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Information for parents of pupils in S3

Dear Parent / Carer,

It is a pleasure to write to you after a successful first full week back in school following the summer holiday. We are most encouraged by the enthusiasm we see amongst the young people and how readily they have got back into positive habits and routines. Additionally, following two years where there have been many restrictions and changes affecting school life, it is fantastic to be able to provide an experience that is so much more 'normal'.

As a result of this return to normal there are a number of messages we wish to communicate to all parents and young people in the school community:

- **Parents Evenings**

We are pleased to communicate that, in the term ahead of us, we will be able to re-establish in-person parents' meetings. For S3 this is scheduled for Tuesday, 31st January 2023. The timing of this is designed to coincide with the point at which S3 pupils will consider which subject they will select for S4/S5.

- **Year Group Assemblies**

Having recommenced assemblies just before the holidays these will continue every week, throughout the session ahead. Pupils are required to be seated in the assembly hall at 8.54am. From week beginning 05.09.22 S3 year group assemblies will switch to Monday morning (instead of Wednesday).

- **Tracking Reports**

As well as reporting progress at our parents evening we will provide tracking reports for every child at three different points throughout the year ahead. At our assembly 24.08.22 I explained this to pupils and made them aware that teachers will now be in the process of compiling the information that parents will receive. For S3 pupils, parents will receive the first of the three tracking reports week beginning 05.09.22.

- **School Uniform**

All pupils are expected to attend school in full school uniform. There is no longer any restriction on changing facilities or venues used by the PE department. Therefore, even on days when pupils have PE, they should attend school wearing uniform and change into PE kit only when necessary. Pupils must not exit PE without changing into school uniform. S3 pupils have core PE on Tuesdays. Depending on elective

subjects some S3 pupils will have PE on other days too. Parents can see which days have these lessons by asking to see their child's timetable. You can find out more about our school uniform here:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/gc/hillheadhigh/school-information/school-uniform/>

- **Morning Interval**

Since the start of the session the school has reverted to its original policy regarding morning break and lunch; Pupil are not permitted to leave the school grounds during morning interval but are able to at lunch. During lunch time school staff and our school-based police officer supervise around different parts of the local neighbourhood. This is not possible during morning break – additionally, pupils journeying to local shops during our relatively short break is something that all too often led to lateness at the start of the next lesson. We wish to ensure the safety of pupils as well minimise disruption so ask for your full support with this matter. Our canteen service is running at full capacity and provides both food and refreshments at both morning interval and lunch. Additionally, the school is equipped with vending machines as well as water fountains that enable pupils to use refillable bottles.

Thank you for your support

Stuart Brown
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