



Hillhead High School
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Head Teacher
K McAlaney

30th August 2022

S5 Parental Information

Dear Parent / Carer

First of all I hope this communication finds you and all your family safe and well. We are now two weeks into the new term and I thought this would be a good time to connect with you and share some important information. This information will allow you to work in partnership with us, as we look to provide the best learning environment for your child as they begin their second year of their Senior Phase journey here at Hillhead High School.

Tracking reports, parents' evening and contacts

Your child is now half way through their journey towards SQA qualifications. Support and challenge are important throughout this time and at the beginning of the school year it is vital that key messages are shared consistently with both our young people and their families as we aim to work in partnership to achieve success.

Throughout this academic session tracking reports will be sent out to families at various points, with a parents evening being held to allow more detailed conversations to take place. The dates for this year's S5 Tracking Reports and S5 parents' night are outlined below. If at any point you have questions about your child's progress you should contact the Faculty Head of the subject on the email addresses also provided below.

Tracking Report 1: **Friday 4th November 2022**

Tracking Report 2: **Friday 13th January 2023**

Tracking Report 3: **Wednesday 3rd March 2023**

S4 Parents Evening: **Tuesday 17th January 2023**

English: Miss Southern gw20southernsusana@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

Expressive Arts: Mr Reid gw10reidross@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

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Mathematics: Mr Scanlan: gw15scanlanmarkdanie@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

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Hillhead High Habits and Expectations

Regular in-school tannoy messages and posts on the S5 Year Group Teams page will continually reinforce our school values and expectations. It is crucial that your child conducts themselves in an appropriate manner at all times, both within our school building and across our wider community. We expect our pupils to display the following ***“Hillhead High School Habits”***

- S5 pupils should wear full school uniform every day. PE kit should be brought in a bag and all pupils should change into their kit at the beginning of the lesson and back into their school uniform at the end.
- S5 pupils should come to school fully prepared with all materials and equipment for class, including their fully charged school iPad.
- S5 pupils should arrive on time and attend all classes each day, including daily registration and Friday Period 5.
- S5 pupils should work hard and give 100% effort during each class.
- S5 pupils should complete all classroom and homework tasks to the best of their ability.
- S5 pupils should not be using or have their mobile phone out in class, the focus should be on learning.
- S5 pupils should model our school values consistently.

Our school values and Hillhead High Habits will continue to be reinforced throughout S5 and in our year group assembly which takes place on a Friday morning in the hall during registration.

Support / Information

- **S5 Information Night (Online via Microsoft Teams)**

Our S5 Information Night will take place on **Wednesday 14th September, 6.30-7.30pm, via Teams**. The meeting will be set up on the S4 Year Group Teams page and will be accessed using your child’s school iPad. During the evening I will provide more information on S5, particularly in relation to evidence gathering and SQA and also take time to outline expectations and give details of the supports in place for your child.



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- **Coaching and Mentoring**

Throughout S4 your child has benefited from having a coach/mentor thanks to the programme created and delivered by my colleague, Mr Tom Carson (Depute Head Teacher) and his Raising Attainment Team. This will continue throughout S5 and all pupils will have the opportunity to work closely with designated teachers in one to one and small group settings throughout the year. Conversations take place regarding study / revision techniques, time management and organisation along with general support. The building of strong relationships between pupil and coach / mentor has proved highly beneficial and is another layer of support for our young people as they progress through S5.

- **Family Drop-Ins**

I will be running monthly family drop-ins via Microsoft Teams starting in September. These drop-ins are optional for families and allow you to log in with your child using their school iPad, to discuss any issues or concerns you may have. These sessions will run from 7pm-8pm and each family will have a 10 minute time slot with me. Please see dates below;

Wed 21st September 2022

Wed 12th October 2022

Wed 16th November 2022

Wed 14th December 2022

Wed 18th January 2023

Wed 22nd February 2023

Wed 22nd March 2023

Wed 26th April 2023

Wed 24th May 2023

Wed 21st June 2023

It is crucial that every pupil makes a positive start to S5. Every piece of work carried out by your child has value. I am sure that with focus, hard work and consistent effort, they will have a successful year.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

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