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30/09/21

Dear Parent / Carer,

This week's newsletter gives a summary of some of the work that has taken place over the past two weeks as well as key updates. More information is sent out to you on a regular basis via our free school app, GroupCall Xpressions and/or by email – e.g. this may be information that is specific to a particular year group or a small group of pupils. If you are not receiving information this way, please contact our school office.

Many of you also follow us on our school Twitter account @HillheadHS and here you will see examples of what is going on across our school, including some of the work that is taking place in preparation for COP 26. We know people lead busy lives and not everyone likes social media and so Mrs Campbell will also be issuing a termly newsletter outlining what is happening in relation to learning for sustainability.

As always, if you have any concerns about your child's learning or wellbeing or you have any queries at all in relation to what is going on in school, please contact us - all contact information is at the end of this newsletter.

Information Evenings

Thank you to all parents and carers who came along to the online Information Evenings that have taken place over the last two weeks. Mr Neil has uploaded the PowerPoint presentations from last week's S4 and S5 Information Evenings to our school YouTube channel with an added voice over. You can find these here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGGLSsvH065TkKC8e4bnByg>



If your child is applying to university this year and you were unable to attend Wednesday's UCAS Information Evening, you can find the presentation on our website here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/public/hillheadhigh/uploads/sites/765/6/2021/09/30140144/UCAS-Information-Evening.pdf>



Lots more information and advice has been added to S5 & S6 Teams pages. If you have any questions about the process, please contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher. A timeline for applications will be sent out along with this newsletter.

A reminder that Mr Richardson has arranged an online **Career Pathways Information Evening on Tuesday 5th October from 6.00pm -7.30pm** which will cover work-based



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learning opportunities within school, post-school opportunities and the support that is available. This is open to parents and carers of pupils in all year groups and will have input from Clyde College, Career Ready, Towards Better Futures, Foundation Apprenticeships and Skills Development Scotland. A code to join the event has been put on all year group Teams pages and if you have any queries please get in touch with Mr Richardson.

Free School Meals Update

Through additional funding, Glasgow City Council is able to offer a mid-morning snack free to all secondary pupils who are registered for free school meals. This will be available from the 4th October 2021 until March 2022. This means that pupils will have a total of £2.80 per day that will be split between morning break and lunch, allowing pupils in receipt of free school meals to have a hot filled roll or toastie or two slices of toast and juice or water at interval as well as have a meal at lunchtime. Pupils cannot spend all the money at morning break and cannot solely buy cans of juice etc.

SQA Updates

SQA have an informative blog highlighting key information about qualifications this session. This has been updated today and provides a useful summary of assessment.

<https://blogs.sqa.org.uk/qualifications2022/sqa-national-qualifications-assessments-2021-22-a-message-for-parents-and-carers/>



SQA's Research, Insight and Analysis (RIA) team are running pulse surveys with key stakeholders. A pulse survey is a fast survey system intentionally designed to be carried out frequently to take a 'pulse check' on views on different topics. SQA would like to hear the opinions of parents and carers on a range of issues. You can sign up for these via the following link: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2LTEKxW0bE-LuCwphdcXHyStv1lPHQxBrViDYyZprEVUOUlIUUpHU0M2R1NKUFpBN0oxUkFPTDFQNY4u>



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Contact Information

Below are contact email addresses for members of the senior leadership team and the Pupil Support Team. You can also contact the school office by phone on 0141 582 0100. Please note that all of the staff below also have a teaching commitment so may not be available when you call / email but they will get back to you as soon as they can.

Pupil Support Team

| Pastoral Care Responsibilities Session 2021-22 | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Ms K. Campbell | 1A | 1B | 2A | 3E | 4E | 5E | 6D | 6E | |
| Mr J. Greechan | | 1F | 2D | 3C | 4C | 4D | 5C | 5D | 6C |
| Mr B. Griffin | | 1C | 2B | 2C | 3B | 4F | 5F | 6F | 6G |
| Ms. J Hewitt | | 1D | 3A | 3D | 4B | 5B | 6B | | |
| Ms. L Robinson | | 1E | 2E | 2F | 3F | 4A | 5A | 6A | |

Ms Hewitt – JHewitt@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk
Ms Robinson – LRobinson@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk
Mr Greechan – JGreechan@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk
Mr Griffin – BGriffin@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk
Ms Campbell – KCampbell@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk

Support for Learning, EAL and Nurture: Miss McGuire -
gw17mcguiresiobhan@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Questions about Wider Achievement, College, Work Experience, Foundation Apprenticeships & Careers: Mr Richardson - gw12richardsonjack@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Depute Head Teachers for each year group are:

S1 & S2 pupils: Mrs Campbell gw10campbellharriet@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
S3 pupils – Mr Brown gw17brownstuart@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
S4& S5 pupils – Mr Neil gw10neilsteven@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
S6 pupils – Miss Black gw15blackleanne@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
 Head Teacher email – gw10mcalaneykaren@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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