deacon Trust, we can offer the successful candidate numerous exciting opportunities to further develop their career.

The Wade Deacon Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post is subject to an enhanced DBS check and satisfactory medical clearance.

Deadline for applications: 9am, Friday 27th January 2023

Catering Assistant

Salary: NJC Grade 1, SCP1-2, £20,258 - £20,441 FTE. Actual salary: £10,206 - £10,298

To start: **13th March 2023**

Permanent

Full Time

We seek to appoint a highly motivated Catering Assistant to provide support in the preparation, cooking and serving of food and beverages. Preparation of service areas and equipment in the service area for the efficient and effective delivery of meals and catering services. Cleaning of catering areas and kitchen equipment to the required standards.

We can offer the successful candidate an opportunity to work with highly trained, supportive and experienced staff, as well as a whole school commitment to professional development as we believe that development of staff is a key aspect in raising standards for our pupils. As a member of the Wade Deacon Trust, we can offer the successful candidate numerous exciting opportunities to further develop their career.

The Wade Deacon Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post is subject to an enhanced DBS check and satisfactory medical clearance.

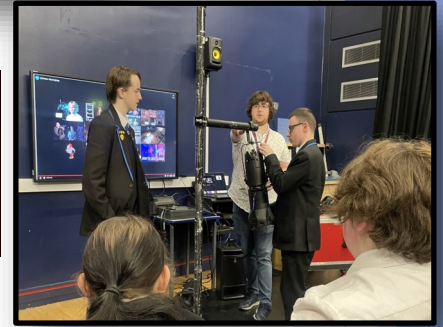
The application form, supplementary form and further information can be downloaded from the Recruitment page on the school website; <https://www.wadedeacontrust.com/work-with-us/how-to-apply/>



LIPA's Lightening Expertise

Last week our Year 11 Performing Arts pupils attended LIPA along with members of our newly appointed technical team. We got to take part in a workshop during which one of their technicians shared his expertise in lighting in the theatre. It was a fascinating insight into the planning and design that goes into productions and a great opportunity for us to experiment with different lights and lighting techniques. This will prove very helpful for the design element in the Year 11's upcoming exams. We also had a tour of the fantastic facilities the campus has to offer, which was great for some of our pupils who have auditions coming up there soon. Another informative and fun afternoon out for the Drama Department, thanks LIPA!

Miss Brown



MAKE PERFORMANCE POSSIBLE

Excellent Learning

At our school, we understand that a strong education is built on a foundation of learning. That's why we make it a priority to foster an environment where pupils can learn and grow in a safe and nurturing environment. We are proud to be able to showcase examples of excellent learning each week, as it's a way for us to celebrate the hard work and dedication of our pupils and teachers.

We invest in our teachers to ensure that they have the tools and resources they need to provide our pupils with a quality education. Our teachers receive ongoing professional development to stay up-to-date with the latest teaching methods, technologies and subject matter. This allows them to bring new and innovative ways to engage pupils and make learning more effective.

In addition, we provide students with a wide range of extracurricular activities and enrichment programs. These programs give students the opportunity to explore their interests and passions, and to develop their skills and abilities in a fun and engaging way. We believe that these experiences will give pupils lifelong memories and can foster a deeper love of learning.

Every week, we showcase examples of excellent learning on our school's social media and in our newsletter. This allows us to highlight the great work that our pupils and teachers are doing in the classroom and to share this with our community. From Science experiments, to art projects, to literary analysis, our pupils are constantly growing, exploring, and discovering new things. We are proud to be able to share their achievements and progress with our community.



Mrs Wardale

GCSE English and Maths

Hugh Baird are offering an exciting opportunity for parents to learn English and Maths content for themselves and their children to support with their GCSE Summer exams. Please register your interest and Hillside will collaborate with Hugh Baird to host the sessions at school.



Supporting your child with their SATs and GCSE English and Maths

This free*, part-time course has been designed to give you the skills and knowledge needed to support your child/dependent with their SATs and GCSE English and/or Maths homework.

You will gain an overview of the SATs structure, or of the GCSE courses and their key terminologies, and learn strategies to support your child/dependent's learning whilst building your confidence in the subjects.

Duration:

Classes can be run flexibly and you can either attend day time or evening classes on campus, or we can deliver to a group of parents in a specific school. It may also be possible for us to run some, or all, of the course online depending on the demand for this format.

