

# HILL HOUSE

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Dear Parents,

On Wednesday we will be taking the annual Section photographs in Founders' Hall. Sadly these were unable to happen last year as we were deep into Lockdown One. Please can you ensure all pupils come to school *looking as smart as possible* wearing full summer uniform. All children must be wearing a **v-neck jumper, short sleeved polo shirt** and for those in Middle School and above, their **cravat**. Shoes should also be well polished. All pupils in the Sixth Form should come to school in regular uniform and they will change into Sports Kit *after* the photographs.

Next week our sports fixtures are returning to pre-pandemic levels with ten teams representing the school on the cricket field. Fixture details can be found on the school website.

The season of Summer Showcases begins in the following week in Founders' Hall.

May	17	Young Cellists from Cadogan Gardens
	18	Piano & Harp Festival - Pupils of Miss Nuti and Miss Bartz
	19	String Orchestra plus Violin pupils of Mr Lau
	20	Piano Festival – Pupils of Miss Haney and Miss Shklover with violin and piano pupils of Miss Laks

Our Showcases at Founders' Hall are held in line with the latest UK Government guidance and we will continue to review and follow Government advice. Should the guidance change and impact your visit we will let you know. At the moment you may only attend performances with individuals from your own household or support bubble and the limit on audience numbers is 60.

Showcases are designed to encourage and reward all the performers for their efforts whatever their level of achievement. The children listen to their friends playing and draw inspiration from what they hear and find pieces they would like to learn themselves and so increase their personal repertoire. All performers need an audience and so parents and pupils are expected to remain for the whole of the showcase. One of the most notable and gratifying things that we were able to take from the Showcases last term, when we were unable to have an audience of parents, was the level to which the children still 'performed' for their friends and how much their friends enjoyed listening to them. The act of being able to stand up and perform with pride in front of your peers and loved ones is such an important lesson and it will have positive benefits throughout their whole lives. We are delighted to be welcoming you all back to Founders' Hall over the next few weeks. Details of all the Showcases, drama productions, Speech competitions and Art Exhibition are on the school website.

On the subject of our extracurricular opportunities, we currently have some spaces in the following Friday Clubs: Board Games, Chess, Drama, Middle School Art, Reading, Senior Art, Senior Sports, Transitus Sports, Upper School Art and Upper School Singing Clubs. If you would be interested in enrolling your child in any of these clubs, please email [clubs@hillhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:clubs@hillhouseschool.co.uk) with your preference.

Best wishes,

*Richard Townend*