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Weekly Parental Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week we are continuing to deliver iPads to pupils thanks to Mr Brown, Mr McCabe, Mr Tait, Mrs Milligan, Mr O'Rorke and Miss Cuthbertson. There have been some technical difficulties that have had to be worked through but the aim remains to issue iPads to all pupils over the next few weeks. Pupils who have missed their iPad deployment and training slot due to absence will be allocated a catch up slot. Mr Tait has produced a range of excellent videos covering a range of topics including:

- iPad Deployment information
- Using Microsoft Teams, Outlook, Sway & OneDrive
- Functions to support young people with additional support needs.

I would strongly encourage you to look at these with your child(ren). You can find them arranged into playlists here:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGGLSsvH065TkKC8e4bnByg/playlists>

Face Coverings

Thank you for your support with ensuring that pupils have face coverings for use when moving about school and also travelling to and from school on public transport. Thank you also to those who have made/donated reusable face masks to be issued to pupils and families.

Walk to School Week - Parent Council

PACE (Parents and Carers Against Climate Emergency) is a sub-group of the Parent Council which supports the school to be more sustainable, work with our pupil committee on issues in the local community and builds links with other schools, campaign as/when required. If you want to know more, please contact our Parent Council at the email address below.

Next week is Walk to School week and we would encourage pupils, where appropriate, to take part. You can find out more here: <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/products-and-services/projects/walk-to-school-week>



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UCAS Applications and Support

A reminder that the school deadline for certain courses is next week – Tues 6th October. You can find more information on our website here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/2020/08/25/ucas-update-2020/> If you have any queries, please get in touch with Mr Griffin. For pupils and parents wanting to find out more about courses or personal statements there are loads of resources on the UCAS website including information about upcoming virtual exhibitions that can be found here: <https://www.ucas.com/ucas/events/find/scheme/virtual-and-digital/type/scheme/virtual-and-digital/type/exhibition>

SQA Exams and S5 & S6 Prelims

Information should be published soon by the Scottish Government in relation to the plans for the 2021 SQA exams and we will share this as soon as we have it. At school level, given current guidelines, we will not be able to hold the S5 prelims in November and the S6 prelims January/February in the usual fashion with large groups of pupils in an exam hall, given the current guidelines, however all of the curricular leaders have been meeting every week since the start of term to ensure that we have robust plans in place to gather evidence for each pupil. As always, some of this evidence comes through assessment of classwork and homework on an ongoing basis but we will also have more formal assessments under exam conditions for both S5 and S6. We will send out more information next week on the S5 Formal Assessment diet planned for Oct-December. Please be assured that this does not mean that during this time there will be no assessments for S4 and S6 – this will also continue as part of normal learning and teaching. Tracking reports for senior pupils will be issued in October.

Practical Subjects Update

At our most recent Parent Council Meeting there were a few questions about when some aspects of teaching in practical subjects would begin again (e.g. indoor PE activities or wood work) and so I asked four of our curricular leaders to provide an update for their departments/faculties. I know that both they and their departmental/faculty colleagues have worked incredibly hard to ensure that all guidelines, updates and health and safety advice has been fully considered and implemented. Contact email addresses for all of the curricular leaders are also included at the end of this newsletter if you have any further questions.



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Technologies- Miss Cuthbertson

All of our S1 to S6 students from BGE to Higher have settled into the new hygiene and safety routines in technical subjects. Hygiene and safety are our main priority especially where pupils will be sharing tools and machinery.

Please note:

- Every pupil uses hand sanitising gel entering and leaving each classroom and workshop
- Desks and work benches are sanitised at the end of every lesson
- All work benches and tools will be wiped down after use
- In our workshops all of our pupils will be working at four person benches.
- All pupils must wear a face covering when in a workshop lesson.

Expressive Arts – Mr Reid

Young people have all settled in well and are starting to produce excellent work in all year groups. We will be sharing more and more of this shortly via Twitter. We are also extremely excited about the arrival of the iPads to the school as well. Although the rollout is still underway, each of the departments are looking forward to the possibilities and the newly developed units of work that will be on offer to our pupils.

Art & Design

The main focus since the start of the year has been the Expressive area of the course. This has prevented movement around the art and design rooms and has also limited materials being shared in the room. Design work will be looked at later in the year. If materials are being shared, sanitising spray is used to clean the shared items. At the end of each lesson, staff members wipe down pupil working spaces. Extra materials and equipment have also been purchased to allow pupils to undertake a larger range of activities at home.

All pupils:

- Sanitise their hands when entering the classroom.
- Can wear face coverings in class if they wish and we encourage face coverings where pupils are working in close proximity to each other.
- Have been added to a Microsoft Teams page. We will be developing this resource more and more. Each year group will use this area very differently.

Higher Photography & NPA Photography



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Higher Photography pupils are in the fortunate position that all pupils have been given their own individual DSLR camera for the year. This helps to prevent sharing within the classroom setting. There is a small selection of additional equipment which can be signed in and signed out to help support individual folios. This material is sanitised once the equipment is handed back in. NPA Photography pupils can use their own personal camera phone for this course or their school iPad to take photographs for their individual shoots.

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- Sanitise their hands when entering the classroom.
- Can wear face coverings in class if they wish and we encourage face coverings where pupils are working in close proximity to each other.
- Have been added to a Microsoft Teams page. We will be developing this resource more and more. Photography pupils will engage with Microsoft Teams quite heavily.

