



Maltby Hilltop School

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Dear families, parents and carers

School building developments – we have been working hard to make our old building more ‘fit for purpose’ and suit the needs of our learners. I hope you can see that we are improving the building. The work on the roof is almost finished. Part of this is creating a new library space which will be completed in the next month and will be ready to use by September. We also have had a further grant which Nexus have secured to replace our old heating system and boiler. Our application for new front doors and fire doors has been turned down and we will reapply. If not we will need to make the doors easier to access in future.

Hydrotherapy pool – I am aware there has been some issues with our students getting access to the pool. We have spent thousands of pounds replacing what was an inadequate system for measuring and dosing the pool with chemicals. We have trained Chris Hodgkinson our upper school deputy and Paul Green our site manager in the management of the pool and its systems. Even with the time and investment in it the pool is still not working 100% and we are very frustrated by this. If you have any issues you are welcome to email me or come into school to talk it through with me.

Attendance – thank you to all the parents who have really made an effort to ensure their child has good attendance. I am meeting with educational welfare officer on Wed 25th April. If you have any questions or issues I am happy to discuss them with her.

Meeting with Warren (CEO of Nexus) & Myself – Vic Harrop has organised an informal question and answer session at 10am on Wednesday 20th June where all parents are welcome to chat to us to raise any issues.

EYFS and 6th Form students – please be aware that we close early for the summer break for students in Yellow, Blossom classes and all 6th Form students in Homebase. School will finish for those students on Friday 20th July. For the remainder of students it will be school as usual. This is essential to ensure all our essential training is carried out yearly for all staff.

Mission statement and expectations from the governors

The governors have created some ideas for a new mission statement. They would really like feedback about what is important to the students and their families/carers.

In the mission statement (1.) they wanted one key sentence/idea

1. Governors draft mission statements - ideas

“Create opportunities for each every individual to enjoy and achieve”

also;

“Working together to create opportunities so that each learner can enjoy and achieve”

“Be the best they can be”

“Working/driving toward a better future”

In the ‘expectations (2.) they would like about 5 key statements

2. Governors expectations of all at school – how we will do this?

We put the needs of our learners first



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We show care & respect for one another

We are open, clear & honest when we communicate with others

We model good behaviour & best practice

We actively learn from others and to continually improve

We have a personalised curriculum to enable school learners to be best they can be

We have skilled/expert & experienced specialist staff to deal effectively with individual needs of the learner.

Some teams in school have also come up with an idea to use HILLTOP to share our values

Honest clear communication

ICE Drivers

Learners needs come first

Listening and working with others

Teaching skills for life

Opening doors to the future

Personalised curriculum

There is a separate evaluation sheet for parents and staff to comment on and change;

1. The mission statement/s
2. Expectations

It would be really helpful if you could respond to this by the end of April. These can be anonymous or you can contact me or Shaz Biggin to talk through any ideas.

Dates for your diary for the rest of the year

Name of event	Date and time	Booking details
School Open Day	Thursday 26 th April	Book through office
Sports Day	Tues 1 st May All day at English Institute of Sport	Just turn up and participate/watch.
Fashion Show	Tuesday 1 st May 7pm	Buy tickets through office
Student council meeting	Wed 2 nd May 1-2pm	
Ethel Barge residential	Thurs 3 rd -4 th May	Red & Pink classes
School Open Day	Friday 4 th May	Book through office
Proud Assembly	2:15pm Friday 4 th May	Just turn up
Ethel Barge	Tues 8 th May	Orange class
Crucial Crew Post 16 visit	Fri 11th May	
Whirlow farm residential	14th - 18th May	KS1-3
Upper school disco	Tues 15th May 6-8:30pm	
Parent & Carers meetings	Tuesday 22 nd May PM	Upper school students
School Open Day	Wednesday 23 rd May	Book through office
Parent & Carers meetings	Thursday 24 th May PM	Lower school students
Proud Assembly	2:15pm Friday 25 th May	Just turn up
'S' Factor Semi- Final	Thursday 14 th June 7pm	At Christian Life Centre Maltby
Den Day	Fri 15th June	



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'Get up and Dance' for Macmillan Charity	Fri 15th June	
Upper school disco	Tues 19th June 6-8:30pm	
Summer Fair	Saturday 23 rd June day	Book through school office.
Proud Assembly	2:15pm Friday 29 th June	Just turn up
Upper school disco	Tues 3 rd July 6-8:30pm	
Science week	Monday 2 nd Fri 6 th July	
Ethel Barge Residential	4-6th July	Upper 2
Student council meeting	Wed 4 th July 1-2pm	
School Open Day	Thursday 5 th July	Book through office
'S' Factor Final at Magna	Thursday 12 th July 7pm	Book through office
Lower school presentation	Thursday 19 th July 1:30	
Leavers Prom	Thursday 19th July Eve	Book through office
Upper school presentation	Friday 20 th July 1:30	
Proud Assembly	2:15pm Friday 27 th July	Just turn up – please come!

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