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Dear Parent / Carer,

This newsletter contains dates for Information Evenings this term, as well as a reminder on current guidance in relation to Covid-19. Thank you for keeping the school informed of any positive Covid-19 cases and also letting us know if your child is self-isolating so that we can support. 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.

Parents' Evenings & Tracking Reports

S1 Tracking Reports will be issued to pupils later this week along with a covering letter from Mrs Campbell.

Parents' Evenings will continue to be via phone call this term and letters will be sent out in advance of each one explaining how to book appointments online.



Year Group	Date	Time
S6	Tuesday 18 th January 2022	4.15pm-6.45pm
S2	Tuesday 1 st February 2022	4.15pm-6.45pm
S4	Tuesday 22 nd February 2022	4.15pm-6.45pm
S1	Tuesday 1 st March 2022	4.15pm-6.45pm

S2 Into S3 Options Process

S2 pupils continue with the Broad General Education in S3 but make some choices within the curricular areas. A letter outlining the process for choosing options and the support available will be issued to pupils by tomorrow. Mr Brown has also arranged an online information session for parents and carers on Thursday of this week (Thursday 20th Jan) to explain the process and timeline and to answer any questions. You can find more information on our website here: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/curriculum/curriculum-architecture/option-choice-explained-s2-into-s3/s2-into-s3-options-portal/>

Senior Phase Family Drop-In Sessions

As shared last term we are offering monthly drop-in via Teams for families to come along and ask any questions they have or to discuss any issues on a one-to-one basis. These began last



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week for S4 & S6 and continue this week for S6. The sessions take place from 6.30pm-8.00pm and each family is invited into the Teams meeting one at a time to discuss any queries or issues. These sessions do not replace being able to speak to Mr Neil (S4 & S5) or Mr Richardson (S6) during the school day or communicate via email but offer another opportunity for parents and families to have contact with the school.

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	

School Uniform & Clothing Donations

A reminder also that pupils should arrive in school uniform, even if they have PE Period 1, and change back into their uniform once they have taken part in PE. Our uniform consists of:

- Black school skirt or trousers
- School tie (red for S1, S2 & S3; blue for S4, S5 & S6)
- White school shirt

Given the increased ventilation in classes at present, combined with the colder weather, we would advise all pupils to wear a jumper, cardigan or hoodie over their school shirt and tie. As outlined in last week's *Cost of the School Day* newsletter we also have a stock of new and nearly new school uniform and other clothing that can be issued free of charge to pupils - please don't hesitate to get in touch with your child's Pastoral Care Teacher if you have any difficulties accessing school uniform. Also, if you have any items of clothing (school uniform or any other clothing) that your child has grown out of please consider donating these to the school. As well as keeping a stock of clothing in school we also work with our Parent Council to pass on some items to a local community enterprise, ApparelXChange. Donations can be handed into to a member of the senior leadership team at the school gates each morning. Please contact Miss Campbell (Pastoral Care) if you wish to arrange to drop off items at another time that may be more convenient to you.

Covid 19

As shared in a previous Covid-19 Update at the start of this term the following mitigations are currently in place:

- If anyone has symptoms of Covid they should still self-isolate and book a PCR test. Please let the school know if this is the case for your child.



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- Pupils and staff are advised to take part in regular testing using Lateral Flow Devices (LFT) and these are issued to pupils every Friday afternoon during period 5. Test kits can also be collected by pupils at the end of the school day from the school office.
- Positive Covid cases are still advised to self-isolate for ten days. However, if the individual returns two consecutive negative LFD tests taken at least 24 hours apart with the first test **no earlier than day six** they may end isolation **before** the end of the ten-day period if they have no fever. If this is the case with your child and they can return to school early, please let the school know.
- If pupil tests positive on a LFD test they are now not advised to get a PCR test to confirm infection but to follow isolation advice as it applies to them as a positive case.
- Close contacts who are fully vaccinated, having received three doses of the vaccination (plus 14 days) or are aged **under** 18 years and four months, can take daily LFD tests for seven days instead of isolation, provided the tests are negative and they remain without symptoms. If someone **over** 18 years and four months has not received three doses of the vaccination, they will need to book a PCR test and even if this is a negative result, they will need to isolate for 10 days.

Teachers will continue to provide work via Teams for pupils who are self-isolating but are well - if your child is unwell they will not be expected to complete school work until they are feeling better. Again, please contact your child's Pastoral Care teacher so that we can support as appropriate. Please also contact the school if you have any queries about when your child should return to school.

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



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Mr Greechan – JGreechan@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk
Mr Griffin – BGriffin@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk
Ms Campbell – KCampbell@hillheadhigh.glasgow.sch.uk

SfL, EAL and Nurture: Miss McGuire - gw17mcguiresiobhan@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 – Mr Richardson gw12richardsonjack@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk
Head Teacher email – gw10mcalaneykaren@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

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