Drama

Pupils have responded well to the specific guidelines that need to be followed by all young people taking part in drama activities. It has been made clear to all pupils that there will be no physical contact during classes. Pupils must not shout or raise their voice during the lesson and must stay in the specified rehearsal area and within their group. No props or costumes are currently being used at this time.

All pupils also:

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- Have been added to a Microsoft Teams page. We will be developing this resource more and more. Each year group will use this area very differently.
- Wipe down individually numbered seats at the end of the period.

Music

All musical instrumental instruction has now started back in some form. Certain instruments and singing activities cannot yet be undertaken. Pupils are however starting to record activities at home and sharing these recordings with instrumental instructors and teaching staff. Remote lessons may also take place shortly with instructors. Currently instrumental instructors can only attend 2 different schools per week. Many of our instrumental instructors work in many different schools, so this affects their current working



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plan. Instrumental instructors will however contact pupils via Microsoft Teams or email to check on their progress. If any pupil is unsure about the current arrangements, they should speak to their Music teacher or Mr Reid. Pupils who own their own instrument should also bring this each time they are in Music or have an Instrumental lesson.

All pupils also:

- Sanitise their hands when entering and leaving the classroom.
- Can wear face coverings in class if they wish and we encourage face coverings where pupils are working in close proximity to each other.
- Have been added to a Microsoft Teams page. We will be developing this resource more and more. Each year group will use this area very differently.
- Wipe down instruments after use.
- Help wipe down working areas with their class teacher at the end of the lesson.
- Record their movement in and around the music department with departmental registers on all practice room doors.

Science – Miss Ayton

In the Science Faculty we have been working hard to keep practical work alive. We have been making use of teacher demonstrations within lessons for more complex procedures and pupils have been engaging in simple experiments, whilst ensuring:

- hands are washed or sanitised prior to practical work
- movement is limited around the lab, each individual or pair has a designated workstation
- where apparatus is shared only one person can touch each piece of apparatus, this is then washed/sanitised after use
- goggles are cleaned by the teacher after each use and left to air dry
- once a kit has been used by a class it is then quarantined for three days.

P.E. – Mr Gemmill

For now, practical physical education lessons must take place outdoors. We have been making use of the local community for safety walks, combining the physical activity of walking with active discussion about how we can display our school values in the community. As well as our community safety walks we have recently resumed use of Hughenden Sports Club. Led by their teacher, classes have been making the 25-minute walk from the school to



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the Sports Club. This has been a fantastic facility for us to access and classes have been undertaking striking and fielding activities, sanitising before and after activity, before walking back to school. In the event that poor weather has meant outdoor physical education classes have not been able to take place classes have been working on health and well-being activities in classrooms. S5 and S6 Senior Core Physical Education lessons have also been working on completion of the Mental Health Award.

The Department is also ready for the moment the Scottish Government announces that indoor physical education lessons can resume. The activities of table tennis, badminton and grid based fitness have been selected with physical distancing in mind. The equipment required for these activities will have cleaning products readily available and hand sanitiser for all pupils. This will allow for the equipment to be cleaned down at the end of lessons prior to the next group of pupils using it. All of our indoor gymnasiums have been marked clearly with teaching boxes and laid out in a user-friendly way in order to maximise safety.

Our National Qualifications pupils in the Senior Phase are eager to resume practice for their personally selected One Off Performance activities. They have adapted well to being in classrooms more often and have been assured, when safe to do so, that they can resume their practice for their performances. Additional practical supported study will also be made available. In the interim, work will start on striking and fielding games in the back playground in order to deliver new content in a practical experiential environment.

Contact Information

Below are contact email addresses for members of the leadership team in the school. You can also contact the school office on 0141 582 0100. Your child's Pastoral Care Teacher is usually your first point of contact should you wish to discuss the progress of your child at school, pass on information or share any concerns. Pastoral Care Teachers have responsibility for pupils in the following classes:

Ms L Robinson	1E	1F	2F	3A	4A	5A	6A	6G
Ms J Hewitt	2A	2D	3B	4B	5B	6B	6D	
Mr J Greechan	1D	2C	3C	3D	4C	4D	5C	6C
Ms K Campbell	1A	2E	3E	4E	5D	5E	6E	
Mr B Griffin	1B	1C	2B	3F	4F	5F	5G	6F

Miss Hewitt – JHewitt@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk



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Mr Greechan – JGreechan@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk
Mr Griffin – BGriffin@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk
Miss Campbell – KCampbell@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk

Pupil Support Team – Support for Learning, EAL and Nurture:

Please contact Miss McGuire - gw17mcguiresiobhan@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Questions about UCAS?

Contact Mr Griffin - BGriffin@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk

Questions about Wider Achievement, College, Work Experience, Foundation Apprenticeships & Careers?

Contact Mr Richardson - gw12richardsonjack@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Senior Leadership Team:

S1 & S2 pupils: Mrs Campbell gw10campbellharriet@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

S3 Pupils –Miss Black gw15blackleanne@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

S4 Pupils – Ms Higgins gw10higginsnicola@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

S5 and S6 pupils – Mr Neil gw10neilsteven@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

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Curricular Leaders

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