



**Hillhead High School**  
Oakfield Avenue  
Glasgow G12 8LJ  
**Phone 0141 582 0100**

**Head Teacher**  
K McAlaney

10<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**S3 into S4/5 Options Choice Information Event:**  
**Week commencing 13.10.21**

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope this message finds you and your family well.

In the covering letter issued with the October S3 tracking report we informed that we would soon begin to introduce S3 pupils to the options choice process ahead of the move to the Senior Phase (S4/S5/S6).

Through recent years our team has invested a significant amount of time and resource to develop our procedures for options choice. We have done this primarily motivated to:

- Make the menu of choice as comprehensive as possible
- Ensure equity for all in accessing desired choices
- Align the needs of pupils with appropriate pathways

There are multiple stages throughout the process and we see it as being essential that both pupils and parents understand what lies ahead in the next few months.

As well as S3 pupils experiencing a series of introductory lessons (14.12.21 & 15.12.21 depending on registration group) we are hosting an **online information session for parents Thursday 16.12.21. The session will be held between 6.30pm & 7.15pm.**

The event will be held through Microsoft Teams – a platform your child will be familiar with through their use of their school iPad. To participate, all you need to do is make use of this device to join the meeting at the time stated above.

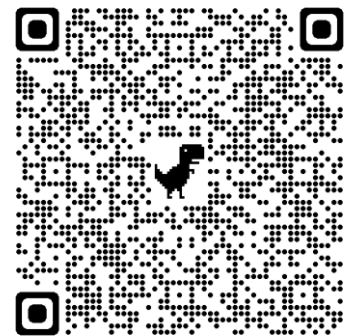
Prior to the online event (on Monday 13.12.21) the event information presentation will be released. **This will contain all information ahead of the event.**

The format for the event is designed as follows:

- Monday 13.12.21 – **Event information presentation released**
- Between Monday 13.12.21 and the event on 16.12.21 – Parents and Pupils can take time to absorb the content in a time and place of their choosing.
- 14.12.21 & 15.12.21 – Pupils experience introductory lessons in school
- The event 16.12.21 – at the event a summary of the information presentation will be given with the remaining time set aside for questions and answers.

The event information presentation will be made available on our school website. The school website has a specific page for S3 into Senior Phase options choice:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/curriculum/curriculum-architecture/option-choice-explained-s3-into-senior-phase/s3-into-senior-phase-options-portal/>



The QR code to the right can be used to access this page (depending on device specification):

Please 'bookmark' this page. **It will be updated regularly and will remain the main point of information for pupils and parents throughout the process.**

Finally, I would like to emphasise that, at the upcoming pupil sessions and the 'scoping exercise' that will be launched shortly thereafter, pupils are not making 'final choices'. These features of the process are merely a starting point and are explained through the information presentation. Pupils will move to make final choices between 11.02.2022 & 27.02.2022.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

S Brown

Depute Head Teacher