



## HT's Report at Parent Council meeting

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2017



### SQA Exams results

- Best ever or second best ever results in almost all categories
- Highest ever % of pupils achieving 5 Highers by the end of S5
- 16% of pupils achieving 6 Highers by the end of S5
- Second highest ever number of passes at Advanced Higher

#### Hillhead High – S5 Higher Grade Summary

<u>Year</u>	<u>1xH</u>	<u>3xH</u>	<u>5xH</u>	<u>6xH</u>
2013	48%	28%	15%	
2014	59%	29%	13%	
2015	60%	35%	21%	12%
2016	65%	36%	20%	10%
2017	63%	36%	23%	16%

#### Cumulative Attainment by end of S6 – 2017:

- ❖ 80% of pupils (based on S4 roll) leave with at least one Higher
- ❖ 50% leave with at least three Highers
- ❖ 35% leave with at least 5 Highers
- ❖ 26% leave with at least one Advanced Higher
- ❖ 60% leave with 4 or more Nat 5 qualifications
- ❖ 67% leave with 5 or more Nat 4 qualifications

College results still to be factored in.

### Hillhead High – S6 Higher Grade Summary

<u>Year</u>	<u>3xH</u>	<u>5xH</u>	<u>1xAH</u>
2012	32%	19%	15%
2013	52%	36%	35%
2014	39%	25%	25%
2015	44%	26%	25%
2016	50%	35%	26%
2017	50%	35%	26.5%

• S6 based on S4 roll. Does not include college results.

- Senior Phase curricular model with pupils studying over two years for either the National 5 or the Highers exam – the school has now had three years of strong results in succession with our new approach.
- Senior Phase curricular model encourages almost all pupils to stay on until the end of S5 which has a very positive impact on attainment for pupils from the most deprived backgrounds.
- A very high number of pupils go on to positive destinations – e.g. college, university or training rather than a negative destination of unemployment. Positive destinations for pupils remains very strong.
- There are now 44 more National 4 qualifications available in some subjects in the school.

**Comment [S1]:** Might need explained

### Senior Phase Pathways: Education Scotland – National Improvement Hub

- Education Scotland has been working with a number of schools, including Hillhead High School, to produce a paper on innovative aspects of their senior phase curriculum, including two-year courses leading to qualifications. The material published in June 2017 looks at three schools and sets out the importance of particular design features, the challenges they faced and the lessons they are learning from the ongoing evaluations of their curriculum design. Evidence about success of the design focuses on improved outcomes for young people.
- This follows on from a separate visit by Dr Bill Maxwell, Chief Executive, Education Scotland, and Paul Johnston, Director-General Learning and Justice, Scottish Government in May 2017.



## Staffing News:

- Mr Gemmill secured permanent post of Faculty Head of PE/ Health and Wellbeing
- Ms Cuthbertson secured the post of Acting Faculty Head of Business / ICT and Technologies
- 3 new Pupil Support Assistants appointed
- 3 Probationer Teachers: Humanities, English and Business
- New staff in Technical and R.E.
- 3 PTs Raising Attainment (Alison Ayton, Jack Richardson and Sinead Mullin) take up posts. These are 23 month posts and are part of our plan to close the poverty related attainment gap as outlined in our Pupil Equity Fund Plan

## School Improvement Planning

- Created based on staff, pupil, parent, partner feedback
- Links to Pupil Equity Fund / National Improvement Framework / Glasgow priorities



- 3 key areas - Learning and Teaching; Literacy and Numeracy; Leadership at all levels
- Continue to develop effective communication, also with parents – using social media and the new school website and blogs, information on pathways etc. (including Groupcall) for parents and pupils

## Supporting Families in Poverty

The school has:

- received ~~D~~onations of uniforms and supplies from local churches
- received ~~D~~onation of clothes from parents
- is sending out a ~~R~~eminder about application for Free School Meals / Clothing Grant

## Upcoming Events

- Maasai Warriors visit on Tues 5<sup>th</sup> September.
- Senior Phase Pathways Information Evening Tues 19<sup>th</sup> September, 6.30 pm – organised by S Neil.

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