



HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

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EXCELLENCE IN
THE HEART OF
THE COMMUNITY

Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter. I am delighted to introduce our new colleagues who joined us last week and have made a fantastic start to their time at Hillside. I know you will all make them feel very welcome and look forward to getting to know them.

I am very lucky that my job includes many highlights but last week a couple of events stood out for me. On Friday I was honoured to welcome Alma to visit Hillside, Alma is 104 and attended Hillside when the school first opened in 1932. Over the years I have welcomed many Alumni back to visit their school, but never someone who attended when the school first opened. Tom and Tilly from Year 10 and Mrs Wharton, another former pupil were outstanding company for Alma's visit and were obviously able to share many stories of their own experiences of Hillside.

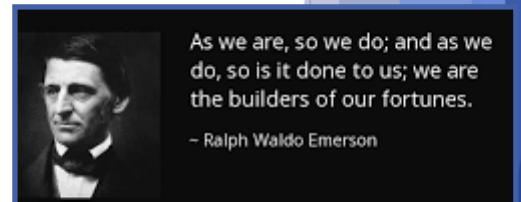
Another highlight was my invitation from Miss Brown and our Performing Arts students to watch them perform at LIPA. Their performance was outstanding and the whole experience is one I am sure they will remember long after they have left Hillside! For these pupils LIPA is a very real option for them at post-16, so the more experience they get of working with LIPA and performing their now, the better!

I would finish by saying a massive thank you to all the parents who trusted us to look after your children on Tuesday, in what was some of the worst snow I've seen at Hillside in several years. It was very important to me that we remained opened and our pupils did us all proud with their sensible approach to the slight changes which had to be made to ensure the smooth running of school. I'm sure you agree school looked splendid in the snow!

Amanda Ryan, Principal



Thought for the Week



As we are, so we do; and as we do, so is it done to us; we are the builders of our fortunes.

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Key Dates 2024

- 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



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!](#)



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Round of applause for LIPA FEST!

During the autumn our Key Stage 3 Performing Arts pupils were offered the opportunity to take part in workshops with the Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts as part of their widening participation project. Pupils had the option to take part in drama, dance or music sessions after school. We had an influx of eager pupils sign up who committed to weekly after school sessions and rehearsals. The hard work began back in November!

In the Drama Department the group opted to develop their musical theatre skills and created a performance of "I Got You" from the latest West End musical Bring It On. It was not an easy task as pupils spent weeks learning choreography and vocals which had to be performed together, at the same time.

In the Dance Department pupils learned a challenging jazz style routine to the old favourite "Ain't That a Kick in the Head". This involved complex choreography and working with hats which certainly presented its challenges with such a large group.

The Music Department put together their own band with a guitarist, drummer, pianist, and vocalist. They spent their workshops developing a performance of "Seven Nations Army" by the White Stripes.

After just six sessions rehearsing their pieces, last week our pupils were invited to share their work at LIPA Fest! We left for LIPA first thing in the morning and spent the day at their campus on Hope Street, in Liverpool's famous arts quarter. During the morning pupils had a tour of the university and took part in workshops delivered by their staff, giving them the chance to explore different arts disciplines. As they ate lunch, they got to enjoy a mini concert where the LIPA staff performed for the pupils sharing their stunning vocals and musical talent. It was so inspiring!

In the afternoon pupils went straight over to the rehearsal studios to spend one last time mastering their piece. Then it was showtime! Our pupils took to the stage in the Paul McCartney Auditorium and what a performance they put on! Our actors performed their piece with style and flare, our dancers were flawless and left everything they had on the stage and the musicians simply blew their audience away! Mrs Ryan, Miss Brown and Miss Austin watched on in the audience and have never felt prouder of our pupils. They showed all the other schools there that Hillside is bursting with talent in all areas of the arts!

As we left for home our pupils were filled with that buzz that can only be gained from performing on stage. We were all so inspired by the whole experience, what a brilliant day we had!

We hope the project infuses your passions for the arts even further and opens your eyes to the wonderful opportunities LIPA has to offer. We are sure in the future we will see some of you follow in the footsteps of previous Hillside pupils, walking through the doors of LIPA as a performing arts student yourselves.

Until then, take a bow everyone, you were simply fantastic!

Miss Brown & Miss Austin



A Warm Welcome to Our New Staff



Hi everyone at Hillside. My name is Mr Bulger and I will be teaching Design & Technology. I am looking forward to working with you all and helping students to design and make things.

Mr Bulger



Hi, I'm Miss Hankin. I'm a Psychology Graduate from the University of Liverpool and I will be around the school helping out with the Alternative Provisions Unit. I'm really excited to be here and looking forward to getting to know all the students around the school!

Miss Hankin

My name is Miss Postlethwaite and I have recently joined Hillside as a Teacher of Technology and Art. I am looking forward to help support pupils within my subject area.



