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Head Teacher
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Dear Parent / Carer,

Below you will find an update on what has been happening in school over the past week, including information on tracking reports and plans for Parents' Evenings. 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.

Social Media and Mobile Phones

Last Friday parents and carers received a letter about growing concerns surrounding misuse of mobile phones and social media which included information on the issues and advice on how it could be tackled at home and in school. Many thanks to all of you who have reinforced the messages at home in relation to safe and responsible use of social media. In terms of mobile phones, we have been reminding pupils this week of our school policy in relation to phones:

- Phones must not be out in class at all and should be switched off and put away in school bags
- Pupils must never make use of social media to contact friends during lesson times, nor should they take any photographs or videos in school
- Pupils should not make use of mobile phones when out of class during class time – phones should only be used during interval or lunchtime or before or after school
- Should a child need to contact a parent (or vice versa) then contact should go through the school office during class time
- Misuse of phones will lead to phones being confiscated.

Anti-Bullying Week

This year's theme for Anti-Bullying week is #One KindWord and as you may have seen on our Twitter account @HillheadHS we have been reflecting upon our school value of kindness throughout the week. S2-S6 pupils have taken part in a lesson on the negative impact of cyberbullying and social media misuse. Members of our S6 Pupil Leadership Team have been hard at working delivering PSE lessons on anti-bullying to S1 classes this week.



Drop Everything and Read

This week has been Book Week Scotland and yesterday morning we had another very



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successful Drop Everything and Read event where staff and pupils stopped what they were doing and took some time out to read. Again, you can see lots of images of the event on our school Twitter account.

Tracking Reports

Tracking reports have now been issued for S3, S5 & S6 pupils. If you have not received your child's report please contact their Pastoral Care Teacher so another copy can be issued. S4 reports will be issued next week and S2 reports in early December. If you have any queries about your child's report you will find a list of contact information for Pastoral Care teachers. If you have a subject-specific query you will find the email addresses for curricular leaders at the end of this letter.

Parents' Evenings and Information Evenings

We know that parents and teachers are missing the discussions that take place at Parents' Evenings. Due to current restrictions these discussions with teachers will not take place face to face but will be by phone. Mr Brown and Mr Richardson are currently setting up the online booking system and more information will be sent out to S3 & S5 parents shortly so that you can book appointments. It is important that we have a current email address on file for you so if you have not already shared this with the school, please contact our school office or your child's Pastoral Care Teacher.

Date	Time	Year Group
Tuesday 7 th December 2021	4.15pm-6.45pm	S3
Tuesday 14 th December 2021	4.15pm-6.45pm	S5
Tuesday 18 th January 2022	4.15pm-6.45pm	S6
Tuesday 1 st February 2022	4.15pm-6.45pm	S2
Tuesday 22 nd February 2022	4.15pm-6.45pm	S4
Tuesday 2 nd March 2022	4.15pm-6.45pm	S1

As well as these evenings for individual appointments with class teachers there are also more online Information Evenings planned over the next few months. These will take place on Teams and are listed below.

Date	Event	Focus of session
Thursday 25th November 2021	Primary 7 Information Evening 6.30pm-7.15pm	The online information session will introduce key staff at our school and also provide information on our curriculum, ethos and supports available. It is open to all parents and carers of pupils at our partner primary schools: Oakgrove, Hillhead, Anderson and Garnetbank. All joining information has been sent to the schools to share with parents.



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Thursday 16th December 2021	S3 into S4 Options 6.30pm - 7.20pm	Mr Brown will lead an online information session for parents and carers on the process of making senior phase options choices including information on: timeline, supports available and timetabling.
Thursday 20th January 2022	S2 into S3 Options 6.30pm-7.20pm	Mr Brown will lead this online information session for parents of S2 pupils. S2 pupils continue with the Broad General Education in S3 but can make some personalisation and choice to their subjects and this session outlines the process for doing so and the support available.

As always, copies of the presentations will be added to our school website and links sent out via email and our school app so that anyone who cannot attend on the night can access at another time.

Senior Phase Family Drop-In Sessions

From January, Mr Neil & Miss Black will be offering monthly drop-in via Teams from 6.30pm-8.00pm for families to come along and ask any questions they have or to discuss any issues on a one-to-one basis. Mr Richardson will also attend sessions to provide any advice and support in relation to work experience, training, college, university or for school leavers.

S4 Drop-In Sessions	S5 Drop-In Sessions	S6 Drop-In Sessions
Thurs 13 th January 2022	Wed 12 th January 2022	Thurs 20 th January 2022
Thurs 17 th February 2022	Wed 16 th February 2022	Thurs 24 th February 2022
Thurs 24 th March 2022	Wed 23 rd March 2022	Thurs 17 th March 2022
Thurs 21 st April 2022	Wed 20 th April 2022	Thurs 28 th April 2022
Thurs 26 th May 2022	Wed 25 th May 2022	Thurs 19 th May 2022
Thurs 16 th June 2022	Wed 15 th June 2022	

These sessions do not replace being able to speak to Mr Neil or Miss Black or Mr Richardson during the school day or communicate via email but offer another opportunity for parents and families to have contact with the school.

Face Coverings

As per 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.



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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 staff. You can also contact the school office by phone on 0141 582 0100. Please note that all of the staff below 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. H Christie	1D	3A	3D	4B	5B	6B		
Ms. L Robinson	1E	2E	2F	3F	4A	5A	6A	

Ms Christie - gw21christiehannah1@glow.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

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

Curricular Leaders

English: Miss Southern gw20southernssusan@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
Expressive Arts: Mr Reid gw10reidross@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
Humanities: Mr Elder gw10elderdouglas3@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk



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Mathematics: Mr Carson gw11carsonthomas3@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Modern & Community Languages: Mrs Campbell-Young
gw10campbellyounglau@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

P.E. and Health & Wellbeing: Mr Gemmill gw14gemmilljohn3@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Science: Miss Ayton gw11aytonalyson@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Technologies: Mr Tait gw16taitdavid1@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Senior Leadership Team

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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