



Hillhead High School Weekly Newsletter – 18th May 2020



Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope you and your family are well. On behalf of the staff I would like to thank you for your kindness and support. I know this is a difficult time for everyone, but I feel so lucky to be part of such a terrific community which works so well together to make things better. Staff involved in making phone calls to families have thoroughly enjoyed their conversations with you – there were 166 calls made last week alone – and these will continue over the coming weeks. Please remember that you can contact us at any point if you have a concern or a query and you will find contact information at the end of this bulletin. Thanks to all who completed the survey on communication and home learning as your feedback is enormously helpful. We had 202 responses and have been working through comments, while also looking at feedback from pupil and staff surveys too. In next week's bulletin, I will attach a summary of key points /themes in relation to communication and learning at home with information on how we as a school are addressing them. Thanks also to our very active Parent Council for their partnership over the past few months and for a great Parent Council meeting on Thursday evening.

Holiday Weekend – A reminder that school is closed on Fri 22nd and Mon 25th for the holiday weekend and so no new learning will be posted for those days.

Other news:

All material from last week's Virtual Careers Week have been added to our website here: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/2020/05/18/careers-week-resources-links-guidance/>

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week and we have added a range of resources to our school website to support parents and families:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/parent-zone/advice-and-support/mental-health/> The theme for this year's week is kindness which also happens to be one of our school values. We will be tweeting from our school Twitter account @HillheadHS throughout the week and Miss Cuthbertson is working on a new video with messages from staff for the end of this week.

P7 Transition - This week was scheduled to be when our P7 would be joining us for 4 days of activities. Given current circumstances, this is not possible, however, Mrs Campbell (Depute Head Teacher) is working closely with the primary schools to pass on information to support transition. This week parents and P7 pupils will be issued with a letter, booklet of information and there will also be various introduction videos shared this week via Twitter

and our school website. If you have any queries, Mrs Campbell's email address is in the contact list at the end of this newsletter.

Making a home learning timetable

Miss Rothery has made a PowerPoint video to support pupils and parents organise learning at home. It can be found here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadsupportforlearning/support-for-learning/organisation-time-managment/>

Miss Rothery has also updated the Support for Learning section of our school website and you can see it here: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadsupportforlearning/>

There is also a useful resource available from the National Parent Forum of Scotland to support home learning:

https://www.npfs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/edd/2020/05/NPFS_learning-at-home_E.pdf

Queens Cross Community Chest

The Queens Cross Community Chest helps children and young people aged 0-25 by giving grants of up to £150 to pay for activities, equipment, training, clothing and clubs that might not be affordable otherwise. It is available to young people living or attending school in Queens Cross Housing Association's area of operation and you can find out more here:

https://www.qcha.org.uk/your_community/queens_cross_community_chest

Thanks to our Parent Council for highlighting this resources – we have already had one successful application and it could be useful if you are looking to support with purchase of additional ICT equipment or other items to support home learning.

Communication with pupils

Pupils should check their Glow emails and Teams pages on a regular basis for uploaded work and also for weekly information from their Depute Head Teacher. If there are any issues accessing Glow, please contact Mr Tait or Miss Cuthbertson (please see email addresses at the end of this newsletter). Please also let us know if there are issues with your child getting access to ICT equipment so we can see what we can do to support.

Library Resources

Our school needs you! Help us win £5,000 of National Book Tokens for the school library - and get £100 for yourself! Enter the competition

online, it only takes a minute: <http://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>

Best wishes,

Karen McAlaney and Catriona Futter

Head Teacher

Chair of the Parent Council

Communications and Contact Information

Official information will be provided and shared through our school website and twitter feed.

School Twitter account: @HillheadHS

School website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/>

Support with Glow Logins and re-setting passwords / Microsoft Teams

Miss Cuthbertson: gw10cuthbertsonelain@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

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Pupil Support Team – Support for Learning, EAL and Nurture

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UCAS and College queries

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Head Teacher: Mrs McAlaney - gw10mcalaneykaren@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Please do not contact the Headteacher@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk account as we have no access to it at present.

Our Parent Council Twitter account is: @HillheadParents and the Facebook page can be found here: <https://www.facebook.com/HillheadHighSchoolParentCouncil/> If you have any ideas to share on what is working for you, and/or suggestions for improvements, please email Catriona at hillheadhighparentcouncil@gmail.com who can share ideas via social media and this newsletter.