



# HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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## Thought of the Week

**"A NEW SCHOOL YEAR MEANS NEW BEGINNINGS, NEW ADVENTURES... AND NEW CHALLENGES."**

*- Denise Wilmer*  
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Friday 8th September 2023

### Dear Parents/Guardians,

A very warm welcome back to what I know is going to be an exciting and productive year. We have a number of new colleagues joining us (please see inside this week's newsletter) I know you will join me in wishing them every happiness and success at Hillside.

**Amanda Ryan, Principal**

## Progress Leaders

If you need to discuss any matter regarding your child, please feel free to contact us at school. We find that pupils achieve their best when there is open communication between home and school. Your child's Form Tutor should be the first port of call. Every year group is lead by a Progress Leader who can be contacted if you have any worries or concerns, or have any information that you would like to share as a reminder. Please see below for your child's Progress Leader.



**Mrs Phillips,  
Year 7  
Progress  
Leader**



**Mrs Buckley,  
Year 8  
Progress  
Leader**



**Miss Roby,  
Year 9  
Progress  
Leader**



**Mrs McCarthy,  
Year 10  
Progress  
Leader**



**Mrs Harper,  
Year 11  
Progress  
Leader**

## Announcement

It is with great sadness that I need to share the news that over the holidays we lost two wonderful and long standing members of our school community.

Paul Currie was our Site Manager for 25 years, joining Hillside in 1994 and retiring in 2019. Paul will be remembered fondly by many pupils and staff and was always passionate about how our school looked and ensuring our learning environment was the very best for our pupils.

Rita Convey our Head Cleaner also started at Hillside in 1994 and was still working for us. Rita, like Paul was passionate about making Hillside the very best environment and place for our children to learn and enjoy their time at school.

I can't think of anyone more dedicated to this school, our children and serving this community than Rita and Paul and we are all devastated to have lost them over this Summer.

Rita and Paul were two of the strongest people I have every met and would keep on going whatever life threw at them and that's the message we need to embrace at this sad and difficult time.

**Mrs Ryan**



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## Standards and Expectations—School Uniform

Firstly, a huge thank you to all our parents/guardians and pupils who continue to look smart and wear our school uniform with pride every single day. We don't take this for granted and we still regularly receive compliments from the wider local community about how smart Hillside pupils look.

Please see below for some basic reminders regarding school uniform and our expectations.

- Girls should wear white socks or black tights
- Jewellery is not permitted including any piercings. If pupils are seen wearing jewellery the teacher will confiscate this and the item will be placed in the school safe.
- Make- up should be minimal and discreet and false eye lashes, false nails and or nail varnish should not be worn. Pupils will be provided with wipes and nail varnish remover if they arrive in school with either.
- Blazers should be always worn on the corridors – pupils may remove blazers when working in classrooms.
- Outdoor coats or hooded jackets are not allowed to be worn in school and they should be removed as pupils enter the school building at any points during the school day e.g. after break and lunch

Our uniform underpins our high expectations of pupils to follow 'The Hillside Way' and pupils should look smart, professional and ready to learn- which many do every single day.



### Key Dates 2023

**13th September— Photographer— Individual photos—all year groups**

**20th-22nd September—Year 8 + 9 Residential**

**28th September—Open Evening**

**4th—6th October—Year 7 Residential**

**12th October— Year 7 Settling in Parent Event**

**19th October—Presentation Evening**

**Hillside High School**  
Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs

**Monday**  
Boys Football (Years 7 & 8), Netball Training (Years 7, 8, 9, 10)

**Tuesday**  
Boys Football (Years 9 & 10), Netball Fixtures (Years 7, 8, 9, 10)

**Wednesday**  
Girls Football (Years 7, 8, 9, 10), Boys & Girls Rugby (Years 7, 8, 9, 10), Boys & Girls Dance (Years 7, 8, 9, 10)

