



# HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

WADE DEACON TRUST

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Wednesday was International Women’s Day and it was my absolute pleasure to be involved in several of the activities taking place around school. A highlight of my career was listening to two pupils from each Key Stage 3 form present their inspirational women to me, Mr Cunliffe, Chair of Governors and Mr Kirkham, Director of Operations, for the Wade Deacon Trust and a LRC full of their peers. I learnt so much about famous women and left the event totally inspired. Please see the back of the newsletter for more information. I hope you feel as inspired as I do.

Inside this week’s newsletter you will see our Lead Learners from the first half of the Spring Term. These are the pupils nominated in each subject area for having the best attitude to learning and exemplifying ‘The Hillside Way’. As I always say to the pupils in assembly, this is a real honour and something our pupils should be extremely proud of. I hope you can spot your son or daughter.

As promised I am delighted to share more pictures of the doors decorated around school as part of our World Book Day celebrations. The creativity of our pupils and staff really is amazing!

Amanda Ryan, Principal

## Thought for the Week



### Key Dates 2023

- 30th March—Year 9 Options Evening
- 3rd—14th April—Easter Holidays
- 27th April—Year 8 Progress Evening

Friday 10th March 2023

## World Book Day

Last week in celebration of World Book Day departments from all across the school came together to partake in a door dressing competition. Staff decorated their doors with beautiful posters, images and even quotes from some of their favourite novels or novels being taught in that department! It was wonderful to see so many members of our Hillside community, including pupils, getting involved in this project to encourage and inspire a passion and curiosity for reading. Throughout the day teachers spoke about their love of reading as we continue to cultivate and inspire pupils enthusiasm for literature. It was clear Miss Tarnowska’s classroom door was the winner with her stunning homage to the Chinese legend of Mulan which was created with the help of pupils and staff collaborating to visually transform the entrance to her class. Well done to all those who took part!

Miss Wright



## Year 7—Lead Learners



- Michelle Ncube – Art
- Tilly Turton – Computer Science, Drama & Geography
- Sidra Ali – Design Technology, History
- Talia Nasole – English
- Iyla Moran – Maths
- Lacey Neild – Music
- Lucas Schofield – Religious Studies
- Betty Radu – Science & Spanish
- Christy Rhodes – Physical Education



## Year 8—Lead Learners



- Yexian Huang – Art
- Olivia McShane – Computer Science
- Dylan Muirhead – Design Technology
- Alfie Hughes McGowan – Drama
- Matilda Ogbevoen – English & Spanish
- Marina Arede – Geography
- Anita Liang – History
- Yexian Huang – Maths
- Maria Peres – Music
- Nathan Da Silva – Religious Studies
- Todor Radev – Science
- Jasmine Isibor – Physical Education



## Year 9—Lead Learners



- Marron Grainger – Art & Computer Science
- Jake Binns – Design Technology & Music
- Daniel Turner – Drama
- Stephen McDonnell – English
- Grace Coffey – Geography
- Leighton Kenwright – History
- Ryan Jones – Maths
- Freddie Ellis – Religious Studies
- Mya Turner – Science
- Brooke Shaw – Spanish
- Excel Aigbe – Physical Education

## Year 10—Lead Learners



Alsid Bibaj – Art  
Sonny McSharry – Business Studies  
Riley Jenkinson – Computer Science  
Brian Leung – Design Technology & History  
Ella Buckle – Drama & Science  
Kelsey Savage – Dance  
Wachirawit Wanchai – English  
Layton Kelly – Geography  
Warren Coudis – Hospitality and Catering  
Matilda Bardhi – ICT  
Lillia Campbell – Maths  
Lacey Patterson – Music  
Jodie McDonnell – Religious Studies  
Jessica Rudd – Spanish  
Katie Edwards – Photography  
Nathan Eckersley – Sports Science  
Kiera Dodd – 3D Design

# WELL DONE!

## Year 11—Lead Learners



Ricardo Goncalves Dias Dos Santos – Art  
Charlotte Little – Business Studies  
Michael Davies – Computer Science  
Vincent Zhen – Design Technology  
Gabriella Vatafu – Drama & Spanish  
Niccole James Jenkinson – Dance  
Thomas Grant – English & Music  
Charlie Dawber – Geography  
Dylan McIntyre – History  
Michael Holland – ICT  
Joseph Parkin – Maths  
Chloe Porter – Religious Studies  
Evie Duff – Science  
Bradley Threlfall – Photography  
James Shaw – Sports Studies  
Lewis Bruce – 3D Design



# Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health International Women's Day

This week we mark **International Women's Day**. Despite considerable changes with regard to equality and rights of women, there remains entrenched gender roles in our society which shape our behaviour from a young age. It is the everyday misogyny that sometimes we miss and fail to challenge. For example, these are real slogans on T-shirts in a supermarket:

**Boys: 'Be your own superhero'. Girls: 'Daddy is my superhero'.**

**Boys: 'Little genius'. Girls 'Princess in training'.**

**Boys: 'King of the castle'. Girls 'Pretty'.**

**The list goes on.**

This year's theme is 'Embrace Equity' and to celebrate we have invited pupils to come down to the LRC and have their photo taken 'embracing equity' under our International Women's Day balloon arch and to add a leaf to our tree with a message of thanks to the inspirational women in our pupils' lives.

We also had a competition to find an inspirational woman to whom we want to dedicate a wall display. Every Key Stage 3 form sent two representatives down to the LRC on Wednesday morning to present their form's chosen inspirational woman and to take part in our International Women's Day celebrations.

Pupils spoke passionately about the women they felt most inspired by. We heard some wonderful, heartfelt speeches about woman from history right up to the present day and from all over the globe.

After much deliberation, Mrs Ryan and Mr Cunliffe, our Chair of Governors, chose three presentations which really stood out. Hillside's winning inspirational women will be revealed next week!

Thank you to everyone involved, you made us very proud!

*Miss Collins*

