



## Head Teacher's Report -Tues 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### **Duke of Edinburgh Award Ceremony**

- Took place at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall on Mon 18<sup>th</sup> November
- Record numbers of awards for our pupils
- Hillhead High School won Centre of the Year trophy

### **S6 Pathways and Life Beyond Hillhead High Information Evening**

- Took place on Wed 20<sup>th</sup> September – around 100 parents/ carers and pupils attended
- Input from: Mr Richardson, our Principal Teacher of Skills and Achievement; Miss Hamid, Principal Teacher of Raising Attainment in S6, Glasgow colleges, University of Glasgow, Skills Development Scotland and Foundation Apprenticeships. All information added to school website and also emailed out or sent via GroupCall for those who have signed up.

### **P7 Transition Day and Information Evening**

- Successful transition day. Pupils experienced learning across a number of subject areas and parents and carers had the opportunity to learn more about subjects and other aspects of the school that evening.

### **Book Week Scotland**

- Took place last week and was run by our Literacy Leaders who:
- Made posters with book facts around the school
- Went to S1 English classes to promote the First Minister's Reading Challenge, award top readers of the challenge so far and promote Wednesday's Book Swap
- Arranged a whole school Book Swap in the foyer of the school on Wednesday
- Staff invited to Drop Everything and Read at a time that suits them- with any class, any day of Book Week Scotland

### **Supported Study**

- S5 Supported Study programme ran for 6 weeks before prelims.
- Next block for S5 & S6 (in run up to S6 prelims in Jan) starts on Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> December.
- Saturday classes very successful with 20-35 pupils on average attending.
- Coping with Exam Stress Workshops
  - S5: Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 2019
  - S6: Jan 15<sup>th</sup> 2020
  - S4: Just before S4 Prelim

NHS advice on stress, listened to advice from pupils who have sat exams, + given a 'Stress Less for Exams' goodie bag

### **Hardship Fund:**

- Many thanks to Catriona and congregation of St. Silas Church for donation of over £1300 and a large supply of school uniform and other clothing to support families in need.

### **Improving Communication**

- Further work done to improve school website
- More parents have downloaded GroupCall app, however, still less than 35% meaning communication is still expensive
- School Twitter account @HillheadHS now has over 2,500 followers. New account @HillheadScience
- For S2 and S3 pupils making options choices, Mr Brown DHT is updating the school website and will be sending out more information soon. More information will be shared electronically.

### **In-Service Day & Tackling Bureaucracy**

- First of two additional In-Service Days takes place on Fri 29<sup>th</sup> November.
- Longstanding commitment to tackling bureaucracy at Hillhead High School.
- Consultation of staff on priorities for the first In-service day, both to reduce workload in short term and longer term. Already done some work on reducing length of reports with further changes to be made.
- EIS - Work-free weekends campaign for November.

## **Career-Long Professional Learning**

- Variety of high quality training available for staff, including Coaching Diploma and Mental Health First Aid. Currently working with Education Scotland to deliver training to support middle and extended leadership team.

## **Winter Fayre**

- Takes place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November – approx. 40 stalls and Santa!
- Please bring along your own containers / bags to take away purchases
- Local businesses are paying a fee to have a stall and staff and pupils also there to raise money for school funds and charity. Please contact Miss Jackson [gw16jacksonnicola@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw16jacksonnicola@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk) if you would like more information.

## **Upcoming events:**

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – S2 Parents' Evening

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.00pm – Christmas Concert

**Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** -Higher French Paris Trip

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Fuel Zone Christmas lunch day & Senior Dance in the evening.

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Non-Uniform / Christmas Jumper Charity Day

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> December** - Panto