

HILLCREST MESSENGER

116th Edition

February 2019



Dance Competition Results!



Nightingale Dance Competition Results

1st place: N2 - Salem, Mosope, Hoda, Laila, Ella, Eleanor and Adeola

2nd place: N4 - Derica, Awa and Abdia

3rd place: N2 - Barakah and Eman

Joint 4th: N3 - Sara and N4 - Saron

Rosa Parks Dance Competition Results

1st place - P6 Sara

2nd place - P4 Dione and Anam

3rd place - P2 Ebyan and Keira

P1 Natasha and Abrar



Miss E. King
Teacher of Performing Arts

KS3 SciNOC Club

This academic year has seen many female scientists from the University of Birmingham visit Hillcrest school to work with our KS3 students at KS3 Science Club. Students have had the opportunity to engineer their own marshmallow and spaghetti towers, make pH indicators from red cabbage, investigate the components of blood and the incredibly popular session when they made their own slime.

Our students have really enjoyed the opportunity to meet female scientists and I have been very impressed with the inspirational questions our students have asked the visiting scientists about their careers and educational journeys to date.

We have many more things planned for KS3 Science Club in the spring and summer terms and we look forward to welcoming the scientists back to Hillcrest School.



Slime week proved very popular with students.



Students learnt about the different components of blood.



Testing the pH of different substances.



Mr Squires and visiting scientists with the winning marshmallow and spaghetti tower.

We are always looking for new student scientists to join us! If your child would like to attend KS3 Science Club then they should ask Mr Squires (lab 53) for a permission letter to be able to join us.

From the smallest cells to the largest galaxies, join us to explore the universe around us. Meet female scientists from the University of Birmingham, who will run each weekly session.

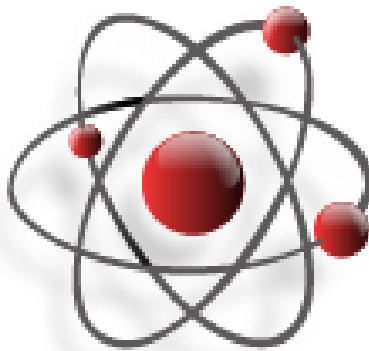
Sessions planned include: making snow slime, using cabbage as a universal indicator, making your own lava lamp, rocket race.



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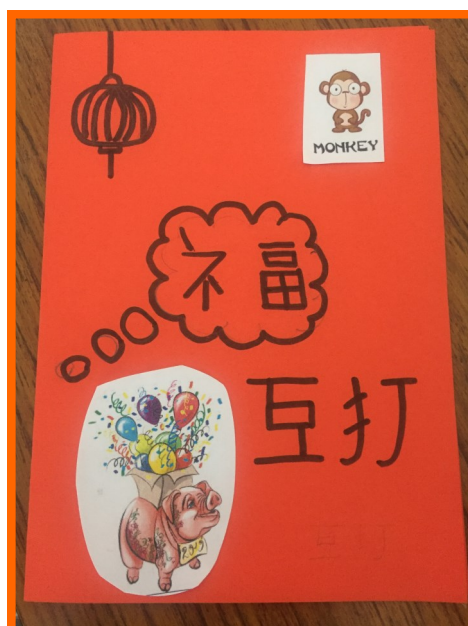
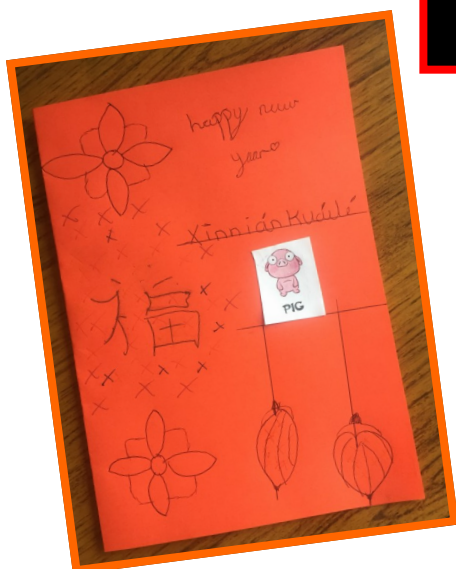
Thursday afternoons (3:25-4:25) in room 48. Collect a permission slip from Mr Squires (lab 53) to attend.



**Mr T. Squires
Teacher of Science**



Happy Chinese New Year!



Miss S. Samra & Chinese Club Students



School Games News

Indoor Rowing

The Hillcrest Indoor Rowing team will once again represent the partnership at the School Games. With funding from the school, we have been able to pay for extra coaching from Birmingham Rowing to improve our technique and stamina.

