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Dear Parents,

As I said in the first newsletter of term we have been carrying out some standardised testing throughout the school and these results are now filtering back. I wanted to pick out just one area to share with you; the Verbal Reasoning of the pupils in Upper Transitus and Upper Senior School. The results are broken down into nine bands and the national average sees 40% in the top four bands. Hill House has returned a figure of 83%. A result like this from a non-selective entry at four years old shows the richness of experience pupils enjoy here and testify to the academic standards within the school. The hard work, care and inspiration that all the teachers these children have encountered throughout their time at Hill House is what makes these results possible.

The Parent and Tutor Social Evenings have seen Founders' Hall filled for the last couple of weeks and continue next week. I hope to see many of you there.

Tuesday 3 Transitus (Upper and Lower)

Thursday 5 Middle School

All Social Evenings are at 6.30pm to 8.00pm in Founders' Hall

Following on from the successful Literacy and Numeracy information evening for parents in Small School and Lower School earlier this week there will be a presentation for parents in Upper School covering English and Maths this coming Wednesday. Please see the message below from Miss Fournès, Director of Studies.

We would like to invite you to an information evening on the Key Stage 2 English curriculum and Key Stage 2 Mathematics curriculum taught to pupils in Upper School.

*There will be advice on how best to help your child develop specific skills in these two subjects and what topics and techniques the two year groups focus on. This will take place on **Wednesday 4 October at 6.00pm in Founders' Hall.***

We look forward to seeing you there.

We will also be holding a similar evening for parents with children in the Lower Sixth covering Maths and Science on Monday 9 October at 6.00pm in Founders' Hall. A separate email will be sent with details about this.

The first of this year's Upper Sixth Geography courses has returned from Switzerland and the second course left on Thursday. The boys enjoyed their time in the mountains and we hope that this group will have as good weather as the first course.

The week ahead sees trips for Middle School to the Florence Nightingale Museum and Lower Senior School to the Houses of Parliament. There are several sports fixtures coming up including the Borough Mini-Marathon Trials in Holland Park. Details can be found on the school website.

Billings and Edmonds will be coming for their termly visit to Founders' Hall on Saturday 14 October. This will give you an opportunity to purchase any uniform your child may need in time for the change into winter uniform after Half Term.

Best wishes,

Richard Townend