



**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter, which is a real celebration of our pupils and their achievements. Every half term we celebrate the Lead Learners for each year group. These are the pupils who have demonstrated The Hillside Way and gone over and above in these subjects. A massive well done to them all.

It was an absolute privilege to join the boys on Monday to hear them speak about their experience of the Young Gentleman's project, their messages were truly inspirational.

Please make sure you read the section on the back page of this week's newsletter about our Lockdown procedures.

**Amanda Ryan, Principal**

**Thought for  
the Week**



**Young Gentlemen's Project**

Congratulations to the graduates of the Young Gentlemen's Project! A group of boys in Year 8 had the opportunity to work with Anthony Dauphin from the Young Gentlemen's Project. They have spent several weeks with Anthony who has helped the boys to be the best version of themselves. A lot of hard work and effort went into the presentation attended by myself, Mrs Ryan and parents/guardians. The boys spoke about their goals and aspirations, what they can do to get there and how they can also help others. The presentation concluded with the boys receiving a special tie and they had the honour of being the first YGP graduates at Hillside! Well done to Luke B, Kaydon J, Caleb C, Marius M, Jaeden B, Nethen G, Adam M and Louie M – we're all so proud of you!

*Miss Yusuf*



**Year 8 Progress Leader**

I am delighted to let you know that Miss Yusuf will now be our Progress Leader for Year 8, I am sure we will all give her our support. I know she is very excited to be leading the year group!

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!](#)



## Year 7—Lead Learners



Alex Griffiths—Art  
 Scarlett Robinson—Computer Science  
 Kordian Baranowski—Design Technology  
 Isaiah Tendo—Drama  
 Izzy Arcus—English  
 Blake Garrity—Geography  
 Bella Ansell—History  
 Harry Evans—Maths  
 Sofii Salomatova—Music  
 Jaxon Womack—Religious Studies  
 Lena Sergison—Science  
 Izzy Arcus—Spanish  
 Scarlett Jones—Physical Education



## Year 8—Lead Learners



Miley McGinley—Art  
 Uche Okeke—Computer Science  
 Jessica Sach—Design Technology  
 Shari McClusky—Drama  
 Betty Radu—English  
 Mason Webster—Geography  
 Daniel Hülligan—History  
 Betty Radu—Maths  
 Mia Mason—Music  
 Nathan Maher—Religious Studies  
 Michelle Ncube—Science  
 Christy Rhodes—Spanish  
 Kaiden Hollis—Physical Education



## Year 9—Lead Learners



Rebecca Milotin—Art  
 Sophie McDonnell—Computer Science  
 Deighan Hugo—Design Technology  
 Queensley Igbinedion—Drama  
 Jessica Parry—English  
 Emily Morgan—Geography  
 Malinsa Wijesinghe—History  
 Cristian Trifan—Maths  
 Christopher Mercury—Music  
 Sophie Lamb—Religious Studies  
 Kade Griffiths—Science  
 John McCall—Spanish  
 Kane Durkin—Physical Education



## Year 10—Lead Learners



- Madi Matei - Art
- Katherine Roberts - Business Studies
- Patrick Nagle - Computer Science
- Lucas Davies - Design Technology
- Josh Mossman - Drama
- Binah Kamber - English
- Sarah Illo - Geography
- Alan De Souza Medeiros - Hospitality and Catering
- Tom Donlevy - History
- Frank Jimenez Okpara - ICT
- Mario Dimitrov - Maths
- Ryan Barnes - Music
- Ryan Jones - Science
- James Chapman - Spanish
- Snezhana Stoyanova - Photography
- Jack Vaughan - Physical Education
- Aman Aljndy - 3D Design



## Year 11—Lead Learners



- Maddison Willis—Art
- Dora Kennedy—Business Studies
- Richmond Igbinedion—Computer Science
- Honey Seaborne—Design Technology
- Lucy Mae Bebbington—Drama
- Isobel Rogers—Dance
- Chloe-Jane Moors—English
- Maci-Jo Essery—Geography
- Matilda Bardhi—History
- Matilda Bhardi—ICT
- Sam Furbert—Maths
- Lily Robinson—Music
- Riley Jenkinson—Religious Studies
- Warren Coudis—Science
- Isobel Rogers—Spanish
- Lewis Bordessa—Photography
- Maci-Jo Essery—Physical Education
- Lewis Bordessa—3D Design



# Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

## Holocaust Memorial Day

This week's assemblies have been focused on the extremely important theme of Holocaust Memorial Day. This event is marked each year on the 27th January which is the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau in 1945.

Pupils were reminded that this is a time to remember the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution and in the genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

In assemblies we discussed the idea that genocide doesn't just happen on its own and is a steady process which can begin if discrimination, racism and hatred are not checked and prevented.

We are also commemorating HMD at Hillside with a display in the foyer and 15 of our Year 9 pupils are taking part in a community event at the Plaza Cinema in Waterloo, where they will watch "The Island on Bird Street" based on a true story of a Jewish boy who tries to survive a Polish ghetto.

There is still so much to do for everyone and HMD is an ideal opportunity to start this process as we honour the experiences of those people who suffered and challenge ourselves to work for a safer, better future.

*Mr Rayson*

**Auschwitz poem**

The semi-quever chugging of the train on the track  
And the people on board who will never go back  
And the terror in the eyes of all the young ones to go  
With no one knowing as the train comes to slow


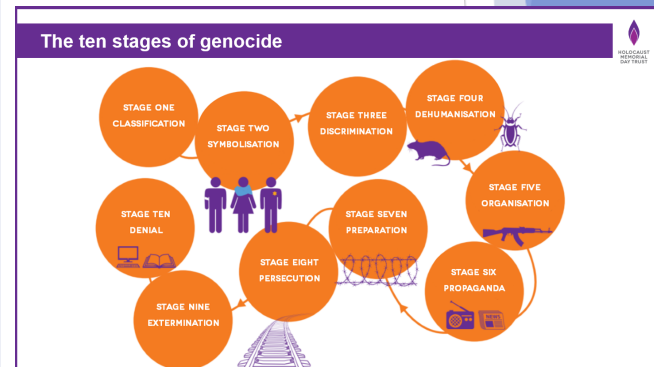
Those men at the station as the ramps drop down  
Where humanity lost its only crippled sound  
Hope gone for those who stand behind the hard sharp wire  
And the smoke in the towers rises just a little higher

And the blue ink stabs a little harder in the skin  
Above the veins of despair where murder let it in  
And the terror in the eyes of all those about to leave  
Another train on the track no last minute reprieve

And the slow, crot...chet chugging of the train on the track;  
And the people on board. Who will ne...ver go.

Back.

Poem by Charles N. Whittaker  
Read by actor Olivia Colman

## Lockdown Procedure

As is standard practice in any Public Building and organisation we have a duty to ensure our staff and pupils understand what to do in the unlikely event of a lockdown situation. Today we have shared our lockdown procedure with all staff and pupils and will be having a Lockdown Drill on Monday to practise this.

The procedure is quite simple and is a calm and controlled way of ensuring staff and pupils are not on corridors whilst it is in place.

*Mr Edwards*



### Key Dates 2024

**8th February— Year7 Progress Evening  
4.15pm-6.45pm**

**28th February — Year 11 Form Group  
Photographs**

**7th March—World Book Day**