The teams performed extremely well last year and we will be working hard to achieve a similar performance this time round.

Indoor Athletics

The Year 7 and Year 8 Indoor Athletics teams trained very hard in preparation for the Level 2 Competition on 5th December, and although the Year 8 team are the reigning Birmingham School Games champions, they still needed to perform at their very best to qualify this year.



Year 7 students

The competition was extremely exciting and in the Year 7 competition it was very close. There were some outstanding performances. In Year 7, Adeola was immense in the sprints and jumps. Brooklyn who shot putt so much further than anyone else, including Year 8. Awa, who timed her distance run perfectly, and Alyssa who so calmly and convincingly won the 200m. In the Year 8 team, Kayarn again won the sprint and vertical jump. Sabah remains undefeated in the triple and long jump, and Abrar, whose training helped her to comfortably win the distance event. It is, however, very much a team event and these performances alone would not be enough to win, therefore, we waited anxiously for the final results.

The eruption of cheers, applause, and jumping up and down from our teams was fully deserved. Not only will the Year 8 team be able to defend their title, but the Year 7 team will also have the opportunity to compete at a higher level, as both teams successfully won and will represent the partnership at the Birmingham School Games on April 3rd 2019. Congratulations to Adeola, Alyssa, Brooklyn, Barakah, Mosope, Shahd, Marwa, Awa all Year 7, and the Year 8 students, Kayarn, Sabah, Abrar, Elizabeth, Kiera, Natasha and Crystal.

Miss C. Reeves
Teacher of Physical Education

College Sports Results

Nightingale College

	Cross Country Individual	Cross Country Team	Indoor Rowing	Dance Competition	Total Points	Current Place
N1	4th	3rd	2nd	1st	150.00	4th
N2	3rd	4th	3rd	1st	275	2nd
N3	2nd	1st	4th	4th	202	3rd
N4	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	350	1st

Rosa Parks College

	Year 8 Cross country Individual	Year 9 Cross Country Individual	Cross Country Team	8 and 9 Badminton Competition	Year 8 Inter Form Rowing	Year 9 Inter Form Rowing	Dance Competition	Total Points	Current Place
P1	3rd	2nd	5th	5th	1st	3rd	3rd	540	2nd
P2	6th	1st	1st	5th	6th	1st	3rd	700	1st
P3	7th	3rd	2nd	6th	4th	7th		310	6th
P4	5th	8th	7th	2nd	5th	4th	2nd	540	2nd
P5	1st	4th	8th	5th	6th	8th		450	3rd
P6	4th	7th	3rd	5th	2nd	5th	1st	340	5th
P7	2nd	6th	4th	4th	6th	6th		310	6th
P8	8th	5th	6th	1st	3rd	2nd		400	4th

Malala College

	Year 10 Cross Country Individual	Year 11 Cross Country Individual	Cross Country Team	Year 10 and 11 Badminton Competition	Year 10 Rowing	Year 11 Rowing	Year 11 College Indoor Team games results	Overall Points	Overall Place
M1	5th	6th	5th	5th	3rd	1st	2nd	530	2nd
M2	3rd	2nd	7th	5th	7th	2nd	6th	390	7th
M3	4th	7th	1st	3rd	4th	7th	4th	500	3rd
M4	6th	9th	9th	1st	7th	5th	8th	310	8th
M5	9th	4th	3rd	2nd	5th	6th	3rd	395	6th
M6	1st	1st	6th	5th	2nd	4th	1st	590	1st
M7	7th	5th	2nd	5th	6th	8th	3rd	420	5th
M8	8th	3rd	1st	4th	7th	3rd	5th	490	4th
M9	2nd	8th	8th	5th	1st	8th	7th	390	7th



Level 3 Indoor Rowing Competition

Twelve students qualified for the Birmingham School Games Indoor Rowing event. We had an extremely successful day. It was a pleasure to be with our students who worked so very hard for each other; indoor rowing requires a massive amount of grit and determination and their support and encouragement throughout the competition was crucial to the result.



Year 10 - Morgan, Marcia, Rhoda, and Ashley.

Our Year 9 team finished in third place behind K.E. School and UoB school, the Year 10s also finished 3rd behind K.E. School and Swanshurst, and the Year 11 students surprised us all by finishing 2nd behind K.E.



Year 11 - Tahlia, Dyna, Hana, and Wala.



Year 9 - Unathi, Channel, Sara, and Melanie.