My name is Karen Devine and I am excited to be joining the thriving English Department at Hillside High School as an English teacher. I studied at Edgehill University and The Open University. I am looking forward to meeting all the classes and staff and being part of the Hillside High community.

Miss Devine



Hi everyone, my name is Miss O'Hara and I am joining Hillside as an Assistant Vice Principal and Subject Leader for Maths. I am really excited to be joining your community at Hillside and I am particularly looking forward to working with you all to make sure that you succeed in everything you do.

Miss O'Hara



Hi everyone. My name is Ms Barrow-Higgins and I'm delighted to have joined Hillside as Associate Assistant Vice Principal and Lead Practitioner for Maths. I was really keen to move to Hillside as I know how hard everyone works to create a real community spirit here and my first week did not disappoint! I'm looking forward to meeting the rest of the school community over the next few weeks and learning how I can best support all of you.

Ms Barrow-Higgins



My name is Miss Irvine, I have recently joined Hillside High School to support GCSE photography, running practical workshops as I am an ex fashion photographer. I have recently completed a fine art degree and alongside my new role here as cover supervisor I am a working landscape artist also!

Miss Irvine

A Chip Off the Old Block!

Calling all Evertonians or chip shop lovers! Two of our former pupils, Kevin and Kelly Ouyang, along with their mum and dad are now the proud owners of a chip shop and Chinese take away! Found at 61 Goodison Road, facing Everton's ground, the Food Supper Bar is now open for business. I have been popping in regularly to see Kevin and Kelly after the game and can honestly say their food is delicious! As Kevin's old form teacher, it has made me very proud to see him running the front counter like a pro, whilst Kelly is managing in the back. It is lovely to hear Kelly is still at university studying for her psychology degree and that the whole family are doing so well. If you are a regular at Goodison, or simply love a good chippy tea please go and show them your support! Keep it up Kevin and Kelly, you continue to do yourselves and Hillside proud!

Miss Brown



Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Maintaining High Standards

This weeks assemblies have been focused on the important of maintaining high standards and expectations of ourselves and others.

The thought for the week "As we are, so we do; and as we do, so is it done to us; we are the builders of our fortunes." really underlining the effects our behavior can have upon others.

The particular area of focus was corridor culture—how to behave on corridors, use of the school toilets.

LESSON TRANSITIONS & CORRIDOR CULTURE

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Sensible & Orderly Movement on the Corridors

HILLSIDE CORRIDOR CULTURE

- Walk sensibly;
- Quietly and calmly;
- On the left hand side of the corridor;
- In single file to your lesson.

WHY?

- This way corridors do not get congested everyone will be able to move smoothly and arrive promptly to their lessons.



STANDARDS & EXPECTATIONS

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TOILETS

- Make sure that you arrive on time to lessons after break and lunch and if you are moving between lessons.
- You should not be using the toilets between lessons.
- Respect the toilets – DO NOT TAKE FOOD IN
- You are not allowed to use the toilets during lessons unless it is an emergency, or you have a toilet pass.
- **Toilets will be closed at 1.45 each day for cleaning.**

Presentation of ourselves—uniform, make up, jewellery.

STANDARDS & EXPECTATIONS

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SCHOOL UNIFORM	Boys		Girls	
	Trousers	Charcoal grey or black, no colours	Skirt	School Kilt
	Blazer	Black with trim and badge	Blazer	Black with trim and badge
	Shirt	White, collar and short/long sleeves	Blouse	White, collar and short/long sleeves
	Pullover	Plain black, V-necked with long sleeves	Cardigan or Pullover	Plain black with long sleeves Plain black V-necked with long sleeves
	Tie	Royal Blue	Tie	Royal Blue
	Socks	Black, dark grey or navy blue	Socks	White
			Tights	Black or navy blue
	Shoes	Standard black (no boots)	Shoes	Standard black (no boots)

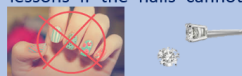
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JEWELLERY & NAIL VARNISH

Jewellery is not allowed in school including earrings- this is for health and safety reasons and items should not be brought into school

Nail varnish is not allowed in school and if you are wearing nail varnish you will be asked to remove it and if false nails are worn pupils may be withdrawn from lessons if the nails cannot be removed.



Any pupil who is found wearing jewellery will have it confiscated by a member of staff.



By everyone adhering to these high standards this allows the school to run smoothly and be a happy positive place to be.

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PUNCTUALITY



School starts at 8.30am so it is imperative you are in school at 8.20am.

If you are late to school after 8.30am, you will have to enter school through the front doors and sign in at the front office. You will receive a 15 minutes late detention which will be taken at morning break on that day.

If you fail to attend your detention you will receive a 1-hour detention on Friday after school.