



Hillhead High School
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Head Teacher
K McAlaney

30th August 2022

S4 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 start their Senior Phase (S4-S6) journey here at Hillhead High School.

Our two-year structure, tracking reports, parents' evening and contacts

Your child has now started their individual journey towards the best qualifications they can achieve. At Hillhead High School our S4 pupils benefit from a two-year timescale of study for their qualifications. This model allows greater depth of learning to take place and allows more time to gather evidence of work in each subject so your child is truly ready to undertake their formal SQA examinations in May / June 2024. Support and challenge are important throughout this time and at the beginning of this journey 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 the next two years there will be tracking reports 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 S4 Tracking Reports and S4 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: **Wednesday 21st September 2022**

Tracking Report 2: **Friday 17th February 2023**

Tracking Report 3: **Wednesday 24th May 2023**

S4 Parents Evening: **Tuesday 28th February 2023**

English: Miss Southern gw20southernsusan@glow.ea.glasgow.sch.uk

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

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Hillhead High Habits and Expectations

Regular in-school tannoy messages and posts on the S4 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”***

- S4 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.
- S4 pupils should come to school fully prepared with all materials and equipment for class, including their fully charged school iPad.
- S4 pupils should arrive on time and attend all classes each day, including daily registration and Friday Period 5.
- S4 pupils should work hard and give 100% effort during each class.
- S4 pupils should complete all classroom and homework tasks to the best of their ability.
- S4 pupils should not be using or have their mobile phone out in class, the focus should be on learning.
- S4 pupils should model our school values consistently.

Our school values and Hillhead High Habits will continue to be reinforced throughout S4 and in our year group assembly which takes place on a Thursday morning in the hall during registration.

Support / Information

- **S4 Information Night (Online via Microsoft Teams)**

Our S4 Information Night will take place on **Tuesday 13th 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 explain the structure of S4, provide more information about expectations and give details of the supports in place for your child.



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- **Coaching and Mentoring**

Over the last two years our S4 pupils have benefitted from our S4 coaching and mentoring programme. The programme was developed by my colleague, Mr Tom Carson (Depute Head Teacher) and allows our S4 pupils 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.

- **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 6pm-7pm 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

We are keen that every S4 has a successful two years. The journey begins now.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Steven Neil

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