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Weekly Parental Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

As always, it has been another busy week at Hillhead High School. I am delighted to let you know that our pupil iPad deployment is now almost complete with over 1000 iPads now successfully set up and issued and catch up sessions for the rest of this week for those who missed their original session. Many thanks to Mr Brown and all of the staff who have been involved in this important work. The iPad is an excellent school resource and I would urge you to ask your child to show you how it is used both in school and for home learning. Mr Tait has created a range of videos to support pupils and parents. These include:

- Introduction: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DKlalyIrcJw>
- Getting started with Glow: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w9aDNTPXOXE>
- Downloading applications: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=psGHKEPvP4A>
- Completing Assignments via Teams: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VZeBoE7bjak>

You can find more support videos arranged by playlists on our YouTube channel here:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UJCGGLSsvH065TkKC8e4bnByg/playlists>

All iPads come with a protective cover and it is very important that pupils use this to protect the device when in bags. It would also be a good idea to encourage your child to check if there is anything that could be cleared out of their school bag. Now almost all pupils have their iPad teachers will be able to make greater use of this resource in classes and for home learning and we will share more in a future newsletter about how iPads are being used across the school. For now you can see examples of digital learning on our school Twitter account @HillheadHS.

Unfortunately our annual S1 Halloween party could not go ahead this year – normally this happens on the Tuesday afternoon before Halloween. Mrs Campbell is working on plans to celebrate how well S1 have settled into Hillhead High - more information to follow!

Virtual Information Evenings

Members of the senior leadership team met with our Parent Council on Monday evening to discuss plans for a series of online Information Evenings over the next two months and details of these will be in next week's bulletin. Mr Brown also shared the new tracking and reporting system that is now in place and reports will be issued for all year groups over the coming weeks.





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Uniform

All pupils should come to school in school uniform (or P.E. kit if they have PE that day). As the weather gets colder and wetter it is important that all have a waterproof jacket and are dressed appropriately for the weather.

Covid-19 Reminder

If anyone in your household develops symptoms of COVID -19 the symptomatic person should self-isolate and be tested as soon as possible. Everyone else in the household should also stay at home if someone you live with or someone in your extended household has symptoms. The symptoms include:

- a high temperature or fever
- a new continuous cough
- a loss of, or change in sense of smell or taste

Where pupils are self-isolating they should continue to engage with work via Glow / Teams. If a pupil is self-isolating and unwell then they are not expected to complete work until they are well enough to do so. If you have any queries, please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher.

Annual Data Check Forms & Consent Forms

Now more than ever it is important that we have up to date contact information for parents and families. Many thanks to all who returned paper forms issued via registration last month. If you have not yet done so, or you need the forms to be re-sent, please contact our school office. We re-issued all outstanding forms to pupils last Friday afternoon and have reminded pupils during the week to hand these in, however, a number still have to be returned. Can you please check school bags and send any completed forms back in to school tomorrow?

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K. McAlaney

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