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20th January 2022

S5 Update Letter

Dear Parent / Carer,

First of all I would like to wish you and all your family a Happy New Year and I hope this communication finds you safe and well. This letter will provide you with an update on plans for the upcoming weeks and months for our S5.

Evidence Gathering follow up and one-to-one target setting

As you all know our Evidence Gathering period ran from 29th November – 10th December. Our S5 Parents' Night took place on Tuesday 14th December and this gave you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress in each subject area and in many cases teachers were in a position to share the assessment results with you. Our PT Raising Attainment, Mrs McLennan, has worked hard to collate all results of these assessments into one letter and these will be sent out to you over the next week. As mentioned in my previous letter, Evidence Gathering was an opportunity for every pupil to showcase their knowledge and skills across all their subjects as they progress on their journey towards their final SQA exams in May/June 2022. Each piece of work completed during the Evidence Gathering period allows subject departments to chart pupil progress and allow feedback to be given in order to put appropriate supports, interventions and targets in place. In order to ensure pupils are aware of their progress and what they need to improve on, a range of learner conversations will take place between the pupil and class teacher. Every S5 pupil will also receive a one-to-one interview with either a member of the Senior Leadership Team, Pupil Support Team, Raising Attainment Team or Pastoral Team. This conversation will allow appropriate targets to be set for the coming weeks and months and allow specific advice to be given and support put in place.



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S5 Tracking Reports

Additional S5 Tracking Reports will be completed and distributed on 4th February and 18th March.

Supported Study

Supported study continues to be offered across all faculties. Mr Carson (PT Maths/Associate DHT) posts the weekly timetable on the S5 Teams page and daily tannoy messages at the beginning of each day are made to remind all S5 pupils. I urge all S5 pupils to take advantage of the supported study classes at Hillhead High School. Online support and resources are also available through e-sgoil and West Online.

Family Drop-In Sessions

The first of my monthly S5 Family Drop-In Sessions took place via Teams last Wednesday (12th January). These will be running on a monthly basis, please see dates/times below, until the summer and is an opportunity for you and your child to connect with me if you have any questions.

Wednesday 16th February 6.30pm-7.30pm.

Wednesday 23rd March 6.30pm-7.30pm.

Wednesday 20th April 6.30pm-7.30pm

Wednesday 25th May 6.30pm-7.30pm

Wednesday 15th June 6.30pm-7.30pm

We will be entering a very busy time as we progress through February and March.

Attendance, focus, effort and hard work are crucial for success.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Steven Neil

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