You can choose to take part in both pathways (five weeks of English and five weeks of Maths), or just to take part in one.

*You need to be a resident in the Liverpool City Region to study this course for free.

You can apply for this course online at:
www.hughbaird.ac.uk/apply

Hugh Baird College, Balliol Road, Bootle, Liverpool, L20 7EW 0151 353 4444



www.hughbaird.ac.uk



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about



YUBO



Yubo is a social networking platform where users can chat and livestream with up to 10 friends at once. People can connect with others based on location, with a Tinder-style 'swiping' mechanism to accept or reject someone based on their profile pictures. The app has approximately 50 million users worldwide – but despite its popularity, Yubo has not been free from controversy. While the app claims to monitor inappropriate content, a newspaper investigation in early 2022 found young users being exposed to sexual harassment, racism, bullying and conversations with adult themes.



FLimsy AGE GATES

Yubo states it is only for over 13s, but there is no credible age-gate to prevent an even younger child joining the platform. An undercover journalist investigating dangerous content reported spending 10 days posing as a 15-year-old on the app without any age verification. This flaw, and the fact that it's impossible to verify a user's true identity on Yubo, raises serious concerns over potential grooming.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Yubo has experienced problems with inappropriate content being displayed to children and teens. Although the app's developers claim to monitor profiles and messages for adult-themed or unsuitable material, a *Sunday Times* investigation found young users being exposed to sexual harassment, racism and bullying, with many chats referencing self-harm, suicide and drug use.

LIVESTREAM RISKS

Due to Yubo's lax age verification, children are able to launch live video streams which strangers can then view and interact with via real-time text chat. Not only is the thought of strangers watching children's livestreams extremely worrying (they could also use these as a means to establish the child's location) but text chats might result in a young person disclosing personal information.



ON AIR

BULLYING POTENTIAL

Yubo users 'swipe' to accept or decline the chance to talk with each other. These decisions are entirely based on someone's profile picture, raising the potential for children to be left with low self-esteem if declined repeatedly. Negative feedback about their appearance can seriously damage a child's emotional wellbeing, causing a loss of confidence in how they look or how interesting they are.

EXTENSIVE ACCESS

Users of Yubo, no matter what their age, are required to grant access to their device's microphone and GPS. This means they are potentially revealing highly sensitive information, including their exact location. In addition, new users of the app are asked to provide personal details such as their name, date of birth and phone number, which – in the case of young people – represents a clear risk.

'GATEWAY' EFFECT

Yubo's swiping system (right for 'yes'; left for 'no') works much like Tinder and various other dating apps. This could lead to children exploring similarly designed apps that aren't intended for a young audience. Users can also link their Yubo account to social media such as Snapchat and Instagram, making it easier for a stranger to track them down on various platforms.

PROFILES
PICS

Advice for Parents & Carers

USER NAMES

DISCOURAGE USE

We don't often advise totally avoiding an app, but due to the concerns that Yubo has generated of late (the February 2022 *Sunday Times* exposé and a recent abduction case in which the alleged perpetrator met a teenage girl through the app) and the fact that inappropriate content has been proved to be circulating on the platform, you may decide that the safest option is to dissuade your child from downloading it altogether.



DISCUSS IN ADVANCE

If your child is absolutely determined to join Yubo (perhaps their friends all use the platform, for instance), then it's essential to talk to them about the dangers of this type of app *before* they install it. It's vital they understand not to disclose personal information to people they don't know, for example, and that they're warned about the type of mature content they may be exposed to on the app.



STAY AWARE

It's important to stay attuned to how your child is using social media. If they only access Yubo in private, for example, you might reasonably question what they're potentially using it for. It's also important to watch for warning signs that they may be over-using the app: prioritising it over everyday routines like meals and homework, for instance, or showing signs of irritability and a lack of concentration.



ALTER THE SETTINGS

After the recent high-profile controversies surrounding the app, Yubo's developers have increased its security controls. Users can now choose to block profiles, screen out nudity in live streams and keep their location private. There's also an option to report inappropriate content, so make sure your child knows that they can now flag up anything they find disturbing via the app's Safety Centre.



Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



LOCATIONS



National Online Safety®

#WakeUpWednesday