New Club Information

This term we hope to see the refurbishment of the gym completed so we can offer more clubs at lunchtime – so please watch this space.

Basketball club - We have a qualified Italian basketball coach running a six week basketball club. Tuesday 3.20pm – 4.20pm. If you are interested please sign up on the notice board opposite PE.

Cricket club will continue after Easter, Wednesdays 2.20pm – 3.20pm.

Football Club will take place Wednesday 2.20pm – 3.20pm, start date to be announced.

Miss L. Taylor
Teacher of Physical Education

Hegarty Mathematics Awards

We celebrated the success of students who have answered the most Hegarty Questions correctly before Christmas.

Well done students for your outstanding commitment to mathematics.



Students after receiving their certificates.

Every half term, the criteria for selecting students changes, so keep working hard, next time it could be you!

Mr M. Gilman
Teacher of Mathematics

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Easter Cupcake Challenge

Is Back and BIGGER than ever!



*Ishida Europe employees challenge
Students & Staff of Hillcrest to an
"EASTER CUP CAKE CHALLENGE".*

Acceptance into the competition will
cost £2 per entry & all entries must
be the sole work of the contributor.

Please bring up to 6 cupcakes,
individual slice cakes or cookies & £2
entrance fee to the school on
Tuesday 9th April, to be
judged by an appointed panel
during the lunch-time break.
Prizes, donated by Ishida,
will be awarded
to the winning entries.



Science Live for A-level

Birmingham 16th January 2019

The chance to hear some of the best scientists who are working at the cutting edge of their specialisms.

The Scientists



About the events



Bookings



Contact



A Level Science Live at Birmingham Town Hall

A visit to A Level Science Live was arranged for the A Level Biology group on **Wednesday 16th January 2019**.

The visit provided our students with a chance to hear some of the best scientists who are working at the cutting edge of their specialisms and involved the following presentations.

- Professor Steve Jones – Is Man Just Another Mammal?
- Professor Robert Winston – Human Progress
- Dr Ben Goldacre – The MMR Scandal and Other Scientific Quackery
- Dr Hannah Critchlow – Demystifying the Human Brain
- Dr Jenny Rohn - Revenge of the Microbes

There were also two examiner sessions on the day which provided insight into examination technique for the current lower sixth students who will be sitting AS Level Biology this summer.

Mrs A. Johnson
Teacher of A Level Science



Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.

Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.

Donated clothes/accessories needed in school by:
10am Monday 25th March 2019

Collection bags will be sent home with students two weeks before the collection.





DANCE and DRAMA CLUBS

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	GCSE drop in	GCSE drop in	GCSE drop in	GCSE drop in	Stretch Club – all years
After School		All years Drama Club Mini Performance club (audition only)	Year 8 Dance Club 2:15-3:15	Performance Group (audition only) Year 7 Dance Club	

If students have any questions or would like further information on our Dance and Drama Clubs, please see Miss King or Mrs Berlyn in the PE office.

*Miss E. King & Mrs G. Berlyn
Teachers of Performing Arts*



We have recently sent you a letter about ParentMail and how the school is changing the way we communicate with you.

How do you register?

Registering with ParentMail is very easy! Very soon you will be sent either an email and/or text message from ParentMail, when you receive this please just follow the instructions in the message.

ParentMail Workshops

We will be holding workshops on the following dates to tell you more about ParentMail and show you how to use ParentMail online and download the Hillcrest School App.

- Wednesday 27th February 2019 at 2pm
- Friday 1st March 2019 at 9am

Please come along for a cup of tea and a chat – we are here to help you!

Contact details

It is extremely important that we have the correct contact details for you, this includes an emergency contact number and your email address. Please inform the school if your mobile number or email address change at any time. Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the contact form. We will announce the winners of the prize draw after February half term.

Need access to the internet to use ParentMail?

We will also be providing an internet access point in the school reception area for you to come into school at any time to use ParentMail online, top up your child's dinner money account, pay for school trips or for us to show you how to download the Hillcrest School App.

If you have any further questions or need assistance, please contact the school on 0121 464 3172.



