



Maltby Hilltop School

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Monday 20th May 2019

Dear families, parents and carers

Ofsted report

We have not had an inspection since January 2013, and we have been working hard to ensure the school is at least good. We are so thrilled with just how positive the report reads and I wanted to thank all the parents who filled in the parent views on the Ofsted website or came into school to talk to the inspectors. They were clear we are easily a good school and commended us for trying to 'get it right' for every child. There was praise for our 'interventions' or family support team for 'going over and above' in their support for families. They felt Hilltop was a good place to be for our students and they are well supported to make good progress. I feel so proud of our achievements as a school and this is confirmation of the progress we have made and will continue to make. I would like to thank our staff, parents and carers along with our fantastic learners who work so hard to learn new things daily. Please remember, if you personally have any worries or concerns or even just disagree with this report, do come and talk things through with me.

Departure of staff

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Andrea Slack who has been carrying out Numeracy interventions for our students for 24 years. Janet Fells who is superbly skilled with young students with complex needs retires this summer after 29 successful years with the school. Lastly, Robert Mulvey who has been at the school for 8 years will be taking on a headship from September in another school. We will be sorry to see them all go and we wish them well.

We are also saying goodbye to two teachers. Alex Stark who has been with us a couple of years will finish at the end of May to start working at Landmarks with students who are post 19. Jenny Stafford-Curtis has also secured a post nearer her home in Sheffield. We wish all of our 'leavers' well.

I would invite you all to a proud assembly on our last day on Friday 26th July both to say goodbye and celebrate our year at school.

We would also like to shut the school as a 'one off' early on that Friday to say a thanks to all the staff for our successful Ofsted and to say goodbye to them. We would like transport to begin collecting pupils from 2pm so they would be home early on the last day. Please can you let us know if this is particularly difficult for you?

School Dinners

We have met with Riverside Catering who make our school dinners and they have agreed to provide Halal and Quorn sausages at least once a week as an alternative for our pupils who are Halal or vegetarian. We have started to trial this in some classes. We look carefully at the menu options for the week and try to ensure each child with a vegetarian or halal has a range of foods that they enjoy. If you want more information do contact myself or Jayne Spalding.



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We are also in negotiation with Riverside Catering who need to put up the cost of school meals for September 2019 for all special schools in Rotherham but we are unsure as yet of the exact costs. As soon as we have confirmed the exact costs I will let you know.

New Teachers for September 2019

We have appointed Claire Rose as the new Deputy Headteacher for the school from September 2019. It was a very thorough and challenging process which confirmed she was the best candidate. We are so pleased both for Claire and the school.

We have appointed 3 new 'external' teachers

Claire Saddington who has already done a lot of work with us on Shakespeare projects over the last few years and knows some of our children well. Katie Wademan and Amy Coxhill who are both external candidates have both accepted permanent part time teaching posts.

Bev Cotterill and Vicky Proctor have been appointed as part time permanent members of staff and Ellie Hill continues with us 4 days a week next year.

6th Form and EYFS (early years)

Just to confirm that, as usual, we will be closing our EYFS provision (Yellow class and Blossom at Redwood) and our 6th Form classes on Friday 19th July. This gives us time and opportunity to carry out our statutory training and to prepare for our next school year. If it causes you significant difficulties, please contact myself or Jayne Spalding to discuss this.

Dates for your diary up till July 19

Name of event	Date and time	Booking details
Quiz Night/Pie and Peas Fundraiser – to raise money for our drama and literacy projects – 1940s theme	Wednesday 12 th June From 6.30pm Hilltop school	See Gloria Brookes or Amanda France £5.00 per ticket to include pie & peas, quiz entry & entertainment. Teams of up to 5
Proud Assembly	2:30 Fri 24 th May	Do come along
'Chinwag' informal chat meet up for parents	Wed 18 th June	Do come and chat with other parents
Open day	10am & 1:30 Wed 12 th	Let the office know
1940s themed "tea dance"	Thursday 20 th June 1pm	Tickets will be on sale after half term – see Anita Lacey/Amanda France
Open day	Fri 21 st June 10am & 1:30	Let office know
Ethel Barge Residential	Weds 26th- Friday 28th June	Students from Upper School are involved
Proud Assembly	2:30 Fri 28 th June	Do come along
Summer Fair	Saturday 29 th June	Come along and support us
Open day	Wed 3 rd July 10am & 1:30	Let office know
'Chinwag' informal chat meet up for parents	Wed 10 th July	Do come and chat with other parents



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Upper School Drama Performance - WAR	Thursday 11 th July	Ticket details to follow after half term.
Lower school Disco	Wed 17 th July 3:30-5:30pm	Let office know if you want your child to attend.
Lower School Presentation	Thurs 18 th July	
6th Form Prom	Thurs 18th July	See Kate Davies
Upper School Presentation & Leavers Assembly	Fri 19 th July	
Last Day at School for Early Years & 6 th Form	Fri 19th July	
Proud Assembly	1pm Friday 26 th July	Do come along
Last Day for whole school.	2pm school finishes Fri 26 th July 2019	

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