**Friday**  
Boys & Girls Badminton (Years 7, 8, 9, 10)

*Excellence in the Heart of the Community*

**HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL**

**NO MOBILE PHONES**

**WE SEE IT... YOU LOSE IT!**  
Please ensure phones are switched off and out of sight.

# A Warm Welcome to Our New Staff



"Hello everyone, my name is Mr Campbell and I will be a new Assistant Vice Principal and Geography teacher at Hillside High School. I am really looking forward to joining such a thriving and inclusive community here at Hillside. I cannot wait to meet you all and help support and teach you the necessary skills and qualities you need to grow and reach your full potential" **Mr Campbell**



"Hi everyone, my name is Mr. Rayson and I'm joining Hillside as an Associate Assistant Vice Principal. I'm the subject lead for History and RS as well as leading on More Able and student leadership. I'm thrilled to be joining the school at such an exciting time and looking forward to meeting you all in person over the coming days." **Mr Rayson**



"Hi Everyone. My name is Miss Halsall and I am joining Hillside as an Art, Design and Photography teacher. I have recently finished my teacher training at LJMU, and am very excited to help support pupils within my own subject and around school." **Miss Halsall**



"Hi everyone, I'm Miss Bell and I'm really looking forward to working in the History & RS department here at Hillside. I studied my History Degree at Liverpool Hope University and couldn't bring myself to move away from here once I got here. I want to share my passion for History and RS with students and encourage learning." **Miss Bell**



"Hi everyone, my name is Miss Ryding and I am excited to be joining Hillside as a Teaching Assistant. I am really looking forward to working here and supporting the students!" **Miss Ryding**



"Hello everyone, my name is Mr. Wellington and I'm excited to be starting this year as Hillside's new PE Teacher, continuing to build the sporting culture of the school. I'm looking forward to get to know everyone and being a part of this community we have!" **Mr Wellington**



"Hi everyone, my name is Miss Mahoney and I am joining Hillside High as a Teaching Assistant! I'm really looking forward to it and I hope to see you all soon :)" **Miss Mahoney**



"Hey there! I'm Miss Troake and I'm the new leader of Art and Technology. Art is my specialist subject but, you will find me mostly in the Food Tech room this year cooking! I have been in teaching for 18 years and I am really looking forward to working as part of "Team Hillside" **Miss Troake**



"Hi everyone, my name is Miss Silker and I so excited to start teaching here at Hillside High. I am a maths teacher who has spent the last two years helping pupils who need extra support with their emotions and behaviour. I cannot wait to meet all my new classes and offer as much support as I can!" **Miss Silker**



"Hi, I'm Miss Tinsley, and I'm a new TA. I'm excited to bring my passion for learning and kindness to the school community, and allow children to flourish in their own way" **Miss Tinsley**



"Hi everyone, my name is Mr Dowdeswell. I am joining Hillside in the Design and Technology Department. I have been teaching Technology for over 25 years and this is my second career, previously I was in the RAF for 15 years and I look forward to working with all our lovely staff and pupils" **Mr Dowdeswell**



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## SPOT THE ONLINE SAFETY TIPS FOR GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

**PAUSE & THINK BEFORE POSTING**

**SPREAD POSITIVITY IN YOUR POSTS**

**GET PERMISSION BEFORE SHARING PICS**

**CHOOSE STRONG PASSWORDS**

**PUT ABUSIVE CHATTERS ON MUTE**

**PROBLEM? TELL A TRUSTED ADULT**

**REPORT BULLIES THEN BLOCK THEM**

**DON'T SHARE PERSONAL INFO WITH STRANGERS**

**PUT THE PHONE AWAY AT BREAK TIME**

**REPORT UPSETTING CONTENT**

*Invite new classmates into chats & games*

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## Pupil Support

A reminder that if your child takes medication during the school day then this should be brought into school and clearly labelled with pharmacy instructions for administering the medicine. Parents/Guardians need to sign a form to say that you agree to your child being given medicine. Except for any inhalers or in some cases an epi-pen, a pupil should not carry any medication on them in school including paracetamol. If we held medication for your child last year, please contact school to check that we have enough stock and that this is in date. Mrs Banks is the Pupil Support Co-ordinator and will assist with any enquiries regarding medication. If your child has an ongoing medical condition and requires a care plan, please contact Mrs Banks who will work with you to create or update this.



**Mrs Banks,**  
Pupil Support