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K McAlaney

12/05/22

Dear Parent / Carer,

This newsletter gives a summary of what has been happening and what is coming up over the next few weeks. More 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 for a small group of pupils. If you are not receiving regular updates, please contact our school office. You can also see examples of what is happening across our school on our Twitter account @HillheadHS. 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.

Thanks to all parents, carers and staff who came along to Friday's Parent Council Quiz to raise money for school projects, including improving the school grounds and fundraising for a new school minibus. It was great to have the chance to meet in person again after so long. Many thanks to our Parent Council for organising the event. We also had our first in-person Parent Council/Parent Forum meeting on Monday of this week after two years of online meetings. You can find out more about the work of our Parent Council on our website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/parent-zone/parent-council/>

### **SQA Exams & Assessments**

SQA exams have been underway for two weeks now and, as always, we are very impressed by the hard work and dedication of our S5 & S6 pupils. Not all SQA qualifications have a final exam and pupils have also been working very hard indeed to complete coursework in these subjects too. Many of them took advantage of all of the supports on offer within the school including: wellbeing sessions, supported study and Easter Revision sessions. Pupils have also been very supportive of each other and very grateful to staff for all they have done to help them – it won't be a surprise to hear that SQA invigilators have passed on how impressed they are by the politeness, focus and kindness of our pupils. Thank you to all parents and carers for your support as we know this can be a stressful time for families too! If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch with Mr Neil or Mr Richardson.



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### Learning at Hillhead High School

If you follow our school Twitter account you will see lots of examples of learning in and outwith the classroom. Over the past few weeks pupils have been involved in a range of different activities. Just a few examples include:

- We were incredibly proud of the 26 S2 pupils who were trained as our Anne Frank Ambassadors and led excellent tours of the Anne Frank Exhibition for pupils and staff.
- 120 S3 pupils visited the Glasgow Science Centre to take part in the Newton Flight Academy which involved pupils working together as scientists and engineers to carry out an air rescue mission. The highlight for pupils - and staff! - was the opportunity to fly a full-motion simulator.
- Our S4 Duke of Edinburgh pupils braved the weather to complete some expedition work, including cooking outdoors in the rain.



### Say Yes to the Dress



Thanks to Miss King and our S6 Prom Committee our *Hillhead High Say Yes to the Dress* boutique opened last week. As a school we are committed to reducing the cost of the school day, including any potential costs associated with prom. A lot of work has also been done by staff, senior pupils and our Parent Council to promote sustainability and encourage recycling across the school, including renting items or buying second hand. As a result of generous donations from our school community we now have a range of prom clothing and accessories that can be borrowed free of charge.

### Scottish Dandelion Project

As you may be already aware from messages sent out to S1-S3 parents and carers and also from our school Twitter account, Hillhead Learning Community is participating the Scottish Dandelion project. This project is nationwide involving communities and schools across Scotland in the promotion of growing our own food and becoming a more sustainable Scotland. This week and next S1 to S3 pupils will be involved in lessons on growing their own potatoes at home and how this helps to protect our environment. Next week all S1 to S3 pupils will be given 3 seed potatoes that they can take home to grow outside in a small area, or within their own homes. Pupils are being asked to bring in a small vessel, this could be a bag for life, a large plant pot, an old wellington boot or any other unusual vessel you may have at home. These vessels should be brought in on the following days:



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**S1 Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May**  
**S2 Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
**S3 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Thanks to all of our school community who have donated bags for life and other items for pupils to use in the event they do not have their own. We are still taking donations that can be passed onto pupils who need one. You can find out more about the Dandelion project at <https://dandelion.scot/programme/> or you can contact Mrs Campbell (DHT).

### Hillhead High Summer Fayre

Our Summer Fayre takes place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May. There will be over 30 stalls selling a range of items including: clothes, jewellery, candles, plants, art work, baking, jam, books & pottery. There will also be a coffee shop, tuck shop, a storyteller and activity area for the children, a raffle, *Guess the Name of the Teddy* and *Beat the Goalkeeper*.

Members of our Parent Council will be there to share the work they do, including in relation to sustainability and we will have stalls for cycle maintenance and the SSPCA. Our school's Financial Inclusion Support Officer will be there to share the work she does to support families and provide advice. The fayre is free and doors open at 10.00am. Stalls will close at 12.45pm and the school closes at 1.00pm.



### Tracking Reports



S2 Tracking Reports will be issued to pupils next week. These will be followed later this term with S1 and S3 Tracking reports and as always messages will be sent out the day these are issued.

### Under 22 Free Bus Travel NEC Cards

A reminder that S1 & S2 pupils who returned their NEC application forms will have their photograph taken for their card on Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May. Application forms were sent out at the end of April. If you have not yet returned the form or you have any queries, please contact our school office next week.

### Retirement

Ms McCue retires this week after 17 years teaching Drama at Hillhead High. She will be very missed by all of us and we wish her a long and happy retirement.



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### 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								
<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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### 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** – Mr Richardson [gw12richardsonjack@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw12richardsonjack@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

**Senior Phase Associate DHT- Mr Carson** - [gw11carsonthomas3@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto:gw11carsonthomas3@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk)

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Yours sincerely,

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