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school office for
more details

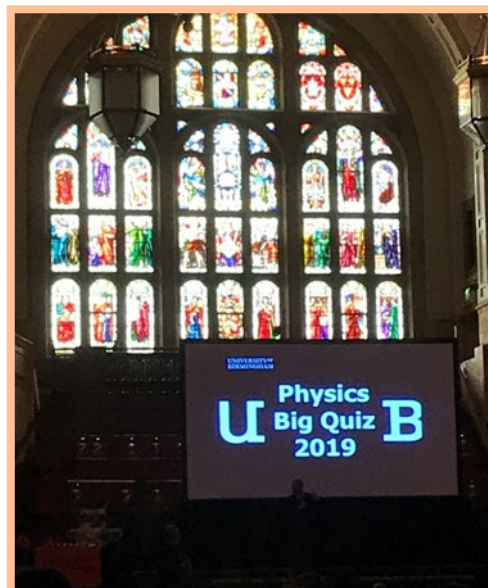
Year 9 Physics BIG QUIZ

On Tuesday 22nd January, twelve Year 9 students accompanied Mr Squires and Mrs Preston to the University of Birmingham's Physics Big Quiz 2019.

With our reliance on technology, energy, space and physical medicine ever increasing; there has never been a greater need to teach and inspire our next generation of physicists! The day proved very fruitful in allowing our students to practice applying their physical knowledge in an applied setting, as well as offering the opportunity for our students to meet with University of Birmingham academics and students. Despite being perceived as a 'male dominated' area of academic study, our students thoroughly enjoyed meeting various female doctors and professors of Physics – demonstrating that being of male gender certainly need not be a prerequisite for further study and success in Physics.

With over 100 teams competing from comprehensive and independent schools across the West Midlands and around the UK, competition was particularly fierce. Despite this, I am delighted to announce that our teams scored very well, with one of our teams placing within the top ten list.

Their determination, positive attitude and collaboration was a pleasure to observe. Well done girls, you were a credit to Hillcrest School and you should feel very proud of your success!



Mr T. Squires
Teacher of Science

GCSE DRAMA STUDENT CONFERENCE

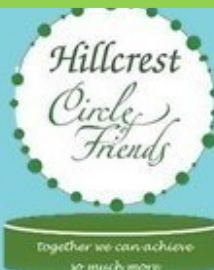


The Year 10 GCSE Drama students travelled to London to participate in a student conference led by a Drama examiner.

They took part in practical workshops as well as listening to a lecture and watching a live performance.



Miss E. King
Teacher of Performing Arts



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6th April 2019**

10am - 1pm

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A Message from the Headteacher

A huge 'thank you' to all students and staff for your hard work this half-term. You can see from this edition of the messenger that although it's been a short (6 week) half term, there have been lots of events and activities inside and outside the normal timetabled lessons and lots more planned from after half term.



Looking ahead, the examination period for Year 11 and 13 students is almost here and they are working really hard in preparation for GCSE, BTEC and A level examinations in May and June. It's important that they use the half term holiday to catch-up with revision (and some sleep!)

As I write this, there are 44 school days until the first GCSE and A level external written examinations, and many of the external practical examinations are already underway. Year 8 will have examinations in March, Year 7 in May, Year 10 in June and Year 9 in July.

Revision is an extremely important skill that all students, in all year groups, need to practise and make part of their everyday approach to study. When revising, students need a quiet environment without disturbances, plenty of sleep, regular breaks, plenty of water, and lots of encouragement.

The work of the Learning Scientists is key to successful revision and staff at Hillcrest help students to develop their use of these effective learning strategies from Year 7 onwards. Ask your child to show you how they use the different strategies and for more information visit the website <http://www.learningscientists.org>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding revision, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Learning Co-ordinator.

Have a safe and restful holiday.
Best wishes, Ms J. Davies

**REMINDER SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR STUDENTS ON:
MONDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2018.
REGISTRATION IS AT 08.45AM.**



HILLCREST SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE

STUDY SUPPORT AND OUT OF HOURS LEARNING TIMETABLE

2018/2019 TERM 2 (Spring Term)

