

Hillary House News

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A very belated welcome back to all members of Hillary House! We might be a little late getting organised this year, but we have some exciting plans for this academic year! Keep checking our house notice board and BHS Facebook page and Instagram for updated information on what we've got going on!

Our chosen House charity, as voted for by members of Hillary, is Wish Upon A Dream. Alongside our local charity, we will be fundraising for our Action Aid child, Magret, in Zambia.



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Our idea for our first edition of Hillary House News was to properly introduce all our Prefects and House Champions so here goes...

My name is Isabella and I am a Prefect for Hillary House. I first arrived at BHS 18 months ago. I am an enthusiastic, happy person who likes to meet new people. I think that being so new to the school has given me good skills that allow me to support others with settling in to the school environment. I love drama, dance and music and Ballak-ermeen has given me the opportunity to pursue these activities further. I also enjoy reading and hanging out with my friends which I usually do most weekends.

The reason why I wanted this role was because I want to help make the school a place that includes all students. I also want to help raise funding for our chosen charity and to help those in need. This year, I hope to achieve successful working in partnership with students around the school, teachers and people within the community.



Hi, my name is Eleanor, I'm 14 and I'm in year 10, I enjoy reading, drawing, history, and studying, I mean procrastinating on social media instead. I'm very confident, and EXTREMELY energetic, I mean EXTREMELY energetic, I can also apparently be very dramatic according to my form tutor but I don't quite believe her. I'm also not afraid to talk to new people which makes me extremely approachable. I wanted to be a house champion as I enjoy being part of a team, and also having a role of responsibility within the school. This year I hope to help fundraise money for our house charities, organise various activities by putting forward my somewhat alright ideas, and also helping out around the school.



My name is Mia and I'm in year 8. I'm a house champion for Hillary house. I applied for the role of house champion because I wanted to help with fundraisers and to help out others. My main reason for applying was because I wanted to help the year 7s because I know what it's like to get lost, not know who the teachers are or where a classroom is. I play the guitar and dance. I recently passed my grade 2 for guitar. I'm currently working towards my grade 4 ballet and bronze tap. When I'm at home I love to bake and listen to music. My favourite subjects are DT and maths. Last year, I asked my tutor group if they had any spare teddy's that they wouldn't mind donating. It was for an organisation called Operation Smile. They go to countries that don't have hospitals and surgeons, and help the kids that have cleft lips. Also I helped Megan with one of her fundraisers and we raised over £200. This was for Rebecca house, after the fundraiser we took the money down to Rebecca house and we got a photo. They were very happy and so were we :)

Hi, I'm Megan and I'm a house champion in Year 8. I wanted to be a house champion because I wanted to have a responsibility in the school and help out. I can't wait to help out at the Christmas Fayre and all the upcoming fundraisers.

If you need anyone to talk to about anything then you can come and find me. I'm happy to help. I have done 3 previous fundraisers, for two different charities. The first one I did was for Rebecca House and I only raised £26.25. I then did the second one with my best friend Mia, who is also a house champion. We raised money for Rebecca House again and raised an outstanding amount which totalled up to £217. I then did my final one in the summer for a new charity called 'Wish Upon A Dream'. Wish Upon A Dream is an amazing charity for sick children to do anything they would like. And the people that work there make it happen. I raised £101 for that charity. So I do have previous fundraising experience. I am so glad to be a house champion this year and hoping to be a prefect



My name is Brooke and being house champion is important to me in many ways. I like to help raise money for charities and planning events for helping charities. I have helped raise money for cancer research for the last 5 years in different ways, including a mile swim, non uniform days, bike ride the length of the tt course, guess how many sweets in the jar and many more.

My name is Ella. I am in year 11 and I am a Hillary Prefect at Ballakermeen. I enjoy hanging out with my friends, I am also volunteering at the Old Horses Home this year for Christmas, which I am really looking forward to because I've been doing it for years. I wanted to become a prefect because I wanted to experience what this role had in store and I believed I could handle being a prefect. I am hoping to become more confident in stressful situations, and to get good grades in my exams. This time next year I would like to be studying in Sixth Form, aiming to reach my goal of being an English Teacher.



Hi! I am Chloe Degorgue and I am a prefect for Hillary house. I joined Ballakermeen 2 years ago. My friends describe me as kind, funny and loving. My favourite subjects are History, Drama and English. I believe that Drama has helped me grow in confidence when meeting new people. I love to read and hang out with my friends at the weekend. I'm also volunteering at Crossroads Care. The reason why I wanted this role was because I wanted to help make a change in the community before I leave next year. I also want to help fund for our school and our chosen charity. I also want to set an example for younger years. Also being a prefect will help my communication skills grow.

Hello! My name is David, I was born in 2003 and I am of Manx nationality. I have two sisters and I'm a student in the 11th year of formal education. I study computer science, maths, English, geography, physics, biology, chemistry, DT product design as well as DT engineering, my hobbies include the study of kinesics and proxemics which are fields of non-verbal communications as well as adopting the ancient Greek practices of some philosophers such as Marcus Aurelius and Seneca.

I became a prefect because of my want to do good and enact a more responsible role within the school in which I can assure that fundraisers are far from mundane or common in an attempt to raise as much money for charity as possible whilst having a blast doing so!



Hello, my name is Bethan, and I am 14 years old. I am the House Champion for year 10, alongside Eleanor, who is also a member of my tutor group. I am interested in history, science, and languages, which I hope to take all to A level. I am also very involved in different cultures and have recently travelled on the school China Exchange trip- it was very fulfilling and fun. I enjoy swimming, I am a member of the IOM Swim Squad and swim around 5 times a week. I also really enjoy watching sports on tv - the Olympics are my favourite event to watch. I really love music, I like many different genres, such as vintage house, classic r & b, and k-pop. I listen to music often, when I do work or homework, when I make food, or when I'm relaxing. I am very keen to assist where I can in school, I think it will be rewarding and interesting to be a House Champion, and possibly Prefect in the future. I look forward to bringing new ideas and fun to Hillary House and working with other year groups to diversify the house agenda.

Papped at the BHS Christmas Market...

Megan and Mia enjoying some candy floss whilst selling candy canes.



Eleanor, Chloe and Isabella running our card game stall at the market.



Mr Davies and Miss Lathan serving up the hot chocolate.

Merry Christmas
everyone!



