



Hillhead High School Weekly Newsletter – 16th June 2020



Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope you and your family are well. I know you will be very keen to know the plans and timetable for school in August and I would like to assure you that a great deal of work is going on just now and that staff are working very hard to have all arrangements in place and have this information out to you before the end of term. There will be an interim Recovery Plan based on current advice and taking account a range of issues and we have created a vision for this work which is at the end of this newsletter. I would like to thank our Parent Council who have been working incredibly hard to support parents and the school community in these most unusual times and who have contributed to our vision for Recovery Plan. The Parent Council met again with members of the senior leadership team last Thursday night and put forward questions from the wider parent body. Members of the Parent Council are also attending discussions at local and national level to ensure parents' voices are being heard. I would also like to thank our teaching staff who received their school iPads six months ahead of schedule and who have been engaging in a significant amount of professional learning over the past two months around how to use these (and ICT more generally) to support learning. Thanks to Mr Tait and all staff involved in creating and delivering 17 separate bespoke webinars to colleagues over the past few weeks. Thanks also to all of them for setting up new Teams groups for the change of timetable on Mon 8th June and to all involved in making phone calls to families. Below is some information on other aspects of work going on in the school.

Pupil Wellbeing Surveys –All current pupils have been sent a brief survey by Miss Black this week (via Glow email) in order to help us create appropriate wellbeing support for our return to school as part of our Recovery Plan.

Support for new S1 pupils – A reminder there is a new section of our website called [P7 Transitions](https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/) which has all of the letters, resources and videos created for P7 Transition. The website can be found here: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/> P7 pupils who will be joining us as our new S1 in August were surveyed last week to find out their questions about coming to secondary school and we are currently working on replies by some of our current pupils. For the last few years we have provided all new S1 pupils with a maths pack of resources containing: a ruler, pencil, pen, eraser, pencil sharpener, highlighters, Casio Scientific Calculator (suitable for use in senior phase too). For next session to support with blended learning we also be providing all S1 pupils with a general resource pack including: a pencil, pen, Post-it notepad, highlighters, coloured pencils, coloured pens, academic diary, note pad, art resources including, art pencils, fine liners, paint brushes, specialist craft water colour tablet. Modern Languages will also be providing

a French, Mandarin or Urdu translation Collins dictionary. Hopefully this will save families spending money on these resources. More information on resources for new S1 can be found here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/public/hillheadhigh/uploads/sites/7656/2020/06/15195654/Hillhead-High-School-Letter-to-Parents-15th-June.pdf>

Resources for S2-S6 Pupils – To support with our interim Recovery Plan we are also using some of our Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) to purchase a range of resources for pupils and these will be issued when we return. Again, we will share as much as possible before the end of term so you know our plans. We will share more information about the plans to bring forward distribution of iPads to pupils once we find out more ourselves. Thanks to Miss Higgins and Mrs Campbell for arranging for stationery to be made available for new S2 and S3 pupils who required it before the end of term.

New S6 Induction – There has been very good engagement with our two-week induction for our new S6. Pupils are receiving daily emails and key information continues to be shared with parents via email, GroupCall and tweets. You can also find more information here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/pupilzone/s6-induction-2020/>

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/>

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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.

HILLHEAD HIGH SCHOOL RECOVERY PLAN



Vision

Pupils will remain at the heart of everything we do at Hillhead High School during our 'new normal' period.



Safety

The safety of everyone in our school community is important. We will follow all national and local guidelines on health and safety in school and help our pupils to understand why these practices are in place.



Wellbeing

We will begin the new session by exploring pupils' experiences in lockdown and reconnecting as a school community. Pupil wellbeing will be an ongoing focus throughout the year.



Learning and Teaching

Staff in school are working hard to plan learning activities to best support blended learning. We will provide pupils with materials they might need at home and help them to organise themselves for this new kind of learning.



Community

We value all voices in our school community, and will continue to listen to, and work with, all pupils, parents/carers and other partners of the school as we move through the 'new normal'.



KINDNESS



AMBITION



INTEGRITY



RESILIENCE



RESPECT

