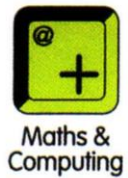




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5th September 2014

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the new academic year, I hope that you enjoyed the summer break. I extend a particular welcome to new parents/carers and look forward to meeting you during the coming term.

Hillcrest Open Week 2014

The week beginning 15th September is our Open Week. Many students will be coming back on the evening of Wednesday 17th September to act as guides and to be involved in activities. We are most appreciative of their help. **As a result, on Thursday 18th September students will arrive at school for a 9-45 am start.**

60th Anniversary Year

During 2014 -2015 we will be celebrating our 60th Anniversary year. The school first opened to students in September 1954 and the official opening ceremony was held on 13th July 1955. To mark this special year there will be a series of events starting with a reunion event on Saturday 20th September 2014 from 1pm. All past students and staff are welcome. Please email Mrs Jas Mann - jmann@hillcrest.bham.sch.uk for further details.

Parents Drop in Dates:

Tuesday 21st October 9 to 10am
Wednesday 10th December 3-30 to 4-30pm
Tuesday 3rd February 5 to 6pm
Friday 24th April 9 to 10am
Wednesday 20th May 5-30 to 6-30pm
Friday 3rd July 9 to 10am

All drop in sessions will be held in school.

Out of Hours Learning

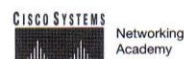
Please find attached to this letter a copy of school clubs and activities for this half term. After school clubs run from 3-30 to 4-30pm unless a specific time is identified. As students finish school by 2-15pm on Wednesdays all afterschool clubs and activities will run from 2-20pm to 3-20pm, again unless a specific time is identified

‘Staff are very caring and students appreciate the support that they receive.’

‘The school’s ‘getting it right’ policy is instrumental in managing the positive behaviour seen across school.’
(Ofsted 2012)

“Hillcrest is an **outstanding school** that has an **excellent reputation.**” OFSTED 2009

“Outstanding care, guidance and support and an **excellent curriculum**, together with good teaching, enable students to make **exceptional progress.**” OFSTED 2009



Safety around the school premises

We would be grateful if you could take care not to block the driveway to Den Caney Coaches or Swallow Foods, opposite the school gate. Please consider the safety of students when parking on the school grounds and do not block pavements and walkways. At the end of the school day please take care not to block the entrance to the drop off car park as this causes danger for students using the crossing and other motorists. We are lucky to have off road parking as many schools do not have this facility. As always, we advise that if the car park is full, the safest place to park is on Stonehouse Lane beyond the school bus stop.

Examination Results 2014

Congratulations to all Year 10, 11 12 and 13 students who took external examinations and parents/carers who supported them through what is always a very stressful period.

Sixth Form results at A Level and BTEC Level 3, students again achieved outstanding results with the average point score per student increasing from 218 in 2013 to an impressive 237 in 2014 (including a 100% pass rate at 'A' level and BTEC and 57% of entries achieved A*-B grades). In Year 11 GCSE and BTEC courses 61% of entries achieved A*-C grades.

Excellent individual results include

GCSEs

Razan achieved 10 GCSEs, 9 at A*/A grades plus an AS Level grade A

Hibaq achieved 8 GCSEs, 7 at A*/A grades

Rajdip achieved 9 GCSEs 7 at A*/A grades

Ramandeep achieved 9 GCSEs, 7 at A*/A grades

Swabra achieved 9 GCSEs, 6 at A*/A grades

Sathvir achieved 10 GCSEs, 5 at A*/A grades

Rehanna achieved 9 GCSEs, 5 at A*/A grades

Sana achieved 9 GCSEs, 5 at A*/A grades

Kaman achieved 11 GCSEs, 5 at A*/A grades

and many more very good results.....

May I wish you all an enjoyable year and I look forward to seeing you at our many school events. Your support is vital to the success of your child.

Best wishes



J A Davies (Ms)
Headteacher