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**Head Teacher**  
K McAlaney

08/11/21

Dear Parent / Carer,

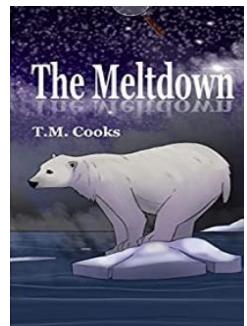
Below you will find an update on what has been happening in school over the past few weeks. As always, if you have any concerns about your child's learning or wellbeing or you have any queries at all in relation to what is going on in school, please contact us - all contact information is at the end of this newsletter.

### **COP26 and Learning for Sustainability**

All pupils have been involved in learning linked to COP26 over the past few weeks and we have also had a number of pupils taking part in trips, meeting with visitors to our school or representing the school at different events. The pupils have been tremendous ambassadors for the school and have been able to share their views and priorities in relation to climate change and making positive changes in our school community. You will see a great many examples on our school Twitter account @HillheadHS and Mrs Campbell will also send out another ***Learning for Sustainability*** newsletter later this month.

### **White Water Writers Project**

Two weeks ago, ten S2 pupils took part in a writing project with staff from the University of Glasgow. Pupils spent a week creating, writing and editing their own novel on the theme of climate change. The completed novel, *The Meltdown*, is now available for purchase on Amazon. This novel will also be handed out to delegate at the COP 26 conference and once we receive physical copies of the book we will arrange a book signing in school.



### **S5&S6 Supported Study**

A reminder that our Supported Study programme has been running for several weeks and we would encourage pupils to take advantage of the support on offer. Mr Carson sends out a reminder of what is on offer each fortnight to pupils and parents and there are also regular reminders on our Twitter account and daily reminders via our school tannoy.

Mr Neil is also holding special assemblies this week and next to remind S5 pupils of all of the support available in school in the run-up to the S5 Evidence Gathering period including all of the online support available from e-Sgoil and West\_OS. If you are not receiving regular updates of the supports available, please contact our school office to check we have the most up to date contact information on file for you.





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### **Tracking Reports and Parents' Nights**

S3 pupils received their tracking reports two weeks ago. If you did not receive your child's report or have any queries, please contact their Pastoral Care Teacher. Tracking reports for S5&S6 pupils will be issued tomorrow along with a covering letter from Mr Neil. S4 tracking reports are currently being completed by staff and will be issued soon.

Under current Scottish Government guidelines we are unable to have Parents' Evenings in person until at least March 2022, however, we are working on alternative plans for Parents' Evenings for this session and will issue more information next week. In the meantime we will continue to offer more online Information Evenings - e.g. P7 Information Evening, S3 Options Evening. Dates for each session are currently being finalised and will be in the next bulletin. As always, you can contact your child's Pastoral Care Teacher at any time if you have any queries. Material from all Information Evenings that have taken place this term has been added to our website and/or YouTube channel and links were also sent out via GroupCall Xpressions app or email after each session.

### **Lateral Flow Testing and Face Coverings**

As per the latest Scottish Government advice, face coverings remain in place for now (unless exempt). We do need your support to remind young people about so that they bring a mask to school. While most pupils do bring a mask and a spare every day and follow all of the safety advice in place in schools we do have a number who often forget their mask. Each reusable mask we issue is paid for from our school budget and the cost is mounting up. We would rather spend this money on resources and events for pupils so any support you can give at home to remind pupils would be appreciated.

All young people are encouraged to do a Lateral Flow Test twice a week. Tests are issued every Friday to those with consent forms on file – a reminder if your child is under 16 they need to have a consent form signed by you.

### **Financial Support for Families**

A reminder that there will be an additional payment to all families who are entitled to free school meals with a cash payment of £177.50 per child which will be paid in December 2022. If you are already in receipt of free school meals you will automatically be awarded this payment. If you think you may be entitled but are not currently receiving this and would like some more information or support with the application process, please contact our school Financial Inclusion Support Officer (FISO) Nicola McCaskill.

Nicola has also been supporting a number of families to claim other benefits they are



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entitled to over the past few months. To date 27 families have been supported to claim over £40,000 of benefits they were due as well as helped with almost £50,000 of debt management. The service is confidential and you can speak to Nicola on the phone or email her - details below.

### Financial Inclusion Support Officer

If you are on a low income and have children at school you may be entitled to financial support.  
For FREE ADVICE and additional information regarding your financial situation  
it may be worth speaking to the Financial Inclusion Support Officer.

FISO: Nicola McCaskill  
Tel: 0141 648 2022  
Email: schools@moneymattersweb.co.uk



### Communication with the school

This newsletter gives a very brief summary of some of the work that has taken place over the past few weeks as well as key updates. More targeted 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. \*\***

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								
<b>Ms K. Campbell</b>	1A	1B	2A	3E	4E	5E	6D	6E
<b>Mr J. Greechan</b>	1F	2D	3C	4C	4D	5C	5D	6C
<b>Mr B. Griffin</b>	1C	2B	2C	3B	4F	5F	6F	6G
<b>Ms. H Christie</b>	1D	3A	3D	4B	5B	6B		
<b>Ms. L Robinson</b>	1E	2E	2F	3F	4A	5A	6A	



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**Ms Christie** - [gw21christiehannah1@glow.sch.uk](mailto:gw21christiehannah1@glow.sch.uk) (Ms Christie is covering Ms Hewitt's maternity leave)

**Ms Robinson** - [LRobinson@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:LRobinson@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk)

**Mr Greechan** - [JGreechan@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:JGreechan@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk)

**Mr Griffin** - [BGriffin@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:BGriffin@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk)

**Ms Campbell** - [KCampbell@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:KCampbell@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk)

**Support for Learning, EAL and Nurture:** Miss McGuire -  
[gw17mcguiresiobhan@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw17mcguiresiobhan@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

**Questions about Wider Achievement, College, Work Experience, Foundation**

**Apprenticeships & Careers:** Mr Richardson - [gw12richardsonjack@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:gw10campbellharriet@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

**S3 pupils** – Mr Brown [gw17brownstuart@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw17brownstuart@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

**S4& S5 pupils** – Mr Neil [gw10neilsteven@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw10neilsteven@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

**S6 pupils** – Miss Black [gw15blackleanne@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw15blackleanne@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

Head Teacher email – [gw10mcalaneykaren@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw10mcalaneykaren@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely,

*Karen McAlaney*

Head Teacher