



Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter, which includes lots of timely reminders as we return for the Spring Term.

A particular highlight of my week was taking our pupils to The Strand to be part of the human chain who helped move the books from Kingsley & Co's existing premises to their new home. I hope lots of you got to see us on BBC news, our pupils as always were a credit to us all.

We have lots of exciting things coming up this term, so please make a note of the dates included here.

Amanda Ryan, Principal



A big 'well done' to Maia Craciun 8DH who designed this year's school Christmas card. We send nearly 1,000 cards to our pupils, staff and friends of the school, so her art work has certainly been shared wide.



Thought for the Week



Key Dates 2024

17th January – Year 10 & 11 Immunisation Catch Ups

22nd January—Year 11 Predictor Results Day

25th January—Year 11 Progress Evening 4.15pm - 6.45pm

8th February— Year 7 Progress Evening 4.15pm-6.45pm

28th February – Year 11 Form Group Photographs

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'

★ Pupil Achievements ★

Huge congratulations to Binah Kamber from 10GW who received "performance of the month" from Liverpool Basket Ball Club! Amazing Binah, are there no end to your talents? You do yourself and Hillside proud, keep it up!

Miss Brown



PERFORMANCE OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER

U18 WOMEN

Binah has been working hard over the past few months determined to make a difference on the court. She proved this in a game against Bromsgrove when we were down 12 in the last quarter, her defence and rebounding changed the game to a tied game going into the fourth quarter with an amazing 3 offensive rebounds and 9 defensive rebounds and 4 stops all in the third quarter.

BINAH

I am delighted to share our published report from Ofsted with you. This is now live on our website for staff and parents to access. The link is here: [Hillside High School - Hillside is a Good School!](#)

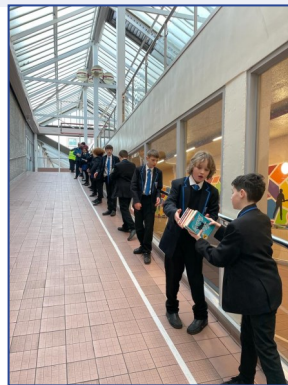


Human Book Chain at Kingsley & Co

It was my pleasure to take 10 Year 7 pupils to The Strand on Tuesday afternoon to be part of the human book chain, which saw us move 15,000 books from Kingsley & Co's existing shop to their home in the Strand. As part of The Strand's redevelopment Kingsley & Co are moving to new premises in what was the Nat West Bank. Obviously faced with the huge challenge of moving so many books they had the amazing idea of making a human chain from the two premises, marked by a white line which we all stood on, we passed the books to each other and in approx one hour, got the job done. What an amazing example of 'people power' and how much can be achieved when we work together as a community. We have fantastic links with Kingsley & Co with many of our pupils visiting the shop since it opened three years ago. We were therefore delighted to be able to help in its relocation and can't wait to visit the new shop when it's open.

The BBC and Liverpool Echo were also at the event and we couldn't believe we then featured in their coverage. If you missed us you can hopefully watch us on catch up at [BBC iPlayer - North West Tonight - Evening News: 09/01/2024](#)

I must finish by saying 'Well Done' to the Year 7 pupils, an absolute credit to our school and this community.



Breakfast Club

Come along to our fantastic breakfast club which is free of charge to all pupils.

Mrs McGing will be in the Dining Room everyday between 7:45am-8:20am

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Hillside Pantry

We are working with the charity MCKS who are funding the food for the pantry. MCKS is a Charitable Foundation and partners with schools to provide school pantries on a regular and permanent basis. They provide food, toiletries and sanitary supplies for those in need.

Hillside Pantry will be open to any families who have a child at Hillside. You will be given a food hamper containing some essentials listed below.

Items available include

- Tinned meals
- Breakfast cereal
- Tea / Coffee
- Long Life Milk
- Biscuits
- Pastas / Rice / Noodles
- Tinned vegetables
- Long life bread



Toiletries such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant are also available.

Please bring your own shopping bag to collect items.
Any questions – please contact the school office.

If you are unable to collect on Friday - please contact the school office to make arrangements for collection at another date.

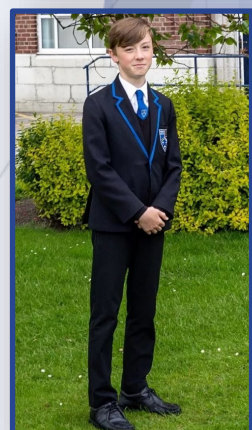
The Hillside Pantry is open every Friday from 1pm – 4pm at the school Main Office.

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



Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

Resilience

This week I have delivered assemblies on a deeply personal theme....me! Not in anyway to brag about myself to our young people, but to demonstrate in a very tangible way, the difference working hard in school and believing in the power of education can make. I shared photos of my grandparents and then (the very comedy photo) of me at the start of Year 7, or 1st year as we would have called it then! I stressed to our young people, the challenges generations like my grandparents experienced, where leaving school at 14 and going into employment, in my Gran's case 'into service' were the norm....how much would that generation have wanted to experience the education and opportunities that are so readily available to our pupils! I also spoke about the fact that I'm the first person in my family to go to University and had to figure lots of the things about that out for myself.



The point of the assembly is that there was something that clicked for me and made me see that if I worked hard in school I could go onto achieve anything and that is the same for each and everyone of our amazing pupils.



I finished by sharing some current pictures of me in my role as Principal, including these photos from The Museum of London and with Dame Sue John, the Chief Executive Officer of Challenge Partners. It was actually at this Challenge Partners event last November that I had the idea for this assembly. I found myself sitting in The Museum of London, talking to Dame Sue John, who I would class as colleague and a friend and thought WOW....when I was the same age as the pupils in our school I had never been to London and certainly never met a Dame (I don't think I even knew that was a thing!) and yet there I was in London having this amazing experience, representing our school, the Wade Deacon Trust and Aspire Hub, all because of my role at Hillside. A role I got through hard work and determination, to always be the best I can be!



If my assembly can inspire our pupils and galvanise their thinking on what should be their New Year's Resolutions, it was a success!

Work hard, believe in the power of education to truly change your life and as the Thought for the Week says...
'Don't tell me the sky's the limit when there are footprints on the moon!'

Mrs Ryan