DAY	BEFORE SCHOOL	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	Open Learning Centre 'Study Zone' 8am, break and lunchtime Breakfast Club in Room 19 from 8am with Mrs Penn/Mrs Preston	Year 11 Dance Club in Room 14 with Mrs Berlyn Couch to 5k Fitness session Room 33- Homework Club Year 11 GCSE Geography Revision session - Room 28 with Miss Glendening Year 11 GCSE Geography Revision session - Room 29 with Mr Gregory Extra support Art Sessions- Room 45 with Ms Cox Week A Lunchtime with Milo- Room 19 with Mrs Penn Year 11 French Revision Sessions with Mrs Adams in Room 33 Week B Debate Club (Years 7 to 11) in Room 22 with Ms Samra/Miss Guyver GCSE Drama Revision Drop In with Mrs Berlyn and Miss King in Room 10 Room 33- Homework Club Year 11 GCSE French Revision sessions with Mr Harrison Year 9 Netball Group English Challenge Club in Room 37 with Mr James	Open Learning Centre 'Study Zone' BTEC Level 3 Applied Science Enrichment Session with Ms Johnson in DOTCOM Homework support Sessions in Room 19/DOTCOM until 4.30pm with Mrs Penn/Mrs Preston Open Learning Centre Netball matches Year 8 & 9 Matches. Practice if no match Year 11 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition in the TechnoZone with Mr Kennard and Mrs Kirsz until 4.20pm Further Maths Level 2 Course (Week B only) till 4.20pm to commence 8 th Oct 18 with Mrs Kanona in Room 25 Mini Performance Group - Room 10 with Miss King Drama Club- Room 10 with Miss King (All years welcome) Year 11 Set Poetry Revision Club in Room 40 with Miss Howard (Week B only) Homework support Sessions in Room 19/DOTCOM until 4.30pm with Mrs Penn/ Mrs Preston Ukulele Club in Room 12 3.30-4pm (Week A) with Mr Nock Miss Roland's Year 11 English Group 3.30-4.30pm in Room 39 (Week B only) Basketball Club 3.20-4.20pm Year 11 Science Revision Session (Week A Only) with Mrs Zahoor/Mrs Kaur in Room 48/58 Clubs/Activities run from 2:20pm Accelerated Reader/Study Zone - OLC till 4pm. Year 9,10 and 11 Cricket at 2.20pm (Start date TBC) Year 8 Dance - Room 12 with Alanna Parks
TUESDAY	Open Learning Centre 'Study Zone' 8am, break and lunchtime Breakfast Club in Room 19 from 8am with Mrs Penn/Mrs Preston	Year 7 & 8 Cross Country/Indoor Athletics Room 33- Homework Club Chinese Club- Room 22 with Ms Samra Stretch Club- Room 12 with Miss King	Open Learning Centre 'Study zone' GCSE Drum Club 3.30-4.15pm with Mr Nock Year 11 GCSE Food Preparation and Nutrition in the TechnoZone with Mr Kennard and Mrs Kirsz until 4.20pm Year 8 Spanish in Room 5 with Mr Harrison Week B Year 9,10,11 GCSE Art Support Group till 5pm- Room 45 with Ms Cox Performance Group- Room 12 with Mrs Berlyn Year 7 Dance Group- Room 12 with Mrs Berlyn Indoor athletics club - Satellite club Steel Pans - Theatre Hall 3.15- 4.15pm Year 11 Travel and Tourism focus group with Mrs Jones in Room 34 Homework support Sessions in Room 19/DOTCOM until 4.30pm with Mrs Penn/ Mrs Preston Duke of Edinburgh Award Group- 3.30-4.30pm with Miss Glendening (invite only) KS3 Science Club in Room 48 with Mr Squires Year 11 Maths Exam Skills- Maths Department
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Key Dates



Spring Term 2b begins for all students	-	Monday 25th February @ 08.45am
Year 11 English Literature Mock Examination	-	Tuesday 5th March
Year 9 School Leaving Booster Vaccinations	-	Monday 4th March
Year 8 Parents Evening	-	Tuesday 5th March 4pm - 6pm
World Book Day	-	Thursday 7th March
Year 11 Maths & English Mock Examinations	-	Week Commencing 11th March
Year 7 Netball Competition	-	Tuesday 12th March
Year 8 Big Bang Fair Visit	-	Friday 15th March
Year 8 & 9 Netball Competition	-	Wednesday 20th March
Year 9 & 6th Form Psychology Trip to the University of Manchester	-	Wednesday 20th March
Dance & Music Primary & Secondary Sharing Event - 'Hillcrest Performing Arts Showcase'	-	Thursday 21st March
Year 8 Examinations Week	-	Week Commencing 25th March
Maths Feast	-	Tuesday 26th March
Year 10 Handball Competition	-	Thursday 28th March
Year 10 Dorset Coast Trip	-	Thursday 28th & Friday 29th March
Year 10 Parents Evening	-	Monday 1st April 4pm - 6pm
Year 8 History/Geography Trip to Ironbridge	-	Thursday 4th April
PSD Day 4	-	Friday 5th April
National Challenge Promotional Event	-	Monday 8th April
Careers Fayre	-	Thursday 11th April
Spring Term Ends (Students Finish @ 12.30)	-	Friday 12th April
Easter Holidays	-	15th April - 26th April
Summer Term 3a begins for all students	-	Monday 29th April @ 08.45am