



Hillcrest School

A Specialist Maths & Computing College
and Sixth Form Centre



Maths &
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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 2015

The week beginning 21st September is our Open Week. Many students will be coming back on the evening of Wednesday 23rd September to act as guides and to be involved in activities. We are most appreciative of their help.

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.

Homework

All students receive a homework timetable where they are set homework every day. Students in Year 7 and 8 should be spending approximately an hour and a half per evening on homework and in Years 9 to 11 two hours. All students are given a weekly sticker for their planners with a 'top tip' to help them 'Review, revise and re-visit' their learning. Establishing and maintaining these good habits out of lessons will make a huge impact on your child's progress. Research like the EPPSE project found that students who reported spending between 2 and 3 hours on homework on an average weeknight in Year 9 were almost 10 times more likely to achieve 5 A*-C than students who did not spend any time on homework.

Studying without reviewing is like running a mile without the car.

REVIEW what you learn in lessons **EVERY DAY.**

WEEK 1
MAKE
LEARNING
STICK

Practice makes Progress!

Every evening spend 20 minutes making Mind Maps or bullet points to review the main points of all your lessons. You can do this before you start your homework. If you haven't fully understood the work ask a student in your form to help you the next morning.

'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 2013)



Home Access Plus

All students are able to access their school emails and documents using the Home Access+ icon on the school website. Here they will also find links to the on-line learning resources listed below that Hillcrest provides for students.

Accelerated Reader
Doddle (ICT)
Sam Learning
Active Learn

MathsWatch
My Maths
Kerboodle



Safety around the school premises

We would be grateful if you could take care not to block the driveway to the Fire Station, Den Caney Coaches or Swallow Foods. 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.

Reminders:

- Students must be in school by 8-40am and in seated in registration when the bell rings at 8-45am. Students who arrive after this time receive a late mark.
- The Parents' Handbook which all parents/carers receive on admission is available on the school website and an additional paper copy can be requested via the school office.

Examination Results 2015

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.

A LEVEL/BTEC Level 3 RESULTS 2015

100% Pass rate in 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015

52% of entries graded A*/A

64% of entries graded A* to B in 2015

GCSE Results

74% of entries at A* to C grade.

62% of students achieved 5 more A*- C grades.

36% of students achieved A* to C grade in the Ebacc set of subjects.

16% of entries graded A*/A.

Outstanding individual GCSE performances.....

Micah 9 GCSEs (A*x7, Ax2),

Issra 9 GCSEs (A*x2, Ax5, Bx2)

Mai 11 GCSEs (A*x4, Ax2, 5xB), including an early B at A/S level

Rameen 9 GCSEs (3xA*, 3xA, 3xB) 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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J A Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'J'.

**J A Davies (Ms)
Headteacher**

HILLCREST SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE
STUDY SUPPORT AND OUT OF HOURS LEARNING TIMETABLE
2015-2016 TERM 1

DAY	BEFORE SCHOOL	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	<p>Open Learning Centre 'Study Zone' 8am, break and lunchtime ICT Study Support: 34 Maths Study Support: 24</p>	<p>Badminton Club Year 7-9 Fitness room – Year 10 and 11 Table Tennis Year 7-9 Year 7 and 8 Choir 12.40 – 1.10pm Room 12</p> <p>Maths Study Support: 24 Geography Revision Room 29 (Mr Carson) week A only</p> <p>Netball Year 10 Dance Year 7 and 8 EAL lunchtime homework club – room 19 BBC School Report – Room 32 Vocal Skills (soloists and small groups) 12.40 – 1.10pm Room 12 Poetry Club Year 7-9 OLC</p> <p>Maths Study Support: 24 Geography Revision Room 28(Miss Gill)</p>	<p>Open Learning Centre 'Study Zone' GCSE Maths A*/A Target Club</p> <p>Open Learning Centre 'Study Zone' Sports Fixtures Football Coaching with Professional Coach - sports hall All Years Dance performance group – Studio GCSE Maths Target C Club Room 27 GCSE Food Technology – Technology Block GCSE Health and Social Care (AJK) – Technology Block</p>
TUESDAY	<p>Open Learning Centre 'Study Zone' 8am, break and lunchtime ICT Study Support: 34 Maths Study Support: 24</p>	<p>Netball Year 7 Fitness room Year 10 and 11 Dance Year 9 and 10 Apps for Good – develop your own App – Room 32 Keyboard Club 12.40 – 1.10 Room 12 Environment Club – Greenhouse Area</p> <p>Maths Study Support: 24</p>	<p><u>Clubs/Activities run from 2:20pm</u></p> <p>Accelerated Reader/Study Zone – OLC till 4pm. Basketball coaching with a professional coach – Sports hall – All Years Year 7-8 English and Maths support – Room 19 Year 12 and 13 BTEC Medical Science Assignment support</p>
WEDNESDAY	<p>Open Learning Centre 'Study Zone' 8am, break and lunchtime ICT Study Support: 34 Maths Study Support: 24</p>	<p>Netball Year 9 Fitness room Year 10 AND 11</p> <p>Computer programming/animation workshops – Room 32</p> <p>English skills for success/coursework clinic Year 10/11 Room 42/39 Book Club Year 7-10 Room 40</p> <p>Maths Study Support: 24</p>	<p>Open Learning Centre 'Study Zone' Sports Fixtures</p> <p>Drama Club - Studio Indoor athletics club – Satellite club Computer programming/animation workshops – Room 32 English Coursework Clinic – Year 10/11 Room 42/39 Health and Social Care catch up Year 11-13 Room 47 GCSE Product Design Catch up: Technology area Steel Pans – Theatre Hall 3.15 – 4.15pm Year 10 and 11 Science GCSE revision Year 12 and 13 BTEC Medical Science Assignment support</p>
THURSDAY	<p>Open Learning Centre 'Study Zone' 8am, break and lunchtime ICT Study Support: 34 Maths Study Support: 24</p>	<p>Badminton Club Year 10-11 Table Tennis Year 10-11 Community Club Room 42</p> <p>Maths Study Support: 24</p>	<p>KS4/5 Dance Performance Geography intervention workshop (45 minutes) Room 29 Week A and Week B</p>
FRIDAY			